

# THE TROY ROTARIAN

April 28, 2009

Mickey Parish, District Governor

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

Welcome to the April 28th meeting of the Troy Rotary Club at the Troy Country Club. Today's meeting is hosted by Charles Meeks and Greg Meeks. They have invited Mayor Jimmy Lunsford as our speaker. Welcome, Mayor and thank you for joining us today at Rotary.

## Last Rotary Meeting

The April 21st meeting was Paul Harris Fellows Day and was hosted by Johnny Long and Doug McLendon. There were 37 members present, 2 Guests (Mary Ida Williams, Paul Harris Fellow, by Jerry Williams and Donna Schubert by Chris Schubert) and visiting Rotarian, Gus King from Brundidge. There was \$40.00 in door price receipts.

*Absent Last Week-* Sohail Agboatwala, Robert Cary, Steve Dennis, John Dew, Marv Dillard, Allen Dunn, Kim Edwards, Rusty Eldridge, Cliff Eubanks, Joe Faulk, Linda Felton-Smith, Hal Fulmer, Sandi Gouge, Stacy Graning, David Hamlin, Larry Hancock, Scott Hartley, Jack Hawkins, Tom Hicks, Bill Hopper, Jodie Jefcoat, Ben Ji, Bill Key, Jean Laliberte, Luke Lane, Greg Meeks, Tenise Owens, Paul Outlaw, Marcus Paramore, Reza Seirafi, Trudie Seirafi, Josh Simmons, Henry Stewart, Ed Telfair, Ken Vaughan, Alex Whaley

## 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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## From Rotary International

### Holocaust survivor says joining Rotary best decision of his life

For many years, Rotarian Sam Harris kept his memories of surviving a Nazi concentration camp to himself, seldom sharing his childhood experiences.

But the friendships Harris forged through Rotary gave him the courage to tell his story publicly. Rotarians also gave him and a group of local Holocaust survivors the encouragement they needed to begin planning a museum that would keep their memories alive. Harris, 73, a member of the Rotary Club of Northbrook, Illinois, USA, since 1970, is board president of the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center in Skokie, which celebrated its [grand opening 19 April](#) with a ceremony featuring former U.S. President Bill Clinton and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Elie Wiesel as speakers.

The 65,000-square-foot building houses 2,000 recorded testimonies from survivors, mostly local residents, as well as photographs, artifacts, and an original volume of the Nuremberg trial transcripts. It also features a Nazi-era rail car, the same type used to relocate people to concentration camps, which Harris helped secure.

Harris says he befriended Rabbi William Frankel at a club meeting in 1977. Frankel convinced him that his story would be a vital tool in educating future generations about the atrocities that occurred during World War II. "I want to make sure we learn from our history, so something like the Holocaust will never happen again," says Harris. "Rotary was always there for me personally and played an important role in our dream of building a Holocaust museum."

Harris joined a group of area survivors called the Holocaust Memorial Foundation of Illinois in 1988. He remembers vividly the first time he mentioned the group's decision to build a new museum, about 10 years ago, to the Northbrook club. "Minutes after I talked about the museum, practically the whole table I was sitting at volunteered to help. And by the end of the meeting many more members volunteered, and before I knew it I had a committee," he says. "Rotary was there from the beginning. This thing wouldn't have been the way it is without Rotarian support."

Harris lost his parents and most of his siblings in concentration camps. After the war, he and his sister Sara were sent to the United States by their older sister Rosa, who had married in the camps, and they lived in a foster home in Chicago. Both were eventually adopted, and he was raised by a Northbrook family.

Joining Rotary in 1970 was one of the best things to happen in his life, says Harris. "Being a Rotarian has guided my life. Of all the things I've been involved in, Rotary has been the best," he explains. "Everyone I've met has been such high-quality people." He is working on raising funds to have a plaque recognizing Rotary in the museum. "I cannot think of anything in the world that better exemplifies what this museum is about or the sacrifices that were made for me and other survivors than Rotary's motto: Service Above Self."

## 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

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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