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Rotary Weekly Programs

Mar 4 – Wendy Fears, LCDS
 Mar 11 – High School Speech Contest, New Ebenezer
 Mar 18 – Kim Dennis, YMCA
 Mar 25 – Rick Lott, Effingham Arts Council
 Apr 1 – Victoria Tenbroeck, Cancer Society

Club and District Calendar of Events 2009-2010

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Rotary Board Meeting

March 10, 8:00 a.m. at Johnson's on 4th

Rotary Websites of Interest (Click on the name to visit the site)

Rotary Club of Effingham County

District 6920

Rotary International

The Four-Way Test dissected

By Arnold R. Grahl

Rotary International News -- 2 March 2010



Herbert Taylor with The Four-Way Test.

In 1932, Herbert J. Taylor wrote down four questions on a small white piece of paper to serve as an "ethical yardstick" for his employees.

His simple creation has come to be known as **The Four-Way Test**. Revered by Rotarians, it has been translated into more than 100 languages and recited weekly at club meetings around the globe.

When Merv Hecht, a member of the Rotary Club of Santa Monica, California, USA, challenged the notions behind the test as unrealistic and impractical in today's world, his letter in the December 2009 issue of *The Rotarian* prompted a flood of responses, many in defense of the test.

"Is it the TRUTH? The truth is variable," Hecht writes in his letter, reflecting on the first tenet of the test. "It used to be the 'truth' that the world was flat. And if you didn't accept that truth, you were burned at the stake. Then for many years it was taught that the world was round. Now they say it's elliptical because of the pull of gravity. Which is true?" He goes on to argue that what is fair for some is seldom fair for all, and that the final two points of the test are "not the way the world works." ([Read the full letter.](#))

Hecht says he is surprised by the response his letter has received. "It was a spur-of-the-moment letter, but in thinking about it now, I think it's a reaction to the black-and-white attitude that is permeating our society," he says. "Absolutism is dividing our fellow Americans as well as our international friends. The Four-Way Test is another of these absolutes that fails to train people to see the grays in social relationships. Perhaps Rotary, one of my very favorite organizations, could be improved with a new Four-Way Test that includes an openness to other points of view."

Below are a few of the many responses that have poured into *The Rotarian* 's mailbox.

- Dale Bailey, of San Diego, California, USA, agrees with Hecht: "You're right --

Missed a Meeting and need a make-up. Click on the link below to make-up online

Rotary EClub One

Rotary International Leadership

R.I. President: John Kenny
 District Governor: Clyde A. Taylor
 Assistant Governor: Jeff Kublin

Club Officers & Board of Directors

President: Mark Winters
 Pres-Elect: Leland Sanders
 Past Pres: Karen Tanksley
 Secretary: Lenny Pye
 Treasurer: Dan Burkhalter
 Sgt-At-Arms: Lamar Allen
 Club Administrator: Leland Sanders
 Club Public Relations: Lainie Jenkins
 Membership: Sandy Martin
 Service Projects: Tracy Soles
 Rotary Foundation: Lisa Mosley

The Four-Way Test is obsolete. We now live in a world where absolutes only erode our freedoms. Truth is now only that which benefits the bearer."

- John Collier, president-elect of the Rotary Club of West U (Houston), Texas, USA, writes: "If I am committed to the truth, I do not deceive people. I am transparent. I am committed to full disclosure and the truth as I know it, because deception is a practice that tries to persuade someone to believe a lie."
- Marsha Doyle, treasurer of the Rotary Club of Lamar, Missouri, USA, responds: "The Four-Way Test isn't supposed to be easy. I believe it is supposed to make one think hard and search to the heart of every matter to ensure that the one asking is diligently seeking integrity. We try and fail now and then, but we try. We succeed far more often. Rotary should continue to promote the test as a standard to which all persons of integrity and goodwill can aspire."
- George Paden, a member of the Rotary Club of Sand Springs, Oklahoma, USA, and district Rotary Peace Fellowships chair, says: "I respectfully submit that 'this is not the way the world works' is precisely the reason every member of Rotary should totally embrace the principles set forth in our Four-Way Test. Rotarians do not work the way the world works. Rotarians are not people who are motivated by what's-in-it-for-me or what-have-you-done-for-me-lately kinds of thinking."
- Connie Cockcroft, president of the Rotary Club of Athens, Pennsylvania, USA, writes: "The Four-Way Test is the purest, most humble way to gauge the ethics of our professions."

Attendance for 2/25/2010 Meeting

<p>Attendance: 77.78%</p> <p>Guest Speaker</p> <p>High School Speech Contest Michaela Lariscy Amanda Starling Natalie Starling</p> <p>Guest of Members</p> <p>Julian Pafford, guest of Dinah King</p> <p>Guest of the Club</p> <p>Renee Christensen</p> <p>Visitarians</p> <p>Brian Dickey, Effingham Sunrise Chuck Murphy, Statesboro</p>	<p>Members Absent</p> <p>Lamar Crosby (2) Beth Epling (1) Tess Hynes (3) Ramona Lovett (1) Paul McMillan (1) Leland Sanders (1) Stan Sparks (2)</p> <p>Leave of Absence</p> <p>Robert Nelson Ann Purcell</p> <p>A Good Rotarian Makes up Missed Meetings</p> <p>Lamar Allen, Effingham Sunrise Talbert Edenfield, Board Meeting, Metter Rotary Club Jeff Kublin, AG Training, Pooler Rotary Club Tom Matty, Golf Fundraiser Committee Meeting Lenny Pye, Golf Fundraiser Committee Meeting Jerry Smith, Golf Fundraiser Committee Meeting</p>
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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
 Jerry Smith – 2007
 Karen Tanksley - 2008

WILL WATT FELLOWS

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

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Herb Jones	28 years
Lamar Allen	19 years
Tommy Allen	13 years
Jeff Kublin	9 years
Jim Scott	9 years
Talbert Edenfield	8 years
Lainie Jenkins	8 years
Leland Sanders	7 years
Jerry Smith	7 years
Karen Tanksle	7 years
Patrick Finley	6 years
Barbara Oglesby	5 years
Mark Winters	5 years
Dan Burkhalter	5 years
Adrian Meeks	2 years
Carolyn Sanders	2 years
Sandy Martin	1 year
Tracy Soles	1 year
Dennis Webb	1 year



PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

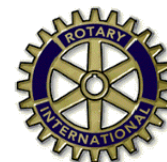
Andy Abbott (2)	Lamar Allen
Tommy Allen	David Atkins
Lamar Crosby	Talbert Edenfield
Ron Harden	Jane Hughes
Lainie Jenkins (2)	Herb Jones (2)
Jeff Kublin	Ken Lee
Lenny Pye	Ann Purcell
Judy Quinney	Warren Ratchford
Carolyn Sanders	Leland Sanders
Rick Sebastian	Wendell Sikes
Jerry Smith	Karen Tanksley
John Thompson	Dennis Webb
Charles Williamson	Wendel Wislon
Leo Wuori	Mary Zittrouer

Sustaining Rotary Foundation Members

Andy Abbott	Lisa Bailey
Ken Boyd	Dan Burkhalter
Patrick Finley	Laura Hendrix
Adrian Meeks	Robert Nelson
Barbara Oglesby	Lane Robertson
Jim Scott	Stan Sparks
Mark Winters	

MAKE UP PLACES NEAR EFFINGHAM COUNTY

Effingham Sunrise – Tues., 7:30 AM at Guyton Christian Church
 Glennville – Wed., 12:00 PM at Glennville Garden Club
 Hinesville – Tues., 12:30 PM at Western Sizzlin
 Pooler – Wed., 7:30 AM at Spankys Westside
 Richmond Hill – Thurs., 12:30 PM at Holiday Inn
 Savannah – Mon., 12:30 PM at Desoto Hilton
 Sav. South – Tues., 12:30 PM at Carey Hilliard's Banquet Hall
 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., 7:15 AM at Plantation Club
 Statesboro – Mon., 1:00 PM at Forest Heights CC
 Statesboro Downtown – Thurs., 7:15 AM at R.J.'s
 Sylvania – Thurs., 12:30 PM at R & D Seafood



"Service Above Self"

(2) Multiple Paul Harris Fellows

Rotary Club of Effingham County Calendar of Events 2009-2010

July

02: President's Club Assembly

August

14-15: Rotary Foundation, Membership, and Literacy Seminar

28-30: GRSP Conclave – Rome, GA

September

Polio-Plus Awareness Month

October

22: District Governor's Club Visit

24: Fall Fundraiser

November

12: Club Assembly – Nominating Committee Report Due

26: Happy Thanksgiving – No Meeting

December

10: Election of Board of Directors and President-elect

24: Merry Christmas Eve – No Meeting

31: Happy New Year's Eve – No Meeting

January

Polio-Plus Awareness Month

February

04: Club Assembly

18: Volunteer of the Year Banquet

25: Preliminary High School Speech Contest

March

11: High School Speech Contest

13-14: PETS (President-elect Training Seminar, Atlanta)

18: Student Teacher Awards Recognition (STAR)

April

17: Spring Fundraiser

23-25: District Conference, Jekyll Island

29: Scholarship Applications Due

May

21: RYLA Applications Due

27: Club Assembly

June

RYLA

24: No Meeting

26: End-of-Year Party