



**THE FUTURE OF ROTARY
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WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 3, 2010

Today



BRANDON FALLS

*District Attorney, Tenth Judicial Circuit
Birmingham Division*

The Laws Governing Bingo in Jefferson County

Board Meeting Today

*Large Club Conference
Meeting*

FUTURE PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Feb 10 Joe McInnes
Highway 280

Feb 17 William Bell
Mayor of Birmingham

Feb 23 Juan Williams
Special meeting on Tuesday, Feb
23rd
Rotary Club of Birmingham hosts
the Large Rotary Clubs of North
America

Mar 3 Ola Kaellenius
Managing Director
Mercedes-Benz

Brandon K. Falls was appointed by Governor Bob Riley to the position of District Attorney, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Birmingham Division, on September 1, 2008.

He has been employed with the District Attorney's Office since October 1997 and has served as a Deputy District Attorney in Circuit Court, District Court and Screening Divisions. He became a Division Supervisor in January 2005 and was assigned to the DA's Office at Juvenile Court. Upon leaving the Juvenile Court assignment, Brandon supervised deputy DA's in the Circuit Court Division.

Brandon has been responsible for hiring, training and supervising all law clerks who work part time in our office. He also coordinated extern and intern positions with various law schools so students could receive school credit for their time spent in the DA's Office. He initiated the program to instruct attorneys on legal and trial issues essential to prosecution and has lectured on topics including case analysis, cross-examination, rules of evidence and sentencing laws. He has served as a member of the interview committee which interviews and recommends applicants for positions of Deputy District Attorney.

Brandon graduated from the University of Alabama in 1994 and received his Juris Doctor in May of 1997 from the University of Alabama School of Law. He has since served as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Cumberland School of Law and has been a faculty instructor for the National Advocacy Center in Columbia, South Carolina, and the National College of District Attorneys. He has lectured at the University of Alabama School of Law, the APOSTC Law Enforcement Academy at Tuscaloosa, the Birmingham Police Academy and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. He is a member of the Alabama Bar Association, Birmingham Bar Association, the Alabama District Attorneys Association and National District Attorneys Association.

Today, he will speak to the RCB on the laws governing bingo in Jefferson County.

ADDRESSES OF RECENT SPEAKERS



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ROTARY CLUB OF BIRMINGHAM IS HOSTING THE 2010 LARGE CLUB CONFERENCE AND NEEDS YOUR HELP

The RCB is delighted to be the host club to Executive Directors (E.D.s) and President Elects (P.E.s) of the large (300 members plus) throughout North America. The conference was organized in 1959 by the large club executive directors to help prepare incoming presidents for their year of club leadership by sharing information and experiences with other large Rotary Clubs in a formal setting. Information regarding Rotary International and district relationships was frequently included in the agenda and, as of recent years, it has become a focus.

From Feb 21-24, 2010, 140 E.D.s and PE's from most of the nation's big cities as well as from Canada will be in town for the Large Club Conference. Their meeting time will be split between Ross Bridge and The Harbert Center. In addition to the formal meetings, conference participants will experience two of Birmingham's finest chefs (Frank Stitt and Chris Hastings) at Highlands Bar & Grill and at home-hospitality dinners on Crest Road plus a tour of the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute.

The regular RCB weekly luncheon meeting that week was changed to Tuesday so that all 140 guests could attend a meeting with RCB Rotarians. Guest speaker for that meeting, Juan Williams, was selected well in advance. The LCC Committee hopes that many Birmingham Rotarians will volunteer to help. We will need club members to be a table captain and facilitate conversation and Southern Hospitality on Tuesday, Feb 23 but the biggest need is the need to transport guests to/from the airport and Ross Bridge. Please email the Rotary office, bhamrtry@bellsouth.net

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

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Born, February 28, 1960

Hobbies, interests: Hunting & fishing

Spouse: Chappell

RCB CONTRIBUTIONS FOR HAITI RELIEF

President Hatton, RCB Foundation Chairman Jim Hughey and the club foundation board designated a \$5,000 contribution from this club's foundation be sent to The Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund (administered by The Rotary Foundation). Any member wishing to make a contribution may send a check to the club office to pool with the \$5,000. For this cause, a credit card may also be used.

More information about the fund started by The Rotary Foundation:

HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUND

The Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund, a donor advised fund within The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, has been established to streamline the flow of contributions from Rotarians looking to assist victims of the earthquake in Haiti. The fund will be directed by the account holders listed below.

The account holders will work with local Rotary clubs and districts, as well as emergency relief agencies, to meet the most pressing needs of people in affected areas. Account holders will make grant recommendations after consulting with District 7020 Governor Errol Alberga or his designee. Funds will be used in the relief effort and for projects providing longer-term support and development (e.g. funding for Rotary Foundation Matching Grant projects).

Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund Account Holders

Eric E. Adamson, Vice President, RI (from Zones 33-34)
Barry Rassin, Past Rotary International Director (Zones 33-34)
John Smarge, Director Elect (from Zones 33-34)
Robert Stuart, Jr, Past Rotary International Director

Many Rotarians have stepped up to help for instance - Rotarian Claude Surena, head of the Haiti Task Force and president of the Haitian Medical Association, is sheltering more than 100 injured people in his damaged home in Port-au-Prince. His house has become a makeshift hospital and medical distribution center.

NEW 2010 - 2011 ROTARY THEME ANNOUNCED



The annual International Assembly was held in San Diego the week of Jan 18th. The main goal of the Assembly is to train all the incoming District Governors, all 530 international DGE's (District Governor Elect). John Valient (Anniston) is the incoming DG for District 6860. Each year during the International Assembly, the RI President Elect announces the new theme.

After taking the stage to the tune of "California, Here I Come," RI President-elect Ray Klinginsmith announced the 2010-11 RI theme, *Building Communities -- Bridging Continents*, during the opening plenary session of the 2010 International Assembly .

Klinginsmith said he arrived at the theme after reviewing RI themes of years past. He noticed that only a few spoke to non-Rotarians.

"As a result, I decided to search for a briefly stated theme that would fulfill two objectives: the first to explain Rotary to non-Rotarians, and the second to validate our work for Rotarians," he said. "The words I have selected to describe Rotary's current mission and to highlight our achievements are what we do best: *Building Communities -- Bridging Continents*."

The president-elect described how his 50 years of Rotary experience have contributed to his focus on communities at home and abroad. For example, as a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar, he studied for a year in South Africa, becoming the first student from his small town of Unionville, Missouri, USA, to study abroad.

The timing of the theme announcement, which took place in the evening, was a break in tradition from past assemblies and a reflection of Klinginsmith's willingness to embrace change. He encouraged district governors-elect to reexamine traditional procedures that were no longer best practices and to begin new traditions where appropriate.

He also paid homage to Rotarians of the past who helped raise Rotary to a place of prominence on the world stage. He urged district governors-elect to meet the past RI presidents and other former officers in attendance to deepen their connection to Rotary's past.

"I love it," says Governor-elect Robert Martin, of District 5020 (British Columbia, Canada; Washington, USA). "I'm going to be promoting Rotary pride in our district next year, and Building Communities -- Bridging Continents is something we can all be proud of."

