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

WEDNESDAY
APRIL 28, 2010

Today



WOODY PHILLIPS
Treasurer & CFO
National Rifle Association

New Member Introduction
Nomination forms - Spain
Hickman Distinguished Service Award

FUTURE PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

May 5 Dan Cathy
Chick-fil-A

May 12 Rele Evans
Mountain Brook Development
Proposal

May 19 Carol Garrison
President
University of Alabama at
Birmingham

Wilson H. (Woody) Phillips Jr. grew up in Henderson, North Carolina a, and is the son of a graduate of the University of Alabama. He currently resides in Vienna, Virginia. He graduated from Wake Forest University with a degree in Accounting in 1970 and began his career as a CPA with Price Waterhouse in Winston Salem, and was promoted to offices in New York and Washington, D.C. During his tenure at Price Waterhouse, Woody gained experience with a client base that included a range of large multinational public companies to national civic organizations. After Price Waterhouse, he served as the Chief Financial Officer of Wyatt, a multi-national benefits consulting firm, which was later acquired by Towers Perrin.

Woody has also served as Chief Financial Officer of multinational professional service organizations and on the Boards of Directors of numerous for profit and not-for-profit organizations. He currently is Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer of the National Rifle Association, and Treasurer of each its affiliated organizations.

Since joining NRA in 1992, Woody has overseen an increase in excess of 300% of NRA revenues, as well as an increase in non-dues revenue of 550%. The non-dues revenue includes affinity programs, NRA branded merchandise, and donations. He has been instrumental in developing new sources of revenue, building an endowment, investing in technology and physical infrastructure. Additionally, Woody has created a sophisticated internal framework for control, compliance and management reporting that has created substantial efficiencies for the NRA.

Woody has two children. His daughter graduated from Dartmouth, and worked in Manhattan while earning a graduate degree at NYU. She is also an accomplished equestrian, serving as the Captain of the Dartmouth Equestrian Team. While at NYU she was a member of the United States Intercollegiate Equestrian Team.

Woody's son graduated from Wake Forest, and later graduated from law school at George Mason University. He practices law in San Diego

Woody's hobbies include win shooting, fly-fishing, and big game hunting. He currently resides in Vienna, Virginia.



ADDRESSES OF RECENT SPEAKERS

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Honorable Mayor William A. Bell
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Membership: 578
Honorary Members: 21

SPAIN HICKMAN DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Please participate in the club's highest honor by nominating a club member today.

Please find on each table The **NOMINATION FORM** for the
2009 - 2010 ROTARY CLUB OF BIRMINGHAM
SPAIN HICKMAN DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Criteria and Eligibility

A current member of the Rotary Club of BIRMINGHAM who has demonstrated adherence to the tenets of Rotary's 4-Way Test in their personal and professional life, and in Rotary and civic activities has made exceptional contributions to our community.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: April 28, 2010

Forms will be available in the Rotary office.

ROTARY GOLF TOURNAMENT IN T-TOWN

From the Tuscaloosa Morning Rotary Club -

The Tuscaloosa Morning Rotary Club is hosting its annual charity golf tournament Friday, April 30 at Ol' Colony Golf Complex. The proceeds from the tournament benefit the Tuscaloosa Community Soup Bowl and other local charities. These funds are critical to the continued operation of organizations such as the Community Soup Bowl, which is serving many new families who have been affected in a negative way by the current economic downturn. We urge everyone in the Tuscaloosa area, especially all current and former Rotarians, to join together and contribute to this tournament by providing a team or by selecting a sponsorship level of support.

In 2009, the Tuscaloosa Community Soup Bowl served a total of 59,016 plates, making the average of 233.3 plates daily. It costs approximately \$1.90 per plate served by the Soup Bowl. With an increase of 13 percent of plates being served and more being added each month, the Tuscaloosa community needs you now more than ever to help support the Tuscaloosa Community Soup Bowl, which opens its doors seven days a week to welcome and feed the hungry while providing a warm, inviting atmosphere.

The Tuscaloosa Morning Rotary Club seeks participants in the golf tournament (\$175 per player, \$700 per four man team), \$200 hole sponsorships offering sign advertising on day of tournament, corporate sponsorship, and prizes for golfers. The Tuscaloosa Morning Rotary Foundation is a tax exempt organization under IRS Sec. 501(c)(3), and as such donations to this tournament are tax deductible on various participation levels.

For more information regarding the tournament, including the tax deductible portion of the various participation levels, and to secure an application form, please contact Kyle Johnson at (205) 799-0538, or Ashley Rogers at (334) 654-0282, arogers@westervelt.com

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

ISAAC WILLIAM "WILL" FERNIANY #54
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Born: March 5, 1951
 Mobile, AL

Hobbies, interests: Bicycle and kayak

Spouse: Dana

DISTRICT 6860 CONFERENCE APRIL 15-19, 2010

President Hatton Smith, President elect Charlie Perry and Sheri Perry and Susan Jackson attended the 2010 District Conference which was held on the Carnival ship Fantasy last week. District Governor Georgia Medori organized a valuable conference with presentations from 6860 clubs giving a wide variety of success stories to an audience receptive for messages regarding teamwork, creativity, and commitment to service. The first plenary session was kicked off by President Hatton presenting the district banner to the RI President's representative, Judge Dave and Edna Roper of Augusta, GA. During the first session, President Hatton accepted awards and citations on behalf of this club - STAR Club Award, Presidential Citation, Club of Distinction, RYLA award and two Rotary Foundation awards.

Dave Roper as the RI rep added value to the conference, not only with his presence but as a compelling speaker. His first talk regarding membership was direct and provided practical guidance, "Times Sure Have Changed." His second speech, beginning with a hilarious top ten list of comments made by caddies to golfers (Augusta insider info), led into a thought provoking talk about working for peace. In that talk, Dave quoted past RI President Luis Giay who, during his year leading Rotary, began many speeches with "Are you ready to work for peace?" and Bishop Desmond Tutu who continues to press for a commitment to resolving poverty in order to achieve peace.

Dave infused the conference participants with confidence and pride over the newest polio eradication stats. As of March 3, 2010, the number of new cases in Nigeria dropped to ONE. Last year in India, there were 732 new cases of Type I polio. As of 4/2/2010, there are THREE and of Type III, there are only sixteen new cases. Rotary is getting the job done and is committed to going all the way. The overall Polio Eradication effort includes the vaccination program in Nigeria, India, Pakistan and Afghanistan and extensive follow-up measures for the years following final vaccinations.

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Presentations celebrating successful Rotary projects and programs included:
Tuscaloosa Club - Honor Flight
Huntsville Club - literacy project in Uganda
RYLA - Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program
GSE - the team from India presented the best GSE program ever
Anniston Morning - Dancing with the Stars (fundraiser)

District business items were discussed and voted on, the main item being an increase in annual dues from \$17 per Rotarian per year to \$25 per Rotarian per year effective July 1, 2010. This is the first increase in dues for the district in 15 years, long overdue and necessary as the district has been paying some expenses from retained earnings. President Elect Charlie participated in the convincing argument and voted for this club. While no one wants to hear of one more increase, this one is clear cut and necessary. Other business items passed were the ratification of the nomination of Martin Uptain for District Governor in 2012-2013 and some resolutions.

