

THE TROY ROTARIAN

Oct. 14, 2008

Mickey Parish, District Governor

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

Welcome to the October 14th meeting of the Troy Rotary Club at Troy University's Trojan Arena. Today's International Program is hosted by Doug Hawkins and Nolan Hatcher.

Last Rotary Meeting

Last week's meeting was hosted by Mark Salmon and John Schmidt. They invited Troy City Council President, Johnny Witherington as our speaker. There were 44 members present and 1 make-up. There was \$45 in the raffle. Winners were Tom Collier, Carol Franks, and Bill Key

Absent last week: Richard Calhoun, Robert Cary, Beth Collier, Steve Dennis, John Dew, Marv Dillard, Kim Edwards, Earl Ellis, Hal Fulmer, Mack Gibson, Stacy Graning, Scott Hartley, Doug Hawkins, Jack Hawkins, Ed Hedden, Bill Hopper, Jodie Jeffcoat, Ben Ji, Jean Laliberte, Jimmy Lunsford, Tim Meeks, Richard Metzger, Tenise Owens, Paul Outlaw, Marcus Paramore, Curt Porter, John Schmidt, Ken Vaughan, Jim Waller, Alex Whaley, 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

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

A project begun by a Rotarian to honor the memory of his friend is now helping Kenyan orphans who've lost their parents to AIDS. David Maupin, a member of the Rotary Club of Redlands, California, USA, launched Quarters for Kenya in the spring of 2004 to honor the memory of his friend and fellow Rotarian Charles Kean, who died that year of a bacterial infection of the blood. The project helps raise funds to build orphanages in Kenya through The Shepherd's Homes. Donations have helped feed, house, and educate orphans in the small town of Gilgil, a suburb of Nairobi where Kean went to primary school, and in nearby Sigona.

The project is sponsored by the Rotary clubs of Downey, Redlands, Redlands Sunrise, and San Bernardino Crossroads, California, USA. In addition, students from local elementary schools and universities in California raise money for the orphanages through various fundraisers. Maupin modeled his project after Joseph Pulitzer's Pennies for Liberty campaign to bring the Statue of Liberty from France to the United States in the 1880s. He reasoned a quarter, with inflation, was the current equivalent of Pulitzer's penny, and set out to raise \$250,000, quarter by quarter.

Students became involved in the drive when a five-year-old agreed to raise \$50 in exchange for having his name painted on a Cessna that Maupin chartered for a fundraising flight to Kenya. The boy's teacher took notice, and began planning fundraisers at his school. Global business professor Jack Osborn, a member of the Redlands club and a friend of Kean, also introduced the program to his students at the University of Redlands.

Student-run

Four years later, a Quarters for Kenya group on the campus is almost entirely student-run and has raised more than \$35,000. David Armstrong, who coleads the group with Kaitlin Moore, spent two weeks visiting the orphanages. "They're so happy to be where they are, with the shelter they have and the love they're given," he says. "They're living comfortably and safely and are given a high-quality education. That makes every ounce of effort worthwhile."

Rotarians and Redlands students have worked side by side on the project. Students have held silent auctions, benefit concerts, and forums with local AIDS experts. Rotarians have used their connections to secure large raffle prizes. Maupin and Armstrong have visited church groups, Kiwanis clubs, women's groups, high schools, and universities seeking donations. "Students can reach a different type of people than Rotarians can," said Moore. "Maybe they don't have the money that Rotarians do, but now Quarters for Kenya is recognized by the Redlands community." "It's a fantastic tribute to Charles," says his widow, Susan. "He would be amazed. It wouldn't have occurred to him that people would be working so hard in his name."

From District Governor, Mickey Parish

You know, sometimes after a week like the last one of hearing nothing but discouraging economic news, we are tempted to loose focus on what really is most important in our lives. Unlike millions around the globe, I have to say

that I did not worry this past week about the cleanliness - even availability - of my water, about having enough food for my family, about protection from the elements, opportunities for education, care from a physician, or even having a job. Most in the world do not worry about their "portfolios" because they have none. The important things that matter to each of them center around life's basic needs of food, clean water, and shelter. As Rotarians, we should not be focusing on our circumstance; we should be channeling our efforts, even more so now, to others who need our help. District Simplified Grant and Matching Grant funds are available for your club to use in local and international projects. Deadlines are fast approaching. Helping is what Rotarians do best.

On Tuesday, I visited the Rotary Club of Andalusia. President Benny Gay is doing a great job leading his club. It is a very busy club, kicking-off each new Rotary Year with their World Championship Domino Tournament every July. Players come from all over the United States to participate. It was good to hear about some new projects the club is considering, as well as their dictionary distribution efforts coming soon. Okay, I have to mention this. At every club I have visited, I have shared the name of our District Membership Chairman, Mike Ward, and told how during his year as President of the Andalusia RC he led his club to increase the membership by about 17%. Well, Mike has been working along side Toby Atkinson, their Membership Development Chairman, on finding new members. At week-before-last's meeting, they had a special program where they discussed Rotary basics and talked about their club activities and projects. Along with the 43 members present, they had 31 (thirty-one) guests (a/k/a potential Rotarians) present. Oh, at that meeting they also inducted a new member, so the visitors could observe the ceremony. While it took a lot of hard work and planning by Mike, Toby, the Membership Committee, and club members, their efforts will pay off in new members. Also, back in July, President Benny placed a large sign at the front of the room that says, "Our club needs 15 new members", as a weekly reminder. At this rate, they will double that number. [Don't you think it would be a good idea to talk to Mike Ward about what your club could do to find new members? I'm telling you, he knows what he's doing. His contact information is on page 28 of the District 6880 Directory.]

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 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?

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