

# THE TROY ROTARIAN

November 27, 2007

Richard Bollinger, District Governor

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

Welcome to the November 27<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Troy Rotary Club at the Troy Country Club. Our program today is hosted by Ross Jinright and Ben Ji. They have invited Senator Wendell Mitchell to present our program today. Welcome to Rotary, Senator Mitchell! We are very glad to have you with us at Rotary today.

## Last Rotary Meeting

Our program on November 20<sup>th</sup> was hosted by Jodie Jefcoat and Shelia Jackson. They hosted Bill Gauspohl, who discussed the proposed Miracle League Field. There were 45 members and two guests. Graham Fountain was a guest of Carol Franks, and Bill Stewart was a guest of Henry Stewart. There was \$53 in the raffle. Door prizes were won by Carol Franks, Graham Fountain, Bill Gauspohl, Ken Vaughan and Olaf Lieb.

*Missing in action last week: Sohail Agboatwala, Dickie Calhoun, Steve Cooke, Kenny Cox, Steve Dennis, Larry Hancock, Scott Hartley, Nolan Hatcher, Jack Hawkins, Steve Hemendinger, Tom Hicks, Bill Hopper, Bill Key, Jean Laliberte, Greg Meeks, Richard Metzger, Tenise Owens, Paul Outlaw, Marcus Paramore, Curt Porter, Floyd Porter, John Schmidt, Mike Shelton, Alex Whaley, Ann Williams*

*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](http://www.troyrotaryclub.net)**

<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 Rotary International – major announcement

This is certainly something we all as Rotarians can be proud of:

*Dear Fellow Rotarians,*

*This is a historic day for Rotary. It is our great pleasure to inform you of a new partnership between Rotary International and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation that will provide a much needed US\$200 million in support of our top goal of a polio-free world.*

*The Gates Foundation has awarded The Rotary Foundation a challenge grant of \$100 million, which Rotary will match, dollar for dollar, over three years. This is the largest single grant ever given to a volunteer service organization and represents a tremendous validation of the approach and success of our PolioPlus program.*

*This partnership comes at a critical juncture for the polio eradication initiative, which needs an infusion of funds to reach the eradication goal. For this reason, the initial \$100 million will be distributed by The Rotary Foundation through grants to the World Health Organization and UNICEF in direct support of polio immunization activities in 2008.*

*Your participation in this effort is crucial to making it a success. The Rotary International Board of Directors and the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation have unanimously agreed to accept this challenge grant to ensure the success of the PolioPlus program. We feel confident that this extraordinary commitment from the Gates Foundation and Rotary will serve as a catalyst for further donations from others to help us realize the dream of a polio-free world.*

*In 1985, we promised every child a world free from the threat of polio, and we are almost there. This funding agreement between Rotary and the Gates Foundation is a huge step forward, bringing us even closer to our goal. Success is our only option.*

## From DG Richard Bollinger

As each month arrives, Rotary has a theme on which to focus, but don't let that distract you from the yearlong goal of increasing the membership in your club! Multitasking is the name of the game these days, it seems! New members are the lifeblood of Rotary, bringing fresh ideas and enthusiasm to your meetings and activities.

The figures are in for the first third of the year. As a district, we are making gains, and are just on track to reach the average goal of increasing membership by 48, matching the number of clubs in our district. You can go to the website:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/GeneralInformation/MembershipResources/Pages/ridefault.aspx> where you will find some useful resources and information. In particular, the growth over the first 4 months is shown for all districts. District 6880 has gained 17 members for a .63% growth rate. That is good news, but it also means that we cannot rest on our laurels!

The Auburn club provides the tip for this month. The club has produced wallet size cards with "Please be our guest at our Rotary Club meeting" printed on them with a place to add a date and time; these are distributed to the club members for them to give to prospective members as a reminder to try to make it to a meeting. If you have not yet done so, you (or your membership committee chair) might consider signing up for the RI Membership Minute, enabling you to receive an occasional email describing ideas, tips and trends. To do so, you can simply enter your email at:

<http://visitor.constantcontact.com/email.jsp?m=1101610838863> or check

<http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/GeneralInformation/MembershipResources/Pages/MembershipMinute.aspx> for a discussion of this resource – past emails are also listed there.

## **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  
\*\*Marcus Paramore – December 2

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

### Upcoming program responsibilities

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](mailto: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?*

