

THE TROY ROTARIAN

March 18, 2008

Richard Bollinger, District Governor

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

Welcome to the March 18th meeting of the Troy Rotary Club at the Troy Country Club. Our program today is hosted by Jerry Williams and Sohail Agboatwala. They have invited Commissioner Ron Sparks to present our program. Ron was born and raised in Ft. Payne, graduated from Ft. Payne HS, and entered the US Coast Guard. After completing his service in the Coast Guard, he became one of the youngest County Commissioners elected in the State of Alabama. He was very active in the community and served in many different ways.

He was appointed Director of the 911 System in 1993 and in 1998 was elected the State President of Alabama 911. In 2003 he was sworn in as Alabama Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries and in 2006 easily won re-election. He has received numerous awards and honors from organizations throughout the state.

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

Last Rotary Meeting

Last week's meeting was hosted by Ann Williams and Alex Whaley. They invited Men's Basketball Coach Don Maestri to discuss this year's team. There were 39 members present and six make ups submitted. Guests included Margaret Stewart, David Eisler (former member of our club) and Jeff McDowell. There was \$51 in the raffle. Prizes were won by Doug McLendon, Ed Telfair, Don Maestri, and Tenise Owens.

Absent last week: *Deanne Baggett, Matt Baker, Dickie Calhoun, Robert Cary, Beth Collier, Tom Collier, Kenny Cox, Marv Dillard, Adam Drinkwater, Allen Dunn, Kim Edwards, Linda Felton Smith, Amy Flowers, Hal Fulmer, Stacy Graning, David Hamlin, Doug Hawkins, Jack Hawkins, Robert Hawkins, Tom Hicks, Bill Hopper, Earl Ingram, Jodie Jefcoat, Ben Ji, Bill Key, Jean Laliberte, Greg Meeks, Tim Meeks, Richard Metzger, Paul Outlaw, Marcus Paramore, Curt Porter, Mark Salmon, Mike Shelton, James Smith, Ray Smith*

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

District Conference, Is just over a month away! 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.

- *Membership is still the #1 Goal this year, I am proud to say you have done a great job of this. Let's keep growing our Clubs and our District.*
- The Rotary Foundation, Every Rotary Club is encouraged to focus its meetings on Foundation activities and programs throughout the balance of the year. Three fourths of your Rotary year has passed, please continued to work toward your Foundation Goal
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AGAIN SAVE MAY 2, 3, AND 4TH FOR THE ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE!

At the District Business Meeting on Sunday, 4 May 2008 our District will consider legislation to be submitted to the 2010 Rotary International Council on Legislation.

Legislation can only be proposed by a Rotary Club, the District, the RI Board, and RIBI. When a club proposes legislation, the club's board of directors must first submit the legislation to the membership

for adoption at a regular meeting. If adopted, the proposal must then be forwarded to the District with a letter signed by the club President and Secretary certifying that it has been adopted.

The next step is for the District Conference to vote on the piece. If the piece receives the conferences endorsement, it will be forwarded on to RI prior within forty five days. The Council on Legislation will only consider those club pieces that receive district endorsement.

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 25 – Mike Amos and Matt Baker
April 1 – Vickie Bowen and Dickie Calhoun
April 8 – Robert Cary and Beth Collier have invited Dr. Mark Griffin
April 15 – no 12:00 meeting – Cookout at Palos Verdes

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?

