

THE TROY ROTARIAN

March 3rd, 2009

Mickey Parish, District Governor

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

Welcome to the March 3rd meeting of the Troy Rotary Club at the Troy Country Club. Today's Program is hosted by Scott Hartley & Ed Hedden. They have invited Troy Police Chief Anthony Everage and Public Relations Officer, Benny Scarbrough to speak to us about security in today's economic downturn. Welcome, Chief Everage and Officer Scarbrough and thank you for joining us today at Rotary.

Last Rotary Meeting

The February 24th meeting was hosted by David Hamlin & Larry Hancock. They invited Troy University Head Baseball Coach, Bobby Pierce to speak to us about the upcoming season. There were 44 members present, 1 guest (Lisa Dennis by Steve Dennis), visiting Rotarian, Gus King from Brundidge, and 1 makeup. There was \$55.00 in door price receipts.

Absent Last Week- Mike Amos, Matt Baker, Richard Calhoun, Robert Cary, Beth Collier, Tom Collier, Steve Cook, Ken Cox, John Dew, Marv Dillard, Kim Edwards, Carol Franks, Hal Fulmer, Sandi Gouge, Stacy Graning, Scott Hartley, Bill Hopper, Earl Ingram, Ben Ji, Jason Jones, Bill Key, Jean Laliberte, Luke Lane, Tim Meeks, Richard Metzger, Tenise Owens, Paul Outlaw, Marcus Paramore, Reza Seirafi, John Schmidt, Ed Telfair, 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

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

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

From Rotary International

Rotary districts in Victoria, Australia, are bringing relief to families victimized by a series of devastating wildfires that swept across the state this month, killing more than 200 people and leaving thousands homeless. As the scale of the disaster becomes clearer, Rotary clubs in districts 9780, 9790, 9800, 9810, and 9820 are excavating debris and providing food, clothes, tools, and short-term shelter to those affected by the blaze. District 9800 has also established an emergency fund for medium- to long-term assistance for rebuilding.

"Victorian clubs are doing a tremendous job at rallying to help those in need, both in donations and relief projects," says District Governor Jim Studebaker. "Rotary will be there when the fire is out and the dust settles. It's clear that many communities are going to need long-term help rebuilding." The process of rebuilding is unlikely to begin for months, and it will take many years to replace homes lost in the fire, says Joan Janka, president of the Rotary Club of Hawthorn, near Melbourne.

Just days after the fire started, her club partnered with members of the Rotary Club of Boroondara to turn a vacant nursing home into a temporary shelter for up to 60 displaced residents. "Volunteers worked very hard and extremely fast to transform an unusable residence into a clean, fully functional living facility," says Janka. "It's a huge effort put forth by Rotarians." Members donated and purchased furniture, bedding, and kitchen supplies. They also cleaned, painted, and repaired 30 bedrooms, dining areas, and six common areas, which are furnished with couches, tables, and TVs. Rotarians are working with the Boroondara City Council to identify the families with the most need to occupy the facility. All units should be completed within the next week, says Janka.

Norman Kenyon, an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Eaglehawk, was helping a friend clean up when he learned that the fire had spread to his part of town. When he returned later that day, he found his home had burned to the ground. Club members gave Kenyon clothes and bought most of his meals. "Rotarians helped me immensely. Literally every member of Eaglehawk offered their home for me to stay," says Kenyon. "I can see the benefits to being a Rotarian. They are like one big family. Rotary has been remarkable, not only to me but to other fire victims."

Philip Archer, director of marketing and membership for District 9800, is helping coordinate efforts among the five districts. Eaglehawk's response is just one of many throughout Victoria. In addition to hands-on relief initiatives, clubs are also funneling resources and funds to the Rotary International District 9800 Bushfire Recovery Fund. "We're doing a good, old-fashioned Rotary assault on affected areas," says Archer. "Rotary will be there helping extensively in the rebuilding and recovery of communities affected."

Celebrations for the Month of March

Birthdays

* 3/05- Ken Cox
3/12- Joe Faulk
3/15- Cliff Eubanks
3/19- James Smith
3/22- Jerry Williams
3/30- Jack Hawkins
3/31- Marcus Paramore

Anniversaries

3/13- Kim Edwards
3/14- Henry Stewart
3/20- Larry Hancock
3/22- Cliff Eubanks
3/22- John Dew

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

Upcoming program responsibilities

March 10- Tom Hicks & Bill Hopper
March 17- Benjamin Ji & Ross Jinright
March 24- Earl Ingram & Jodie Jefcoat
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?

Rotary International Theme 2008-2009



