

THE TROY ROTARIAN

March, 4, 2008

Richard Bollinger, District Governor
District 6880, Troy Rotary Club, chartered May 1, 1920 Troy, Alabama

Welcome to the March 4th meeting of the Troy Rotary Club at the Troy Country Club. Our program today is hosted by Chris Schubert and Ed Telfair. They have invited Rusty Eldridge and Mark Griffin to discuss the new plans at the hospital.

Thank you for both joining us today, and welcome to Rotary!

Last Rotary Meeting

Last week's meeting was hosted by Mark Salmon and John Schmidt. They invited Representative Jay Love of Montgomery to present our program. There were 47 members present and \$47 in the raffle. Prizes were won by Steve Cooke, James Smith, Amy Flowers and Ken Vaughan. Four makeups were submitted. Cindy Strickland was a guest of Jay Love, and David Dye was a guest of Doug Hawkins.

Absent last week: *Mike Amos, Robert Cary, Kenny Cox, Steve Dennis, John Dew, Marv Dillard, Allen Dunn, Kim Edward, Linda Felton Smith, David Hamlin, Larry Hancock, Jack Hawkins, Bill Hopper, Earl Ingram, Ben Ji, Bill Key, John Long, Tim Meeks, Richard Metzger, Tenise Owens, Paul Outlaw, Marcus Paramore, Mike Shelton, Alex Whaley, Jerry Williams*

There will be a meeting of the Board of Directors at 5:15 p.m. today in Smith Hall 111 on the campus of Troy University.

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.

***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

From DG Richard Bollinger

March is Rotary Literacy Month. Rotarians are asked to highlight literacy and education issues around the world. Rotary Literacy Month is an excellent opportunity for Rotary Clubs to raise awareness about literacy, launch new literacy initiatives and projects, and recognize literacy accomplishments from the past year. The District is currently working on our plans to distribute 23,000 dictionaries next year provided by the Malone Foundation Grant.

The Mission of The Rotary Foundation, is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.

Presidents, like I stated in the membership message, you only have 119 days left. Achieve your Club Foundation Goals that you set at PETs. I encourage you to remind your fellow Rotarians that like you, they joined an International Organization.

Some Clubs have collected monies and have just not sent them in yet. Please send them in today. The Clubs that have not collect any money for Foundation and need a program or speaker to emphasize the importance of giving to The Foundation, may want to contact Brad Linville our Annual Program Fund Chair at brad@elmore.rr.com or (334) 283-6801.

Finding and keeping members: To keep clubs strong, every Rotarian must share the responsibility of bringing new people into Rotary. Even new members can bring guests to club meetings or invite them to participate in a service project. Keeping members involved in Rotary is another responsibility. Fostering strong fellowship and encouraging early participation in service projects are two of the best ways to sustain a club's membership. We are currently ranked number two in membership gains in

the Zone. Continue to build membership on the momentum you have started. You only have 119 days left to fulfill the goals you set and make your leadership mark on your club!

District Conference - Don't Delay! Conference registration deadline for special room rates is April 1, 2008! For room reservations call The Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa at 1-800-593-6429 or 1-888-236-2427 . Please refer to the Rotary District 6880 Annual Conference. Single Rate: \$119; Double Rate: \$119; Triple Rate: \$139; Quad Rate: \$139. If you have questions about the conference call Jannah Bailey 334.313.3105 or Darren Kreitz 334.395.6000.

Celebrations for the Month of March

March Birthdays

****March 5 – Ken Cox
March 12 – Joe Faulk
March 15 – Cliff Eubanks
March 19 – James Smith
March 22 – Jerry Williams
March 30 – Jack Hawkins
March 31 – Marcus Paramore**

March Anniversaries

**March 13 – Kim Edwards
March 14 – Henry Stewart**

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

Upcoming program responsibilities

**March 11 – Alex Whaley and Ann Williams have invited Don Maestri
March 18 – Jerry Williams and Sohail Agboatwala
March 25 – Mike Amos and Matt Baker
April 1 – Vickie Bowen and Dickie Calhoun
April 8 – Robert Cary and Beth Collier**

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

OFFICERS FOR THE 2007- 2008 ROTARY YEAR

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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?

