

THE TROY ROTARIAN

Oct. 7, 2008

Mickey Parish, District Governor

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

Welcome to the October 7th meeting of the Troy Rotary Club at the Troy Country Club. Today's Program is hosted by Mark Salmon and John Schmidt. They have invited Troy City Council President, Johnny Witherington. Welcome, Johnny and thank you for joining us today at Rotary.

Last Rotary Meeting

Last week's meeting was hosted by Curt Porter and David Price. They invited Dan Richards, digital mapping consultant for the Pike County Revenue Commission. There were 38 members present, 5 guests, Josh Simmons by Ed Telfair, Mary Helen Moon by Olaf Lieb, Dennis Rogers & Jason Ellis, Pike County Rev.Comm. & Melinda Conner- Big Brothers/Big Sisters. 1 visiting Rotarian, Ken May from Montgomery Sunrise. There was \$40 in the raffle. Winners were Ed Telfair, Josh Simmons, Mack Gibson and Bob Mills

Absent last week: Sohail Agboatwala, Mike Amos, Deanne Baggett, Richard Calhoun, Beth Collier, Steve Dennis, John Dew, Allen Dunn, Kim Edwards, Amy Flowers, Hal Fulmer, Stacy Graning, David Hamlin, Scott Hartley, Jack Hawkins, Robert Hawkins, Ed Hedden, Tom Hicks, Bill Hopper, Earl Ingram, Jodie Jeffcoat, Ben Ji, Bill Key, Johnny Long, Jimmy Lunsford, Charles Meeks, Tim Meeks, Richard Metzger, Tenise Owens, Paul Outlaw, Marcus Paramore, Benny Pinckard, Mark Salmon, Chris Schubert, Mike Shelton, Jim Waller, Alex Whaley

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

Carol Buzbee didn't know a soul in São Paulo, Brazil, when she arrived by medevac flight with her daughter, stricken by an unknown illness while volunteering with an international charity. Buzbee had no Brazilian currency, no visa, no luggage -- and she couldn't speak a word of Portuguese. After 48 hours alone in the hospital by her daughter Samantha's bedside, she was stunned when she received a telephone call from Rotarian Victor M. Esteves de Moraes, of the Rotary Club of São Paulo, offering to help her in any way he could. "Victor came to the hospital that night and handed me Brazilian money. He took my dirty clothes home to his house to be washed," recalls Carol.

Samantha had been volunteering with Amigos de las Americas in Paraguay when she became ill. Local doctors were initially unable to diagnose her illness, and her condition worsened. Shortly after her mother was flown in from their home in Mantua, Ohio, USA, Samantha was transferred to Albert Einstein hospital in São Paulo. Moraes and his wife and children welcomed Carol into their home when the hospital told her she could no longer spend the night in her daughter's room. "Once I knew someone needed help and it was in my reach to do it, I had to do it. Period," says Moraes.

Helping hands

Dulce Mara Romanin, District 4610 grants subcommittee chairperson, also stepped in, offering to take Carol out to lunch and to buy clothes and supplies. "She looked at me and said, 'Just think of me as an old best friend. Ask me anything; tell me anything,'" says Carol of Romanin.

Romanin and Moraes learned of the Buzbees' predicament after Samantha's grandmother, Phyllis Boldon, contacted the Rotary Club of Mantua on the chance that someone involved with Rotary might be able to help. Pearl Austin, president of the club, sent an e-mail to four district governors in São Paulo. Austin also tracked down a Youth Exchange host family in Ohio that had students from the São Paulo area. The students called their parents, who found an English-speaking doctor to visit the Buzbees in the hospital and reassure them. Samantha was eventually diagnosed with bacterial pneumonia. Once she was on the correct antibiotics and her condition improved, she was discharged, and the Buzbees returned home. Carol, Samantha, and Phyllis visited the Mantua club to express their thanks. "I did so little," says Austin. "It was the Rotarians in Brazil who came through so beautifully."

From District Governor, Mickey Parish

This past week I received a message from Rotary International President D. K. Lee. He was touching base to let me know of his activities and to encourage Rotarians in our district to keep up their good work. In my reply message to D.K., I told him of my excellent visits to District 6880 clubs, how hard our district committees were working, and how impressed I was with all of the activities and projects that were occurring. I shared with him how proud I was of your leadership and the great progress you are all making to increase membership. Our numbers continue to climb, which means we have more members involved in doing the work of Rotary. I am excited about the opportunities we have during this new quarter of our *Make Dreams Real* year.

Last Monday, Sheila and I visited the Rotary Club of Luverne. President Allen Phillips is doing a fine job leading his members. It was nice having DGE Carol Franks, AG Bobby Hood and Sue, and Aide Jim Bradley attending. We enjoyed hearing about their projects, and I was especially pleased to assist with the induction of 3 new members. The club has one more to induct, plus four more were proposed for membership during our visit. President Allen shared with me that their membership committee has started doing the obvious...reviewing the list of speakers for potential members. Great idea!

Tuesday found Sheila and me at the Rotary Club of Enterprise. AG Josh Wilson and Aide Jim Bradley joined us. Mary Sue Cain, their Club President presented an excellent power point overview of their club projects and activities. It was very interesting seeing pictures of their Rotary Centennial Playground, which they dedicated to Rotarian Jim Blackmore. Their draw-down fundraiser offers major support to many community organizations. I was pleased to lead the club's new member induction ceremony

Celebrations for the Month of October

Birthdays

* 11th- Allen Dunn
20th- Larry Hancock
21st- Tim Meeks
23rd- Steve Dennis
30th- Doug McLendon

Anniversaries

* 10th- Sohail Agboatwala
* 13th- Jean Laliberte

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

Upcoming program responsibilities

October 14- Doug Hawkins and 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
November 11- Jerry Williams and Sohail Agboatwala
November 18- Mike Amos and Deanne Baggett

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 at 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



