

THE TROY ROTARIAN

December 4, 2007

Richard Bollinger, District Governor

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

Welcome to the December 4th meeting of the Troy Rotary Club at the Troy Country Club. Our program today is hosted by Bill Key and Jason Jones. They will host the Charles Henderson High School Jazz Band under the direction of Amanda Ford. Welcome to all! We are very glad to have you with us at Rotary today.

Last Rotary Meeting

Our program on November 27th was hosted by Ross Jinright and Ben Ji. They hosted Senator Wendell Mitchell who discussed a variety of legislative issues. Guests included Mary Ida Williams and Fred Gouge, and visiting Rotarian Cam Martindale. There was \$58 in the door prize and 51 members present, and two makeups submitted.

Absent from last week's meeting: Mike Amos, Marv Dillard, Cliff Eubanks, Linda Felton Smith, Carol Franks, Hal Fulmer, Mac Gibson, Stacy Graning, Steve Hemendinger, Tom Hicks, Bill Hopper, Jodie Jefcoat, Bill Key, Tim Meeks, Richard Metzger, Paul Outlaw, Curt Porter, David Price, Mike Shelton, Ray Smith and Alex Whaley.

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://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

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

Dear 6880 Rotarians,

December is Rotary Family Month. When you plan your socials during this Holiday Time, demonstrate your commitment to your family and the extended family of Rotary by inviting them to participate with you. I have added the incoming Club President Elects to the Monday Sharings. Welcome-

• It is time to report your club's 2008-09 club officers to RI and District 6880, **This information is due no later than December 31, 2007. The Official Directory Data Form can be found at:** http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/od_dataform_en.pdf . The current club president or secretary can also update the information online by going to www.rotary.org , clicking on Member Access, and

using the Update Club Data link. The name and contact information of the 2008-09 club president and secretary should also be sent to our District Secretary Ken May, dg6880sec@bellsouth.net .

· RYLA, I have mailed out to each President a packet for RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards). It is scheduled for April 3-6. We would like student participants from every club. Observers for RYLA are also need (Thursday thru Sunday or even for just one day at a time). Have your Club Chairperson work with this year's District Chair Darren Glass Tglass1@bellsouth.net , (334) 295-5541 Office.

· Nominations For District Governor, PDG Robert Greer is this year's District Chair. He is continuing to seek nominations for District Governor, for 2010-2011. Clubs wishing to nominate someone should do so before December 17th. The nominations should be sent in resolution form, certified by the club secretary and sent directly to PDG Robert Greer.

· Membership, Club Presidents please remember my membership challenge. Refresh your memory by reviewing last month's District Newsletter. I have added a new place on the district Web site for you to send your new members to. Check it out.

Celebrations for the Month of December

December Birthdays

December 13 – Ed Telfair
**December 16 – Tom Hicks
December 28 – Ken Cox
December 28 – John Long
December 30 – Benny Pinckard

December Anniversaries

December 2 – Marcus Paramore
December 29 – Marv Dillard

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

Upcoming program responsibilities

December 11 – evening meeting – Christmas Dinner
December 18 – final meeting before the holidays
December 25 and January 1 – no meetings
January 8 – Jean Laliberte and Olaf Lieb
January 15 – John Long and Doug McLendon

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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Henry Stewart – Assistant District Governor Area Four hstewart@troy.edu
Carol Franks – District Governor Nominee – cfranks@troycable.net

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?

