

THE TROY ROTARIAN

December 18, 2007

Richard Bollinger, District Governor

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

Welcome to the December 18th meeting of the Troy Rotary Club at the Troy Country Club. Our program today is our last meeting before the holidays. Thanks to Meg Jackson and Michael Hix for being our program today. They will lead some singing and also discuss their experiences as Rotary Scholars. Both Michael and Meg teach in the John M. Long School of Music at Troy University. Thank you very much for joining us at Rotary. We are glad to have you with us today!

Last Rotary Meeting

Our program on December 4th was hosted by Bill Key and Jason Jones. They hosted the CHHS Jazz Band under the direction of Amanda Ford. Guests included Cam Martindale and Lisa Dennis. Door prizes were won by Bob Mills, John Dew and Greg Meeks. There was \$62 in the door prize and 67 present, including our guests.

On December 11th we held our evening Christmas dinner which was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to the board for their hard work in planning the event, in particular Amy Flowers. Also, thanks to the jazz ensemble from Troy University for their music and to Shelia Jackson for providing gift baskets to be given as door prizes. \$300 was raised for the door prizes and this money will be given to the Child Advocacy Center.

President Ray announced that our district simplified grant request for \$900 was approved in full. This will help pay for the books purchased through Operation Outreach.

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 (also 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

What would you do if you won US\$30,000? For Marc Jacobson, the answer was easy: Give it back.

Jacobson bought the winning ticket in an annual charity raffle sponsored by the [Rotary Club of Northbrook, Illinois, USA](#). When Joe Cavolick, the club member who sold him the ticket, called with the news, Jacobson immediately said, "Donate it back."

"Marc, the prize is a new car or \$30,000," Cavolick told him. "Why don't you take a few minutes and give me a call back?"

Jacobson, 43, consulted with his wife, Lauren, and phoned Cavolick. "Joe, I don't take money from charities," he told him.

Jacobson, who owns a financial services company in Northbrook, says he's been buying raffle tickets from Cavolick, a client of his, for five years. The club sells 800 tickets for \$100 each and gives the proceeds to scholarships and local charities. Jacobson, who is not a Rotarian, is the second person to turn down the grand prize.

The club honored the Jacobson's for their generosity at a weekly meeting in November. "I believe donating money has always felt much better than [keeping] found money. This is found money," Marc Jacobson said before the event. Jacobson says he's looking forward to buying a raffle ticket next year. He already knows what he'll do if he wins

*Rotarian musicians in Sacramento, California, USA, have found a way to keep big-band tunes alive – and make money for service projects and The Rotary Foundation. The five Rotarians form part of the nine-member Sacramento Rotary Rooters swing band, which released a CD in September called *The Rooters Remember the Big Band Era*. After the band pays back the \$15,000 loan it received from the Rotary Club of Sacramento to produce and market the CD, all profits will benefit the Foundation and the Sacramento club's local projects.*

The band members perform about 60 times a year at musical events, Rotary club and district conferences, and senior residences. Gigs generally earn \$100 to \$200, with proceeds split between the Foundation and community service activities. "You'll find us wherever folks like to swing," says bandleader Evans "Red" Clark, a member of

the Sacramento club. A highly regarded drummer throughout the 1940s, Clark, 86, crossed the nation with many of the era's top performers, including Tex Beneke, Del Courtney, Helen Forrest, Mel Tormé, and Joe Venuti. In 1951, he formed the Red Clark Orchestra, which played in Northern California for years. ¹

Clark still has plenty of chops today, now playing saxophone with the Rooters, which includes members of the Rotary clubs of Sacramento and West Sacramento. Formed more than 20 years ago, today's band features a five-piece sax section and a trombonist, pianist, bass player, and drummer. "We were originally a traditional jazz band, but we've evolved through changing combinations of members and instruments," says pianist Paul Stone, 82, the original bandleader and a member of the Sacramento club. "Red has led the band the past decade, and we're now 100 percent swing. Our current members are the most talented we've assembled, including several swing-era professionals." Songs on the Rooters' CD include "September in the Rain," and "Georgia on My Mind," in which Tom Wallace, 72, of the West Sacramento club, blows a soulful alto sax.

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

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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?

