

# THE TROY ROTARIAN

June 17, 2008

Richard Bollinger, District Governor

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

Welcome to the June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Troy Rotary Club at the Troy Country Club. Our program today is hosted by Stacy Graning and David Hamlin. They have invited Doug Patterson to discuss Troy City Schools and its future. Welcome Doug, and thank you for joining us today at Rotary!

## **Last Rotary Meeting**

Last week's meeting was hosted by Hal Fulmer and Mac Gibson. They invited Maryjo Cochran and Doug Hawkins to discuss the Confucius Institute at Troy University. There were 39 members present and \$45 in the raffle. Prizes were won by Scott Hartley, David Price, Ross Jinright and Alex Whaley.

**Absent last week:** Mike Amos, Deanne Baggett, Tom Collier, Steve Dennis, Marv Dillard, Allen Dunn, Kim Edwards, Cliff Eubanks, Linda Felton Smith, Amy Flowers, Stacy Graning, David Hamlin, Larry Hancock, Jack Hawkins, Robert Hawkins, Jodie Jefcoat, Ben Ji, Bill Key, Jean Laliberte, Olaf Lieb, John Long, Greg Meeks, Tim Meeks, Richard Metzger, Tenise Owens, Paul Outlaw, Marcus Paramore, Curt Porter, Mark Salmon, John Schmidt, Mike Shelton, James Smith, Ed Telfair, Ken Vaughan

**Program suggestion:** Kimberly May, Director of the Pike County Salvation Army would like to present a program. You may contact her at 808-1069 or 672-4481

**Program suggestion:** 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 Rotary International**

When Rotarians arrive by the thousands in Los Angeles for the 99th RI Convention, 15-18 June, they'll be stepping into a vibrant downtown that is in a state of continual change.

With the L.A. Convention Center as the main convention venue, downtown L.A. will be the primary stomping ground for Rotarians during the day. And after hours, venues like the new NOKIA Theatre and the Staples Center – both adjacent to the convention center – will beckon convention attendees with entertainment and sports events.

Part of L.A. Live, the "entertainment campus" in the city's downtown, the new NOKIA Theatre has been called the Times Square of the West. Here, singer Natalie Cole will entertain Rotarians on 14 June. Before the concert, the NOKIA Plaza will be reserved for the California Experience, a host event that gives ticket holders the opportunity to enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres by famed chef Wolfgang Puck. Find more details at the [HOC site](#).

Getting around in downtown L.A. couldn't be easier thanks to an efficient and easy-to-use [public transportation system](#) and an [urban "way-finding" program](#) featuring 1,300 pedestrian and vehicular signs, pointing the way to local attractions.

Some not-to-be-missed downtown attractions awaiting Rotarian visitors include the Walt Disney Concert Hall. Designed by world-renowned architect and L.A. resident Frank Gehry, this concert hall is known for its breathtaking design and excellent acoustics in a campus that includes other cultural venues such as the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. Other architectural and cultural landmarks near the hall include the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, the Museum of Contemporary Art, and the buildings of the historic district, like the pyramid-topped City Hall and the Richard J. Riordan Central Library. A few blocks away, visitors can enjoy the Asian cuisine of L.A.'s Chinatown and Little Tokyo. The HOC full- and half-day tours are a great way to see the city and nearby points of interest such as the Getty Center. You can access the tours through the HOC events and tickets link.

## **From RI President Wilf Wilkinson**

I wish that every Rotarian could have the opportunities to see Rotary in action that Joan and I have enjoyed over the past months. From India to France, Hong Kong to Brazil, the Philippines to Turkey, we witnessed Rotarians demonstrating, with great compassion and ingenuity, just how much *Rotary Shares*. We saw incredible disaster relief efforts in Pakistan and had the chance to inaugurate one of seven schools being built there with contributions by Rotarians. In India, we surveyed the impressive results of Rotarian tsunami recovery projects. In Brazil, we visited a school supported by the Foundation of São Paulo Rotarians that offers academic and vocational education as well as a program for the hearing impaired. And we felt very proud when we saw what Houston Rotarians have done in establishing a four-star hotel for patients and families visiting the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

Another of the year's highlights was our North American membership conferences. These seven meetings drew many Rotarians eager to reverse the region's downward trend in membership. They shared ideas and left energized to strengthen their clubs' membership. Peace conferences provided another source of great inspiration for

Rotarians, who met in Bulgaria, India, Kenya, and Turkey to discuss the obstacles to peace in each of these regions and consider how Rotary clubs can offer practical solutions. In Canada and France, Rotarians organized conferences around the theme Peace Is Possible, drawing participants from neighboring countries to offer a valuable international perspective.

This month, we'll come together in Los Angeles for another important Rotary meeting – our 2008 RI Convention. I hope that many of you will take advantage of this opportunity to experience a little of the international fellowship that I've been so privileged to enjoy as RI president. Throughout my travels this year, I met many people who congratulated me on Rotary's work to eradicate polio and to improve the quality of life in some of the world's poorest regions. I was especially struck by the words of Olafur Grimsson, the president of Iceland, who said to me: "Rotary has the right answer. Your organization includes men and women on an equal basis, and you have members from many countries who represent every race, color, and creed. So what the world must do is have more Rotarians."

Thank you all for your great work. Joan and I will never forget the 2007-08 Rotary year.

## **Celebrations for the Month of June**

### **June Birthdays**

June 6 – Jimmy Lunsford  
June 12 – Rudolph Shelley  
June 13 – Ann Williams  
\*\*June 20 – Marv Dillard  
June 26 – John Schmidt  
June 26 – Mike Amos  
June 27 – Ray Smith  
June 27 – Ben Ji  
June 27 – Hal Fulmer  
June 28 – Bill Hopper  
June 28 – Ed Hedden  
June 30 – Carol Franks

### **June Anniversaries**

June 6 – Robert Cary  
June 6 – Carol Franks  
June 8 – Steve Dennis  
June 10 – Alex Whaley  
June 11 – Tom Hicks  
June 13 – James Smith  
June 14 – Donal Dunbar  
\*\*June 21 – Jason Jones  
\*\*June 23 – Charles Meeks  
June 24 – Kenny Cox  
June 25 – Robert Hawkins  
June 28 – Earl Ellis

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

### **Upcoming program responsibilities**

June 24 – Change of Officers for Rotary Year 2008 – 2009  
July 1 – Larry Hancock  
July 8 – Jack Hawkins and Tom Hicks

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](mailto: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?*

