

THE TROY ROTARIAN

Sept. 30, 2008

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

Welcome to the September 30th meeting of the Troy Rotary Club at the Troy Country Club. Today's Program is hosted by Curt Porter and David Price. They have invited Dan Richards, digital mapping consultant for the Pike County Revenue Commission. Welcome, Dan and thank you for joining us today at Rotary.

Last Rotary Meeting

Last week's meeting was hosted by Marcus Paramore and Benny Pinckard. Our speaker was District Governor, Mickey Parish. Mickey's guests were his wife Sheila and Jim Bradley. There were 46 members present, 3 make-ups and 2 guests (Donna Schubert by Chris Schubert and Dianne Barron by Dave Barron). There was \$50 in the raffle. Winners were Mickey Parish, Jerry Williams, Jim Bradley, Dianne Barron and David Price

Absent last week: Deanne Baggett, Matt Baker, Vickie Bowen, Richard Calhoun, Beth Collier, Tom Collier, Kenny Cox, Marv Dillard, Allen Dunn, Linda Felton-Smith, Mack Gibson, David Hamlin, Larry Hancock, Scott Hartley, Jack Hawkins, Bill Hopper, Jodie Jeffcoat, Ben Ji, Bill Key, Charles Meeks, Greg Meeks, Tim Meeks, Tenise Owens, Paul Outlaw, Mark Salmon, Mike Shelton, Ed Telfair, Ann Williams

Program suggestion:

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

Buddy Johnson, Director of Radio and Television at Troy University is available to speak on the topic of Public Radio. Contact Buddy at 670-3555(wk) or 482-3287(cell) or ekjohnson@troy.edu

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<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

At 72 years old, Rotarian Fred Sandberg was less inclined to ride out the aftermath of Hurricane Ike than he might have been in his younger days. "Roughing it isn't as much fun now as it was when I was a cub scout," says Sandberg, a resident of Santa Fe, Texas, USA, and governor-elect of District 5910. So when he received an invitation from Past District Governor Hugh Summers to stay at his home 240 miles north of the hurricane-stricken Texas coastline, he jumped at it. Sandberg was one of many Texas Rotarians who found shelter in the homes of other Rotarians, either before or immediately after Ike hit. [District 5910's Web site](#) included a list of Rotarians willing to provide shelter for other Rotarians.

Safe Harbor

District 5890 (Texas) created a [Safe Harbor](#) program on their Web site serving the same purpose, where district Rotarians offered up spare bedrooms, dens, or floor space to their fellow Rotarians fleeing the storm. District Governor-elect Ed Charlesworth of Houston was one of the first to sign up his home as a safe harbor. "A couple days before Ike hit, I said let's get this up on the Web site," Charlesworth recalls. "Within 10 minutes, we got our first call asking if the offer was still good. We said, 'Absolutely, come on down.'" Charlesworth ended up hosting three Rotarians he knew from his district travels. Charlesworth, who lives on the north side of Houston -- about 60 miles from the coast -- lost five trees, including one that fell on his roof. "The neat thing is how Rotarians pooled together," Charlesworth says. "While we were hosting, everyone pitched in. It's a very good feeling being here and seeing how people are pulling together." The storm has left many in need. District 5910 includes the counties of Galveston, Jefferson, and Orange -- all declared disaster areas -- and is home to 18 of its 42 clubs. District Governor Roger McCabe says the district will use its [donor advised fund](#) to channel money to those who can put it to good use. Summers gave the Red Cross a check for US\$5,000 on 18 September to help with the housing of displaced people.

From District Governor, Mickey Parish

This week brings a new month and increased opportunities for service and membership. October 1 begins our *Vocational Service* month. All committees and clubs are encouraged to focus on the "adherence to, and promotion of, the highest ethical standards in all occupations, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the contribution of your vocational talents to solving the problems of society and meeting the needs of the community." Develop projects that mentor or provide character information to youth. Promote awareness of the various vocations in your community. Discuss the meaning of The 4-Way Test and its importance to Rotarians. This avenue of service assures that all Rotarians be their best and do their best at all times. October's emphasis should also make us aware of vocations not represented in our clubs, and it should lead us to extend membership to those in "missing occupations".

On Tuesday, we visited the Rotary Club of Troy. This is the home club of DGE Carol Franks. Prior to the meeting, Mayor Jimmy Lunsford presented a Literacy Proclamation recognizing the efforts of the club and district in promoting literacy through the Dictionary Project. Dr. Johnny Long, retired Band Director at Troy University, asked Sheila to pick a

number between 1 and one hundred and something, claiming that "his members were so trained in singing that they would know the song for whichever number she picked." (There were no songbooks on the tables.) And they did. Number 7 was picked, and we all joined in a great chorus of R-O-T-A-R-Y. During the meeting, a generous contribution was given to help the new Pike County Animal Shelter Coalition, and last week, another to the Johnson Center for the Arts. Six Mason Jars full of change were turned in for that project and cards were drawn. To date, \$952.93 has been raised. [The District Governor appreciates not having to handle the last jar.] We were given an empty jar, which is now full and being returned via DGE Carol. Club President Dave Barron is providing excellent leadership to his club.

The Rotary Club of Fairhope was our destination on Wednesday. Bob Callahan serves as President, and he is doing a wonderful job. The club has already completed hands-on work on an international water filtration project and has completed an application for District Simplified Grant funds to help with a child mortality project in the county. The Fairhope Rotary Club underwrites many of their projects with an annual Steak Cook-off fundraiser. It is fast becoming a tradition for their community. Members in the club have been working hard on their net 10% membership goal. This was evident when I was asked to help with the induction of 13 new members.

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

October 7- Mark Salmon and John Schmidt
October 14- Dr. Doug Hawkins and Dr. Nolan Hatcher (intl. 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 or call 697-1118

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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



