

THE TROY ROTARIAN

Jan. 27th, 2009

Mickey Parish, District Governor
District 6880, Troy Rotary Club, chartered May 1, 1920 Troy, Alabama

Welcome to the January 27th meeting of the Troy Rotary Club at the Troy Country Club. Today's Program is hosted by Rusty Eldridge and Earl Ellis. They have invited General Surgeon, Dr. Reza Seirafi to speak to us about Colon Cancer, and Colon Cancer Screening. Welcome Dr. Seirafi, and thank you for joining us today at Rotary.

Last Rotary Meeting

The January 20th meeting was hosted by Allen Dunn and Kim Edwards. They invited Cliff Lusk to speak to us about the Boy Scouts of America. There were 42 members present, 1 visiting Rotarian (Bobby Hood, Brundidge), 1 guest (Kevin Davis by Bobby Hood) and 1 makeup. There was \$34.00 in door price receipts. Winners were Buddy Johnson and Nolan Hatcher.

Absent Last Week- Sohail Agboatwala, Deanne Baggett, Matt Baker, Beth Collier, Steve Cook, Ken Cox, John Dew, Marv Dillard, Rusty Eldridge, Linda Felton-Smith, Carol Franks, Hal Fulmer, Stacy Graning, David Hamlin, Larry Hancock, Scott Hartley, Tom Hicks, Bill Hopper, Earl Ingram, Ben Ji, Bill Key, Olaf Lieb, Greg Meeks, Tim Meeks, Richard Metzger, Tenise Owens, Paul Outlaw, Marcus Paramore, Mark Salmon, Mike Shelton, Josh Simmons, Henry Stewart, Ed Telfair, Ken Vaughan, Jim Waller, Alex Whaley, Jerry Williams

Program suggestion:

Kim Kersey would like to present a program on behalf of the Girl Scouts. Please contact Kim at 268 – 2375.

Buddy Johnson, Director of Radio and Television at Troy University is available to speak on the topic of Public Radio. Contact Buddy at 670-3555(wk) or 482-3287(cell) or ekjohnson@troy.edu

Please remember that you will be fined \$2.00 if your cell phone rings during a meeting. Phones should be set to off, silent or vibrate.

<http://rotary6880.org/> District 6880 Website

http://www.rotary.org/RI_documents/en_pdf/254en.pdf How to propose a new member

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From Rotary International

New Tax Relief Act is a boon to American Taxpayers

By Rotarian Mary Ruth Barnes

Ada Noon Rotary Club, Oklahoma

Director of Estate and Asset Services- American Cancer Society.

The Tax Extenders and Alternative Tax Relief Act of 2008, recently enacted by Congress, is especially significant for millions of Americans with individual retirement accounts (IRAs) facing year-end tax planning. The new law extends provisions adopted in the Pension Protection Act of 2006, enabling donors to shift assets from an IRA to a charity without incurring a federal tax liability. It provides taxpayers aged 70½ years or older potentially large tax savings, is designed to encourage giving and fairness as Americans help each other through charitable donations.

Donors should be aware of a couple of wrinkles in the law. First, direct transfers may only come from donors' IRAs – not from 401(k)s or other retirement plans. Funds in 401(k)s and other retirement plans may be converted to IRAs with the assistance of the plan administrator or custodian, and then transferred to charity. Second, before enactment of the Pension Protection Act two years ago, donors who were older than 70½ years had to make required minimum distributions from their plans, whether they needed the money or not. And prior to this law's enactment, required minimum distributions were taxable. Now, however, if donors make a direct transfer from an IRA to charity, the law allows the transfer to be considered their required minimum distribution, and it isn't taxed. Obviously, this provides an enormous incentive for those at least 70½ with one or more IRAs to contribute their required minimum distributions to support their favorite charities and avoid paying taxes on them.

The law extends opportunities for a potentially large stream of additional donations for U.S. charities and faith-based organizations. Lawmakers have demonstrated, once again, a commitment to promoting charitable giving and expand the role charities and faith-based institutions play in addressing social problems in the United States.

When donors decide to invest in a cancer-free future, the American Cancer Society commits its best people and resources to research and structure planned gifts that provide the greatest benefit and service for donors and their loved ones. I and other directors of estate and asset services at the American Cancer Society work closely with donors' financial and legal advisers to determine how various planned giving instruments work best for each individual. They provide helpful information while becoming part of donors' financial planning teams.

From District Governor, Mickey Parish

This is another historic day for Rotary International. Our organization was honored today to host philanthropist Bill Gates Jr. at Rotary's International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA. Speaking to 2009-10 district governors-elect, Gates congratulated Rotarians on the success of the partnership between Rotary International and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to raise funds for polio. To date, Rotarians have already committed more than US\$60 million toward the \$100 million Gates Foundation challenge grant awarded in November 2007.

In recognition of Rotary's impressive fundraising success and steadfast commitment to polio eradication, Gates announced that his foundation has decided to increase its challenge grant by \$255 million - for a total of \$355 million. By accepting the increase, Rotary also accepts the challenge to raise an additional \$100 million in matching funds by 30 June 2012 and raises the combined Rotary-Gates Foundation commitment to a total of \$555 million. All of the resulting \$555 million will be spent in support of immunization activities carried out by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in polio-affected countries. The initiative is spearheaded by Rotary, the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF.

In another welcomed development today, the United Kingdom's Department for International Development pledged £100 million (US\$150 million) and the German government is giving an additional euro100 million (US\$130 million), both to the global initiative. These contributions are separate and will not count toward Rotary's match of the Gates Foundation challenge grant. The infusion of funds is crucial if the world is to finally be rid of polio, a crippling, sometimes fatal disease that poses the highest risk to children. Although the initiative has reduced the number of polio cases by 99 percent over the past two decades, the wild poliovirus still persists in four countries -- Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan -- and imported cases from these endemic countries threaten other developing nations.

Your continued participation in this effort is vital. The Rotary International Board of Directors and the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation have unanimously agreed to accept this challenge grant to ensure the success of the PolioPlus program. Rotary and the Gates Foundation intend for their funding partnership to set an example for the rest of the world. We feel confident that this extraordinary partnership will serve as a catalyst for further donations from others to help us realize the dream of a polio-free world.

Celebrations for the Month of January

Birthdays

3rd - Dave Barron
8th - Dickie Calhoun
24th - Nolan Hatcher
*27th - Mark Salmon

Anniversaries

*27th - Rusty Eldridge
*28th - Bob Mills

*celebrating today or before we meet again – please let Beth know if information is incorrect or missing

Upcoming program responsibilities

February 3- Cliff Eubanks & Joe Faulk
February 10- Linda Felton-Smith & Hal Fulmer
February 17- Mack Gibson & Stacy Graning
February 24- David Hamlin & Larry Hancock

Remember that you are responsible for the raffle prize on the day that you have the program. Please pass along program information to Dave or Beth when you know who the program is so it can be listed in the bulletin. Email info to Beth at beth.collier@wachovia.com or call at 697-1118

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The Four Way Test:

Of the things we think, say or do:

First: Is it the TRUTH?

Second: Is it FAIR to All Concerned?

Third: Will it Build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Fourth: Will it be BENEFICIAL to all Concerned?

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