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Barton
Alderman
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Congressman
John Barrow,
12th District
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Sept. 27 –
Patrick
Graham,
Savannah
Hilton Head
International
Airport
Oct. 4 – Russ
McCollister, GA
Pacific

Rotary Board Meeting:

September 26,
8:00 a.m. at
Johnson's on
4th

Rotary Websites

A new look at global ethics and The Four-Way Test

By RI Director-elect Lars-Olof Fredriksson

Moral codes and ethics give us tools but also raise questions to be answered: How should we live? What is morally good and bad, right and wrong? Shall we aim at happiness or knowledge? Virtue or the creation of beautiful objects? If we choose happiness, will it be our own or the happiness of all?

And what of the more specific questions that face us? Is it right to be dishonest for a good cause? Can we justify living in opulence while elsewhere in the world people are starving? Is going to war warranted in cases where innocent people will likely be killed?

Ethics deals with such questions at all levels. The subject's core consists of the fundamental issues of practical decision making, and its major concerns include the nature of ultimate value and the standards by which human actions can be judged right or wrong.

For Rotary, The Four-Way Test is the cornerstone of all action. It has been for years, and it will be in the future. 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?

The test is one of the hallmarks of Rotary. Since it was developed in 1932 by Herbert J. Taylor, who later became RI president, it has never ceased to be relevant. Its four brief questions are not based on culture or religion. Instead, they are a simple checklist for ethical behavior. They transcend generations and national borders.

As Rotarians, we should have The Four-Way Test in mind in every decision we make, all day long. Our utmost responsibility is to speak the truth, to be fair, to build goodwill and better friendships, and to do our very best in all situations.

Life is very turbulent today, and people all over the world are exhausted in their duties. Where are the dreams of a better world? Where are we? Who are we? What is our duty to ourselves, neighbors, and fellow citizens? Where are charity and our joint responsibility to humankind?

Now more than ever, we need a vision and knowledge of what is happening around us, a new view of cultural and religious phenomena, without dividing humankind into limited and subjective categories. That's the tenet for a better world and a job for us Rotarians: not engaging in politics, but serving without any boundaries.

This happens through our programs, and it happens through acting as a guide for international coexistence, providing a forum for dialogue and discussion worldwide,

of Interest

Rotary Club of
Effingham County

District 6920

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Rotary
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Leadership

R.I. President:
Wilfrid J.
Wilkerson
District Governor:
Richard E. Hyer,
Jr.
Assistant
Governor: Jeff
Kublin

Club Officers & Board of Directors

President: Jerry
Smith
Pres-Elect: Karen
Tanksley
Past Pres: Talbert
Edenfield
Secretary: Lenny
Pye
Treasurer: Dan
Burkhalter
Sgt-At-Arms:
Lamar Allen
Club Administrator:
Karen Tanksley
Club Public
Relations: Lane
Robertson
Membership: Ann
Purcell
Service Projects:
Mark Winters
Rotary Foundation:
Robert Nelson

giving perspective to views and models, finding new solutions using Rotarians' great knowledge and expertise, and having interfaith, multicultural, and ethical standards as guiding principles in all dealings.

No divine right can be vested in anyone to pronounce the final word or the ultimate truth. In matters of faith and religion, prescriptive morality should be avoided, as it often is the root cause of hostility and divisiveness. Global ethics is based on an interfaith mind and ecumenical way of living.

The one universal, unsurpassed principle expressed by nearly every major religion and values system is similar to the golden rule: Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Today, it is especially confusing to determine what is really right and wrong. But the fundamentals of Rotary are bound to universal ethics and humanity without any boundaries between race, religion, or ethnic background.

Rotary offers a possibility for solving ethical problems. Well-trained, well-engaged in social life, and with strong consciences, Rotarians must try to address these issues through Rotary's vocational and community service programs. People all over the world need more safety, tolerance, understanding, and love. They want to live in peace.

Tolerance, fairness, respect, compassion, and hope are particularly needed today. But what are tolerance and fairness? Are they only a question of sharing resources, rights, and obligations, or more a question of an ongoing dialogue? For an effective discourse, we have to identify the real problems, discuss them, and try to find compromises.

We should know what the human culture is made of, and what it means to different people and to the identity of other nationalities. The knowledge of other cultures, along with the skill to face the dissimilarities in our lives and lifestyles, seems to be a key point and the biggest issue.

Rotary, whose club members represent many cultures and religious beliefs and are committed to high ethical standards, can support mutual understanding and serve as a tool for peace. Rotarians and Rotary clubs all over the world — in small country towns and huge capitals, in the East and West, South and North — may provide enduring forums for peace discussions and together work for peace.

Attendance for 8/30/07 Meeting

Attendance: 71.36%	Members Absent	
	Ken Boyd (5)	Lamar Crosby (1)
	Patrick Finley (1)	Laura Hendrix (1)
	Robert Nelson (1)	Lee Newberry (1)
Guest of Members	Barbara Oglesby (1)	Warren Ratchford (1)
	Carolyn Sanders (2) Dennis Webb (2)	
	A Good Rotarian Makes up Missed Meetings	
Visiting Rotarians	Lamar Allen, Effingham Sunrise	
	Tommy Allen, Effingham Sunrise	
Buddy Carter, Pooler		

PAST
PRESIDENTS

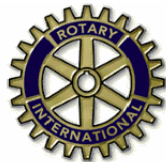
John Thompson – 1989
 Ron Harden – 1990
 Herb Jones – 1991
 Warren Ratchford – 1992
 Lenny Pye – 1993
 Lamar Allen – 1994
 David Atkins – 1995
 Charles Williamson – 1996
 Wendel Wilson – 1997
 Tommy Allen – 1998
 Ken Lee – 1999
 Carolyn Sanders – 2000
 Lamar Crosby – 2001
 Dennis Webb – 2002
 Jeff Kublin – 2003
 Rick Sebastian – 2004
 Judy Quinney – 2005
 Talbert Edenfield - 2006

WILL WALL FELLOWS

Lamar Allen
 Tommy Allen
 Herb Jones
 Kay Jones
 Jeff Kublin
 Lenny Pye
 Carolyn Sanders
 Leland Sanders
 Rick Sebastian
 John Thompson
 Charles Williamson
 Ray Zittrouer

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Herb Jones	26 years
Lamar Allen	17 years
Tommy Allen	11 years
Wendel Wilson	10 years
Jeff Kublin	7 years
Jim Scott	7 years
Talbert Edenfield	6 years
Lainie Jenkins	5 years
Jerry Smith	5 years
Karen Tanksley	5 years
Patrick Finley	4 years
Barbara Oglesby	3 years
Mark Winters	3 years
Dan Burkhalter	2 year
Stan Sparks	2 year



"Service Above Self"



PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Lamar Allen	Tommy Allen
David Atkins	Lamar Crosby
Talbert Edenfield	Ron Harden
Jane Hughes	Lainie Jenkins
Herb Jones	Jeff Kublin
Ken Lee	Lenny Pye
Ann Purcell	Judy Quinney
Warren Ratchford	Carolyn Sanders
Rick Sebastian	Wendell Sikes
John Thompson	Dennis Webb
Charles Williamson	Wendel Wilson
Leo Wuori	Mary Zitterouer

Sustaining Rotary Foundation Members

Lisa Bailey	Dan Burkhalter
Patrick Finley	Laura Hendrix
Ron Howard	Adrian Meeks
Robert Nelson	Marsha Sanders
Jim Scott	Jerry Smith
Stan Sparks	Karen Tanksley
Mark Winters	

MAKE UP PLACES NEAR
EFFINGHAM COUNTY

Effingham Sunrise – Tues., 7:30 AM at Guyton Christian Church
 Glennville – Wed., 12:00 PM at Community Center
 Hinesville – Tues., 12:30 PM at Holiday Inn
 Pooler – Wed., 7:30 AM at the Western Sizzlin
 Richmond Hill – Thurs., 12:30 PM at Holiday Inn
 Savannah – Mon., 12:30 PM at Desoto Hilton
 Sav. South – Tues., 12:30 PM at Holiday Inn Midtown
 Savannah East – Fri., 12:30 PM at Desoto Hilton
 Savannah West – Wed., 12:30 PM at The Hyatt
 Sav. Sunrise – Thurs., 7:30 AM at The First City Club
 Skidaway Island – Wed., 7:30 AM at Plantation Club
 Statesboro – Mon., 1:00 PM at Forest Heights CC
 Statesboro Downtown – Thurs., 7:15 AM at Statesboro Inn
 Sylvania – Thurs., 12:30 PM at R & D Seafood

The Four Way Test

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Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all CONCERNED?

Rotary Club of Effingham County

2007 - 2008 Yearly Planner

Jul 2007						
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July

12 *President's Assembly*

Jan 2008						
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August

2 *No Meeting*

4 *Rotary Foundation Seminar, Vidalia; Rotary Promotional at the Sand Gnats Game*

Aug 2007						
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October

27 *Membership Seminar - Vidalia*

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November

6 *Pancake Supper*

8 *No Meeting*

Sep 2007						
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15 *Club Assembly - Nominating Committee Report Due*

22 *Happy Thanksgiving - No Meeting*

29 *R.I. District Governor's Club Visit*

Mar 2008						
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December

13 *Vote on nominations from Nominating Committee*

27 *No Meeting*

Oct 2007						
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January

17 *Preliminary High School Speech Contest*

31 *Club Assembly*

Apr 2008						
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February

7 *High School Speech Contest at New Ebenezer*

28 *Volunteer of the Year Banquet*

Nov 2007						
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March

8 *PETS*

May 2008						
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April

10 *Club Assembly*

18 *District Conference*

26 *Auction*

Dec 2007						
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June

7 *District Assembly*

26 *No Meeting - End of Year Party on the 28th*

Jun 2008						
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Board of Directors meet every 4th Wednesday at "Johnson's on 4th" at 8:00 a.m. (exceptions due to scheduling may apply)