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Editorial

Politics Makes Strange Bedfellows

While the old adage that “politics makes strange bedfellows” is often true, it is also true that tough times bring out the best in people. With all of the political posturing and partisan bickering that occurs in our country it is always encouraging when politicians set aside their differences to work together to meet the needs of those less fortunate or impacted by disaster. The current relief efforts of former presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton through the Clinton-Bush Haiti Fund serve as an example of this kind of humanitarian cooperation.

In the wake of the 7.0 magnitude earthquake that struck Haiti on January 12, 2010, and serving at the request of President Obama, these two dignitaries are working together “to provide immediate relief and long-



Charles Luke

term support to earthquake survivors.” Contributing to the effort to raise relief funds, the Clinton-Bush Haiti Fund has helped total contributions for the Haitian people top \$305 million

While this is not the first time members of opposed political parties have joined together for humanitarian relief efforts – former president George H.W. Bush joined with former president Clinton to aid tsunami victims – it is refreshing to see in a time when most voters, and indeed elected politicians seem to be polarized at the national level surrounding party lines. McCarty, Poole and Rosenthal indicate that political polarization is at the highest level in 120 years and results in policy gridlock that render legisla-

tors incapable of forming coalitions for policy change to respond to public opinion shifts. In other words, high levels of political polarization along party lines results in the inability or unwillingness of elected officials to respond effectively to the desires of “we the people”. In an effort to respond to their own party supporters they are less able to make decisions that benefit the common good of all of us.

With our country currently split between “red” and “blue” states and all of us holding our opinions and beliefs strongly an end to this type of polarization doesn’t seem imminent. It is heartening, however, to see leaders of opposed political parties engaging in the type of hand-holding that Bush and Clinton are doing in efforts to reach a greater good. Anyone who has ever run for or held public office can attest to the fact that sometimes politics is a dirty business. It’s great to see that, when our better natures prevail, politics can also be a healing business.

— *Charles Luke*,
Volunteers of America

Program

January 29, 2010

SPEAKER:

Carl Capua
Z's Cafe
Swaziland International Service Project

FORT WORTH CLUB

Chairman for the Day:
Ann Rice

NEWSCAST: *Gyna Bivens*

Last Meeting



Charles Luke

Our distinguished speaker for Last Friday was Jeffrey P. Fegan, the CEO for the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport Board. All of us flying in and out of DFW Airport already knew that it is huge, but we didn't know the total scope of it until Mr. Fegan shared with us his intimate knowledge of the place. Located on 18,000 acres of land, the airport is designated as its own city and has its own postal code with the United States Postal Service. As the second largest airport in the nation, over 685,000 aircraft per year fly in and out of DFW – it is the third busiest airport in the world and the 7th busiest in terms of passengers alone. Currently in its 36th year of operation, the DFW International Airport is jointly owned by the cities of Fort Worth and Dallas.

Mr. Fegan shared with us the economic impact that the airport has on the region as well. Bringing \$16.8 billion to the Metroplex annually, the airport has a lasting effect on our

economic well-being. Additionally, the airport attracts numerous corporations to the area by offering easy access to the rest of the world. It is the highest capacity airport in the world with five major terminals in operation and room reserved for a sixth in the future. Truly an international airport, DFW has non-stop service to 22 out of 30 of the largest international markets. The DFW Airport currently connects to 37 international destinations with a goal to add twelve more in the future. Aside from passenger service the airport has come into its own as a major cargo airport as well with thirteen cargo carriers serving fourteen major hubs around the world.

With great enthusiasm and pride, Mr. Fegan shared with us several new air service developments that are underway. The development of newer aircraft is expected to help DFW Airport to continue to grow as a major world hub. Mr. Fegan reported that American Airlines currently has 40 new Boeing 787 aircraft on order. These aircraft have a flight range of 7,860 miles – over 2,000 more miles than the current 767's being flown – and will enable DFW to connect non-stop service to virtually every airport in the world. Land developments that will help to ensure DFW's continued success include the addition of the Dallas Cowboys Distribution Center, access plans for the DART and T trains coming into the northern entrance of the airport, and the \$1 billion TxDOT DFW Connector Project.

In terms of improved customer service, Mr. Fegan shared plans for a \$1.8 billion renovation of terminals A,B,C & E and continually improving passenger scheduling programs that allow international customers to bypass passport lines and allow travelers to all destinations to receive and communicate boarding passes through handheld mobile devices. Finally, with Super Bowl XLV coming to the region in February 2011, Mr. Fegan shared plans to accommodate massive numbers of travelers and corporate aircraft during that event. In closing, Mr. Fegan expressed continued commitment to the DFW service area and thanked the Fort Worth Rotary Club for our continued support of the airport.

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Next Week's Program

February 5, 2010

SPEAKER:
Tom Grieve
Analyst

Texas Rangers Baseball

Chairman of the Day:
Rotarian

ROTARIAN: Lee Patterson

ROTARIAN: Paul Paine

ROTARIAN: Michael Berkowitz, Tom Law Jr.

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Friday's Speaker



Carlo Capua

In September, eight members of the Fort Worth Rotary Club traveled to Africa to deliver more than 2,800 books to the children of Swaziland. These books, written and illustrated by the children of Fort Worth, were a gift from the members of our Rotary Club and supported the Club's literacy initiatives as well. They represented the collaborative efforts of our Club's International Services Committee and its Endowment Fund, as well as Fort Worth Sister Cities, Samaritan House and More Life, Fort Worth ISD students, and Deborah Jung and Kids Who Care.

Carlo Capua was one of the Rotarians who led the delegation to Mbabane, the capital of Swaziland. *Carlo* is a member of the Board of Directors of Sister Cities International and the Chair of the National Youth Committee, as well as vice-chair of the Mbabane committee of Fort Worth Sister Cities and an Ambassador to Swaziland. Because he had previously traveled to the country on be-

half of Fort Worth Sister Cities, he was the ideal candidate to help organize Rotary's efforts to present a program to students at an elementary school in the capital city, utilizing the *Angels at My Door* books and the corresponding curriculum guide that was developed by Rotary to help teachers talk to the students about the issue of HIV/AIDS.

Carlo has an extensive background in international leadership and multi-cultural instruction. He lived and worked as a an English teacher and cultural exchange advisor in Nagaoka, Japan and implemented an original English teaching curriculum for Japanese schools there from 2000 to 2004. While there, he introduced English to more than 10,000 Japanese students. From 2005 to 2008, he directed the bicultural program at the Monterrey Institute of Technology in Toluca, as well as taught English, Japanese and Entrepreneurship, and he was named "Outstanding Teacher" in 2007. He is a graduate of TCU and is the co-owner and general manager of Z's Café in Fort Worth.

Years of Service:

Bob Haltom, 59 Years

Stan Granger, 54 Years

Erwin Whitney, 26 Years

Make-Up Attendance

Western Fort Worth — 01.19.10 — Clem Constantine

Judith Carrier Mansfield

In Mbabane, *Carlo* used his teaching skills to engage the students as well as the Rotarians, as he led them through an exercise talking about an influential person in their life, i.e. their "angel". This activity laid the foundation for a deeper discussion on the often taboo topic of HIV/AIDS. *Carlo's* presentation Friday will feature highlights of the trip to Swaziland and will bring you up to date on our Club's international efforts there.

ROTARIAN: *Jim Austin*

ROTARIAN: *Fred Parker*

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Personals



Larry Mundt traveled to Germany in October where he renewed contacts with family separated since Larry's grandfather immigrated to the US 127 years ago. He stayed with relatives on the farm that his ancestors owned in the early 1700's.

Kimberly Britton was appointed by the Fort Worth City Council a few months ago to serve on the Fort Worth Employees Retirement Fund Board.

Kathryn Thompson and the Tarrant Literacy Coalition have been awarded an Impact Texas Initiative grant sponsored by the One Star Foundation. This grant for Executive Leadership Development will allow her to network with other nonprofit executives around the state in three leadership sessions to be held in Austin, San Antonio and Dallas – with the purpose of dialoguing to create solutions for lasting change in Texas. She will be traveling to the network sessions in February, April and May.

Tod Miller reports that he attended the Fiesta Bowl in Phoenix. Thank goodness he had already scheduled a trip to Beaver Creek immediately following the game, as several runs down the snowy slopes helped him get over the Frogs' loss.

Chuck Nixon and his wife, Diane, had an early Christmas present as they became grandparents for the fourth time on Christmas eve when Sara Wheeler Nixon arrived to son and daughter-in-law in Boston.

On January 26 th, Raymond Darrow received the Fort Worth Chapter of the American Institute of Architects' distinguished James R. Wooten Award for 2009 for his contribution to the profession of architecture this past year. Coincidentally, our own Fernando Costa was the speaker for the Honors and Awards Dinner.

Kudos to Mary Kathryn Anderson at the Tarrant Area Food Bank. She and the rest of the staff recently managed to organize a surprise 60th birthday party for Bo Soderbergh, and he truly was surprised. Mary Kathryn arranged a practically life sized electric guitar cake – and of course there were Swedish meatballs.

Everyone was encouraged to wear a bow, and for those who weren't prepared, festive bows were provided. Bo told the group of well wishers that celebrating one's 60th birthday is a big deal in Sweden, so he was happy to be able to do so. He is also looking forward to his 90th – his next significant milestone. Rotarians seen among the group of well wishers included Steve Dutton, Sid Johnston, Neva Williams, Tran Trong, Susan Morgan and Fernando Costa. Amy Bearden from the Rotary office was also on hand.

Steve Dutton and his partner, Tom Lang, traveled to Jacksonville recently to visit Tom's son and daughter-in-law and our new granddaughter, Piper, born on December 8th. They are also leaving on a cruise from Tampa to the Western Caribbean, including Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico to explore the Mayan ruins in celebration of Steve's 62nd birthday January 30.



Piper Lang

~Susan Morgan
Bakutis, McCully & Sawyer

Last Meeting

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In club news, Larry Eason was honored for 41 years of service and reminder was given regarding the Workplace Literacy Summit slated for February 24 at 8:00 a.m. Finally, new club members Kevin Long and Clint Sanders were introduced to the club.

— Charles Luke,
Volunteers of America

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