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This Week, December 4, 2012 Sid McAnnally, Energen



Sid McAnnally joined Energen in 2009 and is responsible for corporate development and strategic planning, governmental affairs and communications for Energen and all subsidiaries, as well as the Energen Foundation. Prior to joining Energen, Sid was the Leader of the Governmental and Regulatory affairs

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Sid is a Director and former Chair of Leadership Alabama, a Director of Children's Hospital of Alabama, and has served on the boards of numerous civic and professional organizations. He is a graduate of Auburn University and the University of Alabama School of Law



Announcements

The Christmas party is going to be on Wednesday, December 12th at the Cypress Inn Loft downtown and the charge will be \$25/person. It will go from 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. If people would like to sign up at the next meeting they can or they can e-mail **Elizabeth Hartley** how many guests they are bringing with them at ehartley@ua.edu or by phone at 348-8376.



Guests, November 27

Guests at the November 27 meeting of the Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa included: **Louis Buettner**, guest of Georgia Buettner (M.D.); **Marty Wright**, guest of Tina Jones, (Sales Director Marriott); **Virginia Brazil**, guest of J. G. Brazil; **Jenny Plaster**, guest of Jordan Plaster; **Kevin Rolle**, guest of Charles Nash (VP of Alabama A&M University). **Kathy Shepard**, guest of Jerry Shepard; **Edwin Haefuer** guest of the club (engineer).



News from the Rotary International Foundation

Last Tuesday the following individuals were recognized as having achieved Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) or Multiple PHF status;

David Richardson – PHF
Bobby Ingram – PHF
Alan Hartley – PHF+1

Jenny Plaster - PHF
Jordan Plaster – PHF+2



Celebrate the Family

By Frank Deaver

December is Family Month on the Rotary Calendar – and what better opportunity to celebrate the "Family of Rotary" than during this holiday season? The holidays are celebrated in many ways, each with its own history and traditions. Christmas. Chanukah (Hanukkah). Kwanzaa. Winter Solstice. New Years.

Although holiday traditions may be quite different, they typically include a focus on family, both immediate family and extended relationships. Sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, friends and neighbors, and entire communities come together in celebrating the season.

In many diverse ways, the peoples of the earth, whatever their differences, join hearts and hands in the great communion of mankind that is embodied in this season of multiple celebrations. As we learn of customs in various nations, we better understand the traditions that families have practiced for centuries. Common among all or most of the world's societies are these:

**** Worship.** Religious expression brings people together in faith, hope, expectation, and purpose.

**** Music.** We sing together and attend seasonal performances of traditional music, lifting our spirits, stirring our memories, transporting us back in time.

**** Greenery.** Trees are decorated as symbols of tradition and an expression of life, serving as a gathering place for family or group events.

**** Lights.** We light trees, candles, homes and yards, our streets and public buildings. We even light the sky with fireworks, all in celebration of the power of light over darkness.

**** Decorations.** In home, workplace, and public buildings, we display ornaments of multiple shapes and colors; and in the computer age we reproduce those ornaments in websites and email. Decorations enliven the festive atmosphere.

**** Gifts.** In this season of sharing, we exchange gifts with family and friends, we offer assistance to the needy, and we donate to charities at home and around the world.

**** Food.** We eat together, often with foods from treasured family recipes that take us back in memory to childhood, or perhaps to another country of family origin.

**** Parties.** Social events of many sorts bring together not only families but neighborhoods and organizations as well.

Yes this is a very special time of year for family. For an immediate family within a single household. For the family of neighbors and community. And for that extended Family of Rotary, from the local club to the 1.2 million Rotarians around the world.

We celebrate the season. We celebrate our various holidays. And for Rotarians, central to all the celebrating is the opportunity to "Celebrate the Family of Rotary."

“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