

THE TROY ROTARIAN

March 10, 2009

Mickey Parish, District Governor

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

Welcome to the March 10th meeting of the Troy Rotary Club at the Troy Country Club. Today's Program is hosted by Tom Hicks & Bill Hopper. They have invited Dr. Mark Head, Principal at Banks Middle School to speak to us about funding issues. Welcome, Dr. Head and thank you for joining us today at Rotary.

Last Rotary Meeting

The March 3rd meeting was hosted by Scott Hartley & Ed Hedden. They invited Public Relations Officer, Benny Scarbrough to speak to us about the Troy Police Department & security in today's economic downturn. There were 41 members present, 2 guests (Dr. Dianne Barron by Dave Barron & Greg Skaggs by John Schmidt), and 1 makeup. There was \$47.00 in door price receipts.

Absent Last Week- Vickie Bowen, Robert Cary, Tom Collier, Steve Cook, Steve Dennis, Marv Dillard, Allen Dunn, Rusty Eldridge, Cliff Eubanks, Linda Felton-Smith, Hal Fulmer, Mack Gibson, Sandi Gouge, Stacy Graning, David Hamlin, Doug Hawkins, Jack Hawkins, Robert Hawkins, Tom Hicks, Earl Ingram, Jodie Jefcoat, Ross Jinright, Jason Jones, Jean Laliberte, Johnny Long, Richard Metzger, Tenise Owens, Marcus Paramore, David Price, Reza Seirafi, Trudie Seirafi, Mike Shelton, Josh Simmons, 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

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

More than 20 children in India with congenital heart defects will soon benefit from the 30,000th Matching Grant awarded by The Rotary Foundation. The Foundation approved a grant of US\$15,000 in December for the project, a collaboration between the Rotary clubs of Cochin Midtown, Kerala, India, and Sandbach, Cheshire, England. The grant will help fund surgeries to correct heart irregularities in children between the ages of three months and 18 years in southern and northern India. The clubs have each contributed \$5,000 toward the project. Their districts, 3201 (India) and 1050 (England), have both provided \$5,000 from their District Designated Fund, for a total of \$35,000.

The project is being coordinated through [Gift of Life International](#), an organization supported by Rotary clubs worldwide. It's the latest development in the ongoing efforts of the Cochin Midtown club and District 3201 to provide open-heart surgeries to 105 children from indigent families by 2010, Rotary's 105th year.

During the past two years, clubs in District 3201 have organized four other Matching Grant projects for surgeries, and have independently funded several other surgeries as well. "A child with heart disease who is born to poor parents puts an entire family of five or six persons in financial disarray," says Cochin Midtown club president V.J. John, explaining his district's decision to make the surgeries a priority.

Through the [Matching Grants](#) program, the Foundation provides a dollar-for-dollar match for every [District Designated Fund contribution](#) to a project, and a 50-cent match for every dollar of additional contributions. Since 1965, the Foundation has matched contributions for international service projects in 199 countries at a cost of more than \$335 million. In 2007-08 alone, the Foundation approved \$43.8 million for 2,424 Matching Grant projects in 137 countries.

From Rotary International

The opening of a photo exhibit showcasing the work of a London polio survivor was a highlight of an End Polio Now promotion week in western Scotland. The exhibit, held in the foyer of the Mitchell Library in Glasgow, was open to the public from 25 February through 4 March. It depicted the fight against polio through the photographs of London polio survivor and advocate Gautam Lewis, who recently returned to his birthplace of Kolkata, India, to immunize children against the disease. The exhibit also included the images of photographer Jean-Marc Giboux, who has documented the battle against polio in its remaining strongholds of Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan throughout the past decade.

More than 100 Rotarians and guests attended the opening, including members of Scotland's Indian and Pakistani communities; RI Director R. Gordon R. McNally and his wife, Heather; Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland President-nominee Jim Moulson; District Governor Catherine Stewart and her husband, Jim; and Past District Governor Drew Hughes.

Organized by District 1230, the exhibit was made possible by the donation of the Mitchell Library facilities by the Lord Provost of the City of Glasgow. Scottish Rotarians also took part in a [global effort to project the End Polio Now message onto iconic buildings](#), including the Colosseum and the British House of Parliament, in observance of Rotary's 104th anniversary, 23 February. Three sites were lit up in western Scotland: the City Chambers in Glasgow, Culzean Castle in Ayrshire, and the Greenock Town Hall on the River Clyde.

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 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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*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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