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Rotary Club of Greater Huntsville

Celebrating Twenty Years of Service above Self

March 3, 2010

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This Week's Program:

Huntsville Hospital
Pediatric Audiology
Center, Candy Burnett,
Andrea Hill, and Ginger
Mason

Candy Burnett, President Huntsville Hospital Foundation

A Huntsville native, Candy Burnett graduated from Jacksonville State University with a B.S. degree in Business Administration, and did post-graduate work at the University of Alabama.

Candy joined the Huntsville Hospital Foundation staff in 1997, and has served as president since 2001. She serves on the international Board of the Association for Healthcare Philanthropy, is a graduate of Leadership Huntsville/Madison County, and is a member of the Huntsville Rotary Club and Huntsville Symphony Orchestra Guild. She is married to Dr. John Burnett, a finance professor at the University of Alabama in Huntsville.



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Photos from the Gala- 2010



Gala Committee Members



Gala Artists



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North Alabama RYLA Impacts District 6860 Scholars

– By Gary Andrew, District RYLA Chair

Each year a planning committee from the three Huntsville/Madison area Rotary Clubs and the US Space and Rocket Center plan and present the North Alabama Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (NA RYLA) Program. This year 26 District 6860 Clubs sponsored our largest class ever with 100 scholars!

Pat Cross, RC of Madison, led the 2010 NA RYLA Planning Committee, and selected speakers who relate to the scholars and inspire them to excellence. Al Mathis teaches the Four Way test. Irma Tudor --- Leadership in Business. Col John Reitzell --- Leadership Challenges. Judge Sybil Cleveland --- Leadership in the Judicial System. Dick Reeves and Dorcas Harris share their Polio Plus trip to India.

The RYLA Scholars learn and are inspired from these fine examples of leadership and success. They also learn the Four Way test and Rotary Motto and about opportunities they can have in the future (Interact, Rotaract, Student Exchange, and Scholarships) if they continue to work with Rotary.

The program this year featured an innovative partnership with the Rotaract Club of Huntsville. The NA RYLA Students working in teams were challenged to develop ideas and plans for a Community Service project and present the plans to leaders from the Rotaract Club for consideration as their next Community Service Project!

“I thought the RYLA program was awesome! I made a lot of new friends and had a great time through activities, speakers, games, etc. I would love to attend in following years! I plan to take what I have learned here and apply the leadership skills I have acquired at this camp. I have learned so many things that have truly inspired me and driven me to become a better person at home and in the classroom. I know now that no matter what, I can follow my dreams and achieve anything that I pursue. Thank you very much!” - Anna Henderson – NA RYLA 2010.

Such accolades are typical of the feedback we receive following the Districts decision four years ago to initiate a NA RYLA Program in partnership with the US Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville.

It’s been nothing but a joy to serve as District RYLA Chair and see the NA RYLA Program grow to one of the best in the Nation. The Rotary Clubs of Huntsville, Greater Huntsville and Madison Clubs in partnership with the US Space and Rocket Center are making a difference in the lives of scholars from across District 6860 that will pay dividends in Rotary Membership for years to come. Indeed, “The Future of Rotary is in our hands.”

Karen Morris, RC of Madison, will be the new District 6860 RYLA Chair for Rotary year 2010-1011. Melanie Buford, RC of Greater Huntsville, will be the Chairperson for NA RYLA 2011 which will be held at the US Space and Rocket Center 3-5 February 2011.



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Notes:

Congratulations New Parents and Grandparents-Last week President Joe Bergantz called Dwight Sloan to the podium to receive a present that will help him and Susan celebrate the arrival of their new grand-baby. What Dwight received was two wrapped packages each containing a Huntsville Times newspaper published on the day the baby was born, and a Huntsville Times birth announcement issue published the Saturday following the birth. The package in baby wrap will be kept by Dwight and Susan as a remembrance. The package in birthday wrap, with a twenty-first birthday card attached will, hopefully, be presented by Dwight and Susan twenty-one years from now. Twenty one years from today, when their grandchild opens the package, imagine the reaction. Will it be shock, amazement, surprise, who knows what gratitude to be certain. Club members have been receiving this present for some time.

Should a member learn of a new parent or grandparent let the Director of Club Service know the details and a present will be prepared. Does this offer extend to non –members? Why not? If the person to receive the present is invited to the luncheon to receive it a present will be prepared. Don't forget keep alert for an opportunity; and remember it is most effective if it comes as a surprise.