

THE TROY ROTARIAN

Dec. 16th, 2008

Mickey Parish, District Governor

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

Welcome to the December 16th meeting of the Troy Rotary Club at the Troy Country Club. Today's Program is hosted by Ken Cox and Kenny Cox. They have invited Steven Kilcrease, Pike Liberal Arts Head Football Coach / Athletic Director, and the Sr. football players. Welcome, Steven and thank you for joining us today at Rotary.

Last Rotary Meeting

The Dec. 2nd meeting was hosted by Robert Cary and Dickie Calhoun. They invited Amanda Ford and the Charles Henderson High School Jazz band. They provided us with a wonderful selection of Christmas music. There were 39 members present, 3 make-ups and 2 guests (July Fulmer by Hal Fulmer & Sue Hood by Billy Hood, visiting Rotarian from Brundidge). There was \$38.00 in door price receipts. Winners were Ann Williams, Jerry Williams, and Hal Fulmer.

Dec. 9th was our Christmas Dinner at the Country Club

Absent last week: Sohail Agboatwala, Mike Amos, Deanne Baggett, Matt Baker, Steve Cook, Kenny Cox, John Dew, Marv Dillard, Allen Dunn, Carol Franks, Stacy Graning, David Hamlin, Jack Hawkins, Robert Hawkins, Bill Hopper, Jodie Jefcoat, Ben Ji, Ross Jinright, Bill Key, Jean Laliberte, Olaf Lieb, Johnny Long, Jimmy Lunsford, Charles Meeks, Greg Meeks, Tim Meeks, Bob Mills, Tenise Owens, Paul Outlaw, Marcus Paramore, Mark Salmon, John Schmidt, Mike Shelton, Josh Simmons, Ed Telfair, Jim Waller

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

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<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

Congratulations

to Sohail & Cissy on the birth of their daughter

From Rotary International

Hugh Craft drives around his beloved St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana, USA, just six miles east of downtown New Orleans. He looks out the window of his car and sees a place he used to know. His eyes well up, but only for a moment. He has work to do. Before August 2005, St. Bernard Parish had 68,000 residents. In the wake of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, every home, along with 15 schools and 30 businesses, was under water for two weeks. Two hospitals were destroyed, and more than 200 parish residents lost their lives.

Craft, 69, saved the Rotary Club of St. Bernard (Chalmette), Louisiana, USA. "Everyone left the parish," he says. "People were spread over multiple states. We were down to three Rotarians, but we never gave up our charter." The club stayed alive with the help of the local Covenant United Methodist Church, which also housed and fed the volunteers who came to rebuild homes in the parish. On 27 July 2006, the club held its first post-Katrina meeting there. "There was still no air conditioning, so we met on the porch," Craft recalls. Members of the Slidell North Shore Rotary club brought lunch and drinks. "They were flooded over in St. Tammany Parish, but they came and helped us."

Craft, a former teacher who is currently serving his second two-year term as president of the St. Bernard Parish School Board, helped secure FEMA funds to build eight new schools, all of which were up and running by August 2008. He found time to do all this while rebuilding the tan brick home where he and Carolon, his wife of 46 years, have lived since 1966. "I had water up to the ceiling of my house," he says. The couple lived in a FEMA trailer before relocating to Slidell; the formaldehyde fumes in the trailer made it difficult to breathe. Craft now commutes 60 miles every day to help rebuild his parish.

"I'm not a recliner man," he says in a stand-up Dixie drawl. "My wife says, 'You're busy saving the world; now why don't you put this light bulb in the bathroom?' But we're still struggling to come back." The community has received donations from Rotary clubs in Louisiana, California, Ohio, Florida, and South Carolina. The Boca Raton club delivered US\$20,000 worth of medical supplies to the parish. A club in Tokyo sent two Rotarians with a \$17,000 donation for the school system. At District 6840's (New Orleans) conference in April, Craft was honored with the RI Service Above Self award – the highest honor a Rotarian can receive. "At the time of Katrina, there were zero teachers and no buildings," Craft says. "It looked bleak. Now we have 4,300 students with eight schools back. Things are not like they were, but we are making progress. There's one common thread with the people I talk to: They want to come home."

From Rotary International

Brian Farr expected to hear inspiring speakers at the Rotary World Peace Symposium last year in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA -- among them, his daughter Jana, a Rotary World Peace Fellow, who was delivering the invocation. What he didn't expect was to be so motivated by what he heard that he would enroll in a peace studies program himself. In April, Farr, assistant attorney general for the State of Utah, graduated from the three-month peace and conflict studies program at the Rotary Center at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand.

He credits Past RI President Charles C. Keller's "visionary" speech for providing the key inspiration. Keller talked of the need to seek more peaceful means of conflict resolution and "emphasized that peace-building is not a spectator sport," Farr says. Neither he nor his daughter could be accused of standing on the sidelines as far as peace is concerned. They helped build international goodwill before the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City and worked on developing the Global Mediation Project, a component of the city's future vision.

"It's been fun to see how our lives continue to cross paths in our work," says Jana, who will graduate from the University of Bradford in December. "Our conversations have become richer during my study in England and his in Thailand. We enjoyed bouncing ideas off each other."

Spending time with Rotarians has been a highlight of Jana's experience, just as it was for her father during the 2007 RI Convention. "It was that international spirit of Rotary that pulled me toward Chulalongkorn nearly as much as Keller's speech," he says. The father-daughter team is exploring how best to use a combined body of knowledge and passion to meaningfully contribute to building peace. "And we're also looking forward to continued interactions with Rotary," Jana says.

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

January 6- Steve Dennis & Marv Dillard
January 13- Matt Baker & Vickie Bowen
January 20- Allen Dunn & Kim Edwards
January 27- Rusty Eldridge & Earl Ellis
February 3- Cliff Eubanks & Joe Faulk
February 10- Linda Felton-Smith & Hal Fulmer
February 17- Mack Gibson & Stacy Graning
February 24- David Hamlin & Larry Hancock

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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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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