



Rotary Club of Dalton Newsletter

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This Week:

April 24
John Richmond
GRSP Student

Upcoming Meetings

May 1
Kathryn Sellers
Civil War Statues
(Gould Haigler)

May 8
No Lunch Meeting
Family of Rotary
Evening Event

May 15
Amanda Reed
5th Grader Awards

May 22
Jonathan Bledsoe
Scholarships

May 29
No Meeting
Club closed

Visit From RI's Immediate Past President

by John Hutcheson



John Germ

President Kevin introduced John Germ of the Rotary Club of Chattanooga, who served in 2016-2017 as President of Rotary International, and Debbie Scott, John's daughter-in-law who facilitated John's visit to Dalton.

Long an extraordinary leader in Chattanooga's business and civic affairs, John graduated from the University of Tennessee and is now the president and chief executive officer of Campbell & Associates, Inc., consulting engineers. He joined Rotary in 1976 and served as President of the Rotary Club of Chattanooga in 1993-1994, as District 6780 Governor in 1996-1997, and as International Assembly Training Leader in 2000-2001. John served on the RI Board of Directors for 2003-2005 and was Vice President in 2004-2005. He has been a member of the International Assembly Committee and Chairman of the Council on Legislation, and Vice Chair - Rotary Centers Major Gift Initiative. He was Aide to President Wilf Wilkinson and Vice Chairman of the International Convention in 2012. In 2013, the White House honored John as one of twelve Rotary International members who are "Champions of Change". In the Chattanooga community, he has served as president of the Chamber of Commerce, of Junior Achievement, and of the Boy Scouts, and he was campaign chairman of United Way. He has also been president of the Tennessee Jaycees and is a recipient of the Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver Award. John and his wife Judy are Major Donors to the Rotary Foundation, of which John has just been named a Trustee.

After noting that the RI Presidency is really a three-year process, entailing service as Presidential Nominee and President-Elect as well as the Presidential year itself, John focused his remarks on some of the more memorable moments from his time as RI President, during which he visited 35 states in the U.S. and 33 other countries. His term saw him spend no more than twenty days of it at RI headquarters in Evanston, Indiana, and equally few days at his home in Chattanooga. Over the years his service to Rotary has caused him to log two million miles on Delta Airlines alone, but despite his Rotary obligations, he has always insisted on being at home with his family for every Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday.

When a District Governor asked John to attend his installation, he declined because of concern that a multitude of other DG's would expect him to be present at their installations as well, leaving him little time for anything else. After reflection, however, he established a policy whereby he would attend if the new governor demonstrated the ideals of Rotary by organizing and carrying out a project to benefit his or her community. One example of what resulted was in Jamaica, where 29 districts combined to provide an eye care clinic and also a school for abused girls. In Guatemala, Rotarians provided an X-ray machine to an extremely remote village located eight hours from the nearest hospital and then did the same thing for sixteen other villages. In Nigeria, Rotary's work was crucial to the elimination of polio, as indeed it has been in the rest of the world; today there are only eight documented cases—seven in Afghanistan and one in Pakistan. John pointed out that polio surveillance continues in 72 countries, at a cost of \$400,000 per year, and that the total cost of the worldwide eradication effort so far has reached \$900,000,000. The Rotary Foundation has been the driving force behind this achievement, and John gave a brief review of the Foundation's history since its establishment in 1917, with an initial contribution of \$26.50. Over the following century it spent more than three billion dollars on projects to improve the human condition.

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Foundation Chair

One of John's most vivid memories from his Presidential year was of a visit to a Mexican bakery operated by individuals in various stages of rehabilitation from drug addictions, an enterprise which helped 200 persons a year. This was a particularly striking example of the wonderful things Rotary can accomplish. Yet for all that, Rotary's worldwide membership has been stable for many years at around 1.2 million. The obvious question is why this is true, and the obvious need is to add members, especially from younger segments of the population. John closed with an appeal for vigorous recruitment of new members, inspired by a vision of what this could mean for Dalton and for the world.

Announcements

President Kevin thanked all those who worked to make last week's Earl Lusk Golf Tournament a success. He also reminded members to use the buckets on the tables for contributions to the Alzheimer's Research Trust, and he appealed for contributions to the gift bags for the 5th Grade students who will be recognized next month. Foundation Chair Smitty Barnett reported that 74, or about 60%, of the Club's members are now Paul Harris Fellows, but our goal remains 100%, and he again noted that members holding extra points can share them with others who are close to achieving the thousand-point minimum. Finally, Rotarian Rob Bradham urged members to attend the kickoff on April 23 at Stage 123 for the downtown planning component of the BELIEVE Dalton program.

April 24th Birthdays and Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

Birthday

Abernathy, Melburn H. (MEL)	27-Apr
Dent, Gregory J (GREG)	27-Apr
Patterson, Frank W Jr. (FRANK)	29-Apr
Bowen, William C. III (BILL)	29-Apr
Jolly, Hilliard R. (HILLIARD)	29-Apr
Smith, Clark C. (CLARK)	30-Apr
Scott, William M. (WILL)	30-Apr

Partner Birthdays

Member Name

Birthday

No Partner birthdays this period.

Member Anniversaries

Start Date

Years

Wright, William B. Jr.(WILLIAM)	4/24/2012	6
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Wedding Anniversaries

Partner's Name

Anniversary

Years

Kelehear, Leon S. (SPARKY)	Pat	25-Apr	32
Adcock, Don W. (DON)	Diane	28-Apr	49
Tatum, Laurice A. (LAURICE)	Sharon	29-Apr	46

Four Way Test

