

THE TROY ROTARIAN

Sept. 16, 2008

Mickey Parish, District Governor

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

Welcome to the September 16th meeting of the Troy Rotary Club at the Troy Country Club. Today's Program is hosted by Paul Outlaw and Tenise Owens. They have invited Kimberly May, Director of the Pike County Salvation Army as our speaker. Welcome, Kimberly and thank you for joining us today at Rotary.

Last Rotary Meeting

Last week's meeting was hosted by Tim Meeks and Richard Metzger. They invited Al Head, Executive Director of the Alabama State Council on the Arts, to speak to us about the state of the Arts in Alabama and the grand opening of the Johnson Center for the Arts. There were 51 members present, 3 make-ups & 3 guests (Mary Williams by Jerry Williams, Donna Schubert by Chris Schubert and Lisa Dennis by Steve Dennis). There was \$52 in the raffle. Winners were Al Head, Donna Schubert and Mark Salmon

Absent last week: Deanne Baggett, Robert Cary, Beth Collier, Tom Collier, Kenny Cox, Marv Dillard, Allen Dunn, Kim Edwards, Rusty Eldridge, Carol Franks, Hal Fulmer, Mack Gibson, Stacy Granning, David Hamlin, Bill Hopper, Earl Ingram Jodie Jeffcoat, Ben Ji, Bill Key, Olaf Lieb, Benny Pinckard, Curt Porter, Mike Shelton, James Smith, Ken Vaughan

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 How to propose a new member

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

From Rotary International

On 22 July, Josiah Ntoko Tongo from Dakar, Senegal, became the 100th child to receive a heart operation through RI District 6560's (Indiana, USA) Gift of Life program. Run in partnership with Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis, the program provides treatment for children who wouldn't have access to it otherwise because of where they live.

The hospital performs the surgeries for free, while Rotarians cover costs such as lodging and travel. The Indiana program is part of the larger [Gift of Life International network](#), which has helped nearly 10,000 children since 1975. District 6560's Gift of Life program started in 1998 and has benefited children from about 30 countries.

Making headlines

The project made international headlines after a one-year-old boy, who had been examined by a doctor in the Indiana National Guard at an Afghan refugee camp, was found to have a congenital heart defect. A Rotarian serving with the unit connected him with Gift of Life, and he was brought to Riley Hospital. Unfortunately, the boy died days after returning to Afghanistan, despite receiving what was hoped to be a life-saving heart surgery.

After operating on three children from Iraq in 2006, the project's medical team was inspired to travel on medical missions to the Middle East, going to Jordan in March 2007 and again in March 2008, says Jim Graham, a past governor for District 6560. The second trip was funded through a Matching Grant between the district and the Rotary Club of Amman Cosmopolitan, Jordan, and was assisted by Gift of Life Amman. The team plans to return in October and is planning a trip to Uganda to train doctors at the Kampala Heart Institute.

From District Governor, Mickey Parish

As we begin this new week in Rotary, let us pause to give thanks for our blessings and to remember those who were affected by Hurricane Ike. Consider our neighbors' physical and emotional needs as the weeks progress and life returns to as near normal as it can for them. We are a caring service organization who has it in our nature to help others, so as opportunities arise, please consider lending a hand.

For the past few days, Sheila and I were fortunate to have participated in Rotary Institute 2008 Zones 29-30 in Indianapolis. We renewed acquaintances and made new friends with many from the 24 districts throughout the two zones. We received health and literacy reports that helped us refocus our attention to these needs and were challenged through exceptional speeches by John Kenny, President Elect Rotary International 2008-09, Sakuji Tanaka, Trustee of The Rotary Foundation 2006-10, and Tom Branum, RI Director 2007-09. It was also interesting to hear a little more about Rotary's *Future Vision Plan*.

Sheila and I received a warm welcome from the members of the Rotary Club of Linden last Monday. It was interesting hearing about their club activities and plans for the year. I was honored to assist in the induction of two new members

and was pleased to learn that another has been approved for membership. Club President Darren Glass (and District RYLA Chair) is doing a great job leading his club. It was also nice to visit with PDG Wade Drinkard and Area 1 Assistant Governor Chip Maldonado, who are members.

On Tuesday, Sheila and I visited the Rotary Club of Wetumpka. Chris Dunn, Assistant Governor for Area 2 clubs, joined us for our time together. Harrison Long serves as President here and committed his club to meet their goals to *Make Dreams Real*. The Rotary Club of Wetumpka celebrated their 70th year of Rotary Service this past March. We are fortunate to have these "historic clubs" who have helped our district become what it is today. Imagine the amount of good that Wetumpka Rotarians have done over all of these years. Congratulations! Remember to invite others to join us in our work...as new Rotarians, as new Rotaractors, as new Interactors.

Celebrations for the Month of September

September Birthdays

15th- Chris Schubert
*16th- Tom Collier
*19th- Linda Felton-Smith
*19th- Jean Laliberte
25th- Scott Hartley
27th- Robert Cary
29th- Sohail Agboatwala
29th- Adam Drinkwater

September Anniversaries

2nd- Allen Dunn
2nd- Ed Telfair
3rd- Nolan Hatcher
10th- Scott Hartley
25th- Earl Ingram

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

Upcoming program responsibilities

September 23- Marcus Paramore and Benny Pinckard (Visit from District Governor)
September 30- Curtis Porter and David Price
October 7- Mark Salmon and John Schmidt

Program Themes:

August-Membership & Extension
October-Vocational Service
December- Family

September- New Generations
November- Rotary Foundation

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

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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



