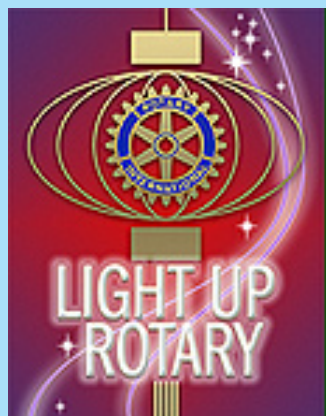


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This Week — November 25, 2014

Happy Thanksgiving!



Last Week — November 18, 2014

November traditionally is Rotary Foundation month and our speakers last week were J.G. Brazil, chairman of our Club Foundation committee, Mitchell Loper, chairman of our District 6860 Local Grant committee, and David Pass, chairman of our Global Grant committee. All gave the club updates on our club's foundation activities.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

DECEMBER 2

Jack Owens

Writer, retired FBI agent

DECEMBER 9

Stillman College Choir

DECEMBER 16

Dwight McDaniel

Retired spy

District grants focus on small, short-term activities in our local community; global grants focus on international activities with sustainable and measurable outcomes that are tied to Rotary's principals.

Mitchell brought several guests to the meeting to give a first-hand account of what our district grant went towards this year. The grant helped Central High School students participate in the dual enrollment program, which enables high school students to enroll in classes that will help them earn credits that they can apply towards their college degrees. Shelton State Community College and the Literacy Council of West Alabama have partnered to ensure the success of this program, which began at Shelton State in December 2013. Central High is the first school in the state of Alabama to implement a dual enrollment type of program.

David briefed the club on the global grant project -- the Never Thirst program -- that he and his team are currently working on in conjunction with the Tuscaloosa Morning Rotary Club. The goal of the project is to build a sustainable water well in Rotary District 3250, which encompasses the poorest areas in India. Fifty percent of the villages in this district lack access to a source of protected drinking water. Partnering with the Tuscaloosa Morning Club allows us to get a one-to-one match on every dollar that our club donates towards this project. In addition, the Foundation will match that total. David is planning a fundraiser -- A Walk for Water -- in our Rotary district that will also involve our Adopt-A-School partner, Interact Clubs, and the Rotaract Club. Please contact David if you are interested in learning more about this project or in helping him organize any fundraising events.

At the head table

Joe Bedingfield – Pledge of Allegiance – Retired

Elizabeth Hartley – Introduction of Guests – University of Alabama Office of Community Affairs

Dr. Peter Millet – Invocation – President of Stillman College

Chuck Turner – Introduction of Guest Speaker – President of Tuscaloosa Rotary Club

Guests

Guests of members were **Phil Adcock**, guest of Larry O'Neal; **Don Salls**, guest of Diane Salls; **Terasha Jones**, **Jennifer Hines**, **Clarence Sutton**, **Mari Filer**, **Clinton**

Hair Jr., Kristian Simmons, Kitty Wheeler, Fran Turner and T.J. Smith, guests of Mitchell Loper.



Announcements

- The Rotary Club will not meet today or on Tuesday, Dec. 23, or Tuesday, Dec. 30.
- The Salvation Army bell ringing will take place again this holiday season. Ted Turner will be asking for volunteers in the coming weeks.
- The Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa is collecting bottle caps to give to Northside High School for an art project. We will be collecting them throughout the rest of the year. Please donate your clean bottle caps to the club.

This Week in History

On Nov. 24, 1971, a man listed as D.B. Cooper hijacked a Boeing 727, procured \$200,000 and jumped out of the plane in the Pacific Northwest. He has never been found; "Casablanca" premiered on Nov. 26, 1942; the first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade was held on Nov. 27, 1924; Mark Twain was born on Nov. 30, 1835.

ABSENT? MAKING UP ATTENDANCE IS EASY

- Visit with the Morning Rotary Club every Thursday at 7 a.m. at Indian Hills Country Club
- Attend another club's meeting within two weeks before or after an absence.
- Participate in a Rotary event, such as a committee meeting, social function, interactive event, etc.
- Make up at E-club online: www.rotaryclubone.org.

Report all makeups to club secretary Nancy Jones.



