



Rotary Club of Dalton Newsletter

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This Week:

August 25
Chuck Dobbins
*Nahid Chicani - Rotary
Club of Sao Paulo, Brazil*

Upcoming Meetings:

September 1
Mel Abernathy
GRSP Student

September 8
NO Meeting
DGCC Closed

September 14, Monday
Amanda Burt
United Way Kickoff

September 22
Director Program

September 29
Sparky Kelehear
Resace Battlefield

Club Officers:

Jason Parker
President

Bruce Satterfield
President-Elect

Frank M. Hogshead
Secretary, Treasurer

David Aft
Immediate Past President

Teresa Carter
Club Administration Chair

John Hutcheson
Public Image Chair

Rick Cobb
Membership Chair

Janice Kiker
Community Service Chair

Scott Rhoden
Youth Service Chair

Kevin Brunson
Vocational Service Chair

Archana Srivastava
International Service
Chair

Greg Dent
Foundation Chair

August 25th Program

By: Chuck Dobbins

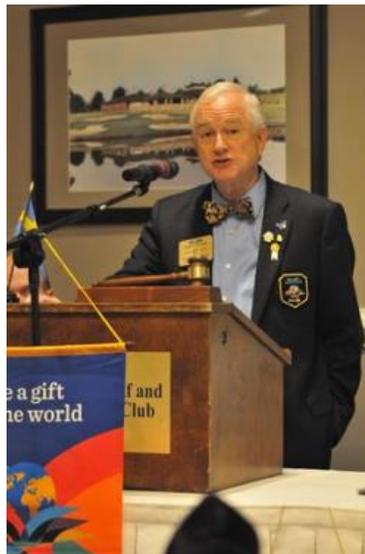
We have a very special guest for our program on August 25th. We are honored to have Mr. Nahid Chicani from Brazil, as our guest speaker. Mr. Chicani is a past president of the Rotary Club of Sao Paulo (a 90 year old club), past District Governor of district 4610, a Paul Harris Fellow and major donor. We are thrilled to have Mr. Chicani speak on behalf of his club and experience as a Rotarian in one of the oldest clubs outside of North America.



Nahid Chicani, his wife, Yara Curry Chicani and past president Chuck Dobbins in Brazil

A Visit from the District Governor

By: John Hutcheson



Following his induction of three new members into Rotary, District 6910

Governor Alan Smith was introduced by his close friend and fellow Methodist minister, Rotarian Robin Lindsey. A native of Savannah, Governor Alan joined Rotary in Thomson, Georgia, in 1987, and after holding membership in four other Rotary clubs during his career as pastor to various congregations, he has now returned to the Thomson club where his life as a Rotarian began. Dalton Rotarians welcomed the Governor and his wife Judy with a standing ovation.

Governor Alan began his remarks by recognizing that the Dalton Rotary Club clearly makes a difference in its community, but he asked whether that difference was sufficiently recognized. If the club were to suddenly surrender its charter and disappear, would people really know what the club had accomplished and how and by whom? If Rotary is to grow and avert a crisis, it cannot hide its light; people in the community need to be aware of its commitments and how Rotary meets them. Public image thus become critical. As a child in Savannah, Governor Alan's conception of Rotary was shaped indelibly when his father described it to him as an organization whose people made a difference for their city. The Dalton club does this well through events such as the annual track meet and golf tournament; through educational projects such as expanding and enhancing literacy, the essay contest for fifth graders, and the scholarship program; and through strong involvement with Rotoract and Interact. One important need is for a similar outreach to young adults age 30 and under who will become a pool from which to draw future members.

The Governor reflected on how much Rotary has been transformed since he joined in 1987. Welcoming women was perhaps the most obvious change, but equally striking has been its role in the near-eradication of polio—an example of the fallacy of saying that something simply won't or can't happen. He also noted that in 2015 the assets of The Rotary Foundation finally reached the long-anticipated goal of one billion dollars and that since 1985 progress toward this mark has been without reinforcement from matching funds or other outside help—it has been entirely the result of Rotarians' own efforts. In that spirit he challenged club members to forego at least one meal during the next year and donate its cost to the Polio Plus project to help achieve the disease's final elimination.

Despite all that has been accomplished, worldwide membership in Rotary since 1987 has remained flat at 1.2 million as net losses offset equal gains. Each club needs to learn why members leave, and if they do so by moving out of the area, clubs near their destinations should be alerted and encouraged to contact them. Every effort must be made to show young people the benefits of Rotary, not least through the opportunities membership provides for networking. Current Rotarians must be encouraged to take advantage of resources for learning more about Rotary and sharing ideas for its growth, such as Rotary Leadership Institutes, Pillars for Success programs, and conferences at various levels. Finally, and not least, Rotarians must remember to celebrate their successes and achievements, especially when conferences are held in attractive settings—the District 6910 conference scheduled for next April in Savannah being a case in point. Governor Alan closed with thanks on behalf of the District to the Rotary Club of Dalton for its many years of service.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

	<u>Birthday</u>
Rowland, Bradley Wayne (BRAD)	25-Aug
Sanford, Robert Mitchell (MITCH)	25-Aug
Jones, J Sherwood III (SHERWOOD)	26-Aug
Pierce, Sara C. (SKEETER)	27-Aug
Morehouse, Gordon C. (GORDON)	27-Aug

Partner Birthdays

	<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Aft, Pauline	Aft, David	27-Aug
Sigmon, Lisa	Sigmon, Peter Reid	29-Aug

Member Anniversaries

No member anniversaries this period.

Wedding Anniversaries

	<u>Partner's Name</u>	<u>Anniversary</u>	<u>Years</u>
Turner, Henry J (CHIP)	Carolyn	26-Aug	49
Bowling, John (JOHN)	Becky	27-Aug	49

Four Way Test

