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This Week's Program:

February 8th, 2012

Founders Day



The first four Rotarians –

Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram Shorey, and Paul P. Harris

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As they began to meet regularly, bringing other acquaintances into their "club," they chose "Rotary" for the club name as they met by rotation at different places hosted by the members. Early on, Harris realized that Rotary needed a greater purpose. While Harris served as president of the Chicago Rotary Club in 1907, the club initiated its first public service project, the construction of public toilets in Chicago. This step transformed Rotary into the world's first Service Club.

As initial members traveled or moved, the idea spread, and by 1910, with sixteen clubs, the national Association of Rotary Clubs was organized. Paul Harris was elected as first president of the National Association of Rotary Clubs in 1910, and is the only president to have served two terms. When clubs were formed in Canada and Great Britain, the name was changed to International Association of Rotary Clubs. In 1922, the name was shortened to Rotary International.

Paul Harris Fellow recognition was created in memory of Paul Harris, the founder of Rotary, as a way to show appreciation for contributions to the Foundation's charitable and educational program. An endowment fund, set up by Rotarians in 1917 "for doing good in the world," became a not-for-profit corporation known as The Rotary Foundation in 1928. The Rotary Foundation lends its name, through the Paul Harris Fellowships, to honor benefactors and donors who support the work of the Foundation and its worldwide philanthropic projects. The Rotary Foundation continues to be a major vehicle of Rotarian service internationally.

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.



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SPECIAL GUEST - Martin Uptain, Governor District 6860



Martin Uptain was born in Greenfield, Tennessee on July 18, 1941. He eventually moved to Russellville, Alabama where he graduated from Russellville High School in 1959. Martin then decided to serve his country and enlisted in the United States Air Force where he served honorably from 1959 until 1963 as a Fuel System Specialist on the B-52 Bomber, Kc-135 Refuel Plane, GAM-77 and GAM 72 missiles.

After his discharge from the Air Force, Martin went to work for Lockheed Air Craft. He then went to work for Southern Bell in Decatur, AL and served in various jobs throughout North Alabama until 1975 when he was then promoted to Management and was assigned to Birmingham. Martin attended the University of North Alabama in Florence and graduated in 1975.

His position was transferred to AT&T in 1984 when the federal government divided all the Bell Companies from AT&T. Martin became a Sales Manager for Alabama, Mississippi, and part of Louisiana and Tennessee. He then worked for 4 years supporting NASA and the Boeing Company on the Space Shuttle Program for all 9 centers.

Martin retired from ATT&T on December 30, 1989 and subsequently enrolled in the Birmingham School of Law, graduated in 1993, and concurrently graduated from the Alabama Police Academy in 1992. Martin opened his Law office on October 1, 1994 where he is still practicing law today.

Mr. Uptain is divorced and has 3 children: Lisa, Marty, and David. He is also a proud Grandfather to 5 grandchildren: Austin, Morgan, Tatum, Lexie, and David Seth. He is a member of the Gardendale Baptist Church where he serves as the President and Assistant Teacher for his Sunday School class. Martin enjoys the outdoors where he loves to fish, hunt, scuba dive, farm, and play a round or two of golf.

In 1998 Martin decided to become a Rotarian even though he was once told by a Rotarian that he would not make a good Rotarian (which he says maybe true). However, he became a Rotarian because he wanted to make a difference in the lives of people here in Alabama and those around the globe. Martin understood completely the vision of: "Service above Self" when he became the President of his club in 1999 and again in 2001. He went on to serve as Assistant Governor for 3 years, District Assembly for 3 years, Assistant to District Conference 3 years, District Secretary for 2 years, and District Gov-Nominee and District Gov-Elect. Martin is a Charter Member of the Paul Harris Society and a multiple Paul Harris Fellow.



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CONGRATULATIONS
NON-ROTARIAN PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS
WITHIN OUR ROTARY FAMILY
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Lisa F. Andrew	Daughter-In-Law of Gary Andrew
Julie M. Andrzejewski	Daughter of Gene Andrzejewski
Dylan Cole Chandler	Step Grandson of Doug Barclay
Jacqueline S. Ginsburg	Wife of Saul Ginsburg
Calvin J. Havens III	Husband of Dorothy Havens
Mary Katherine Lancaster	Granddaughter of Dick Fisher
Carl R. Larson	Rotarian Son of Charles Larson
Eileen M. Luther	Wife of Pete Luther
Danny T. Mason	Husband of Michele Mason
Roger B. McWhorter	Husband of Faye McWhorter
Joseph Scott Newberry	Son of Joe Newberry
Michelle A. Newberry	Daughter of Joe Newberry
Kathryn M. Parsons	Daughter of Ray Baker
Nabigambo Qualls	Adopted Daughter of Rodger Qualls
Rita Jo Risse	Wife of Jack Risse
Dawn Stanley	Wife of Thornton Stanley
Patsy S. Wainwright	Wife of Ron Wainwright



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PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Douglas H. Barclay	PHF +6	Larry Creech	PHF
James R. Fisher	PHF +3	Paul C. Freeman	PHF
Eugene Andrzejewski	PHF +2	Connie Gerlach	PHF
William Axenroth	PHF +2	Wayne B. Glenn	PHF
Lewis Ray Baker	PHF +2	Donna Lamb	PHF
Faye Letson McWhorter	PHF +2	George E. Lewis	PHF
Joseph Newberry	PHF +2	James K. Lewis	PHF
Marcia Elkins	PHF +1	Arthur Charles Meier	PHF
Saul A. Ginsburg	PHF +1	Rodger Qualls	PHF
Dorothy Havens	PHF +1		
Charles A. Larson	PHF +1		
Peter J. Luther	PHF +1		
Michele L. Mason	PHF +1		
Ben Jack Risse	PHF +1		
Thornton Stanley	PHF +1		
Edward L. Stone	PHF +1		
Ronald G. Wainwright	PHF +1		
Pamela C. Berry	PHF		
Marie Cayse	PHF		
Frederick Lee Cook	PHF		



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We are pleased to announce a District-wide Interact Event on Saturday, March 3, 2012 at the Rotary Guntersville Lake Lodge. The event is limited to 75 persons, including Interact members, Rotarians and Interact sponsors. SO, get your Interact Chairperson to make sure your Interact Club has representation at this first district event for our youth in Interact!

The day starts at 9:00 am and ends at 2:00 pm with lunch provided. The registration fee is \$5.00 per person to hold that registration place. The program will include:

Key Note Speaker: Brandon Wilson - Rotaract Club of Birmingham member, GSE team member to Brazil and small business owner. Presentations about RYLA and other Rotary Youth opportunities will also be a part of day as well as fun activities!

Thank you to the Rotary Club of Guntersville for securing the Rotary Lodge for the day. Other clubs in our District Group C are sponsoring this event and a special thank you to them: Arab, Boaz, Albertville, Guntersville, and Guntersville Sunrise

Please make sure your Interact Club knows of this event. Thank you!

Past District Governor Mary Jean Sanspree

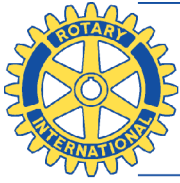
Club News

The Southern Belle will be in Huntsville on June 15th and 16th for our BIG EVENT! Activities will be held on Friday and Saturday nights as we cruise the Tennessee River. Based on interest, an afternoon cruise may be also available.

Our goal is to reinvent a primary fund raising for our club which is fresh and inviting to the greater Huntsville community. As we plan this new concept, we want your ideas. Please join us at the Century Buick dealership at 4:00 on Tuesday, February 7th to help shape this new event!

Thank you-

Bill Brinkley, Clif Broderick, Ron Brown, Melanie Buford, Camelia Canty, Mark Fry, Wayne Glenn, Stephanie Sellers and Stacy De Smet



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Upcoming Speakers

February 15, Thomas Burleson, Director, Von Braun Astronomical Society – “An overview of the Society’s programs and activities”

February 22, Jacqui Shipe, Executive Director, International Services Council

February 29, Ramazan Aygun, Director, Valley Peace Foundation