

THE TROY ROTARIAN

April 22, 2008

Richard Bollinger, District Governor

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

Welcome to the April 22nd meeting of the Troy Rotary Club at the Troy Country Club. Our program today is hosted by Steve Cooke and Tom Collier. Today is our annual Paul Harris Recognition Day. Congratulations to all our Paul Harris Fellows and welcome to those who are visiting with us today.

Last Rotary Meeting

Last week's meeting was held at Palos Verdes. Thanks to all for their hard work in making it a success. A great time was had by all with plenty of food and fellowship. The April 8th meeting was hosted by Beth Collier and Robert Cary. They invited Mark Griffin to present our program. Robert Hawkins was nominated as President Elect for the 2009 – 10 rotary year. Congratulations Robert – he will follow Dave Barron as president.

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/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/254en.pdf> How to propose a new member

<http://www.rotary.org/> Rotary International Website

From Rotary International

In 1917, RI President Arch C. Klumph proposed that an endowment be set up "for the purpose of doing good in the world." In 1928, when the endowment fund had grown to more than US\$5,000, it was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International.

Five Trustees, including Klumph, were appointed to "hold, invest, manage, and administer all of its property . . . as a single trust, for the furtherance of the purposes of RI." Two years later, the Foundation made its first grant of \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children. The organization, created by Rotarian Edgar F. "Daddy" Allen, later grew into the Easter Seals.

The Great Depression and World War II both impeded the Foundation's growth, but the need for lasting world peace generated great postwar interest in its development. After Rotary's founder, Paul P. Harris, died in 1947, contributions began pouring into Rotary International, and the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created to build the Foundation.

That year, the first Foundation program – the forerunner of Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships – was established. In 1965-66, three new programs were launched: Group Study Exchange, Awards for Technical Training, and Grants for Activities in Keeping with the Objective of The Rotary Foundation, which was later called Matching Grants.

The Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants program was launched in 1978, and Rotary Volunteers was created as a part of that program in 1980. PolioPlus was announced in 1984-85, and the next year brought Rotary Grants for University Teachers. The first peace forums were held in 1987-88, leading to the Foundation's peace and conflict studies programs.

Throughout this time, support of the Foundation grew tremendously. Since the first donation of \$26.50 in 1917, it has received contributions totaling more than \$1 billion. More than \$70 million was donated in 2003-04 alone. To date, more than one million individuals have been recognized as Paul Harris Fellows – people who have given \$1,000 to the Annual Programs Fund or have had that amount contributed in their name.

Such strong support, along with Rotarian involvement worldwide, ensures a secure future for The Rotary Foundation as it continues its vital work for international understanding and world peace.

A painting by British artist Rosa Branson, commissioned by Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI), was unveiled 19 March by Baroness Helene Hayman, the Lord Speaker, in the River Room at the House of Lords.

The thematic work, entitled *Service Above Self*, depicts the many facets of Rotary's humanitarian service, including the global campaign to eradicate polio and efforts addressing literacy, health, hunger, and water issues.

The 9-by-6-foot oil painting is Branson's 15th charity work.

"On behalf of Rotarians, I would like to thank Rosa for this very generous gift of an extraordinary painting," said Allan Jagger, president of RIBI, at the unveiling. "It will help raise awareness of the work of Rotary and will also help raise funds for The Rotary Foundation."

Branson discovered Rotary's work on a trip to Sierra Leone to visit the land-based operations of Mercy Ships, which is depicted in the painting and provides health care to port cities around the world. (Rotary clubs in Great Britain and Ireland helped raise more than £1 million [US\$1.9 million] for the ophthalmic operating unit and the Rotary International Lounge of the new *Africa Mercy* ship.) Other charities represented are the Impact Foundation, which aims to prevent and alleviate disabilities; the Institute of Cancer Research; The Rotary Foundation; ShelterBox; Sightsavers, whose efforts to fight blindness in developing countries have been supported by Rotary for more than 25 years; and the Wheelchair Foundation. A limited-edition print of the painting has been published for sale to benefit the Foundation. Branson, who trained at the Slade School of Fine Art, has painted similar pieces for the Red Cross, Salvation Army, and other organizations. "I have always loved working on a big scale, and my training has enabled me to be able to paint anything," she said. "My thematic paintings for charity allow me to blend contemporary, real issues with the techniques of the Renaissance painters. I feel I have found this amazing world, and each time I paint one charity painting, it leads to another."

Celebrations for the Month of April

April Birthdays

April 8 – Jason Jones
April 11 – Mike Shelton
April 11 – Robert Hawkins
April 15 – Doug Hawkins
April 16 – Henry Stewart
April 18 – Curt Porter
April 21 – Rusty Eldridge
April 21 – Tenise Owens
**April 22 – Bill Key
**April 23 – Earl Ingram
**April 26 – Stacy Graning

April Anniversaries

April 5 – Amy Flowers
April 15 – Curt Porter
April 16 – Beth Collier
**April 25 – Dickie Calhoun

**celebrating today or before we meet again – please let Carol know if information is incorrect or missing

Upcoming program responsibilities

April 29 – Ken Cox and Kenny Cox have invited Harri Anne Smith
May 6 – Steve Dennis and John Dew will host our Annual Founders Day
May 13 – Marv Dillard and Allen Dunn
May 20 – Kim Edwards and Rusty Eldridge – Rotary Scholarship Day
Mary 27 – Earl Ellis and Cliff Eubanks

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

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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?

