

THE TROY ROTARIAN

November 6, 2007

Richard Bollinger, District Governor

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

Welcome to the November 6th meeting of the Troy Rotary Club at the Troy Country Club. Our program today is hosted by Tom Hicks and Steve Hemendinger. They have invited Jerry Peak, Director of the Pioneer Museum of Alabama to present our program today.

Jerry has been working with the museum for the past four months. Prior to that, he taught high school history, physical education and driver education for 27 years before retiring in 2001. He graduated from Goshen High School and Troy State University. He is married to Joanne Rogers of Luverne and they have two grown children and five grandchildren.

Welcome to Rotary, Jerry! We are very glad to have you with us today at Rotary!

Last Rotary Meeting

Our program on October 30th was hosted by Jack Hawkins and Robert Hawkins. They invited Speaker of the House of Representatives Seth Hammett to present our program. Door prizes were won by Ken Vaughan, Cliff Eubanks, Ed Hedden and Earl Ingram. Guests included Pink Folmar and Jimmy Ramage of the Brundidge Rotary Club, Cam Martindale, Dianne Barron, and Lee Michael.

Doug McLendon was welcomed in as a new member last week. He was sponsored by Olaf Lieb. Welcome to Rotary, Doug!

Please remember that you will be fined \$2.00 if your cell phone rings during a meeting. Phones should be off or set to vibrate only.

***Check out the newly updated Troy Rotary Club website. Thanks to Adam Drinkwater and Olaf Lieb for their hard work on this. www.troyrotaryclub.net

There will be a board meeting at 5:00 p.m. at Carol's home on Tuesday, November 13. Please put this date on your calendar if you are on the board.

<http://rotary6880.org/> District 6880 Website (new and updated)

<http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/254en.pdf> How to propose a new member

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

From District Governor Richard Bollinger

Dear 6880 Rotarians,

As your 2007-2008 District Governor I can truly say that the opportunity to serve continues to be a pleasure. I look forward to the next eight months as we continue to "Share Rotary" together. While I reflected on the Clubs I have visited in our District at dinner in Evanston, I asked RI President Wilf Wilkinson how many Districts he had visited. He said, he had visited many Districts three and four at a time but was not sure of the number except for the fact that he had visited seventy countries already.

Membership Minute - A few simple steps can have a significant impact on the loss of club members. Here a few suggestions: Attendance - Pay careful attention to attendance trends. Not attending meetings is one of the first signs of lack of member interest. Make a call. Burn Out - Maybe you think that most Rotarians who drop their membership are "burned out" because they have been overworked. Nothing is further from the truth. Rotarians drop out because they are under-worked and few people recognize what they can truly contribute. Retention - While making sure new members feel welcomed, involved and comfortable, it is important to remember long-term members. Scramble seating arrangements - This will allow all members to become better acquainted. Try having members pick a table number at random when they sign into the meeting. Rotarian of the Month - Highlight one member each month for a significant or on-going contribution to Rotary or the community. Have them give a short presentation about something in their life. It could be business, their family or anything. New Members Make Great Greeters - It's a great way for them to meet all club members. Senior Members - Every club has older members who have never held a club office and newer members who are just itching to be put to work. Resolve to put these Rotarians to work. Collect Autographs - Give new members four or five weeks to have every member of the club sign the new member's club directory. A simple but effective way to ensure new members meet every Rotarian in the club and every club member meets the new member.

Group Study Exchange - GSE District Chair Cindy Lanier is asking all Club Presidents to continue asking at their Club meetings for their members to seek applicants to be selected for either a GSE Team

leader (a Rotarian position) or for one of the four team member positions (non Rotarian). Cindy would like to close the application process at the end of November. Additional information can be obtained from Cindy by emailing her at rose272@aol.com or calling her at (334) 774-4938 (off).

Celebrations for the Month of November

November Birthdays

Shelia Jackson – November 1
Angie Roling – November 3
**Sandi Gouge – November 7
Floyd Porter – November 17

November Anniversaries

**Adam Drinkwater – November 10
Ed Hedden – November 14
Bill Hopper – November 25

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

Upcoming program responsibilities

November 13 – Bill Hopper and Earl Ingram have invited Faith Ward and Lindsay Hopper of Troy University Alumni Affairs to give us an update on alumni events
November 20 – Shelia Jackson and Jodie Jefcoat
November 27 – Ben Ji and Ross Jinright will host Senator Wendell Mitchell
December 4 – Jason Jones and Bill Key will host the CHHS Jazz Ensemble
December 11 – evening meeting – Christmas Dinner
December 18 – final meeting before the holidays
December 25 and January 1 – no meetings

Remember that you are responsible for the raffle prize on the day that you have the program. Please pass along program information to Ray or Carol when you know who the program is so it can be listed in the bulletin. Email info to Carol at cfranks@troycable.net

OFFICERS FOR THE 2007- 2008 ROTARY YEAR

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The Four Way Test:

Of the things we think, say and 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?

2007 – 2008 Rotary International Theme

