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"SHARING WITH OTHERS IS ROTARY"

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

Everybody is talking about Edward J. Corsi, the immigration man, the Salk vaccine, Easter, and how our Congressmen, who raised their pay, took a few days off; Governor Griffin says he is not talking for anybody for Senator, because he is for all the people, and would-be President Adlai talks about Formosa and this and that. Talk, talk, talk, but the big talk in the eastern half of Georgia is about the Super Colossal GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE that General Chairman Joe Mendel and Program Chairman Wilson Page have cooked up. They talk great, etc., etc.

Speaking of Easter, did you get your share of hardboiled eggs and milk chocolate bunnies? Oh, the fun parents have with their children.

There being no further nominations by April 15, EDESEL BENSON of Athens will be nominated DISTRICT GOVERNOR without opposition at the Conference. Congratulations to Ed and a pat on the back for the rest of us for our good fortune in having Ed as our leader in 1955-56.

Ed, you will be gratified when you see the names of the Presidents and Secretaries for next year. A grand bunch of Rotarians will be on your team, just like I have had on mine, and I predict a banner year for all of you. Ed, why don't you just tell these new club officials that the way to learn how to do their job properly is to attend the DISTRICT ASSEMBLY at Clayton on May 15 and 16? All Rotarians are welcome and will have a thoroughly enjoyable time, but it is a "must" for new club Presidents and Secretaries.

Have you told W. P. Stevens, Macon, whether you are going to CHICAGO? Please do, because he has to know. And, speaking of Chicago, let me offer a suggestion or two: (1) You had better write R. I., Hotel Sherman, Chicago 1, Illinois and enclose \$7.00 a person for the DIXIE DINNER to be held at 6:30 P.M., Tuesday, May 31, at the Conrad Hilton Hotel. This is an outstanding affair of every convention and it is a first come, first served affair. This year will be no exception for in addition to a fine dinner there will be exceptional entertainment and a man a lot of you know, Past Director and Present North Carolina Governor Luther Hodges, will speak and tell us what the Governor of North Carolina said to the Governor of South ----- "aw naw, not that old gag." Anyway, it will be good and I just wanted to tip you off because the "Yankees" even clamor to get in. (2) If your club is not going to be represented at Chicago, won't you please send to either me, Ed Benson or someone else you know is going to Chicago, YOUR PROXY and any instructions you have about voting, so they will be in hand before we leave. Unfortunately, last year some of the clubs sent me their proxy after I returned from Seattle, which didn't help any. Thanks, Covington, for sending yours pronto.

The Millen Rotarians and their Rotaryannes entertained at a delightful

INTER-CITY LADIES NIGHT on April 15 and had as their guests the Rotarians and Rotary-annes of Waynesboro and Sylvania. What a delightful way to honor your neighbors and cement Rotary friendships. Has your club done anything about an INTER-CITY MEETING? By the way, just because the Conference will soon be a pleasant memory and new club officers have been elected, let's not lose steam, for there are still two months to go. What about having one or more INTER-CITY GENERAL FORUMS IN THIS DISTRICT? So that we can learn how Rotary can be made more vital to the individual Rotarian, how Rotarians can work more effectively in the four avenues of service and what is behind Rotary's truly remarkable growth and activity world-wide. What club will be first to play host and provide such a splendid opportunity for Rotary fellowship and timely discussion? Rotary International will provide an outstanding speaker and leader. Write me for details.

On Sunday morning, April 17, all St. Simons Island ministers chose as the topic for their sermon "THE FOUR WAY TEST." Why not, for it is a way of life that, when lived up to, will make it possible for us mere mortals to face our Maker with confidence. Congratulations to the St. Simons Club for arranging such an outstanding contribution to their community; it is another feather among a lot of feathers in your hat of service. I hope the mention of this will inspire other clubs to do the same thing until a sermon on the subject has been preached in every pulpit in District 241 and on and on through the Rotary world.

Since May 14, 1954, approximately 510 clubs, from Aankoski, Finland to Zutphen, The Netherlands, and including Savannah, Georgia, have reached their initial goal of an INVESTMENT IN THE ROTARY FOUNDATION of an amount equivalent to \$10 per member, and there are 95 clubs who so realize the importance of this means of good will and understanding that they have invested from two to five times 100%. I hope before too long we can have 100% participation of our clubs in this important project. What has your club done on this? Ask your Secretary.

I like this department: FROM NOW ON. "Yes, from now on, I am going to do something about my personal contribution to Rotary. I am going to see if I can find someone to propose for membership in my Rotary Club. I am going to spend a few minutes each week being friendly with two or three members with whom I normally have no contact.

"I know that the success of my club is my personal obligation, not something I can leave to a committee. I cannot neglect Rotary without missing the benefits that cause Rotary to grow in size and usefulness all over the world. I myself am Rotary."-- The Augusta Weekly Letter -- And I might add they take their Rotary just that seriously in Augusta and that is why it is one of our great clubs.

REMEMBER? Going to the cellar for a pitcher of sweet cider?.... Having to wait until spring for fresh vegetables? When homemade lamplighters were used to save matches? Your first grapevine cigar and how it bit your tongue? Those concealed "hip pockets" that ladies wore in the black, rustling taffeta skirts of yesteryears? Be sure to REMEMBER "If you are a Rotarian and alive, attend the Conference in '55."

I had the distinct privilege of hearing PRESIDENT HERB TAYLOR speak to the New York City Rotary Club recently and he brought some 600 Rotarians to their feet cheering and applauding just as he did in Savannah. A great Rotarian, Herb, who has provided superb leadership.

Here is how we attended our meetings during MARCH, and you will see we went over 90% in the district for the second time this year. Thanks, fellows, and congratulations to all the Secretaries on the honor roll.

Rank	(Previous Month)	Club	Secretary's Honor Roll	Membership		Attendance	
				Gain	Loss		
1	(1)	Millen	Paul Sauve	/2		99.39	3-100%
2	(11)	Tennille	Bill Copeland		-1	99.23	4-100%
3	(3)	*Harlem		/4		99.14	3-100%
4	(2)	Thomson	Weldon Neal		-4	98.57	1-100%
5	(6)	Statesboro			-1	96.03	
6	(9)	Fitzgerald	Lowell Downing		0	95.39	2-100%
7	(14)	Hawkinsville			0	94.80	2-100%
8	(10)	*St. Simons	Bob West	/6		94.22	1-100%
9	(7)	Toccoa		/2		93.97	
10	(18)	Sandersville			-3	92.94	
11	(23)	Sylvania		/2		92.16	
12	(17)	Monroe			-6	92.10	
13	(21)	McRae	Bill Bowen		-2	91.71	1-100%
14	(4)	Hartwell	Wilson Page		0	91.43	
15	(16)	Jefferson		/1		90.97	
16	(13)	Tifton	Bill Dewberry		-2	90.90	
17	(26)	Waynesboro	John McDowell		-4	90.87	
18	(8)	*Valdosta		/10		90.75	
19	(28)	Claxton	C. E. DeLoach, Jr.	/2		90.61	

DISTRICT AVERAGE - 90.06%. Good, "yes sirree," but did you know 2 districts in California are in a race with percentages of 97.44 and 97.94?

20	(32)	Eastman			-3	88.46	
21	(15)	Waycross	Arthur Walton	/1		88.11	
22	(30)	Macon	Frank Jones		-3	87.86	
23	(19)	Gainesville	Lewis Fletcher		-2	87.70	
24	(22)	Brunswick		/1		87.38	
25	(12)	Covington			-2	86.50	
26	(24)	*Milledgeville	John Overstreet	/5		86.36	
27	(29)	*Elberton	George Johnson	/5		85.83	
28	(31)	Savannah	Charlie Golson	/15		85.80	
29	(27)	Dublin	Cleon Odom	/1		85.07	
30	(20)	*Cochran	John Morris	/3		84.37	
31	(25)	Augusta			-1	83.12	
32	(34)	Athens	George Strother, Jr.		-10	82.27	
33	(33)	Blackshear	Irvin Gilmore		0	81.54	1-100%
34	(5)	Clayton	Knox Bynum		0	76.60	

*10% increase in membership; congratulations all. Who else will do it?

My very best to each of you and your families.

Sincerely yours,

Buck

Hugh Hill

AND I QUOTE ... "You succeed in a job -- not by never making blunders -- but in never making the same one twice."