

THE TROY ROTARIAN

April 07, 2009

Mickey Parish, District Governor

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

Welcome to the April 7th meeting of the Troy Rotary Club at the Troy Country Club. Today's Program is hosted by Bill Key and Jean Laliberte. They have invited Sherry A. Key, Director of Career and Technical Education, Alabama State Department of Education. Sherry is a former member of Rotary. Welcome Sherry, and thank you for joining us today at Rotary.

Last Rotary Meeting

The March 31st meeting was hosted by Jason Jones and Buddy Johnson. They invited Stephanie Campbell Baker to speak to us about Troy Fest, which will be held in downtown Troy on April 25th & 26th. There were 47 members present, 1 guest (Amber Evans by Jodie Jefcoat), 2 make-ups and 1 visiting Rotarian (Chip Wallace from Brundidge). There was \$43.00 in door price receipts.

Absent Last Week- John Dew, Linda Felton-Smith, Hal Fulmer, Stacy Graning, Larry Hancock, Nolan Hatcher, Jack Hawkins, Bill Hopper, Earl Ingram, Ben Ji, Ross Jinright, Buddy Johnson, Bill Key, Olaf Lieb, Johnny Long, Charles Meeks, Greg Meeks, Richard Metzger, Tenise Owens, Paul Outlaw, Marcus Paramore, Mark Salmon, Reza Seirafi, Trudie Seirafi, John Schmidt, Chris Schubert, Josh Simmons, Ken Vaughan,

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.

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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 District Governor, Mickey Parish

Reach Out and Read

The Mission: Reach Out and Read makes literacy promotion a standard part of pediatric primary care, so that children grow up with books and a love of reading. Reach Out and Read trains doctors and nurses to advise parents about the importance of reading aloud and to give books to children at pediatric check-ups from six months to five years of age, with a special focus on children growing up in poverty. By building on the unique relationship between parents and medical providers, Reach Out and Read helps families and communities encourage early literacy skills so children enter school prepared for success in reading.

The Reach Out and Read (ROR) Model

- In the exam room, doctors and nurses trained in the developmental strategies of early literacy encourage parents to read aloud to their young children, and offer age-appropriate tips.
- The pediatric primary care provider gives every child between the ages of 6 months and five years a new, developmentally appropriate children's book to take home and keep.
- Where possible, volunteer readers entertain the children, modeling for the parents the pleasures –and techniques--of reading aloud.

Where are the Reach Out and Read Programs in this area?

ROR's State Impact

- 59 Clinic locations located in 25 of 67 counties in Alabama
- Over 100,000 books distributed to 64,256 children annually

Mobile and Baldwin County

- 9 Clinic locations in Mobile County serving over 8,000 children
- 2 Clinic locations in Baldwin County serving over 2,000 children

What will the books be used for that are donated to the Rotary International Book Drive?

- Many of the books will be used to distribute to children at pediatric checkups from six months to five years of age.
- Pediatric healthcare providers may choose to use some of the books to give to siblings accompanying their parents or caregivers at these visits.



How will this program impact children?

35% of American children entering kindergarten today lack the basic language skills they will need to learn to read. According to the 2008 Voices for Alabama's Children Kids Count Data Book, almost 125 classrooms of 1st graders are retained in Alabama each year.

Children living in poverty are especially at risk. Over 1:5 of all of Alabama's children live in poverty with 1:2.5 of Alabama's African American children living in poverty according to the 2008 Kids Count Data Book. Children who start out with reading difficulties are more likely to remain poor readers and ultimately failing in school. Without intervention, they will grow into adults with low literacy skills and poor economic potential.

Early language skills, the foundation for reading ability, are based primarily on language exposure-resulting from parents and other adults talking to young children. Research shows that the more words parents use when speaking to an 8-month old infant, the greater the size of their child's vocabulary at age 3. Children served by ROR will develop the language and literacy skills necessary to read, complete school, and succeed in life.

Celebrations for the Month of April

Birthday

* 4/8 – Jason Jones
* 4/11 –Robert Hawkins
* 4/11 –Mike Shelton
4/15 –Doug Hawkins
4/16 - Henry Stewart
4/21- Rusty Eldridge
4/22- William Key
4/23- Earl Ingram
4/26- Stacy Granning

Anniversaries

4/5- Amy Flowers
* 4/9- Jack Hawkins
4/16- Beth Collier
4/25- Dickie Calhoun

*Celebrating today or before we meet again
Please let Beth know if information is
Incorrect or missing.

Upcoming program responsibilities

April 14- Luke Lane and Olaf Lieb
April 21- Johnny Long & Doug McLendon (Paul Harris Fellows Day)
April 28- Charles Meeks & Greg Meeks
May 5- Paul Outlaw & Tenise Owens (Founder's Day)
May 12- Marcus Paramore & Benny Pinckard
May 19- David Price & Mark Salmon
May 26- John Schmidt & Chris Schubert

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?

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