



Rotary Club of Barnesville Newsletter

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Rotary Has Heart Honors Local Elected Officials

It was probably a first in Lamar County. All local elected officials were invited to a celebration dinner to honor their service and commitment to the community. As part of the "Rotary Has Heart" celebration across the District the Rotary Club of



Barnesville hosted an event to recognize and honor those that have chosen public service.

President Kelly noted that many elected officials are members of our Rotary club and Rotary's six areas of service (basic education and literacy, economic and community development, disease prevention and treatment, peace and conflict



prevention/ resolution, water and sanitation, maternal and child health) are important for public servants too. She pointed out how Rotary's theme of *Service Above Self* is embodied in elected officials. They provide humanitarian service, maintain high ethical standards, and promote good will and peace.

Almost 30 elected officials were invited including

March Programs

1 Mar	Michael McMillan
9 Mar	CLUB ASSEMBLY
15 Mar	George Moore
22 Mar	Dana Overton-Garrett
29 Mar	Tom Payne

April Programs

5 Apr	Mark Rischbieter
12 Apr	David Sandlin
19 Apr	Molly Shiver
26 Apr	Doug Smith

the School Board, Council Members and Mayors of our cities, Commissioners, the Probate and Magistrate Judges, the Tax Commissioner, the



Clerk of Superior Court, and the Sheriff.

Both the County and Barnesville issued proclamations identifying February 14th as "Rotary Has Heart Day" and presented those to our club that evening.

Our club made donations to the CHAMPS (Choosing Healthy Activities and Methods Promoting Safety) and GREAT (Gang Resistance Education And Training) programs that our Law Enforcement agencies operate in the schools.

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March Birthdays



Van Baker	2 Mar
Floyd Moye	8 Mar
Michael McMillan	19 Mar
Mike Howard	24 Mar

ROTARY FOUR WAY TEST

- 1) Is it the TRUTH? 2) Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? 4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

2015-2016 Rotary Officers



District & International

Rotary International President
 District 6900 Governor
 District 6900 Assistant Governor
 District 6900 Governor Elect
 District 6900 Governor Nominee

K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran
 Bob Hagan
 Stephanie Windham
 Raymond Ray

Barnesville Rotary Officers

President Kelly Hughes
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 Secretary Larry Collins
 Treasurer April Mason
 Sergeant At Arms Jason Governo
 Past President Ryran Traylor
 President Nominee Mark Rischbieter
 Programs Dan Gunter
 Membership Chair Dorothy Carter

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 Interact Club
 Rotoract Club
 Community & Club Service
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 Newsletter
 Sunshine
 Music
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Chase Idol
 Brandon Yarbrough
 Jason Governo/Missy Kendrick
 Missy Kendrick
 Dennis Chamberlain
 Sherry Farr
 Phillip Breedlove
 Kristen Albritton
 Debbie Adamson
 Charles Glass
 Bill Lindsey
 Walter Geiger
 Jason Governo

Barnesville Rotary Directors

Dennis Chamberlain Dan Gunter
 Jute Wilson Phillip Breedlove

President's Message

Dear Rotarians,

Our Rotary Has Heart event was a great success. Our elected officials were so appreciative of the recognition our club gave them for their service to our community. We had perfect attendance from our County Commissioners and Board of Education. Many others represented city and county agencies.

Why Rotary Has Heart:

Our Rotary International theme this year is "Be a Gift to the World". For more than 100 years Rotarians have worked together with a commitment to empower youth, enhance health, promote peace, and most importantly advance our local communities. In keeping with that commitment, we've sponsored many local projects such as:

- Quarterly blood drives
- Sending underserved Youth to Camps
- Given dictionaries to all 3rd graders in Lamar County
- Support Seniors through John's Place, Heritage Inn Nursing Home and the Senior Center
- Globally we support Little Children of the World and we packed and shipped 76 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child
- We provided \$1500 with the help of our District Grant to purchase medical supplies for the people of Ukraine partnering with our local medical missions team.
- We helped start and fund the Georgia REACH scholarship program which is a needs-based mentoring and scholarship program. We have 5 recipients.
- Support the Ferst Foundation- a literacy program of children birth to 5 years of age.
- We have a Rotary Scholarship at Gordon State College for students who represent leadership skills and the ideals of Rotary
- We host a 5K run that helps us fund project request from our community

Our officials share the same vision as Rotarians. We seek a future of hope and peace. We both work hard to make a difference and give back. Our impact starts with us - people who work tirelessly to solve some of our communities' toughest challenges. You, our elected officials, do the same, listening to your constituents, with your willingness to lead our community in your perspective fields of service to insure progress and a better future for Barnesville-Lamar County. Through your experiences and



expertise, you are building bridges within our diverse communities, seeking academic excellence for our children and fighting crime and injustice in order to keep us safe. Each one of you are shaping and making an impact on those around you. You indeed are the catalyst to bring about excellence.

Thank you to our club for making this a special night. Special thanks go to Debbie Adamson and DB's Pizzeria for hosting the event.

We are gearing up for District Conference April 21 – 24. We have one spot left. If you are interested in attending, please let me know ASAP. It's going to be FUN!

Thank you for sharing the gift of Rotary with the world!

Yours in Rotary Service, Kelly



Rotary Has Heart (cont.)

We owe a huge THANK YOU to Debbie Adamson who provided the venue and food for the event! Debbie displayed *Service Above Self* too, providing DB's Pizzeria as her personal way to honor our elected officials.

On behalf of the elected officials I want to say how much we enjoyed it. It was very special for us to be honored. We are focused on serving and never expect this kind of recognition, but it sure felt good.

Hopefully we can live up to the expectations of the community and set high standards of integrity, service, and commitment.

The event was a first for our club, for the elected officials, and for the community. It is great to be part of an organization that has the privilege of locating in a community like ours where *Service Above Self* is the norm. The elected officials represent the citizens that placed them in their positions and we should all be very proud of what the Community has become and the example that we set for others in our region, our state, and across the world.



Camp Grace Donation

Our club made a donation to Camp Grace again this year to sponsor more inner-city kids. Camp Grace offers them a chance to get out of the city and experience some of the wonders of a rural setting. They can learn to fish, shoot a bow and arrow, climb a tree or a rock wall, or try many other new activities unavailable back home. In the past we have helped with other projects at Camp Grace as

well, like the cabinets in the art room. We are planning another work day this month so be on the lookout for dates to be announced at one of the upcoming meetings.



My Rotary Moment

by Mark Stone

As a Rotarian of over twenty years, I have several Rotary moments which have impacted my life.

While a member of my first Rotary club in Roswell, Georgia, I helped initiate the "**Aids Awareness Program**" for high school students to learn properly about this dreadful disease, and why they needed

to know the correct information. We sponsored several local high school presentations to thousands of young people and also learned ourselves about both the importance of taking this program to all clubs within the district. I believe that it may have helped save some lives through what was presented, and the program is still being offered to high school students today across our Rotary District 6900.

Another key Rotary moment for me was being involved with the Rotary **Honor Air Program** which allowed our Barnesville Rotary Club to Veterans from our Lamar County (as well Washington, D.C. to visit their WWII was very fulfilling to accompany those during the trip, many visiting Washington trips in an airplane. I remember when our Unknown Soldier at Arlington National buses from all directions, hundreds, was last off with two of our veterans who



sponsor a total of around forty World War II surrounding counties) to enjoy a day trip to memorial along with other historic sites. It heroes that day and to watch their reactions for the first time, two as I recall on their first four buses pulled up at the Tomb of the Cemetery, people started coming up to the clapping continuously as they unloaded. I began clapping also and looking around. I was asked “who’s here”, as he was anxious to see that person, and I leaned over and said “they are clapping for you sir, they’re thanking you for your service to our country”, and he just smiled a big grin and kept on clapping. These veterans were so happy, and so thankful to be together that day and to be in our nation’s capital visiting a memorial which was built to commemorate their incredible service to our county. Our Barnesville Club then held a special WWII Veterans Tribute at our new Fine Arts Center for all WWII veterans (many who could not attend the Honor Air Trip), with over 84 WWII men and women attending. A year later, we were invited to transport our WWII veterans to a special Atlanta Falcons football game where they were honored by owner Arthur Blank, and taken out to mid-field in front of the audience and TV cameras to be “thanked” for their service. Over 30 local veterans attended, and received a standing ovation at halftime, with football players on the sidelines on both teams clapping and walking up to shake their hands to pay tribute to them. During the time of the original trip to Washington, and up to the football game event, unfortunately we lost several of those wonderful people. I can honestly say that this total experience spent with these special veterans was one of the most amazing and proud moments of my life!

My last and most important Rotary Moment is somewhat like past District Governor Blake Burney experienced, one that many of us have had occur. During my lifetime in my various jobs along the way, I had a time when things were very difficult financially due to my work. I had been employed with a company that went bankrupt, owing me unpaid commissions, and that followed another company where I worked that had sold out to a competitor, then was downsized, causing my job to be eliminated. Money was very tight, and I was faced with having to drop out of Rotary. I had held up my Rotary responsibilities, was serving on the Executive Board, and running a few projects for our club, but what do you do when you no longer can afford to pay the dues? You don’t hurt the club is the answer. I had a call from the President that they wanted me to stay in the Club and that they wanted to work with me on the dues through this difficult time. Little did I know that my sponsor who had introduced Rotary to me several years back was actually paying my dues to keep me current. I continued to grow as a Rotarian during this time, to contribute to both my Rotary Club and to my community until things got better. I was able to ultimately find out the truth about my dues situation, and to repay that kind, generous gift. That gift taught me that Rotary was more than just a club, or group of people meeting to work on projects. It was service, it was caring about others, it was living out the four-way test, ...it was giving back!!!

IT WAS THEN THAT I RECEIVED THE TRUE MEANING OF THE “GIFT OF ROTARY”.

What is in our Future?

There are several events coming up for our club. Mark these dates on your calendar! If you have an event you want to add to the list let a club officer know.

- March 22nd, 12:30pm at the Senior Center – Line Dancing
- Third Friday of each month, Noon at the Senior Center – monthly birthdays celebration
- March 10, Roaring Rotarians vs. Harlem Ambassadors basketball exhibition at Riverwood High School in Sandy Springs, GA
- April 21-24, Rotary District 6900 Conference at Hilton Head Marriott Resort & Spa.