

THE TROY ROTARIAN

April 14, 2009

Mickey Parish, District Governor

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

Welcome to the April 14th meeting of the Troy Rotary Club at the Troy Country Club. Today's Program is hosted by Luke Lane and Olaf Lieb. They have invited Maria Frigge, International Student Advisor at Troy University, to speak to us about how the community can become involved with international students. Welcome, Ms. Frigge and thank you for joining us today at Rotary.

Last Rotary Meeting

The April 7th meeting was hosted by William Key and Jean Laliberte. They invited Sherry A. Key, Director of Career and Technical Education, Alabama State Department of Education. Sherry is a former member of Rotary. Sherry spoke to us about Education and the workforce in our State and Nation. There were 41 members present and 2 make-ups. There was \$39.00 in door price receipts.

Absent Last Week- Sohail Agboatwala, Matt Baker, Vickie Bowen, Steve Dennis, Marv Dillard, Allen Dunn, Kim Edwards, Linda Felton-Smith, Hal Fulmer, Stacy Graning, David Hamlin, Larry Hancock, Scott Hartley, Nolan Hatcher, Jack Hawkins, Bill Hopper, Jodie Jefcoat, Ben Ji, Ross Jinright, Luke Lane, Greg Meeks, Richard Metzger, Tenise Owens, Paul Outlaw, Marcus Paramore, Mark Salmon, Reza Seirafi, Trudie Seirafi, Mike Shelton, Josh Simmons, Ray Smith, Henry Stewart, Ed Telfair

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://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 Global Polio Eradication

For more than 20 years, the United States has been the leading public-sector supporter of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, contributing more than \$1.6 billion -- about a quarter of all funding. A major component of the country's support is the [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC), including more than \$101 million in funding for the agency in 2009. Along with the [World Health Organization](#), Rotary International, and [UNICEF](#), the CDC is one of the spearheading partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, providing support such as

- More than 350 epidemiologists, virologists, and technical officers to assist WHO and polio-endemic countries
- Funds to help UNICEF pay for oral polio vaccine and the operational costs of National Immunization Days (NIDs)
- Assistance to WHO with surveillance, technical staff, and NID operational costs
- Use of its Atlanta, Georgia, laboratories as a global reference and training center and strong support for the worldwide network of 145 polio laboratories

The highly developed lab network, established as part of the end-polio initiative, is also being used to track measles, rubella, yellow fever, meningitis, and other deadly infectious diseases. Most recently, polio health workers have been trained to recognize symptoms of avian influenza to support surveillance and potential outbreak response activities to this public health threat. Another key element of U.S. support for polio eradication is USAID. On 18 March, Past RI President James Lacy encouraged continued funding for USAID's end-polio efforts in a written testimony on behalf of RI before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs.

"Prospects for polio eradication are bright, but significant challenges remain," stated Lacy, who chairs RI's Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force for the United States. He pointed to operational challenges in reaching every child in the four polio-endemic countries of Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan. "In addition, the need to deal with outbreak response activities in countries such as the Democratic Republic of Congo, Angola, and Sudan are tragic and costly reminders that no child is safe until polio has been eradicated everywhere."

Lacy cited several ways in which USAID, with an annual \$32 million budget for polio eradication, is playing an effective role, including

- Supporting rapid responses to polio outbreaks
- Working to improve immunization coverage in Nigeria's highest-risk areas
- Funding surveillance and laboratories in Afghanistan, India, Indonesia, and Pakistan
- Supporting immunization at border crossings between Afghanistan and Pakistan
- Helping to fund the training of almost 250,000 community-based mobilizers in Angola, Ethiopia, India, and Nepal

Ellyn Ogden, worldwide polio eradication coordinator for USAID, reflects the agency's commitment to ending the disease. She has negotiated cease-fires with armed groups in Afghanistan, Angola, Congo, and other countries so millions of children can be immunized. In January, she received the USAID Award for Heroism. "Polio doesn't wait for peace," she says. "You have to vaccinate even in conflict. Reaching children in times of conflict is a challenge." Unflinching public- and private-sector support is critical to ending polio once and for all, say the partners of the global effort.

"Rotary International's commitment will reach US\$1.2 billion by the time the world is certified polio-free -- a financial commitment that is second only to that of the U.S. government," Lacy said in his testimony. "The goal of a polio-free world is within our grasp because polio eradication strategies work even in the most challenging environments and circumstances."

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 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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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?

