



ROTARYGRAM

The Weekly Newsletter for the
Rotary Club of Birmingham

WEDNESDAY
JUNE 9, 2010

Today

MARY D. BOEHM
CAROLINE NOVAK

A+ Education Partnership

The A+ Education Partnership was founded in 1991 by Bill Smith and Caroline Novak as a non-profit, non-governmental entity to unite business, civic, parent, government, and education leaders around one common goal- improving student achievement. The vision of A+ is that "Every school in Alabama will be organized around the needs of children, with the primary focus on student learning." The mission of A+ is to advance policies, programs and initiatives that result in high achievement by every child in Alabama's K-12 education system.

A+ has worked closely with Governor Riley and the State Superintendent, advising on education policy, partnering on initiatives and advocating for programs that enhance teaching and learning. And at their request, in 2008 established a new operating division dedicated to maximizing the state's success in AP mathematics, science and English. The division is entitled A+ College Ready and was the recipient of a \$13.2 million grant from the National Math and Science Initiative.

We are fortunate to have with us today the President of the A+ Education Partnership, Caroline Novak as well as the President of A+ College Ready, Mary Boehm.

Caroline Novak is co-founder and president of the A+ Education Partnership. She worked with the State Department of Education to develop the Alabama Reading Initiative and raised private sector funding for the first two years of implementation. The partnership continues as the ARI expands into grades 4-8. Through the Governor's Congress on School Leadership and Commission on Quality Teaching, Caroline and other A+ members are providing leadership for the efforts of the Governor and State Board of Education to provide highly effective principals and teachers for every school.

Caroline serves on the governing boards of the Education Commission of the States and the Southern Regional Education board (compacts of governors, legislative, education and business leaders working to improve K-12 and higher education) and Sterling Bank in Montgomery.

Mary Boehm, joined the organization in 2008 as President of A+ College Ready, with responsibility for launching the Advanced Placement teaching and Incentive Program, one of only six in the country awarded a \$13.2 million grant from the National Math and Science Initiative. Mary came to the organization with extensive private sector experience. She was formerly President of the BellSouth Foundation with responsibility for grants and charitable giving in nine states and was the Regional Vice President of the BellSouth Pioneers, the company's volunteer arm. Prior to that, Mary was with the Alabama Power Foundation. Mary is a sustaining member of the Junior League of Birmingham and is active in Leadership Birmingham and several national education organizations.

THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN
YOUR HANDS

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Dwight M. Beeson Banquet Hall
The Harbert Center

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

*RCB Spain Hickman
Distinguished Service Award*

FUTURE PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

June 16 Mike Cutler
Immigration

June 23 Don James
Vulcan Materials



ADDRESSES OF RECENT SPEAKERS

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Membership: 578
Honorary Members: 21

TODAY - 2010 RCB SPAIN HICKMAN DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The Rotary Club of Birmingham is pleased to recognize today one of its most distinguished members with its highest award - the Spain Hickman Distinguished Service Award. The identity of the recipient is always confidential until the day of the recognition but, as with the other ten recipients, today's honoree is someone all members will agree is most deserving of the award that lifts up the best in service to family, to the community, to their vocation and to Rotary.

Past Spain Hickman Distinguished Service Awardees include:

2009	Bill French
2008	Hall Thompson
2007	Henry Goodrich
2006	Bill Hull
2005	Hugh Morgan
2004	Allen Rushton
2003	Tom Carruthers
2002	Joe Farley
2001	Jim Head
2000	Billy Rushton

Please join fellow Rotarians to congratulate and honor the 2010 recipient.

VACATION & ROTARY MAKE-UPS

That time of year is here...vacation time! This is an easy time to forget about Rotary attendance but it's a great time to try out Rotary clubs in other parts of the country or world. Every Rotary club has its own style of Rotary meetings. For instance, did you know that in Rochester, NY, Rotarians begin every meeting by saluting the American flag BUT they pledge to a waving flag, aided by a small fan behind it. In Buenos Aires, Rotarians gather in the park, and with Paul Harris Fellow medals hung on their chests, they process across the street, parade-style, into their meeting, every week. All over the UK, Rotarians begin meetings by toasting the Queen. Traditions in clubs are vastly different but all clubs have something in common - a commitment to service. So, the people you meet are the nicest and often represent the local leadership.

Please keep in mind that you have many opportunities to make up in the Birmingham area before you depart or upon return. If you will be gone for an extended period of time and would like to attend Rotary while vacationing, call the Rotary Office (251-1995) to ask for information regarding clubs anywhere in the world!

FOR ROTARY MARATHON-ERS

Running for Polio Plus and Saving Lives

Guaranteed Entries to the ING NYC Marathon.

The following is a note from the 2010-11 President of the Rotary Club of New York,

“The members of the Rotary Club of New York wish members of the Rotary Club of Birmingham a successful Rotary year. We are so excited about our 2010-11 Rotary year that includes our NYC Marathon entries to benefit 4 life-saving charities including PolioPlus.

If your club members have a runner who wants to enter this coveted tough-to-gain-entry Marathon, we are happy to share our entries with your members of their friends on a 1st come basis.

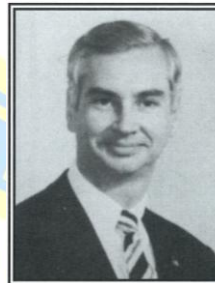
More information is available at www.teamnyrotary.org Thank you & Best Wishes,

David Del Monte

The NY Rotary club has capitalized on the New York City Marathon as a fundraiser for many years. Last year, the Rotary Club of Birmingham supported, in part, a runner from Birmingham, Suman Silwal, and hopes to partially sponsor another runner in 2010-11. Race date is Nov 7th. Funds raised benefit PolioPlus, Gift of Life, Ronald McDonald House, and the NY Rotary Foundation Humanitarian causes.

If any member wants to access this offer, please call the Rotary office, 251-1995.

IN ROTARY'S PAST



Thomas E. Bradford, Jr.

1979-1980 - Thomas E. Bradford, Jr. faced a “big lesson in crisis management” as he became president of Rotary for the 1979-1980 year. Frank Taylor served as president prior to the upcoming Bradford year of 1979-1980. Sadly, Frank Taylor, an advertising executive, died of a heart attack several months into his Rotary term. Tom Bradford was asked to take over Taylor’s term. Thinking that his term & the remainder of Taylors would be “too long a period on the membership”, Tom “devised a plan of having past presidents take over the duties week by week until his scheduled term began.

