

THE TROY ROTARIAN

Feb. 24th, 2009

Mickey Parish, District Governor

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

Welcome to the February 24th meeting of the Troy Rotary Club at the Troy Country Club. Today's Program is hosted by David Hamlin & Larry Hancock. They have invited Troy University Head Baseball Coach, Bobby Pierce to speak to us about the upcoming season. Welcome Coach Pierce, and thank you for joining us today at Rotary.

Last Rotary Meeting

The February 17th meeting was hosted by Mack Gibson & Stacy Graning. They invited Carol Franks to inform us about her latest Rotary trip to San Diego. Carol presented a video of excerpts from Bill Gate's speech. There were 45 members present, 1 guest (Jeff Ryan by Olaf Lieb), visiting Rotarian, Chip Wallace from Brundidge, and 2 makeups. There was \$40.00 in door price receipts.

Absent Last Week- Mike Amos, Matt Baker, Richard Calhoun, Tom Collier, John Dew, Marv Dillard, Allen Dunn, Rusty Eldridge, Cliff Eubanks, Joe Faulk, Linda Felton-Smith, Hal Fulmer, Stacy Graning, David Hamlin, Larry Hancock, Tom Hicks, Bill Hopper, Earl Ingram, Ben Ji, Johnny Long, Greg Meeks, Tim Meeks, Richard Metzger, Tenise Owens, Paul Outlaw, Marcus Paramore, Mark Salmon, Reza Seirafi, Trudie Seirafi, Ed Telfair, Ken Vaughan, Jim Waller, Alex Whaley

Program Suggestions:

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

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

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

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

From District Governor, Mickey Parish

Happy 104th Birthday. Rotary International has been making the world a better place for longer than our lifetimes. What a wonderful heritage to celebrate.

This past Friday evening I was fortunate to speak with Rotary International President D K Lee about membership growth in District 6880. We met via a conference call that included Governors from three other districts. I was proud to be able to report that our total membership numbers were up slightly, since the beginning of the Rotary Year. I told him that we were working hard to reach our 10% growth goal. I was especially pleased to share with D K the progress about new clubs in Camden, Fairhope, Saraland, and Union Springs. The call lasted about 30 minutes.

Membership Chairman Mike Ward's challenge to clubs at the MidYear Meeting, to have a follow-up push for new members from mid-February through mid-March, could not have been better timed. His new member rush plan, where multiple members are identified and pursued, has worked well in those clubs which have tried it. It can work for your club. I know he has visited clubs to share the process. Maybe your club formed membership groups by table, of those who eat together, to team up to find members. Whatever the process, please keep up the hard work. Remember, as district leaders each of us has the personal responsibility to bring new members into our organization. If each of us leaders did that, we would grow by 125.

Last night at the invitation of District 6860 Governor Mary Jean Sanspree, Sheila and I joined President D K and Young Ja in Decatur for supper. It was our pleasure to represent you and to share the good news of what you are doing in your clubs. To be seated at the same table and discuss Rotary and personal matters was wonderful. To hear news of their family - the upcoming marriage of a son - and insights of their travels to other countries was very interesting. One of D K's more unusual greetings was in Fiji, being welcomed by the Prime Minister who was dressed in white shirt and tie, but sock less and barefoot - their custom being that only the head of government, their President, wears shoes and socks when greeting dignitaries. It was a delightful evening; one Sheila & I will cherish in our memories. Today, we are invited to join D K in the dedication of several District Simplified Grant projects, and then for lunch at a combined meeting of the two Rotary Clubs in Decatur.

Remember, it is how we look at the world that sets us apart. Ask someone today to join Rotary and share our vision.

From Rotary International

Four African countries will each receive 20 incubators purchased by Rotarians in India as part of a project supported by Reach Out to Africa. Rotarians involved in the initiative worked with local clubs to raise funds for transportation and port charges, which will help the infant incubators arrive in Ethiopia, Nigeria, Tanzania, and Uganda by 30 June.

Reach Out to Africa, an RI committee, was formed to promote this kind of collaboration, to increase service projects, and boost Rotary club membership on the continent. "Africa has always been full of challenges, where the needs surpass the resources," says Past RI Director Örsçelik Balkan, a member of the ad hoc committee overseeing the initiative. "Reach Out to Africa's aim is to essentially give clubs and districts the guidance, advice, and resources they need to execute the best possible service projects," he explains.

"Activities like the incubator service project will lead to a reduction in child mortality," says Balkan. "This is an example of the initiative helping local Rotarians practice teamwork." Originated by Past RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson's advisory committee, the ad hoc committee consists of four regional subcommittees that cover eastern, western, southern, and northern Africa, and another subcommittee made up of Rotarians from around the world who have participated in successful projects on the continent. The regional subcommittees identify the needs in their area, while the last subcommittee finds project resources from local and international Rotary clubs and organizations.

Reach Out to Africa will focus on projects related to water, health, literacy and education, economic empowerment, children's welfare, and disabilities. Balkan says that increasing club membership in Africa is vital to the initiative's long-term success. The committee is striving to help African clubs and districts meet RI President Dong Kurn Lee's goals of a 10 percent net increase in membership and at least two new clubs per district.

Celebrations for the Month of February

Birthdays

2/01-Mack Gibson
2/02-Buddy Johnson
2/19-Jodie Jefcoat
2/22- Luke Lane
2/22- Amy Flowers
*2/28- Earl Ellis

Anniversaries

2/7- Reza & Trudie Seirafi
2/11-Ross Jinright
2/15- Linda Felton-Smith
2/21- David Price
*2/26- Tim Meeks

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

Upcoming program responsibilities

March 3- Scott Hartley & Ed Hedden
March 10- Tom Hicks & Bill Hopper
March 17- Earl Ingram & Jodie Jefcoat
March 24- Benjamin Ji & Ross Jinright
March 31- Jason Jones & Buddy Johnson
April 7- William Key & Jean Laliberte
April 14- Luke Lane and Olaf Lieb
April 21- Johnny Long & Doug McLendon (Paul Harris Fellows Day)
April 28- Charles Meeks & Greg Meeks

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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