



# Rotary *Script*

The weekly club bulletin of

## THE ROTARY CLUB OF SHADES VALLEY

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### JIM SPENCER-YEAR IN REVIEW

#### AND INSTALLATION OF 2009-10 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

7/6 - Edward Callaway, CEO of Callaway Gardens

7/13-TBA

7/20 - Summer Intern Program

7/27 - Preview of 2009-10 Rotary Year, Art Cara

Today, Jim Spencer reports to the club on his year as president.

Also, today, Glenn E. Estess, Sr. will help install RCSV officers and directors for 2009-10.

Jim is an attorney in private practice in litigation, real estate, commercial transactions, and estate planning. Originally from Arkansas, Jim opened the Birmingham office in 1998 as a branch of the El Dorado practice founded by his grandfather in 1928.

Jim also served as city Attorney in El Dorado,

Special Associate Justice for Arkansas Supreme Court, and Circuit Chancery Judge for the 13th Judicial District of Arkansas.

Jim graduated from the University of Arkansas with undergraduate degrees in Law and Psychology and a *Juris Doctor* in Law. He obtained a Master of Arts degree in General Counseling (psychology) from Louisiana Technical University in 1995.

Jim serves Highlands United Methodist Church as trustee, staff parish relations committee,



Jim Spencer

church council, and Sunday School teacher.

He and wife, Diana married in 2003. A former Ms. Louisiana, Dianna was recently named Paul Harris Fellow by Jim, in honor of her support for him and RCSV.

### JUNE 22 PROGRAM

Mayor Tony Petelos discussed how the city of Hoover uses organic waste to power its fleet of motor vehicles.

The city collects used cooking oil and converts it into bio-diesel. Hoover recently adopted a wood waste to E-85 ethanol project for police vehicles. Wood waste is collected from Hoover homes and businesses, transported to Gulf Coast Energy in Livingston, AL where it is converted to E-85 ethanol, and purchased back

by Hoover for its non-diesel vehicles.

Petelos said that, in a special letter, General Motors certified the city's fuel for its Flex Fuel vehicles. To his knowledge, Hoover is the only such municipality to receive such a letter of certification from GM for a "homegrown" bio-fuel.

While Petelos admitted that ethanol is not a *the* cure to the fuel and energy crisis, he said that Hoover's fuel budget is down and that the city's money stays in the United States.

Asked about gubernatorial ambitions, Petelos said that now is not the right time for him and his family.



Mayor Petelos (left) speaks with Rotarians Pete Johnson (center) and Doug Rigney (right).

#### THE 4 WAY TEST

*Of the things we say or do . .*

- *Is it the truth?*
- *Is it FAIR to all concerned?*
- *Will it build goodwill and better friendships?*
- *Will it be beneficial to all concerned?*

**DISTRICT 6860 GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE TO DISTRICT 3132, MAHARASHTRA, INDIA**

Karen Larsen passes along the following information:

Tentative Travel Dates: December 27/28, 2009 to January 24/25, 2010.

Team Leader Applications Due: July 31, 2009, 5:00 PM.

Team Leader Interviews: August 8, 2009.

Team Member Applications Due: August 14, 2009, 5:00 PM.

Team Member Interviews: August 22, 2009

The District GSE Committee is seeking Team Leader and Team Member nominations from Rotary Club of Shades Valley for the group study exchange for the year 2009-2010. The exchange this year will be with Rotary District 3132, a portion of the state of Ma-

harashtra, the third largest state in India. The host district is located east and south of Mumbai, India's largest urban area and capital of the state. The team will not be spending any GSE time in Mumbai. Maharashtra has a diverse economy with a broad spectrum manufacturing which includes mechanical engineering, electronics, plastics and rubber, metallurgical, and packaging industries. In addition, it is a major agricultural area for sugar production. Because Maharashtra is tropical, the exchange is considerably earlier than normal exchange dates as noted above; travel dates have been set to take advantage of optimum weather conditions in India and to coincide with the 3132 District Conference.

The Team Leader must be a Rotarian and should be knowledgeable about

Rotary International.

In selecting nominees for Team Members, please remember the following important points:

- a. A team member must not be a Rotarian.
- b. A team member must not be related to a Rotarian (child, grandchild, spouse).
- c. A team member must reside and work within the District and must have been engaged, full time, in a vocational field for two (2) years prior to their selection.
- d. A team member must be between the ages of 25 and 40 as of the first day of the exchange.

For further details and applications please contact our Club President.

**RI CONVENTION**

*RI News—Arnold Grahl, 6/24/2009*

After four days of celebrating Rotary's spirit of international fellowship and service, Rotarians from all over the world bid adieu to the 100th RI Convention in Birmingham, England, on 24 June.

RI President-elect John Kenny, the first Scotsman to head the international humanitarian service organization in its 104-year history, encouraged the more than 16,000 Rotarians from over 150 countries at the convention to join in the last push to eradicate polio.

"Until the day the earth is declared polio-free, this work must be our first priority and our main focus," Kenny said during the closing plenary session. "It is up to us to finish the job."

Kenny, a member of the Rotary Club of



RI President-elect John Kenny at RI President D.K. Lee at RI Convention.

Grangemouth, has emphasized the important role that individual Rotarians and Rotary clubs play in the future of the organization, a message captured in the 2009-10 RI theme, *The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands*.

"The future of Rotary is being decided every day, in every one of our clubs -- by every one of you," Kenny said. "Every Rotarian adds fresh ideas and energies to their clubs and their districts. Each one of you can make im-

portant contributions and pass on to your successors stronger clubs, healthier communities, and a better world."

Throughout the week, Rotarians, friends, and other members of the family of Rotary heard prominent speakers discussing how close the world is to eradicating polio, and encouraging Rotarians to make that last push to get the job done.

During the keynote address at the Rotary World Peace Symposium, Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu said Rotary has earned the world's respect. "When they started out saying they wanted to eradicate polio, a lot of people said you ought to have your head read," he said. "Now there are only four countries where polio is endemic. This is fantastic. It is going to happen, and it is fantastic."

**SUMMER INTERN**

Henry Hughes, Education Director for the Birmingham Botanical Gardens, introduced Summer Intern, Steve Kennedy's professor from Miles College, Dr. Bernice Cobb, at the June 22 meeting. Dr. Cobb thanked the club for providing the opportunity for Steve. She also said that she is using Steve's experience to encourage her current students to excel.

Funds from the 2nd Annual Botanical Bash made Steve's internship possible. Plans are already underway for a 3rd Botanical Bash.



Dr. Bernice Cobb, professor at Miles College, pictured with BBG Summer Intern Steve Kennedy. Dr. Cobb visited the club for the June 22 meeting.



Summer Intern, Steve Kennedy on BBG staff field trip to a cypress-tupelo oxbow lake on the Cahaba River in Perry County.

**ATTENDANCE**

**GUESTS**

Guest	Guest of
Henry Hughes.....	Club
Steve Kennedy.....	Club
Dr. Bernice Cobb.....	Club
Matthew Moneyham.....	Sperry Snow
Henry Haskell.....	Wyatt Haskell
Tim Collins.....	Ted Brasfield
Mary Katherine Gleissner.....	Barbara Shepherd
Dr. Ann Mitchell.....	Bo Porter

**VISITING ROTARIANS**

John Lutembacher Long Beach, MS

**ROAMING ROTARIANS**

To be posted next week

**MISSING ROTARIANS**

Don Adams	Billy Johnson
Frank Adams	Mary Johnston
George Andrews	Clyde Jones
Doral Atkins	Marty Keely
Dave Bannon	Gordon Lawson
David Bates	Dan McKiever
John Beard	John Meier
Cecil Bostany	B. Monaghan
Pete Bradford	Michael O'Kelley
S. Brouillette	Gary Osborn
Jack Brown	Dan Pahos
Frank Caley	Candi Peoples
Lynn Campisi	Phillip Powell
Art Cara	Scott Powell
Jack Carney	Ed. Reisinger
David Clark	Chris Robbins
Tim Coker	Bill Ross
Merrill Compton	Brad Russell
Don Drennen	Chuck Sellers
Richard Duell	Paul Sharbel
Durham Ellis	Jerry Sharp
Glenn Estess	Jodie Smith
Glenn Estess	Brian Sullivan
Bob Faircloth	Sid Summey
John Feagin	Wes Templeton
Bill Garvin	Steve Trimmier
Craig Henneey	Greg Tucker
Ellen Holladay	Buzz Veal

Steve Vickery	Ty Williams
Sldn. Webster	Ernie Wood
John Williams	

**BIRMINGHAM AREA CLUB MEETINGS**

**MONDAY**

EASTWOOD - McElwain Baptist, Fellowship Hall.....12:15

**TUESDAY**

BIRMINGHAM-SUNRISE - The Harbert Center .....7 AM

**WEDNESDAY**

TRUSSVILLE/E. JEFFERSON-Courtyard Marriott.....7 AM

GARDENDALE/FULTONDALE - Gardendale Civic Ctr....12:00

HOOVER/RIVERCHASE - Hoover Country Club .....12:00

BIRMINGHAM - The Harbert Center .....12:00

**THURSDAY**

SHADES MTN. SUNRISE - Vulcan Park Conf. Center....7 AM

BESSEMER - Bright Star Restaurant .....12:00

TARRANT/PINSON VALLEY - Walker's Restaurant .....12:00

INVERNESS - Greystone Country Club.....12:00

ALABASTER/PELHAM - Shelby Co. Med. Center .....12:15

HOMEWOOD-OXMOOR - Homewood Library. .... 12:00

**FRIDAY**

BIRMINGHAM-EAST -St. Vicnect's East..... 12:00

## Serving Rotary in 2008-2009

District Governor . . . . .Mary Jean Sanspree

### OFFICERS

President . . . . . Jim Spencer  
 President-Elect . . . . . Art Cara  
 Secretary . . . . . Jodie Smith  
 Treasurer . . . . . Jim Shepherd  
 Sergeant-At-Arms . . . . . David Bell  
 Immediate Past President . . . . . Susan Brouillette

Chaplain . . . . . Bill Johnston  
 Rotary Script Editor . . . . . Jacob Erwin

### DIRECTORS

Club Service . . . . . Bonnie Richards  
 Community Service . . . . . Richard Hempstead  
 Vocational Service . . . . . Ken Rhoden  
 International Service . . . . . Dianne Davis  
 Membership . . . . . Wes Brown  
 Fellowship . . . . . Sperry Snow  
 Public Relations . . . . . Hal Cain  
 At-Large . . . . . Tom Somers  
 At-Large . . . . . Clyde Jones  
 At-Large . . . . . Doral Atkins

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### BIRTHDAY LUNCH

July birthday lunches will be celebrated on July 26. If your birthday falls during the month of July, please email Marilyn Leonard [marilynbl41@aol.com](mailto:marilynbl41@aol.com) or complete the following and place it in the bowl on the table or give to Marilyn:

Yes, I want a steak lunch for my birthday!

Print name and specify how you would like your steak prepared: \_\_\_\_\_

## Sergeants - At - Arms

David Bell, Director • 205-313-4807 • [dbell@candmfoods.com](mailto:dbell@candmfoods.com)

Arrive at 11:45AM for facility set up and stay for take down after the meeting. Please contact David Bell, or alternate, if unable to perform duty. **A \$25 donation to the yellow bowls is expected from members that neglect Sergeant-At-Arms duty and do not make prior arrangements**

	SELECTED	ALTERNATE
TODAY.....	Edward Reisinger, Mike Singer.....	Bonnie Richards
6-July.....	Jim Cearlock, Lynn Campisi.....	Angela Davis
13-July.....	Walter Clark, Jack Carney.....	Dianne Davis
20-July.....	Tim Coker, Fletcher Harvey.....	Jennifer Davis
26-July.....	Sean Dardeau, David Bates.....	Bill Dean
6-Aug.....	Dean Drinkard, David Comfort.....	Denis Devane

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"No good act performed in the world ever dies. Science tells us that no atom of matter can ever be destroyed, that no force once started ever ends; it merely passes through a multiplicity of ever-changing phases. Every good deed done to others is a great force that starts an unending pulsation through time and eternity. We may not know it, we may never hear a word of gratitude or recognition, but it will all come back to us in some form as naturally, as perfectly, as inevitably, as echo answers to sound."  
 William George Jordan

### WHAT PAUL HARRIS SAID

"Is it not a miracle that Rotary has brought together good and influential men of all civilized countries?

And is it not gratifying to know that there is a platform broad enough for all men to stand on?

And is it not heartwarming to know that men of diverse faiths and allegiances can find so much in each other, which is wholesome and good?

Rotary is an integrating force in a world where disintegrating forces are far more numerous."  
*The Rotarian*. 1944, *Our Foundation*

### ANNIVERSARIES

Dean and Barbara Drinkard, 24 yrs.....June 29  
 Candi and Lloyd Peeples, 7 yrs, .....June 29  
 Frank and Janet O'Neil, 25 yrs.....June 30  
 Clyde and Julia Jones, 7 yrs.....July 2  
 Bonnie and Ray Richards, 16 yrs.....July 30

### BIRTHDAYS



Jim Spencer III.....June 29  
 Don Adams.....June 30  
 Walter Clark .....July 2  
 John Feagin, Jr.....July 5

