



**THE FUTURE OF ROTARY
IS IN YOUR HANDS**

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 9, 2009

Today



GOVERNOR BOB RILEY

Governor Bob Riley was sworn into office for a second term as Alabama's chief executive in January 2007, following a successful first term marked by great progress for the state. During those first four years, Governor Riley made good on promises to improve education, put Alabama's economy on the right track and restore honesty to the Governor's Office. The people overwhelmingly endorsed the Governor's actions and his vision for a second term. They re-elected him with 58% of the vote, making him only the third sitting Alabama governor to win re-election in modern times.

Shortly after the birth of his first grandchild, Bob Riley believed he could make a difference through public service. So in 1996, at the age of 52, he ran for Congress. A then-political unknown, he beat tough odds and well-known opponents and was successfully elected to represent Alabama's third congressional district in the U.S. House of Representatives. In the House, Congressman Riley worked to pass the first balanced budget in a generation, the first tax cuts in 20 years, and a stronger national defense from his seat on the House Armed Services Committee. He also fulfilled a promise to serve only three terms.

As his congressional service was nearing an end, his home state found itself in dire straits. Alabama was bleeding jobs, its education budget was once again on the verge of proration, and the Governor's Office was mired in scandal. After announcing his candidacy for governor in July 2001, he went on to defeat two opponents in the Republican primary with 73 percent of the vote. In November 2002, he also defeated the incumbent governor in the general election. As soon as the last vote was counted and he was declared the winner, Bob Riley rolled up his sleeves and got to work.

Governor Riley fulfilled a promise to assemble a Cabinet of world-class leaders pledged to help him reform state government. He also took action to make his administration the most open and accountable in state history. He banned pass-through pork in his Cabinet agencies, saving taxpayers \$40 million. He opened his office's records with a transparency never before seen in Alabama. And he implemented an accountable budget process called SMART Governing that allows taxpayers to see how their money is being spent by every agency of state government.

During his first term, Governor Riley also successfully changed Alabama's economic development model. Governor Riley inherited the worst economy since the Great Depression at the beginning of his first term. But during the next four years, Alabama achieved record low unemployment rates, experienced the creation of more than 100,000 new jobs, and attained a record budget surplus. In fact, Alabama's strong economy has gained national recognition. Alabama's economic development was ranked number one of all 50 states and declared the best of the southern states for four consecutive years.

Perhaps most encouraging to Alabamians are the improvements made in education during Governor Riley's first term. A strong and growing economy allowed him to propose record funding for Alabama schools. During his first term, education funding increased by more than \$2 billion. Historic investments the Governor made in nationally-renowned programs like the Alabama Reading Initiative and the Alabama Math, Science and Technology Initiative are getting results in higher test scores. At the same time it has invested record funding into its classrooms, the state also has the highest amount ever saved in its rainy day fund and proration prevention account.

Now Governor Riley is pursuing an ambitious agenda called "Plan 2010." The Governor is proposing even more funding for schools, including a record-setting bond issue to help school systems with construction projects and repairs. He is proposing historic pro-growth tax incentives that will help middle class families, make health care more affordable and create new jobs. These pro-growth policies will stimulate the economy and result in even more funding for education. And Governor Riley continues proposing sweeping ethics reforms that will make state government even more accountable.

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Dwight M. Beeson Banquet Hall
The Harbert Center

Lunch - 11:45
Bell - 12:20
Adjournment - 1:15

*Mini Program: International
Service Project - Fighting
Breast Cancer*

- *The Mammography
Machine - Sri Lanka*

FUTURE PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Dec 16 UAB Music Dept
presents Music, Music and More
Music
Yes, there will be EggNog

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Dec 23 No meeting

Dec 30 No meeting

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Jan 6 Tom Broughton
ServisFirst

ADDRESSES OF RECENT SPEAKERS



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MINI PROGRAM: INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT - FIGHTING BREAST CANCER THE MAMMOGRAPHY MACHINE - SRI LANKA

The RCB's 2009 International Service Project has been enormously successful and is reaching closure this week. Progress in fundraising, progress in accumulating the right partners, and progress in developing the highest project platform will be announced at today's meeting. VP of International Service Edgar Marx led the way. His committee used their exceptional talents to bring all efforts into one cohesive plan. And, because club members responded enthusiastically, lives will be saved in Sri Lanka as soon as the first mammography machine is installed. Edgar's presentation on this project will include brief remarks from partners who are helping leverage project funds to the maximum.

To date, approximately \$67,000 has been raised. Thanks to all and in spite of economic challenges Birmingham Rotarians will make a big difference. With only \$13,000 left to be raised, we are confident this goal will be reached by Dec 9th.

We do not undertake an international project every year. When the need arises, a need that can be met with opportunity, the path seems clear. To help our sister club and the citizens of Sri Lanka, the International Service Committees of both Rotary and Rotaract are pleased to introduce The 2009 International Service Project: joining Sri Lanka in the fight against breast cancer by contributing a mammography machine to their Cancer Early Detection Center in Colombo. There is no access to a mammography machine for early detection available to the millions of women in Sri Lanka who fall outside the privileged set. This project will have immediate effect in saving lives of mothers, sisters, wives and friends.

Breast cancer is a disease with which we are all intimately familiar; this is a disease we can fight from Birmingham by supporting Sri Lanka's prevention efforts.

Asking for your participation and support, for you to contribute to multiple Rotary projects, and for you to think globally at a time when resources locally are in such demand is a challenge.

The bottom line is that we have discovered, through this club's personal connections with Rotary in Colombo, Sri Lanka an outstanding opportunity for us to make a big impact on a community in need for a relatively small investment. We are committed to this project and we have each pledged financial support. I hope you will join us.

This project is consistent with the challenges that the 4th largest Rotary Club in the world readily accepts.

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UPCOMING ROTARY OPPORTUNITIES

DEC 6** Deadline to submit deposit for the annual District Conference, April 15-19, 2010 held on a 4-day Western Caribbean Cruise from Mobile to Cozumel. Celebrate Success! Register Immediately.

DEC 15*** Last date for discounted registration for the Rotary International Convention, June 20-23 in Montreal.

ALL Rotarians are encouraged to participate in ALL of the above. Very few things are limited to District or Club leadership only. Please call the Rotary office for more information and to sign up for any or all of the above. 251-1995

- Glenn Estess served as President of RI from 2004-2005 and is currently serving as Chairman of The Rotary Foundation Trustees. No one is better positioned to explain the state of the foundation, the progress toward eradicating polio, other current foundation goals and what humanitarian works are carried out in the name of Rotary, and new partnerships (like the newly formed partnership between RI and the U.N. - Global Compact or the \$350 million grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation). Dinner = \$50 per person.
- The district conference is a time to celebrate the year of Rotary achievements in clubs, in the district and in Rotary International. Success stories will be shared by Rtns from throughout District 6860. A representative of RI President John Kenny will be on board as a featured speaker as will other special guests. The cruise prices are better than reasonable. Transportation from Birmingham to Mobile and back is complimentary if cruise deposit is paid by Dec 6. Cabins and suites are available. Welcome reception, onboard entertainment, 24-hour buffets, exercise classes, day trip into Cozumel, movies, casino, deck chairs and pools add to the fun ambience of the conference.
- The Rotary International Convention is something every Rotarian should experience. By participating in an RI Convention, you'll gain a broader appreciation of Rotary's global impact and strengthen your commitment to service. Rotarians from every part of the world gathered in one location to hear speakers on many topics of international interest. Former speakers have included Nobel Peace Prize winners like Mohammed Unus on micro-credit, Bill Gates Sr., Paul McCartney, the head of the CDC and WHO, the Secretary General of the U.N. and many others. One of the confirmed speakers for the convention in Montreal is Greg Mortenson, Author, Co-founder and Executive Director, Central Asia Institute. Every time you attend a plenary session, an entertainment event, a breakout session on any topic, walk through a corridor or participate on a local tour, you will meet Rtns from everywhere imaginable expanding your understanding of this worldwide organization as will your understanding of the plight of millions of others and what Rotary does to address all kinds of needs.

Thus far, a fabulous group of eighteen Rotarians from the Birmingham Rotary Club have signed on. We are registering for host events and planning private tours and dinners. We are grabbing hotel rooms in some of the most interesting boutique hotels in Montreal and we are planning a two-day extension to Quebec. President Hatton and President-elect Charlie and I will ensure your excellent Rotary experience but it is important to register now, as after Dec 15, it is unlikely that late registrants can be confirmed for the same events as the group.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

Dec 2 - 9 - 16 RED KETTLE COLLECTION for The Salvation Army

Many Thanks to Rtn brothers Harold and Hubert Goings for ringing the bells at last week's meeting. Over \$10,000 was raised for Salvation Army. What a terrific beginning to a three-week collection season. Next week, please look for Rusty Stewart and Luther Strange as they ring in your contributions that will provide for families during the next few weeks.

DEC 8th - 9th - 10th RCB HOLIDAY BOARDING HOMES PROJECT

Please join fellow Rotarians for any or all of the days to shop, sort and deliver the items to be distributed among the 52 men and women living in four area boarding homes.

YOU ARE NEEDED in more ways than one. We need your help and they need your gifts.

Dec 8th... Shop for requested items: 6:00pm..We will meet at the Chick-Fil-a, in front of the Eastwood Walmart. After a quick/easy meal we will go to Walmart to shop. Please let Greg know if you can be there. GWOM@McGriff.com

Dec 9th... Sort the items and box them up. 1:15 pm in the Past Presidents Room. Plan for 1 - 1 ½ hours.

Dec 10th... Deliver the boxes to the four boarding homes. This goes along the lines of those activities that make your holidays brighter. It certainly does for the residents of the boarding homes. Plan for about 1 ½ hours and dress for comfort.

FOR YOUR APPROVAL

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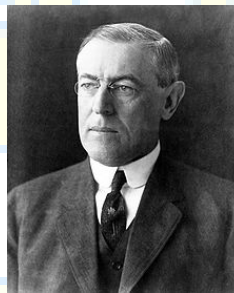
Interests, hobbies:

Hunting, fishing, horseback riding and
motorcycle riding

Spouse:

Pam

In Rotary's Past



President Woodrow Wilson

1920's - President of the United States, Woodrow Wilson, was once an honorary member of Birmingham's Rotary Club. Wilson has become familiar with Birmingham's civic clubs when Rotary and other local organizations answered his plea for a volunteer military unit to patrol the U.S. Mexican border in 1916 and through the promotion of Liberty Bonds during WWI.

