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WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 13, 2010

Today



JAMES McMANUS
*Chairman, President & CEO
Energen Corporation*

Fellow Rotarian James McManus is Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President of Energen Corporation. Based in Birmingham, Energen is a diversified energy company with two lines of business. Energen's non-regulated subsidiary, Energen Resources, is a top 20 independent oil and gas exploration and production company and contributes 85 percent of Energen's net income. The bulk of Energen Resources 1.6 trillion cubic feet equivalent (Tcfe) of natural gas, oil and natural gas liquids reserves are in the San Juan Basin in New Mexico, the Permian Basin in West Texas and the Black Warrior Basin in Alabama. Energen Resources has approximately 1.9 Tcfe of probable and possible reserves. Energen's regulated subsidiary, Alabama Gas Corporation, is the largest gas distributor in Alabama, serving 450,000 customers.

James has been with Energen since 1986 and has held numerous senior-level positions within the company. In 1997 he became President and COO of Energen Resources and, over the next decade, led the growth of the E&P company from a small niche player in coalbed methane development in Alabama to one of the top 20 independent oil and gas producers in the United States. Prior to joining Energen, he worked with Price Waterhouse Coopers.

James is active in a number of professional organizations. He is a member of the National Petroleum Council (NPC); member of the board and past executive committee member of the American Exploration Production Council (AXPC); director of the Gas Technology Institute (GTI); director of the American Gas Association (AGA); director of the America's Natural Gas Alliance (ANGA); director of the U.S. Oil and Gas Association; and past director of the Independent Producers Association of America (IPAA).

In the community, James serves on the boards of the Birmingham Business Alliance (BBA), Business Council of Alabama (BCA), Economic Development Partnership of Alabama (EDPA), and Alabama Council - Boy Scouts of America. He is president of the Public Affairs Research Council of Alabama (PARCA) and chair of the executive committee. He is a member of The University of Alabama President's Cabinet and the Board of Visitors of The University of Alabama Business Schools. James also is a member of the Investment Committee of the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham.

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Dwight M. Beeson Banquet Hall
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Lunch - 11:45
Bell - 12:20
Adjournment - 1:15

New Member Introduction
Community Service Update

FUTURE PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Jan 20 Eleanor Griffin
Southern Living

Jan 27 Gene Hallman
Indy Race in Birmingham

Feb 3 Brandon Falls
District Attorney
Bingo

Feb 10 Joe McInnes
Highway 280

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ROTARIANS ARE NEEDED FOR HOME HOSTING THE GSA TEAM FROM INDIA

It is time to begin planning for the visit from one of the most outstanding group of international visitors ever to visit District 6860 as Team Members and Team Leader of RI's Group Study Exchange program. The following names and professions will help match the team to interested volunteer households. Please let the Rotary office know soon if you can open your home to one or more of these.

Every year, the office hears how much the families enjoyed having a GSE participant stay in their home. This year, besides coming from D3132 in India, one of the most intriguing countries of the world right now, each participant speaks English creating much more opportunity for extensive communication.

Team Leader: Dr. Vyankatesh Metan Orthopedic surgeon

Team Members:

1. Dr. Mahesh Sonar Pediatrician
2. Dr. Anil Sakhare Gynecologist
3. Mr. Sandip Sutar Chartered Accountant
4. Ms. Prachi Waychal Dentist

Dates in Birmingham: March 20 - March 26, 2010 (You may split the time with others).

RI District 3132 is located in the state of Maharashtra, India.

REPORT FROM D6860 GSE TEAM



The above section is requesting help for hosting the incoming team in March. The outbound team is already in Maharashtra and updating daily on their blog, <http://rotarytrek.wordpress.com/>

You will recall that two Rotaractors, one sponsored by this club and one sponsored by the Vestavia Club, were selected for the team - Anthony Oni and Caroline Downing. Anthony and Caroline have taken on the roles of photo journalism, reporting, web-guys, video-guys, economic opportunity guys, Rotary agents, great guests and Number One Team member. Their reports on the blog will take you there mentally. Try it, you'll like it.



According to Anthony, the hospitality is inexhaustible, which gives D6860 Rotarians a challenge match.

This excerpt from Anthony's report dated Dec 30, 2009 will give you some images of India's rural life, especially the street scenes.

Let me first thank Vestavia and Birmingham Rotary and great boss Greg Barker at APC for allowing me this great honor.

My travels so far have been nothing short of spectacular! I lucked out and am staying with what has to be the nicest and most hospitable family in India. Mr. Daulat Shinde, wife Urmila, son Pritam and daughter Pallavi (smart as all get out) have made my three days feel like...well...three days in India. I had no clue what to expect but have been delighted by the kindness of the Shinde family. Mr. Shinde is considered an industrialist and owns a [few manufacturing](#) shops that supply the booming motorcycle and rickshaw industry in India. Not to mention he has an MTV Cribs styled home!



So many experiences in such few days, it's like drinking from a fire hose these past three days. The full court press on all your senses is non stop. I don't think I've heard so many horns and beeps in my life! Horn use is very liberal here in Ahmednagar; it's encouraged (see photo bumper). The streets are filled mostly with people, motorcycles and rickshaws darting about the few cars and trucks you see on the roads. Lets not forget the occasional cows and water buffalo that roam the streets ambivalent to the madness around. You feel every bump as you drive because their roads don't benefit from our triple layer asphalt spread we take for granted. Transportation infrastructure is still lacking, most parts of Ahmednagar are still connected by dirt roads, however the city is always on. Amongst the loud horns and beeps is a very vibrant and colorful street scene. A never ending flow of people, motorcycles and rickshaws moving about.

India wins the prize for the most unflinching and hardcore pedestrians to ever cross a street. Today, I saw a guy look at our van going at least 25mph, completely turn his back to us and proceed to lazily walk across the road. Our van missed him by mere inches. The only rule on these road is "Don't get hit!" as one local told me.

I only wish these cars had seat belts and believed in Target Zero!



WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Major Todd Smith
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Rotary Club of Charlotte, NC

Hobbies, interests:

Building community, photography, pen making, and boating/fishing

Spouse:

Christine

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 had 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.

