



Rotary Rocket

**Service
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Volume 1

December 10, 2019

**This Week
Tuesday, December 10, 2019
HUNTSVILLE ROTARY
Will Meet In
VBC East Hall III
11:45 a.m.**



Message from Rotary President Dana Gillis

December is a time of Celebration. It's a time for family and friends. December is also a time to reflect on the year gone by. The end of one year is an opportunity to consider the possibilities held by the next. With that in mind, let's take a look at 2019, the year that was.

Celebrations

Our STRIVE Program expanded to Columbia High School, resulting in the first time the Huntsville Rotary Club has mentored three schools during one academic year. This milestone was based upon the generous support of Rotarians Michael Kirkpatrick and Hank Isenberg, who allowed company employees to serve as mentors. The STRIVE program expands to the fourth Huntsville high school in January 2020, a year ahead of the program expansion schedule.

Immediate Past President George Smith jumpstarted the club's Centennial Celebration project by leading efforts to attain 100% member participation to meet the project's \$1 million-dollar goal. Our club is especially grateful to members Bob Broadway and Jim

Splawn, who made significant pledges (\$100,000 and \$25,000 respectively) in support of our Centennial project.

The month of November ushered in the success of the 2nd Annual Coates-Barnes Memorial Golf Tournament. The support of our tournament sponsors, participants, and the yeoman's job done by Rotarian Gary Tucker and his committee resulted in raising over \$17,000 for the STRIVE program.

The 102 Members in 102 Days membership drive was completed earlier this fall. Although our membership goal fell short, the good news is our efforts resulted in eight new members, the generation of 20 new membership applications, with another 11 in the hopper.

Challenges

The challenge across the clubs of Rotary International continues to be maintaining relevancy, membership growth, and member engagement. The key going into the new year is to examine the state of our club and determine what works, what needs fixin', and, most importantly, identifying and recruiting the next generation of Rotarians.

Opportunities

The 102 Members in 102 Days membership drive is done...or is it? You should know me better than that by now. With the head of steam we have in attracting and recruiting new members, why stop now? Good question. Here's the answer. Let's shoot for 102 members in recognition of our

club's 102 years of existence. I challenge each of you to identify people of action, making a difference, then go get'em! A robust recruitment effort into the new year will get us across the finish line and strengthen our club as a result. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

To date, our Centennial Celebration project has received over \$499,000 in pledges. Members pledged or donated \$17,000 of that total during our most recent club meeting. Just think of how quickly we can obtain our goal when 100% of our membership makes their pledges. 'Tis the season of giving. What better time to make a difference in the lives of local students who look to and depend on us for support. Make your Centennial Celebration pledge today!

In closing, there's much work to be done in the new year; let's stay focused on being "People of Action, Making a Difference." My continued thanks to every one of you for all you do to support the Huntsville Rotary Club.

May you and yours have a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a Happy New Year!!!!

Yours in Rotary,
Dana

CLUB SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

*Listed below are the club service assignments for next Tuesday. Please note: if you are unable to attend on the date of your assignment, it is **YOUR** responsibility to find a replacement and notify **Kevin Sutton** in writing by email:*

Kevin.Sutton@morganstanley.com

1st Sergeant at Arms
MARY JANE CAYLOR

2ⁿ Sergeant at Arms
LEE WALKER

Invocation
DAVID LITTLE

Singing/Pledge
TRAVIS COLLINS

This Week's Program Tuesday, December 10th TOM THOMSON

Great Migration in the Serengeti

Tom is the principal and managing director of the Franklin Search Group. Tom is a graduate of the Terry School of Business at the University of Georgia. He spent the first 20 years of his career in commercial roles with a global packaging company, Sonoco. Tom founded the Franklin Search Group in 2007. He has successfully recruited senior managers in the healthcare, logistics, technology, and packaging industries. He is an expert in TEAMABILITY®, a technology and methodology for building coherent, high performing teams.

Tom resides in Franklin, TN with his wife Paula, an educator. They have three children. Tom is a leader in Rotary International where he is past President of the 150 member Franklin Noon Rotary Club. He received the Rotary Humanitarian Service Award for his work in Honduras. In Teamability terms, Tom is a coherent Explorer. When he is not searching for top talent, he can be found in the jungles of Central and South America or the plains of the Serengeti searching for big cats and other wildlife to photograph. His work has been published in National Geographic and Wild Planet Magazine.

Welcome New Member

Price Derrick

Raymond James Financial
Sponsor: John Blue

Holiday Social

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

VBC North Hall III

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Reservations Required

Please read article on page 3 for more information on our upcoming holiday social. Reservations are required through the link included below and provided in the email.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054BA-AA623A6FF2-huntsville3>

2019 Huntsville Rotary Club Nominating Committee Report

Jerry Mercer, Chairman of the 2019 Huntsville Rotary Club Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers and directors to serve on the Rotary Club or Foundation Board of Directors beginning July 1, 2020.

The following Rotarians were nominated to serve beginning July, 2020 along with Louis Michetti, President; Dana Gillis, Past President; Steve Cornelius, Laurel Best, Hal Fulmer, Tom Rumph and Debbie Dryer Coates.

President Elect:
Grant Thomson

Directors:
Sarah Savage-Jones
Zack Penney
Sybil Cleveland
Elizabeth Fleming

Foundation Board:
Michael Kirkpatrick
Tom Rumph
Joe Hidalgo

Past President Doug Martinson made a motion to accept the slate presented by acclamation, the motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Congratulations to our newly elected 2020 Club and Foundation Board of Directors.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Profiles of all club members can be found on the www.rotaryclubofhuntsville.org. The online roster includes members' photos and contact information. You can log into the online membership directory with your user name and password. If you do not remember your user name or password, please email the rotary office.

Please take a few minutes to update your profile to include uploading a photo so that our club records are current.

Coates-Barnes Memorial Golf Tournament

Gary Tucker, Chairman of the 2019 Coates Barnes Memorial Golf Tournament reported last Tuesday that we raised approximately \$17,000.00 this year. This is a 20% increase over last year.

Special thanks to the sponsors, golfers and volunteers listed below. Without the support and help of each, this tournament would not be possible.

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Buddy Little
Rumph & Associates
Bill Penney Toyota/Mitsubishi

Hole Sign
CFD Research
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Lanier Ford
Martinson & Beason
Mercer & Associates
Morgan Stanley
Phoenix
Snelling (2)

Lunch Sponsor
David Little/Keel Point

Gary thanked the volunteers to include Bart Smith, Scott Averbuch, Barry Berman, Bill Forrester, Bill Marks, Jim Splawn, Dana Gillis and Rotaract members: Brooke Izzo, Caroline Kennedy, and Ryan Renaud. He also thanked Debbie and Nicki for their help and support.

President Dana paid special thanks to Gary for his time and effort serving as chairman of this event which not only pays tribute to two great Rotarians but also supports our STRIVE, our club' signature project.

Rotary Youth Leadership Award Program

Sponsorships Needed

The North Alabama Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Conference will be held at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center January 30 – February 1, 2020. We have approximately 100 High School Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors confirmed to participate.

Our Rotary Club has received 8 applications from very qualified students from the Huntsville area who have applied to participate. Special thanks to Dana Gillis, Mike Johnston and Debbie Coates who have agreed to sponsor a student. This leaves us with a need for 5 additional sponsorships. As always, when there is a need, our members respond; therefore on behalf of our RYLA Committee we would like to extend an invitation to our members to sponsor a student or contribute toward a sponsorship so that some or all of the additional applicants will be able to participate. The total amount of a sponsorship is \$300 however Debbie will be happy to add any amount you wish to contribute to your next quarterly statement. We appreciate any consideration you can give to help us instill Rotary's values and key leadership skills in our future community leaders and business owners.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Rotary will NOT meet
Tuesday, December 25th
Tuesday, January 1st**

Huntsville Rotary Club Dues Policy

Rotary Quarterly Dues statements for October 1st – December 31st were emailed to all members the first week in October. As a reminder, a third statement will be emailed to all members who have not paid their October dues to include late fees as per our dues payment policy included below:

Payment of quarterly dues and assessments is due thirty (30) days from the first day of each calendar quarter. If payment is not received within thirty days, the member will receive a second notice with a \$25 late fee advising them that their account remains delinquent and payment must be made in full by the last day of the second month to avoid an additional late fee. If payment is not received by the last day of the second month, the member will receive a third notice with an additional \$25 late fee advising them that if payment is not received before the last day of the fiscal quarter the individual's membership is subject to termination and any amount past due will be reported to the Huntsville Credit Bureau.

Thank you to members who pay your Rotary dues in a timely manner.

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Our Club has a [FACEBOOK](#) page. Like us on [Facebook](#) at **Huntsville Rotary Club** to enjoy weekly updates, pictures of meetings and events, and posts from members. Be sure to “check in” when you are at Rotary and feel free to post pictures of the weekly meeting.

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**HUNTSVILLE ROTARY CLUB
WEBSITE**

<http://www.huntsvillerotary.com>

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

Holiday Social

VBC NORTH HALL III

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Reservations Required

Please make your reservation(s) by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054BA-AA623A6FF2-huntsville3>

Invite your spouse, significant other and potential members to join us on Tuesday, December 17th from 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. for a Holiday Lunch Social. There will not be a formal program on that date. The menu will include holiday hors d'oeuvres and desserts with plenty of time for fun and fellowship. **The charge for guests will be \$25.**

Our Change A Life Buckets will be designated for our VBC servers on the 17th in appreciation of their many hours of service provided to our members over the past year.

Reservations are required. Please make your reservation for you and your guest(s) by clicking on the link or by pasting the link in your browser.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054BA-AA623A6FF2-huntsville3>

1. When you get the confirmation "Guests" means total number in party--**aka 1 guest, means only you.** Two guests means you and one guest. **Please add the name(s) of your guest(s) in the personal description box.**

2. You do not have to create an account for Sign Up Genius however if you wish to edit your reservation you must do one of the following:

Contact the sign up creator (Brooke Alderman). Sign up Genius provides a link to her email on the home page. She can update your reservation for you.

Create an account at SignUpGenius using the same email address that you used when you made your reservation. You will then be

able to login and edit your reservation.

3. If you create an account and you change your mind and want to completely delete your information from the system... just contact them and they will accommodate your request immediately. Most people like having an account because it provides a lot of great extra functionality.

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Huntsville Rotary Club

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..... Scott Miles
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..... Willie Williams
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..... Ann Anderson
STRIVE Liaison..... Grant Thomson
Executive Director Debbie Dryer-Coates

The Four Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

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?*

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