



January 7, 2021 CLUB BULLETIN

Speakers

Jan. 7: NO MEETING

Jan. 14: NO MEETING

Jan. 21: Kerry Carithers, Mentor Me Executive Director

Jan. 28: Tina Fischlin, District Governor

Feb. 4: OPEN

Feb. 11: Sheri Hardee and Mary Beth Byerly, University of North Georgia, courtesy of Steven Kronenberg

Feb. 18: OPEN

Feb. 25: OPEN

Birthdays

No Birthdays

UPCOMING EVENTS:

If you have any upcoming events that you would like to see in the bulletin, please reach out to Stephanie Woody at swoody@forsythnews.com.

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THIS WEEK:

January 7: NO MEETING FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS!

This week in history: 1838

Samuel Morse demonstrates the telegraph

In January of 1838, Samuel Morse's telegraph system is demonstrated for the first time at the Speedwell Iron Works in Morristown, New Jersey. The telegraph, a device which used electric impulses to transmit encoded messages over a wire, would eventually revolutionize long-distance communication, reaching the height of its popularity in the 1920s and 1930s.

Samuel Finley Breese Morse was born April 27, 1791, in Charlestown, Massachusetts. He attended Yale University, where he was interested in art, as well as electricity, still in its infancy at the time. After college, Morse became a painter. In 1832, while sailing home from Europe, he heard about the newly discovered electromagnet and came up with an idea for an electric telegraph. He had no idea that other inventors were already at work on the concept.

Morse spent the next several years developing a prototype and took on two partners, Leonard Gale and Alfred Vail, to help him. In 1838, he demonstrated his invention using Morse code, in which dots and dashes represented letters and numbers. In 1843, Morse finally convinced a skeptical Congress to fund the construction of the first telegraph line in the United States, from Washington, D.C., to Baltimore. In May 1844, Morse sent the first official telegram over the line, with the message: "What hath God wrought!"

Over the next few years, private companies, using Morse's patent, set up telegraph lines around the Northeast. In 1851, the New York and Mississippi Valley Printing Telegraph Company was founded; it would later change its name to Western Union. In 1861, Western Union finished the first transcontinental line across the United States. Five years later, the first successful permanent line across the Atlantic Ocean was constructed and by the end of the century telegraph systems were in place in Africa, Asia and Australia.

Because telegraph companies typically charged by the word, telegrams became known for their succinct prose whether they contained happy or sad news. The word "stop," which was free, was used in place of a period, for which there was a charge. In 1933, Western Union introduced singing telegrams. During World War II, Americans came to dread the sight of Western Union couriers because the military used telegrams to inform families about soldiers' deaths.

Over the course of the 20th century, telegraph messages were largely replaced by cheap long-distance phone service, faxes and email. Western Union delivered its final telegram in January 2006.

Samuel Morse died wealthy and famous in New York City on April 2, 1872, at age 80.

<https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/morse-demonstrates-telegraph>



Club Socials Chair



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The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, 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?



Rotary Opens Opportunities



Please keep the following in mind when considering attending in-person meetings:

- ◆ Attending in-person meetings is not required. There are no attendance requirements at least through the end of the year. Additionally, we are working on making the meetings accessible via Zoom. Do not feel any obligation to attend in-person meetings if you are not comfortable doing so or feel it is unsafe.
- ◆ Anyone who is sick, infected with COVID-19 or exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 must not attend in-person meetings.
- ◆ Guests and visiting Rotarians are not permitted to attend in-person meetings at this time. However, they are encouraged to join us via Zoom.
- ◆ Please be aware that the Governor's order strongly encourages people to wear face coverings as practicable while outside their homes except when eating or drinking.
- ◆ Please keep the following excerpt from the Governor's order in mind when deciding to attend Rotary meetings in person:

All residents and visitors of the State of Georgia who meet the following criteria for higher risk of severe illness as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are required to Shelter in Place within their homes or places of residence:

1. Those persons who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility, including inpatient hospice, assisted living communities, personal care homes, intermediate care homes, community living arrangements and community integration homes.
2. Those persons who have chronic lung disease.
3. Those persons who have moderate to severe asthma.
4. Those persons who have severe heart disease.
5. Those persons who are immunocompromised. May conditions can cause a person to be immunocompromised, including cancer treatment, smoking, bone marrow or organ transplantation immune deficiencies, poorly controlled HIV or AIDS, and prolonged use of corticosteroids and other immune weakening medication.
6. Those persons, of any age, with class III so severe obesity.
7. Those persons diagnosed with the following underlying medical conditions: diabetes, liver disease, and persons with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis.

◆ Until further notice, lunches will be pre-prepared with no buffet service.

◆ Tables will be arranged with seating of no more than 6 people and appropriately spaced out. Please adhere to this and do not add seating or rearrange the setups.

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Past Presidents

1975 Tommy Bagwell	1986 Steve Jackson	1997 Bill Kehres	2008 Mike Palmer
1976 Terry Smith	1987 Tim LeBlanc	1998 Jeff Stephens	2009 Burton Blackmar
1977 Jackie Welch	1988 Denton Ashway	1999 John Weaver	2010 Shan Mize
1978 Larry Boling	1989 Bobby Thomas	2000 Jim Whitney	2011 Taylor Rice
1979 Zack Rice	1990 Jim Wheeler	2001 Jon McDaniel	2012 George Pirkle
1980 Roger Williams	1991 Rich Brown	2002 Keith Argo	2013 George Pirkle
1981 Tom Miller	1992 Tim Perry	2003 Rich Neville	2014 Mike Smith
1982 Gabe Dukas	1993 Bob McGuinn	2004 Melissa Durand	2015 Rusty Smith
1983 Eddie Stowe	1994 Robert Thuss	2005 Brandon Barron	2016 Donna Wade
1984 Dana Miles	1995 Brian Carpenter	2006 Chuck Welch	2017 Eric Duncan
1985 Mike Gravitt	1996 Charles Ammons	2007 Gabe Arango	2018 Ken Terry

Paul Harris Fellows

In 2016 our club became 100% Paul Harris Fellows!

1977	Tommy Bagwell	Penny McGuinn	Jim Whitney	Seth Thomas
1978	Jim French	Rafe Banks	Rex Abbott	Donna Wade
1986	Bob McGuinn	Rich Brown	2000 Nancy Abbott	Lucy Thuss
	Larry Boling	Malvelene Vaughan	Melissa Durand	Matt Richmond
	Bobby Thomas	1993 Stan Gault	Tim Perry	2006 Chuck Welch
1987	Gary Allen	1994 Mike Gravitt	2001 Mike Smith	2008 Dana Miles
	Bill Carter	Shannon Mize	Bill Levensalor	Eric Duncan
1988	Jack Manton	Charles Welch	George Pirkle	Mike Palmer
	Zack Rice	Brenda Thomas	2002 Burton Blackmar	John Heath
1991	Robert Thuss	Chantal Bagwell	2003 Lorne Twiner	2010 John Martin
	Vic Shirley	Shaun McGuinn	2004 Bruce Hearn	2014 Linda Duncan
	Lou Douglas	Brian Carpenter	Jack Godwin	D'Arcy Duncan Andrews
1992	Rafe Banks	Michael O'Bryan	2005 Jon McDaniel	Erin Duncan Topel
	Jack Heard	1996 Leslie McGuinn	Mike Montgomery	2015 Sam Siemon
	Jim Wheeler	1997 Denton Ashway	Joni Owens	Gabe Arango Murray Rice

Will Watt Fellows

1986	Tommy Bagwell	1999 Rex Abbott	2007 Donna Wade	Lorne Twiner
1990	Dick Neville	2001 Jon McDaniel	2008 Eric Duncan	Bill Guilfoil
	Bobby Thomas	Rich Brown	2009 Dana Miles	
	Lou Douglas	Bill Kehres	2010 John Hall	
1995	Brian Carpenter	Mike Gravitt	2012 George Pirkle	
	Bob McGuinn	2002 Malvelene Vaughan	Dennis Gravitt	
1998	Jim Whitney	2003 Mike Montgomery	2013 Jim Wheeler	

If you have a question about the bulletin/programs, or have a program of interest to the club, please contact Stephanie Woody at swoody@forsythnews.com or mobile 678-878-0516.