



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

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 23, 2009

Today



NO MEETING TODAY

Happy Holidays

There is no meeting today nor next week, Dec 30. The officers and directors of the Rotary Club of Birmingham hope you have a safe and very happy holiday.

ROTARY ON JANUARY 6, 2010

Meetings resume on Jan 6, 2010, same time, same place, with fellow Rotarian **Tom Broughton** speaking about the fastest growing bank in the country, ServisFirst.

That evening, Jan 6th at 6:00, we will have a fabulous fellowship event at the Birmingham Museum of Art to see *Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness* exhibit. As Gail Andrews announced last week, this is the first time the exhibit has traveled outside its permanent home at Yale. Yale permitted the art to travel due to construction on their own museum and once completed, it is highly unlikely that the exhibit will travel again. So, join fellow Rotarians for a glass of wine, heavy hors d'oeuvres and a tour of a unique and beautiful exhibit. **Reservations are IMPORTANT.** Please call Margaret at the Rotary office, 251-1995, press 2 (although it says Natalie).

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Dwight M. Beeson Banquet Hall
The Harbert Center

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

FUTURE PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Dec 30 No meeting

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Jan 6 Tom Broughton
ServisFirst

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: The Rotary office will be closed from December 19 to January 5th 2010. Messages will be collected during the two weeks. Please leave a voice message or an email message and continue to use the U.S. mail for other correspondence and payments.

ADDRESSES OF RECENT SPEAKERS



Congressman Parker Griffith
2101 Clinton Avenue West
Suite 302
Huntsville, AL 35805

Randall Stephenson
CEO, AT&T
208 S. Akard Street
Dallas, TX 75202

Governor Bob Riley
Alabama State Capitol
600 Dexter Avenue
Montgomery, AL 36130

Jeff Reynolds, Chair
UAB Music Department
Hulsey Center 231
950 13th Street South
Birmingham, AL 35294-1260

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CONSIDER THE HARBERT CENTER

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ROTARY AND THE ROSE BOWL PARADE

Did You Know that Rotary has had a float in the Rose Bowl Parade for 31 consecutive years?

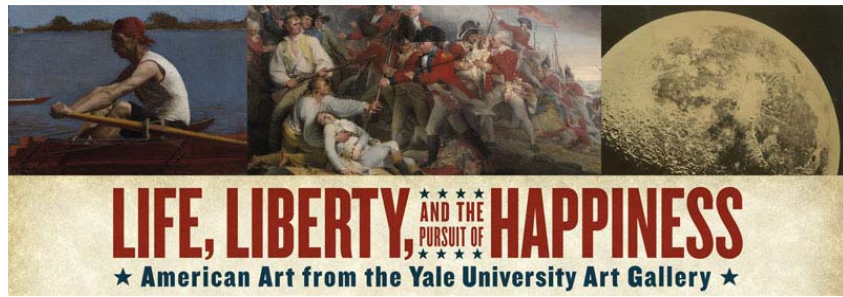
If you plan to go to the Rose Bowl and plan to attend the parade on Jan 1, you can get information from this website www.rotaryfloat.org regarding visibility, locations, timing - all pertinent information to help you get the most from the parade.

The 2010 Tournament of Rose theme is "A Cut Above the Rest." The Rotary float will be titled "Service Above the Rest," which captures well the ideal of Rotary service. The Pasadena Tournament of Roses estimates that the parade is seen by 40 million people in the United States and 300 million people internationally in more than 200 countries. What a wonderful audience to reach with Rotary's message of service!

Every Rotarian and friend of Rotary who views the parade on 1 January 2010, whether in person or on television, will share a sense of pride in our wonderful organization and our participation in this festive event. The Rotarians of North America will also have a special sense of accomplishment for having helped to make our presence in the parade possible.

John Kenny, President, Rotary International, 2009-2010





UPCOMING ROTARY OPPORTUNITIES

JAN 6 SAVE the DATE: Evening fellowship event at the Birmingham Museum of Art to see the *Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness* exhibit

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

Dec 2 - 16 Thank you to Harold and Hubert Goings, Luther Strange and Philippe Lathrop, and to Hall and Mike Thompson for an excellent job as bellringers for the Salvation Army's RED KETTLE COLLECTION. Club members gave generously and the local families will benefit from the service these Rotarians provided. The amount collected will be reported by the Salvation Army next week.

Dec 1- 10th Thank you to Greg Womack and the Rotarians and Rotaractors who collected, shopped, sorted, boxed, and delivered articles of clothing, food, gifts, and toiletries to the men and women living in four of the county's boarding homes. Rotarians lending service to the Holiday Boarding Home project were: Kelly Bownes, Elizabeth Broughton, Henry Crommelin, Tom Gester, Kent Graeve, Mike Graham, Susan Jackson, John Josey, Margaret McCollum, Eddie Miller, Kate Nielsen, Peyton Norville, Claire Parker, Sam Peeples, David Pittman and Dick Womack. Rotaractors lending service were: Bains Fleming, Katie Fogg, Drew Gerhardt, Carly Jane Rullman, Adam Seale, Kristy Smith, Clay Steineker, Vanessa Valencia, and Tom Yeilding.



IN MEMORIAM



WILLIAM KETTIG MURRAY

February 1, 1922 - November 25, 2009

Past President Bill led this club from 1980-1981 and using his sharp wit and playful nature ensured that all members had many laughs each week. Bill served in WW II as a Captain and had the unique experience of soldiering alongside his twin brother Reese. Bill retired from his law practice at Burr Forman and has remained an active member in this club as well as in the Quarterback Club and Mountain Brook Baptist Church.

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to his brother Reese, all family and all friends especially during this holiday period.



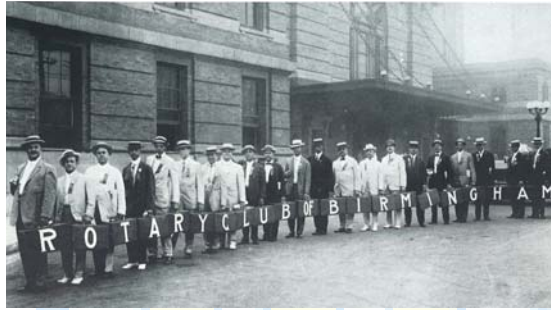
WILLIAM PARKER MEAD SILSBREE

November 12, 1916 - November 28, 2009

Bill enjoyed the Rotary Club of Birmingham and was refreshingly obvious about it. All those who dined with him on Wednesdays enjoyed the club more so because of Bill and his dedication. He remained a loyal, attending member until his declining health prevailed. He served as an officer with the United States Air Force in Okinawa and Japan during World War II. Bill has a list of "firsts" to his credit. Among them: he served as the first Executive Director of Operation New Birmingham and was a founding member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

To his son and fellow Rotarian, William, we offer our sincerest condolences, which also go to all family and friends.

In Rotary's Past



Birmingham Rotarians on their way to Atlanta

1913 - Rotary Club of Birmingham was organized on February 6th, 1913 with Harry B. Wheelock as its first president. In August of 1913 the pictured group of Rotarians (shown above) made the trek to Atlanta, Georgia. Out of this trip grew the Atlanta Rotary Club as a result of "Birmingham's still - famed evangelistic fervor." Atlanta's club was formed from the nucleus of the Atlanta AD Club.

