

THE TROY ROTARIAN

March 17, 2009

Mickey Parish, District Governor

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

Welcome to the March 17th meeting of the Troy Rotary Club at the Troy Country Club. Today's Program is hosted by Benjamin Ji and Ross Jinright. They have invited Dianna Lee with Troy Bank and Trust to speak about their Identity Theft Insurance Program. Welcome, Dianna and thank you for joining us today at Rotary.

Last Rotary Meeting

The March 10th meeting was hosted by Tom Hicks & Bill Hopper. They invited Dr. Mark Head, Principal of Banks Elementary and Middle Schools. Dr. Head spoke to us about funding issues. There were 37 members present and \$33.00 in door price receipts.

Absent Last Week- Sohail Agboatwala, Mike Amos, Robert Cary, Tom Collier, Steve Cook, Kenny Cox, Steve Dennis, Marv Dillard, Allen Dunn, Kim Edwards, Cliff Eubanks, Carol Franks, Hal Fulmer, Stacy Graning, David Hamlin, Larry Hancock, Scott Hartley, Jack Hawkins, Bill Hopper, Earl Ingram, Buddy Johnson, Jimmy Lunsford, Charles Meeks, Greg Meeks, Richard Metzger, Tenise Owens, Paul Outlaw, Marcus Paramore, Benny Pinckard, Reza Seirafi, Trudie Seirafi, John Schmidt, Chris Schubert, Mike Shelton, Josh Simmons, Ray Smith, Jim Waller, Alex Whaley, Jerry Williams

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

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From Rotary International

Literacy Month

On 6 March, country music legend Dolly Parton and Rotary International announced a collaborative relationship to begin a new chapter in promoting early childhood reading. Under the agreement, Rotary clubs in Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States are encouraged to support the Dollywood Foundation's Imagination Library, which provides a book each month to children from birth until age five.

Local Rotary club participation could include promoting the program within the community, helping to identify and register the children, and paying for the books and mailings. Citing its impressive role in the polio eradication effort, Parton is proud to have Rotary on her foundation's side, she says. "This partnership is a marriage made in heaven," says Parton. "Rotary does such good work around the world. This is a big deal for us. We feel proud and honored to be working with such a prestigious organization."

In a public ceremony in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, Rotary Foundation Trustee John Germ joined Parton onstage to make the announcement in front of more than 500 people. "Our partnership with Parton's foundation will bring tremendous improvement in children's literacy," says Germ, a member of the Rotary Club of Chattanooga, Tennessee. "Dolly is the perfect spokeswoman for promoting early childhood reading."

Parton's impoverished childhood and her father's illiteracy inspired the country singer to create a literacy program in 1996 for preschool children in her native Sevier County, Tennessee. The Imagination Library spread quickly. Today, it serves 47 states, along with parts of Canada and the United Kingdom, and has provided children with more than 15 million books. "I love books. Anytime I have spare time, I'm reading a book," says Parton. "My father lived long enough to see this program become a success and was so proud people called me 'the Book Lady.'"

According to the Dollywood Foundation, research shows that preschoolers exposed to reading are more likely to look forward to starting school, do well in class, read at or above grade level, finish high school, and go on to college. "It's great to start the children when they're little, when they're most impressionable, to teach them how to read, teach them how to learn to love books just as much as I do," says Parton. The program also helps strengthen families by encouraging positive interaction between parents and children through shared reading. "Let's face it, when a little child gets a book with their name on it, they're going to run to the nearest family member and badger them until they sit down and read it," says Parton.

The Imagination Library is especially valuable for children in underprivileged families, who may find books to be an unaffordable luxury in today's economic slowdown. For an annual cost of \$28 per child, the Dollywood Foundation sends children registered for the program one book a month, beginning with *The Little Engine That Could*. The books are age appropriate and range from life lessons to bedtime stories.

About 115 Rotary clubs already participate, and that number will triple with the addition of all 203 clubs in Georgia, the first to sign on under the new agreement. The clubs will work through the Georgia-based Ferst Foundation for Childhood Literacy, with the goal of extending the Imagination Library to all 159 counties in the state. "For decades, Rotary clubs worldwide have supported literacy programs for children and adults," says Germ. "This collaborative relationship with the Dollywood Foundation will help lift our literacy effort to the next level by promoting early childhood reading."

Parton says she's excited to be working with an organization with so much international reach. "Rotary has always been willing to do their part in about everything," she says. "Like I always say, you can never do enough, but you can always do something. Just knowing they have all those wonderful clubs all over the world, we can try and help everybody."

Celebrations for the Month of March

Birthdays

3/05- Ken Cox
3/09- Matt Baker
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 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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