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Today



CHRIS OBERHOLSTER
State Director

The Nature Conservancy, Alabama Chapter

New Member Introduction

Fellow Rotarian Chris Oberholster was born and raised in South Africa, and has lived in Alabama for more than 20 years after coming to the state to obtain his Masters degree in Agronomy and Soils at Auburn University. He is the State Director of the Alabama Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, a non-profit conservation organization with offices throughout the US and the world. He has worked for The Nature Conservancy for almost 19 years in a variety of positions, including Botanist/Ecologist for the Alabama Natural Heritage Program in Montgomery, the Director of the Heritage Program, the Director of Science & Stewardship at the Alabama headquarters office in Birmingham, then as the Director of Conservation Programs, and now State Director.

He oversees a staff of 16 people in several offices statewide, who are responsible for implementing all aspects of the Conservancy's work in Alabama, including land, freshwater and marine management and restoration, partnership building, private fundraising, legislative affairs and land acquisition.

He serves on several boards and advisory committees including the Alabama Forest Stewardship Advisory Committee, the Board of the Alabama Forest Resource Center, the Forestry and Natural Resources Advisory Council for Tuskegee University, and the Auburn University School of Forestry & Wildlife Sciences Advisory Council.

He lives in Hoover with his wife, Suzanne, and their two sons (Charl and Isaac) and one daughter (Anna).

The Nature Conservancy is an international, nonprofit organization dedicated to the conservation of biological diversity. Our mission is to preserve the plants, animals and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive. Our on-the-ground and in-the-water conservation work is carried out in all 50 states and in more than 30 countries and is supported by approximately one million individual members. We have helped conserve nearly 15 million acres of land in the United States and Canada and more than 102 million acres with local partner organizations globally.

The Conservancy owns and manages approximately 1,400 preserves throughout the United States—the largest private system of nature sanctuaries in the world. We recognize, however, that our mission cannot be achieved by core protected areas alone. Therefore, our projects increasingly seek to accommodate compatible human uses to address sustained human wellbeing.

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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

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

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Membership: 557

Honorary Members: 21

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 clubs (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, 148 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 has been changed to Tuesday so that all 140 guests can 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

ALERT

PLEASE NOTE BOTH MEETINGS BELOW

On Monday, Feb 22 at the luncheon meeting planned for the Large Club Conference, the keynote speaker will be Dr. Kevin Elko, a well-known motivational speaker who came to us via John McMahon via Nick Saban. Kevin speaks to the corporate world and the sports world alike, inspiring all to achieve the highest level of personal effort. The Large Club Conference Committee is offering the extra fifty seats to the first fifty club members at \$15 per attendee. There are very few spaces left and reservations are a must. Please call or email the Rotary office if you can attend. 12:00 Noon, Ross Bridge. Feb 22nd, 2010

On Tuesday, Feb 23rd, the Rotary Club of Birmingham will host the Large Club Conference participants in the Harbert Center. For this week only, the Rotary and Kiwanis have exchanged meeting days. Please mark this in your calendar. The guest speaker is Juan Williams, who is a marvelous communicator, knowledgeable journalist, popular panelist on political talk shows. This meeting will be extremely well attended and all 3rd floor rooms will be open for Rotary use. Because our guests that day are the 148 president-elects and executive directors from large clubs across North America, other guests will be difficult to seat. Please contact the Rotary office before inviting anyone as a guest to this meeting.

RE - NOTE: ROTARY will meet on TUESDAY (not Wednesday), FEB 23, 2010. Please make all efforts to catch this change and be present to help us host our Large Club Conference participants AND hear one of the foremost political journalists in the U.S., Juan Williams.

