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This Week, November 26, 2013 Dr. Anne Witt

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Anne Witt is Instructor of Music Education at the University of Alabama School of Music. She taught middle school and high school orchestra and strings for fourteen years in Austin, and was Director of the University of Texas String Project for two years. She taught strings and music education at the University of Texas at Arlington for eight years.

Dr. Witt has presented clinics for orchestra and band directors in many states and at national conventions of the Music Educators National Conference, the American String Teachers Association and at the Midwest Clinic. Her presentations include “student tested” teaching strategies

on such topics as creative classroom management, communication, and motivation, as well as teaching rhythm and intonation to string players.

She has served as guest conductor for many All-Region orchestras in Texas, and at festival orchestras and All-State orchestras. Dr. Witt is co-author of *Teaching Stringed Instruments: A Course of Study*, published by MENC. She is author of *A Rhythm a Week*, published by Warner Bros. Publications, used by school classes and private students nationwide and internationally. She is Consulting Editor for the new series *Orchestra Expressions*, also published by Warner Bros. Publications.

Dr. Witt has served as President of the Texas Orchestra Directors Association and President of the American String Teachers Association. She earned the Bachelor’s degree from the University of Alabama, and M.M. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Texas at Austin. She was a professional cellist in the Austin Symphony for twenty years.

Last Week, November 19th, 2013

Jim Simon

Jim Simon was our featured speaker talking about the exciting world of Cyber Security! He told the following story:

There was a bank in another country who wanted to have an app created for their leadership team's phones so that they could track where they were. They hired a very reputable company and in the end two young men were hired by that company.

These are two ordinary entry level employees, with meager earnings. One young man finds a new friend. The new friend is quite affluent and is quite charismatic. They became inseparable, traveling together etc. The new friend in engaged and one day comes to the young man in tears over his fiancé (an employee at the bank the young man was working to create the app for). He believes she is cheating but cannot be sure. If he only had a way to check up on her, he said. Being that the young man was well versed in computer access – he offered to give his friend access to her email so that he could see who she might be in contact with. He agrees that he would like to have access.

The next day, due to an error the transfer clerk at the bank made an error when transferring money. The error was made through illegal access to the email system.....yes – you are right. The new friend was a cyber thief who duped the young man with a story in order to gain access to the email system. He was a part of a large organization that literally laid out thousands of dollars wining and dining this young man to "recruit" him so they could get what they needed.

In the cyber world technical change happens at the rate of sound. The Governments ability to react to this move at the rate of a committee meeting! The US Government is trying to do the right thing about how we defend ourselves against cyber threats, by changing the laws without losing the Constitution in the process. Cyber warfare is a very real threat that could cripple our country and is being taken very seriously by our Government.

He ended by giving an alarming statistic. He first asked how many people in the room use Twitter – then proceeded to tell us Twitter is the #1 source for human trafficking in the world. The perpetrators take pictures of the victims and give phones to them with Twitter accounts activated, and then because of the location feature once they have them "sold" they track them through the

Twitter account – retrieve them and sell them. Please make sure that your children who use twitter do not have the location services activated on their phone because this is also a way that criminals such as pedophiles gain access to their victims.



Announcements:

- Congrats to Blake Jackson on a new son!
- Elizabeth Hartley – recovering from surgery
- Nomination Committee is working on presentation for 12/10 vote
- John Owens spoke to us regarding the Tuscaloosa Rotary Memorial Foundation that needs your pledge commitment to meet the projects we have chosen to support – The Salvation Army for the Center of Hope and Arts Council for Dinah Washington Cultural Arts Center. You can go to the website for more information:



At the Head Table November 19th, 2013

Don Alverson (Invocation), **Jon Snider** (Pledge), **Linda Chambers** (guest intro) **Larry O'Neal** (Speaker Intro)

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

December 3rd

Drayton Nabors
Former Chief
Justice of the
Alabama Supreme
Court

December 10th

Adam Flatt

December 17th

**Mayor Walt
Maddox**

“If there is any one particular in which I would have Rotary distinguished from other organizations, it is in the quality of character which results in the doing of things.”

— Paul Harris

ABSENT? MAKING UP ATTENDANCE IS EASY...

- Visit with the Morning Rotary Club every Thursday at 7 AM 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, Interact event, etc.
- Make up at E-club online: www.rotaryclubone.org.

REPORT ALL MAKEUPS TO CLUB SECRETARY NANCY JONES