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Editorial

Rotarian to the Core

Our ordered society suffers from no shortage of rules and regulations. Do not park; do not pass; slow down; 35 mph; file by 15 April; arrive 2 hours prior; cans only; quiet please. Rules govern behavior. As long as we have enough of 'em to cover just about every situation, we might just achieve adequate governance. Of course, rules are good for letting us know what we may do; not necessarily what we should do.

In my profession, there are plenty of rules; but the U.S. military long ago recognized that rules can't possibly be written to cover every situation – every twist – every surprise. That's why we military folk live by a code; represented by a set of core values that influence us – drive us – to make the right call in unpredictable situations.



T. D. Smyers

Army:

“Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless service, Honor, Integrity and Personal courage”

Air Force:

“Integrity first; Service above self and Excellence in all we do”

Coast Guard:

“Honor, Respect and Devotion to duty”

Navy and Marine Corps:

“Honor, Courage and Commitment”

While somewhat varied by service, these core values are grounded in the same stuff – telling the truth; serving something greater; conduct based on courage and disciplined excellence.

Although I have long respected

the place of professional organizations and associations, I have prioritized joining them somewhere between matching socks and defragging my hard drive. So when my friend *Cliff Johnson* offered to sponsor me at Rotary, I thought it was a little like granola for breakfast – probably good for me in the long run, but hard to swallow on a regular basis.

When I looked into Rotary, however, I found something surprising – a code.

The motto, “Service above Self”

The test of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?”

This was quite a revelation; the Rotary had a code grounded in the same stuff I had been raised on – a pretty hearty breakfast; not granola!

— T. D. Smyers,
Naval Air Station

Program

November 6, 2009

SPEAKER:

John A. Miller
Governor,
District 5790

FORT WORTH CLUB

Chairman for the Day:
Sid Johnston

NEWSCAST: *Gary Grant*

Last Meeting



Jim Brittain

Our speaker, Jonathan Cain, introduced by Elliot Goldman was a last minute replacement for James O'Neill. Formerly with the Department of Health and Human Services, Mr. Cain was well versed in the complications of Health Care Reform. Mr. Cain indicated that with the decline in some chronic healthcare problems, such as tobacco related diseases, free market health care could evolve, and be competitive with the cost being consumer/patient driven. He also mentioned innovations such as organ transplant patients being allowed to compensate their donors, possibly speeding up the selection process.

Mr. Cain also said that the growth of tax-free health care savings programs that employees and employers contribute to, supplemented by catastrophic insurance could help, and also being able to purchase insurance across State lines, would make insur-

ance more competitive. He also said that Medicare could not be turned off like a switch because too many people depend on it now, but that Medicare/Medicaid currently consumes 4.3% of the Gross National Product.

Gene Lamis of the Fort Worth Southwest Rotary Club made a special presentation of the Paul Harris Fellow award to *Brandon Chase*. *Bernie Appel* won the best Halloween costume award from *Bob Jameson* in a tough contest between the other outstanding costumes present. *Doug White* announced the slate of candidates for 2010 Rotary Board of Directors, and *Kathryn Thompson* presented the First and Second Readings for new members and introduced 2 new members.

Christi Stinson, of Funding Information Center delivered the invocation, and *Jason Meyer* of Witherspoon introduced the visiting Rotarians and guests. *Pat Evans*, of Sproles Woodard, gave us the newscast, including the great news that Walmart now sells coffins.

~ Jim Brittain
Brittain & Crawford

Halloween at Rotary



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ROTARIANS: Tim McKinney, Ann Rice, Sue Matkin

ROTARIAN: John Phillips

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Friday's Speaker



John Miller

John grew up in Bristol, Virginia-Tennessee, where his ancestors go back to among the original settlers of that area. He received his BS degree from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville along with a commission in the U.S. Air Force. Later he completed graduate studies at West Texas A&M University.

He served on active duty with the Air Force during the Vietnam War, and afterwards entered the corporate world, first working for Eastern Air Lines in Miami, then with Ryder System who moved his family to Plano, Texas. In 1990 John and his wife opened a business in Colorado Springs only to close it two years later and move to Amarillo where he joined with business associates in a distribution/logistics consulting enterprise. In 1994 they moved to Arlington where he still works as a part-time distribution consultant.

After release from active duty John joined the Air Force Reserve and

served for 16 years in air terminal management throughout the world. John is a recognized genealogist and published author on his families' history. In addition, he has been actively involved with the Boy Scouts for over 40 years. Having earned his Eagle Scout while growing up, he held many different volunteer Scouting positions including District Chairman. He has been recognized with top Scouting awards, including the prestigious Silver Beaver and Cliff Dochterman Service Award.

Over 40 years ago John met and married his wife Claire in Wichita Falls, Texas. Today Claire teaches Family & Consumer Sciences at Lamar High School and in her spare time coaches the junior varsity cheerleaders. John and Claire are both active in their church.

In the early 1990's John joined the Rotary Club of Colorado Springs and was a member for the two years they lived there. In 2000 he joined the Rotary Club of Arlington North and has served on numerous committees. He has been honored as his club's Rotarian of the Year and his wife Claire has been inducted as an honorary member of the club. John has served as Assistant Governor for three years and recognized as the Assistant Governor of the Year. He twice traveled with other District 5790 Rotarians to Mexico on a friendship exchange and helped the Rotarians

of Leon deliver over 800 wheelchairs. John and Claire are both Paul Harris Fellows and John is a Benefactor to The Rotary Foundation.

They have two children: a daughter Jeanne who teaches third grade in Euless and a son who is deceased.

Make-Up Attendance

Western Fort Worth — 10.27.09 — Clem Constantine

Next Week's Program

November 13, 2009

SPEAKER:
Ed Wallace

Automotive Columnist
Star Telegram

Chairman of the Day:
J.R. Labbe

ROTARIANS: *Charlie Powell, Bill M cCoy, Mark Nurdin*

ROTARIAN: *Nancy Gibson*

ROTARIAN: *Walter Littlejohn*

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First Readings

* Jess Hall

- Proposed by *Bob Mitchell*
- Classification: Associations - National Kidney Foundation
- Company: National Kidney Foundation

* Sharon G. Bailey

- Proposed by *Kathryn Thompson*
- Classification: Associations — Learning Center of North Texas
- Company: The Learning Center of North Texas

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Wade, Banking Center President of Southwest Bank, received his Bachelor of Business Administration/ Finance Major from the University of Texas in Austin. He is on the Board of Directors of the Tarrant County Bankers Association and volunteers with Habitat for Humanity. Wade was previously the President of the Cleburne, Texas Rotary Club. He enjoys gardening, hunting, fishing and spending time at his west Texas farm. Wade is married to Diann, and they have two grown children.

Personals

I know many of you are missing *Jhani Wright-Williams* from our meetings. *Jhani* will be having knee replacement surgery this week. She reports that after surgery and rehab she hopes to be at Rotary again. I bet she would appreciate your cards and thoughts for her.

Craig Schaefer recently returned from an Atlantic Ocean crossing aboard *SeaDream II*. *Craig's* daughter *Meredith* is the Club and Activities Director on board the 112 passenger cruise ship/yacht. On October 16 just 1,541 miles from the ship's destination of San Juan, the captain stopped the ship for the passengers to take a swim in the Atlantic. Water temperature was 76 degrees! *Craig* can now cross swimming in the Atlantic off his bucket list.

Ann Rice's birthday was an unusual one this year. She and her husband *Pat* were on the safari portion of their Swaziland, Africa trip. *Pat* arranged for a special chocolate cake and it was delivered after breakfast on the head of a smiling server who, with her kitchen cohorts, sang Happy Birthday in Siswati. It seems the cake surprise had been planned for the evening before but a monkey had gotten into the kitchen and messed up the cake! To make things even better, given the travel time back to the US that day her birthday lasted 31 hours. What a coincidence, *Ann* is just 31 herself. *David Mosby* replaced his old equipment with new and will be using it to ski Crested Butte over Thanksgiving. *Bob Jameson* is looking forward to hosting the Mayor's International Dinner, benefitting Fort Worth Sister Cities International, at the Worthington Hotel on November 12. The event will also honor past chairs of the organization, according to *Mae Ferguson*. *Rosa Navejar* is taking time from her busy schedule to coordinate a reception for the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors' meeting to be held for the first time in Fort Worth on November 6. *Mattie Compton* ended her term as Chair of the Multicultural Alliance and handed the gavel to *Fernando Costa*. Congratulations, *Mattie*, and best of luck, *Fernando*.

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And the winner was...



Bernie Appel

Thank you to *Bob Jameson* for giving a free night at the Worthington Hotel to each of the costumed participants.