

THE TROY ROTARIAN

Dec. 2nd, 2008

Mickey Parish, District Governor

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

Welcome to the December 2nd meeting of the Troy Rotary Club at the Troy Country Club. Today's Program is hosted by Robert Cary and Dickie Calhoun. They have invited Amanda Ford and the Charles Henderson Middle School Jazz band to perform for us today. Welcome, Amanda and thank you for joining us today at Rotary.

Last Rotary Meeting

The November 25th meeting was hosted by Jerry Williams and Sohail Agboatwala. They invited Mike Murphy, Head Women's basketball coach at Troy University as our speaker. There were 38 members present, 2 make-ups and 2 guests (Jane Cummings by Chris Schubert, Ron Drinkard by Doug Hawkins). There was \$35.00 in door price receipts.

Absent last week: Deanne Baggett, Matt Baker, Dave Barron, Robert Cary, Steve Dennis, John Dew, Marv Dillard, Kim Edwards, Rusty Eldridge, Cliff Eubanks, Linda Felton-Smith, Hal Fulmer, Sandi Gouge, Stacy Graning, Scott Hartley, Jack Hawkins, Tom Hicks, Bill Hopper, Earl Ingram, Jodie Jefcoat, Ben Ji, Ross Jinright, Jason Jones, Bill Key, Jean Laliberte, Olaf Lieb, Tim Meeks, Richard Metzger, Tenise Owens, Paul Outlaw, Benny Pinckard, Curt Porter, David Price, John Schmidt, Mike Shelton, Ken Vaughan, 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

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

****Note-** The Brundidge Rotary Club is now meeting at The Brundidge Country Club; same time and day (Wednesdays at 12:30)

From Rotary International

Dear fellow Rotarians,

As a father of four and grandfather of five, I have been fortunate to have spent many years in the company of children. When raising our own children, my wife, Young, and I worked hard to give them what all children need most: a loving, safe, and stable home. Our children were our first priority, and we made sure that they always had nutritious food, appropriate clothing, quality medical care, and a good education. We knew very well how fortunate we were to be able to do this. We were grateful that we never had to say to our children, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing to eat tonight," or "I'm sorry, but we can't pay your school fees."

When I was a child, Korea was a poor country, and there were many children who went to bed hungry at night and had no school to go to in the morning. As a Rotarian, I know only too well that there are still far too many children in the world without the absolute essentials: food, clothing, shelter, medical care, and education. And as a Rotarian who is also a father, I consider all of the world's children to be my responsibility.

When I see my own grandchildren – happy, healthy, and enrolled in good schools – I cannot help but think of the millions of children who do not have so many advantages. I think of the children who have too little to eat and only dirty water to drink. I think of the children who are sick with diseases that could have been prevented and those who will have nowhere safe to sleep tonight. And I think of the children, millions of them every year, who won't live to see their fifth birthday.

December is Family Month. It is a time to focus on our families, to involve them in our Rotary service, and to challenge ourselves to do even more for those in need. Because there are so many families and so many children waiting for our help, we, as Rotarians, cannot look away. We cannot and will not rest until all children, everywhere, have the chance for a long and healthy life. We will not rest until we *Make Dreams Real* for every child in every home where there is hunger, sickness, and want. As Rotarians, we can do no less.

Dong Kurn (D.K.) Lee
President, Rotary International

From District Governor, Mickey Parish

This month is one of my favorites in Rotary. We celebrate *Family of Rotary Month* and most always come to understand the true meaning of service to mankind. Many of our December club projects focus on the needs of others, especially for children who have little. I believe the days surrounding Thanksgiving help us reorganize our thinking and priorities to move us more effectively into this season of sharing.

It really is wonderful to be part of a family who touches the entire world, a family who works hand-in-hand to change circumstances for the better. I am constantly amazed that the members of our Rotary Family are not superstars, but just a group of unknown and imperfect men and women who have a desire to leave the world a better place than when they arrived. The joining together of hope, joy, and love in our work really is a marvelous thing. Together, Rotarians are able to complete tasks we could never do alone, or even with a few. As a unit, we are empowered to accomplish what would otherwise seem impossible.

I am truly thankful for you and the part you play in Rotary...in your club, in our district, and in the world. To understand that we can be used for good, as inadequate and unwise as we are, is part of the wonder of the season.

Celebrations for the Month of December

Birthdays

* 13th- Ed Telfair
16th- Tom Hicks
28th- Kenny Cox
28th- Johnny Long
30th- Benny Pinckard

Anniversaries

* 2nd- Marcus Paramore
28th- Steve Cooke
29th- Marv Dillard

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

Upcoming program responsibilities

December 9-no meeting at noon- Christmas Party at 7:00pm @ Troy Country Club
December 16-Ken Cox and Kenny Cox

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



