



Rotary Club of Dalton Newsletter

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This Week:

August 4
Ronnie McClurg
*High School Football
Preview*

Upcoming Meetings:

August 11
Paul Alderman
*Greg Bruner on Prater's
Mill*

August 18
Jason Parker
*District Governor Visit
Board Meeting*

August 25
Onsy Bestawros

September 1
Mel Abernathy
GRSP Student

September 8
NO Meeting
DGCC Closed

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

Rotary in Dalton: Historical Reflections from a Long-time Member

By: John Hutcheson



As a member of the Dalton Rotary Club since 1969, Bill Weaver skillfully connected the early years and developmental highlights of Rotary International with the history of the local club. He began with an overview of the remarkable life of Paul Harris, Rotary's founder, and the series of meetings in Chicago in 1905 that were the origins of Rotary, and he described how Rotary's symbol evolved from a wagon wheel motif to the gear-wheel universally used since its adoption in 1923. Bill also noted the establishment in 1917 of an endowment "for the purpose of doing good in the World;" in 1928 this was reorganized as The Rotary Foundation. Since 1917 the Foundation has received more than 1.8 billion dollars in contributions, of which \$407,338.31 has come from the Dalton club as of last June 30. Closer to home, our club has long supported the Georgia Rotary Student Program, founded in 1946 to further "World Peace Through Understanding" by bringing international students to Georgia for a year of study in one of the State's colleges or universities. By last March the Dalton club had contributed \$258,443.33 to the GSRP.

Turning to the beginnings of Rotary in Dalton, Bill recounted how twenty-seven young businessmen, sponsored by the Atlanta Rotary Club, were issued Charter 4352 on July 23, 1937 and held a celebratory dinner a week later at the Hotel Dalton—the club's meeting place for many years afterward. Although the club has lent its name to relatively few corporate projects over the years, from the earliest days its members have played leadership roles in every worthwhile activity in the community, consistently upholding the ideal of Service Above Self. The club's first project was to provide a blood bank for Hamilton Memorial Hospital, for which the club later purchased its first X-Ray machine. Among many other undertakings since 1937, the club has helped provide housing for local teachers, given thousands of dollars in various scholarships, and collaborated with organizations such as the Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, the Community Chest/United Way, and other civic clubs, as well as with such public agencies as the Dalton Parks and Recreation Department, the Juvenile Court, the city and county school systems, and Dalton State College. In 1973 two Dalton Rotarians spearheaded a drive to build the first regulation track in the community, on which the club sponsored the first in the series of annual track meets that have become one of its signature activities. Our club has facilitated development of clubs in Chatsworth and Ellijay and also an early-morning club in Dalton itself. The club has produced two District Governors, in 1951-1952 and 1988-1989, and shortly after the Supreme Court's 1987 decision opening Rotary membership to women, Carole Jones became the Dalton club's first female member, succeeding to its Presidency about ten years later.

While touching on these and other landmarks in the club's history, Bill also noted a number of curiosities. For example, consideration for membership was formerly very secretive, conducted without candidates' knowledge and subject to a process of black-balling. For many years newspaper reporters covered the meetings, which

included group singing (accompanied by the club's own piano) and brief news reports given by members from local broadcasting media. Movie stars and other celebrities visited from time to time, especially in connection with what used to be called Ladies' Night. On one occasion fourteen members of the club decided to hold a make-up meeting aboard an airliner as it carried them to a carpet industry convention in Las Vegas; despite minutes conscientiously recorded on the back of an airsickness bag, an attempt to secure formal recognition of their efforts proved unsuccessful.

In the end, Bill reminded us that Rotary is not just what the club does, but what each of its members does to fulfill RI President Ravindran's call for Rotary to "Be a Gift to the World"—or, as Dalton Rotary Past President Joe Tuggle put it, "Do it because it is Rotary."

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

Bundros, Thomas A (TOM)
Adcock, Don W. (DON)

Birthday

7-Aug
8-Aug

Partner Birthdays

Chandler, Susan
Satterfield, Kayanne

Member Name

Chandler, Robert M.
Satterfield, Bruce A.

Birthday

4-Aug
9-Aug

Member Anniversaries

No member anniversaries this period.

Start Date

Years

Wedding Anniversaries

Bronson, William III(WILLIAM)
Chappell, William J. (WILLIAM)
Pierce, Sara C. (SKEETER)
Abernathy, Melburn H. (MEL)

Partner's Name

Erica
Bennieta
Lamar
Gretchen

Anniversary

5-Aug
6-Aug
7-Aug
8-Aug

Years

20
60
50
29

Four Way Test

