

THE TROY ROTARIAN

January 29, 2008

Richard Bollinger, District Governor

District 6880, Troy Rotary Club, chartered May 1, 1920 Troy, Alabama

Welcome to the January 29th meeting of the Troy Rotary Club at the Troy Country Club. Our program today is hosted by Richard Metzger and Tim Meeks. They have invited Stephanie Baker to talk to us today about Troy Fest. Thank you Stephanie for joining us today, and welcome to Rotary!

Last Rotary Meeting

Last week's meeting was hosted by Charles and Greg Meeks. They invited Representative Alan Boothe to present our program. He was accompanied by Jerry Bassett. There were 47 members present and \$46 in the door prize. Andy Collier was a guest of Tom Collier. Prizes were won by Richard Metzger, Earl Ellis, and Amy Flowers.

Absent last week: *Sohail Agboatwala, Mike Amos, Steve Cook, Steve Dennis, John Dew, Kim Edwards, Linda Felton Smith, Hal Fulmer, Scott Hartley, Jack Hawkins, Bill Hopper, Earl Ingram, Jodie Jefcoat, Ben Ji, Bill Key, Jean Laliberte, Paul Outlaw, Benny Pinckard, Curt Porter, Mark Salmon, John Schmidt, Ed Telfair, Ken Vaughan, and Alex Whaley.*

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

***Check out the newly updated Troy Rotary Club website. www.troyrotaryclub.net

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

<http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/254en.pdf> How to propose a new member

<http://www.rotary.org/> Rotary International Website

News from DG Richard Bollinger

Fellow Rotarians, I have GREAT NEWS to share:

I just received an email from Bruce McNeal that said he had gotten a phone call from Allyson Malone Bagby (President of the Malone Family Foundation) that our dictionary grant application has been approved for a two year cycle worth \$80,000. This is the grant I told you at MidYear just might become a reality. Three individual's out of the Dothan Rotary Club working almost a year. This means plus or minus 23,000 dictionaries (each year) for all public school 3rd graders in our District 6880 (31 Counties) for the next upcoming two years 2008-2009 and 2009-2010. More information to come and the challenge for the district clubs to distribute these. Thanks Bruce, Charles, Bob Rudder and the others that helped make this opportunity become a reality.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Richard Bollinger, DG6880

News from Rotary International

Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio have gotten a US\$2 million boost from a Rotarian diamond and jewelry magnate. Harshad Mehta, a native of India who is a senior partner in the Belgium-based Rosy Blue diamond and jewelry company, has pledged to donate the money to Rotary's polio eradication efforts over the next three years. Mehta, the largest Indian donor to The Rotary Foundation, was inspired to make the commitment after learning about the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's \$100 million challenge grant for polio eradication. Rotary must match the grant dollar for dollar over a three-year period.

Foundation Trustee Chair Robert S. Scott recalls a conversation with him in December, when Mehta suddenly said, "I will give \$2 million toward the match." It was "a very exciting development and an extremely generous" commitment, says Scott.

Mehta, 60, joined the Rotary Club of Bombay Metropolitan in 1986 as a charter member. His previous contributions to The Rotary Foundation have totaled more than \$1 million. Some of the money has been used to endow an Ambassadorial Scholarship that finances recipients' studies at universities.

Mehta serves as chair of the United Arab Emirates operations of Rosy Blue, a family business that employs more than 15,000 people around the world. He's also Armenia's honorary consul in Mumbai and the vice chair of the Dubai Diamond Exchange. He is a past chair of the Gem and Jewelry Export Promotion Council and a past vice president of the Federation of Indian Export Organizations. In his spare time, he enjoys reading, listening to music, walking, swimming, playing cricket, and spending time with his wife, three children, and five grandchildren.

In the final push to stop polio, Mehta urges Rotarians not to give up. "We must further strengthen our resolve as we are so close to the ultimate goal," he says. "Any slackening at this point will result in a total loss of all the time, effort, and money put in over the past years."

Celebrations for the Month of January

January Birthdays

January 3 – Dave Barron
January 8 – Dickie Calhoun
January 24 – Nolan Hatcher
January 27 – Mark Salmon
**February 1 – Mac Gibson

January Anniversaries

January 28 – Bob Mills

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

Upcoming program responsibilities

February 5 – Paul Outlaw and Tenise Owens
February 12 – Marcus Paramore and Benny Pinckard
February 19 – Curt Porter and David Price
February 26 – Mark Salmon and John Schmidt

Remember that you are responsible for the raffle prize on the day that you have the program. Please pass along program information to Ray or Carol when you know who the program is so it can be listed in the bulletin. Email info to Carol at cfranks@troycable.net

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The Four Way Test:

Of the things we think, say and 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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