

THE TROY ROTARIAN

May 20, 2008

Richard Bollinger, District Governor
District 6880, Troy Rotary Club, chartered May 1, 1920 Troy, Alabama

Welcome to the May 20th meeting of the Troy Rotary Club at the Troy Country Club. Our program today is hosted by Joe Faulk and Linda Felton Smith. They will host the Charles Henderson High School Baseball Team and their coach, Brad Phillips. Thank you all for being with us today – and welcome to Rotary!

Last Rotary Meeting

Last week's meeting was hosted by Allen Dunn and Marv Dillard. They hosted Dan Smith, who gave us an update on the Troy Recreation Department. There were 44 members present and two makeups submitted. There was \$53 in the raffle which was won by Sandi Gouge. Guests include Dianne Barron, Judy Fulmer, Jay Love and Cindy Strickland, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mares, parents of Dianne Barron.

Absent last week: *Sohail Agboatwala, Deanne Baggett, Beth Collier, Tom Collier, Steve Dennis, John Dew, Marv Dillard, Mac Gibson, Stacy Graning, David Hamlin, Robert Hawkins, Bill Hopper, Earl Ingram, Olaf Lieb, John Long, Charles Meeks, Tim Meeks, Richard Metzger, Tenise Owens, Paul Outlaw, Marcus Paramore, Curt Porter, David Price, Chris Schubert, Mike Shelton, Ray Smith, Henry Stewart, Ed Telfair, Alex Whaley and Jerry Williams.*

Program suggestion: if you need a program in the near future, Kim Kersey would like to present a program on behalf of the Girl Scouts. Please contact Kim at 268 – 2375.

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 DG Richard Bollinger

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Our major emphasis this year has been on membership development and support of our Rotary Foundation. I encourage each of you to invite a friend to join your club. If we each do our part, Rotary will remain strong and better able to serve here in District 6880.

- Membership....If it is to be, it is up to me. Simple words of success. If our membership is to continue to grow and thrive, it is up to us, to you and to me. Ask, yourself why you are a Rotarian and what it means to you. Ask friends and business associates to come to Rotary. Inform them why you are a Rotarian and they will be a good Rotarian and how Rotary will enlarge their life. Bring them to a Rotary meeting. Mentor them about Rotary so that they do not drift away. Stay in contact with them about Rotary and call if you do not see them at a meeting.

The Rotary Foundation -as we near the end of our Rotary year please check with your secretaries and treasurers to insure any collected Foundation money is sent in to Rotary International no later than June 15th.

District Assembly/SETS training will meet in the Technology Building at Lurleen B. Wallace Community College in Greenville May 31st. DGE Mickey Parish says we will begin Post-PETS and SETS at 10 am (will run simultaneously). Have lunch together around 11:30. Begin District Assembly around 12:30 then adjourn at 1:30 pm. His AGs will meet with him at 9 am - before the PE & SE meetings. After assembly adjourns, he will meet with some of his leadership. Mickey says we will probably dismiss around 3 pm. Those attending from each club should be: President Elect, Secretary Elect, and Membership Chair Elect - and any other interested Rotarians. The cost for lunch will be \$5 each.

- New Polio Website! Rotary has launched a new "mini" website to give the general public an opportunity to help in polio by contributing to Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge from the Bill & Melinda Gate Foundation. Check out the 3-page site at www.rotary.org/endpolio. Rotarians should continue to contribute through the Member Access Portal at www.rotary.org.
- 2008 RI Convention in Los Angeles, 15-18 June. The 1922 Convention of Rotary was the first of what will be soon be three conventions in Los Angeles. This first convention in 1922 was also the site of a major change in our name from the "International Association of Rotary Clubs" to "Rotary International." You can still register for this year's convention at: <http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/Events/Convention/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

Help your club officers and particular your club's president elect through a smooth leadership transition! *You are making a difference in your Community and around the World!*

From Rotary International

In a triumph over violence, poverty and poor infrastructure, Somalia has once again become polio-free. The Global Polio Eradication Initiative has announced that the East African nation hasn't reported a case of the disease since 2007. Although Somalia eradicated the virus in 2002, it became re-infected in 2005.

Innovative approaches tailored to conflict areas were pivotal in conquering polio in Somalia. More than 10,000 volunteers and health workers used several doses of monovalent vaccine to quickly immunize children in unstable areas. With strong community support, the effort reached more than 1.8 million children under age 5 across what's widely considered one of the most dangerous countries on earth.

RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson will receive the 2008 International Humanitarian of Vision award June 12 at the 35th annual Vision Awards reception in Los Angeles. The Vision Awards are presented annually to organizations and individuals who have exhibited exceptional "sight, foresight and insight" while enriching the lives of people with visual impairments. The awards program is administered by RP International, which is dedicated to raising awareness of retinitis pigmentosa and ending degenerative blindness.

Celebrations for the Month of May

May Birthdays

May 12 – Olaf Lieb
May 31 – David Price

May Anniversaries

May 6 – Sandi Gouge
May 12 – John Schmidt
May 12 – Deanne Baggett
**May 25 – Jodie Jefcoat
May 28 – Bill Key
May 30 – Mike Amos

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

Upcoming program responsibilities for the rest of this Rotary Year

May 27 – Earl Ellis and Cliff Eubanks will host Rotarian and Commissioner Adam Drinkwater
June 3 – Kim Edwards and Rusty Eldridge will host Rotary Scholarship Day
June 10 – Mac Gibson and Hal Fulmer
June 17 – Stacy Graning and David Hamlin
June 24 – Change of Officers for Rotary Year 2008 - 2009

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

OFFICERS FOR THE 2007- 2008 ROTARY YEAR

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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?