

# THE TROY ROTARIAN

July 22, 2008

Mickey Parish, District Governor

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

Welcome to the July 22nd meeting of the Troy Rotary Club at the Troy Country Club. Today is our Club Business Meeting.

## **Last Rotary Meeting**

Last week's meeting was hosted by Bill Hopper and Earl Ingram. They invited Steve Dennis, Athletic Director at Troy University. Steve spoke about athletics at the University and the multiplex arena that will be built on campus. There were 46 members and \$47 in the raffle.

**Absent last week:** Sohail Agboatwala, Mike Amos, Matt Baker, Larry Blocher, Allen Dunn, Cliff Eubanks, Linda Felton-Smith, Carol Franks, Hal Fulmer, Sandi Gouge, Stacy Graning, David Hamlin, Larry Hancock, Scott Hartley, Ed Hedden, Earl Ingram, Ben Ji, Olaf Lieb, Greg Meeks, Tim Meeks, Richard Metzger, Paul Outlaw, Curt Porter, Mark Salmon, Mike Shelton, Ray Smith, Ken Vaughan, Ann Williams, Jerry Williams

**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/RI\\_documents/en\\_pdf/254en.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/RI_documents/en_pdf/254en.pdf) How to propose a new member

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

## **From Rotary International**

The Internet has come to a small island off the coast of Haiti thanks to an international Rotary club effort and an [Interact](#) fundraiser.

Three Rotary clubs -- Port-au-Prince, Haiti; San Juan, Puerto Rico; and Skidaway Island, Savannah, Georgia, USA -- and the Commonwealth School Interact Club of San Juan partnered to fund construction of a library in Matenwa on the island of La Gonave, Haiti. A Rotary Foundation [Matching Grant](#) helped furnish the library with laptops, books, and furniture. Even though the island has no electricity or running water, solar panels on the library roof power laptops, which connect to the Internet through satellite.

Every week, 236 students at the adjacent Matenwa Community Learning Center use the library, which also serves as a resource for La Gonave's more than 7,000 residents, who live in extreme poverty. "We were looking for a project where we could build relationships," explains Wells Hood, of the Skidaway Island club. "This was a great opportunity for us to make a lasting legacy." Hood paid a visit to San Juan in 2005-06, during which he and then-San Juan club president John Richardson hit it off, discovering their clubs had much in common. "We outlined a multicountry strategy that identified Haiti as one of five countries where we wished to make an impact," Richardson said.

## **From Rotary Foundation**

"I'll have zero personal wealth at the end of my life," says Rotarian Carole Kralicek proudly. Kralicek, 67, explains that her late husband, Eugene, established a 20-year [charitable lead trust](#) that is generating a substantial sum of interest to be donated to charity before passing his assets on to his children. "The principal stays there for Eugene's children, and the interest is donated to various charities every year," she says.

A member of the [Rotary Club of St. Paul, Minnesota, USA](#), Kralicek opted not to inherit Eugene's assets so that more would go to charity, allowing her to live "a regular life." "I'm not a millionaire, and that was my goal," she says. To Kralicek, a regular life means giving away any money you don't need. She's also proud that her children do everything on their own, rather than relying on her. Kralicek has two children from a previous marriage.

[The Rotary Foundation](#) will receive between \$600,000 and \$800,000 from the Kraliceks at the end of 20 years of quarterly giving. The trust also donates to the Boy Scouts of America, a food pantry, a symphony, and various universities and churches. Kralicek met Eugene when she moved to Bismarck, North Dakota, from Grand Forks to work as the director of the state's small-business development center. Having been a Rotarian in Grand Forks, she joined the [Rotary Club of](#)

[Bismarck](#). Several years later, Eugene, a fellow club member, lost his wife to cancer, and the two formed a friendship over a shared interest in antiques, business, and politics. They married in 2002, but sadly, Eugene passed away after three years from liver disease.

"Eugene loved life," says Kralicek, enumerating his many accomplishments and interests: He was not only a successful radiologist but a Boy Scout, dart thrower, potter, collector, wine connoisseur, cook, and pickle canner. "He canned his own pickles," she reiterates, chuckling. After her husband's death, Kralicek moved to St. Paul to be closer to her grandchildren. "My condo is not in a ritzy area, and I take the bus," she says. When Eugene was alive, the family had seven cars, four homes, and millions of dollars worth of antiques.

Today, Kralicek is semiretired after a successful career as a government official and an entrepreneur who has owned everything from motels to antique shops. Though she still appraises antiques and helps with estate sales in her spare time, she lives off a combination of Social Security, pension money, stock dividends, and interest. Despite her charitable contributions, Kralicek doesn't think of herself as a philanthropist. She says her late husband should really get all the credit for establishing the trust. But she does maintain that she'd much rather give money away than be a rich woman. "Up until two weeks ago, I drove a 1989 Honda," she says. "I just bought a year-old Toyota." And what does she do when she does have some extra cash? "I play the stock market just a little bit. I made some money one day, so I gave \$1,000 to [ShelterBox](#)."

## **Celebrations for the Month of July**

### **July Birthdays**

July 4 - Steve Cooke  
July 13- Charles Meeks  
July 15 -Donald Dunbar  
July 17- Bob Mills  
July 20- Kim Edwards  
July 21- David Hamlin  
\*July 23- Ross Jinright  
\*July 27- Ken Vaughan

### **July Anniversaries**

July 7- Johnny Long  
July 11-Tom Collier  
July 11-Ray Smith  
July 13- Chris Schubert  
July 14- Olaf Lieb  
\*July 23- Greg Meeks  
July 30- David Hamlin

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

### **Upcoming program responsibilities**

July 29-Ed Hedden and Doug McLendon  
August 5-Jodi Jeffcoat and Ben Ji  
August 12- Ross Jinright and Jason Jones  
August 19- William Key and Jean Laliberte  
August 26- Olaf Lieb and Johnny Long  
September 2- Charles Meeks and Greg Meeks

*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)*

### **OFFICERS FOR THE 2008- 2009 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?*

## **Rotary International Theme 2008-2009**



