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Rotary Club of Dalton Newsletter

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This Week:

November 28
Project Share
Tom Bundros, Lori
McDaniel, Doug McClure

Upcoming Meetings

December 5
Amy Messick
Entrepreneurship

December 12
Rob Bradham
Believe Greater Dalton

December 19
Tommy Willingham
Children's Choir

December 26
**No Meeting - Merry
Christmas!**

January 2nd
**No Meeting - Happy New
Year!**

The Salvation Army And Emergency Disaster Relief

by John Hutcheson

Rotarian Doug McClure, Captain of the Salvation Army's Dalton post, surveyed the Army's work in disaster relief. During the aftermath of Hurricane Irma this past September, he was dispatched to southern Georgia, where he spent two weeks coordinating Emergency Disaster Services. Although many disasters originate naturally, some are caused by human action—Doug's first disaster experience was as a counselor in New York City following the 9-11 terrorist attack in 2001.



Doug McClure

Like everything else the Salvation Army does, its disaster relief is grounded in Christian obligation, with special reference to the story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well recounted in John 4: 4-15. On any specific occasion several factors will influence what is actually provided; these include the type of event, its severity and duration, the availability of financial resources, survivors' needs, and assistance from other organizations. The fundamental mission is to meet immediate needs more than to give long-term support. The process is completely transparent fiscally, and there has never been any financial scandal.

The Salvation Army is a hierarchical, paramilitary organization, similar to police and fire departments, and this is reflected in its Incident Command Structure. With fifteen years of relief experience covering twelve separate disasters, Doug is the Georgia Incident Commander. On his recent deployment to South Georgia he led a team of 75 Salvationists, charged with providing spiritual and emotional care as well as food and other material necessities. Food delivery is the Army's primary service in a disaster, supporting hydration, nourishment, and opportunities for rest. Using slides, Doug illustrated and described several types of mobile feeding units. These can cook or not, as needed, and range from food distribution vehicles serving hundreds of meals per day to mobile kitchens capable of serving two or three thousand meals per day, to tractor-trailer-sized field kitchens which can produce an average of 20,000 meals per day and even offer drive-by service. Currently the Army is feeding seven to eight thousand meals per day in Puerto Rico as the island struggles to recover from Hurricane Maria.

Local or short-term disasters will draw on local material and human resources; major disasters will mobilize support over appropriately wider Salvation Army jurisdictions and involve individual assignments of up to fourteen days. Personnel available for service must be approved by Army authorities and will be placed on stand-by, with 24-hour notice, until needed. The Army carefully manages deployments, handling travel and housing arrangements and providing timely relief with a keen awareness of the dangers of post-traumatic stress disorder. It offers excellent support for workers dealing with sadness, grief, and other negative reactions, checking within ten days after return from a deployment and again after a month.

"Bad things do happen in the world, like war, natural disasters, disease," former CNN anchor Daryn Kagan has remarked. "But out of these situations always arise stories of ordinary people doing extraordinary things." Her observation aptly describes the work of the Salvation Army in disaster relief.

Announcements

President Kevin Brunson appealed to everyone to remember the significance of Veterans Day, and he recognized those members present who were veterans. He also noted that the November Board meeting has been cancelled, and the Club will not meet on November 21, the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. Vocational Service Chair Chris Cooke asked members to cast their votes at the front desk in the pie-in-the-face contest for the benefit of the GreenHouse, and Community Service Chair Amy Messick reminded the Club about the Whitfield Education Foundation Celebrity Spelling Bee to be held this evening.

November 28th Birthdays and Anniversaries

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Club Officers:

Kevin Brunson
President
Greg Dent
President-Elect
Frank M. Hogshead
Secretary, Treasurer
Bruce Satterfield
Immediate Past President
Vallarie Pratt
Club Administration Chair
John Hutcheson
Public Relations Chair
Cherri Robertson
Membership Chair
Amy Messick
Community Service Chair
Ricky Robertson
Youth Service Chair
Chris Cooke
Vocational Service Chair
Archana Srivastava
International Service Chair
George "Smitty" Barnett
Foundation Chair

Member Birthdays

Griffin, Joseph Bryan (BRYAN)
Underwood, Michelle (SHELL)
Barnett, George S. (SMITTY)
Venable, Margaret H. (MARGARET)
Laughter, R Lynette (LYNN)

Birthday

23-Nov
26-Nov
1-Dec
1-Dec
4-Dec

Partner Birthdays

Willingham, Denise
Jones, Mary Lynn
Partain, Pam
Tripp, Charlie
Chute, Bob
Maret, Carla

Member Name Birthday

Willingham, Tommy G 22-Nov
Jones, Miller T. 25-Nov
Partain, Jack 26-Nov
Tripp, Larry E. 26-Nov
Chute, Patricia M 27-Nov
Maret, Michael S. 3-Dec

Member Anniversaries

Martin, Richard G. (RICK)
Little, William Norris Sr.(NORRIS)
Srivastava, Archana (ARCHANA SRIVASTAVA)
Alderman, Paul Wayne Jr.(PAUL)
Blevins, Sheri H. (SHERI)
Jones, Kelly McDonald (KELLY)
Hutcheson, John A. Jr.(JOHN)
Dobbins, Chuck (CHUCK)
Laughter, R Lynette (LYNN)
Kirkman, Lowell D. (LOWELL)
Henson, Paul E. Jr.(PAUL)
Brooker, Robert H. (BOB)

Start Date Years

11/20/2012 5
11/20/2001 16
11/20/2012 5
11/22/2011 6
11/29/2005 12
11/29/2005 12
11/29/2005 12
11/29/2005 12
11/29/2005 12
12/1/1972 45
12/1/1968 49
12/1/1976 41

Wedding Anniversaries

Martin, Richard G. (RICK)
Partain, Jack (JACK)
Campbell, J Carl (CARL)
Jones, J. Sherwood Jr.(SHERWOOD)
Minter, B. Scott (SCOTT)
Jones, J Sherwood III(SHERWOOD)
Satterfield, Bruce A. (BRUCE)

Partner's Name Anniversary Years

Sandy 20-Nov 52
Pam 21-Nov 31
Kristy 21-Nov 16
Jean 23-Nov 56
Melissa 29-Nov 20
Danielle 2-Dec 22
Kayanne 3-Dec 29

