

# THE TROY ROTARIAN

April 21, 2009

Mickey Parish, District Governor

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

Welcome to the April 21st meeting of the Troy Rotary Club at the Troy Country Club. Today is Paul Harris Fellows Day & is hosted by Johnny Long and Doug McLendon. Congratulations to our Paul Harris Fellows.

## Last Rotary Meeting

The April 14th meeting was hosted by Luke Lane and Olaf Lieb. They invited Maria Frigge, International Student Advisor at Troy University. Ms. Frigge spoke to us about how the community can become involved with international students through their new internship program and the Home stay program. There were 49 members present and \$45.00 in door price receipts.

*Absent Last Week-* Mike Amos, Vickie Bowen, Steve Dennis, Marv Dillard, Allen Dunn, Linda Felton-Smith, Hal Fulmer, Mack Gibson, Sandi Gouge, Stacy Graning, David Hamlin, Nolan Hatcher, Jack Hawkins, Robert Hawkins, Ben Ji, Ross Jinright, Bill Key, Paul Outlaw, Marcus Paramore, Benny Pinckard, Reza Seirafi, Trudie Seirafi, Mike Shelton, Josh Simmons

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.rotary.org/RI_documents/en_pdf/254en.pdf) How to propose a new member

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### Magic of Rotary

When the son of a Rotarian from New Hampshire, USA, took a spill on his motorcycle in Colombia, all it took was an e-mail and a few phone calls to bring the "magic of Rotary" to life. "My son called me and said, 'Mom, you won't believe who just walked in the door: a doctor from Rotary,'" recalls Sherry Rand, a member of the Rotary Club of Hampton. "Within minutes, I was on the phone with the doctor, who assured me she would look after my boy."

Sherry's son, Court, was on a motorcycle adventure with a friend when he skidded off the road to avoid another vehicle in Popayán, Colombia, breaking a bone under his kneecap. He was taken to San José University Hospital, but neither he nor his friend, a native of France, spoke any Spanish, and both were unfamiliar with the local health care system.

But Sherry had told her son before he left to remember Rotary if he ever got into trouble. From the hospital, Court e-mailed his mom, who set off a series of phone calls connecting Brad Jett, governor of District 7780 (parts of Maine, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire), with Greg Franks, assistant manager of the Club and District Support -- Pan America Department at RI World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois. Franks made a flurry of calls until he was able to reach Juan Pablo Castrillón Fossi, president of the Rotary Club of Popayán, Cauca, who assured him that he would find help.

Not long after, Astrid Muñoz Ordóñez, a surgeon and member of the Popayán club who speaks English, visited Court in the hospital and began to coordinate his medical care. Other Popayán Rotarians also visited Court. District Governor Alfredo López Campo and his daughter Martha, a lawyer, tackled the paperwork and put down a deposit to allow surgery to begin after Court was transferred to Centro Médico Imbanaco Hospital in Cali.

"He is absolutely astonished at the response he's received," says Sherry, who notes that the whole experience has made her son want to become a Rotarian. "It's the magic of Rotary," says Brad. "From the time I called Greg Franks until the time a doctor was standing in his room was less than two hours."

Court is now recuperating from having a plate and screw inserted in his tibia. Within a few days of the surgery, he was moving with the aid of a walker, and is now on crutches.

Court's father procured a letter of travel from the U.S. State Department that helped ensure that Court's insurance would ultimately pay for his care. In the meantime, Court has put through charges on his credit card to pay back local Rotarians while he waits for reimbursement from his insurance.

"He's always heard me talking about Rotary. Now he's seen what it can do," Sherry says. "Rotary is an incredible community, a family. The thing I love about Rotarians is they have a soft heart -- that's why they are in it."

## **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  
\*4/21- Tenise Owens  
\*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 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  
June 2- Reza Seirafi & Trudie Seirafi  
June 9- Josh Simmons & Henry Stewart  
June 16- Ed Telfair & Ken Vaughan  
June 23- Alex Whaley & Ann Williams  
June 30- Jerry Williams & Sohail Agboatwala

*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](mailto: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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