

# THE TROY ROTARIAN

Sept. 23, 2008

Mickey Parish, District Governor  
District 6880, Troy Rotary Club, chartered May 1, 1920 Troy, Alabama

Welcome to the September 23rd meeting of the Troy Rotary Club at the Troy Country Club. Today's Program is hosted by Marcus Paramore and Benny Pinckard. Our guest speaker today is District Governor, Mickey Parish. Welcome Mickey, and thank you for joining us today at Rotary.

## Last Rotary Meeting

Last week's meeting was hosted by Paul Outlaw and Tenise Owens. They invited Kimberly May, Director of the Pike County Salvation Army and Bob Milton, with the Salvation Army in Birmingham as our speakers. There were 48 members present, 1 guest, Gil McKenzie by Rusty Eldridge and 2 visiting Rotarians from Brundidge, Harry Sanders and Gus King. There was \$50 in the raffle. Winners were Olaf Lieb, Marcus Paramore, and Robert Hawkins.

*Absent last week: Deanne Baggett, Tom Collier, Steve Cook, Kenny Cox, Steve Dennis, John Dew, Allen Dunn, Kim Edwards, Linda Felton-Smith, Hal Fulmer, Stacy Granning, David Hamlin, Jack Hawkins, Tom Hicks, Bill Hopper, Earl Ingram, Ben Ji, Jean Laliberte, Jimmy Lunsford, Greg Meeks, Tim Meeks, Richard Metzger, Curt Porter, John Schmidt, Chris Schubert, Mike Shelton, Ray Smith,*

Program suggestion: Kim Kersey would like to present a program on behalf of the Girl Scouts. Please contact Kim at 268 - 2375.

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<http://rotary6880.org/> District 6880 Website

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## From Rotary International

District 6440 has a new club, in part due to the recruiting prowess of RI President Dong Kurn Lee. Lee presented the club charter to the Rotary Club of Chicagoland Korean-Northbrook with District 6440 Governor Pamela Kerr on 22 August in Northbrook, Illinois, USA. Attendees were asked to make a \$50 donation to Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge. About 175 people attended the charter night and the event raised \$6,000.

The club's 54 members are Korean American, and club business will mostly be conducted in Korean. But that is the beauty of Rotary, Lee told the charter night audience. "What matters in Rotary is not what language we speak, or where we come from, or how much English we remember from high school," Lee said. "What matters in Rotary is fellowship, friendship, and building bridges of goodwill."

### Getting organized

District leaders spoke with members of the Rotary Club of Korea Town-Los Angeles to get an idea of how a Korean club would fit into their district. "We think it will bring people into Rotary who would not have joined Rotary otherwise," says Mike Yesner, assistant governor coordinator for District 6440.

Club president Sung Wun Kim says it is an honor to join Rotary during Lee's year as RI president and that Lee is an invaluable asset to the club. "I cannot really explain how much he has helped us," Kim says. "It's tremendous how much he is supporting us and encouraging us to do service work." Kim says the new club is getting organized, and members are getting to know each other. Eventually, the club hopes to do service projects in the Korean community, raise funds for polio eradication, and work with other clubs in the district on combined projects. Lee asked district governors to bring two new clubs into Rotary this year as part of his ambitious membership goals. The Rotary clubs of Northbrook, Skokie Valley, Evanston Lighthouse, and Korea Town-Los Angeles sponsored the new club.

## From District Governor, Mickey Parish

This past Tuesday, Sheila and I attended the Rotary Club of Prattville. The club has started a new weekly emphasis, which they call the "Character Minute". A member gives a brief overview of an important personal characteristic in our lives. Tuesday's characteristic was *Truthfulness*. Ironically, this was followed by a report on their football poll. Seems like the person with the best picks was the one in charge. What's up with that? Hmmm. Members discussed their upcoming October 20 golf tournament at the Country Club and also their "Birdies for Charity" program with the LPGA. Participants are asked to pledge an amount for each "birdie" made during the ladies' tourney. Novel idea. Following my remarks, the meeting closed with the induction of five (did I say 5) new Paul Harris Fellows. Wow, what an honor. Jeremy Arthur is doing a great job as President of the Prattville Club.

Sheila and I joined Rotarians and guests at the Rotary Club of Bay Minette on Wednesday. This club meets at the Bay Minette Rotary Village, a retirement facility that they sponsored and built for their community...quite impressive. These Rotarians place United States Flags around their community on certain holidays throughout the year. Sponsors

pay a nominal fee for this service. The highlight of the meeting was the induction of a new member, Craig Smith. He is the 4th "Craig" in the club, all of whom are in the insurance profession.

We ended the week by visiting the Rotary Club of Eufaula on Thursday. We were given a warm reception by club members, and it was nice to make new friends and renew acquaintances. There was discussion concerning a possible Matching Grant water project in Central America and also a local District Simplified Grant project. District committee names were provided to the project leaders for assistance in both of these areas. The Eufaula Rotary Club is the 7th oldest club out of the 47 in the district. They have a wonderful history of service to their local community and to the international community, which continues today.

## **Celebrations for the Month of September**

### September Birthdays

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

### September Anniversaries

2<sup>nd</sup>- Allen Dunn  
2<sup>nd</sup>- Ed Telfair  
3<sup>rd</sup>- Nolan Hatcher  
10<sup>th</sup>- Scott Hartley  
\*25<sup>th</sup>- Earl Ingram

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

### **Upcoming program responsibilities**

September 30- Curtis Porter and David Price  
October 7- Mark Salmon and John Schmidt  
October 14- Dr. Doug Hawkins and Dr. Nolan Hatcher(international day at Troy University)  
October 21-Chris Schubert and Henry Stewart  
October 28-Ed Telfair and Ken Vaughan  
November 4- Alex Whaley and Ann Williams

### **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](mailto: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**



