

THE TROY ROTARIAN

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Richard Bollinger, District Governor

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

Welcome to the February 12th meeting of the Troy Rotary Club at the Troy Country Club. Our program today is hosted by Marcus Paramore and Benny Pinckard. They have invited Troy University Baseball Coach Bobby Pierce to present our program today. He will discuss the upcoming season as well as the new facility that is being built on campus. Welcome to Rotary, Bobby, and thank you for joining us today.

Last Rotary Meeting

Last week's meeting was hosted by Tenise Owens and Paul Outlaw. They sponsored a program from the American Heart Association. Guests included Tracy Davis, a guest of Tenise Owens, Tim Sullivan, a guest of Ross Jinright, and Xiao Han & Xin Heang, guests of Curt Porter. They told the club about the upcoming Chinese New Year celebration. There were 53 members present with four makeups. There was \$61 collected in the raffle. Prizes were won by Jimmy Lunsford and David Hamlin.

Absent last week: *Vickie Bowen, Kenny Cox, Marv Dillard, Cliff Eubanks, Linda Felton Smith, Hal Fulmer, Jack Hawkins, Tom Hicks, Bill Hopper, Ben Ji, Bill Key, Charles, Greg and Tim Meeks, Marcus Paramore, Mark Salmon, John Schmidt, Mike Shelton, Henry Stewart, 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

Dear 6880 Rotarians,

February 23 will be Rotary's 103rd Birthday. Remember the fourth "Object of Rotary", The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service. Why not plan something special and let your community know what your club is doing. This is also a great time to have that fellowship social and invite new prospective members to net work with you.

- The Rotary Foundation, Consider a special fund raiser for the Rotary Foundation this year and let it boost your club past the \$100 per Rotarian goal you set.
- Member Tips, It almost goes without saying that attracting younger members into Rotary is the key to our future. A new member joining in his or her twenties will probably have 40 more years of potential service to Rotary than a member joining in his or her sixties- First-Induct several young members at once instead of recruiting them one at a time. Thus giving these new members have an immediate peer group in the club. Second-Conduct service projects that are likely to appeal to younger members. Younger volunteers are more likely to focus on areas such as education, sports and family matters. Third-New businesses in the area are recognized once a month. The club should invite owners of the new businesses in the area to a Rotary meeting and give them the opportunity to present their businesses to the club.

News from Rotary International

RI President-elect Dong Kurn Lee sat down with Vince Aversano, editor in chief of [The Rotarian](#), to talk about how he plans to tackle his year in office as RI's first Korean president. Get a sneak peek at the interview and look for the full story in the March issue of *The Rotarian*.

[Q] President-elect Lee, what would you hope to accomplish next year as president?

I would like to see progress made in polio, both in terms of meeting the Gates [Foundation] challenge grant and in reducing the number of polio-endemic countries. I would also like to see child mortality, the terrible tragedy of preventable deaths of children, become something that every Rotarian is aware of. Every day, 30,000 children under the age of five die, most of them from preventable causes like measles, malaria, and pneumonia. I want people to realize that every day, a disaster of this size is happening. But it is also important to remember how much we have already done, and how far we have come. Children do not die of smallpox anymore, and soon they will not have polio. With the challenge grant from the Gates Foundation, we have a real chance of ending polio completely in the next few years. I see the work of eradicating polio as a key part of my focus on child mortality.

Many of the projects that Rotarians are already involved in, in the areas of water, health and hunger, and literacy, already save the lives of countless children every year. I believe that by focusing our efforts on decreasing child mortality through work in these three emphases, we will be able to make a real difference in the number of children who survive to adulthood.

[Q] What image of Rotary should be projected today? Should the emphasis be on business networking potential or on humanitarian projects?

I do not think it is a choice between one and the other. Rotary has to be seen as a whole. Rotary was founded as a business networking tool, and service came after that. Service is now our primary focus, but that does not mean Rotary's role in business should be minimized. Rotarians should be in Rotary because they want to give, but we can and should also acknowledge the many benefits to Rotary membership.

Celebrations for the Month of February

February Birthdays

February 1 – Mac Gibson
February 19 – Jodie Jefcoat
February 22 – Amy Flowers
February 24 – Larry Blocher
February 28 – Earl Ellis

February Anniversaries

February 11 – Ross Jinright
**February 15 – Linda Felton Smith
February 21 – David Price
February 26 – Tim Meeks

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

Upcoming program responsibilities

February 19 – Curt Porter and David Price
February 26 – Mark Salmon and John Schmidt
March 4 - Chris Schubert and Ed Telfair
March 11 – Alex Whaley and Ann Williams

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?