

WARNER ROBINS ROTARY CLUB

April 27, 2010

Greeters

Today Jim McIlrath, Cindy Holmes, Tom McMichael
May 4 Ginaline Belcher, Michael McNeal, Don Meck

Invocation

Today: Zach Osborne May 4: Skip Phillips

Pledge of Allegiance

Today: Lynn Hudson May 4: Ashley Hughes

Four-Way Test

Today: Jeff Scruggs April 27: Les Arent

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Marsha Priest-Buzzell,
executive director,

Warner Robins Convention and Visitors

Bureau

on the Special Olympics

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

May 4 George Hartwig, chief assistant district attorney,
Houston Judicial Circuit

May 11 TBA

PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS

If you have a suggestion for an upcoming program, contact Randy Randall by phone at 922-9234 (work) or 951-2178 (mobile), or by e-mail at glcm1@cox.net.

PROGRAM REPORT

April 20, 2010

George McCanless,
president and publisher,
The Telegraph

President and publisher of the Telegraph since early 2008, George McCanless expressed as much passion about the quality of journalism in his newspaper as he was about its profitability.

While he noted that there is a public perception of the newspaper industry being "mostly dead," McCanless said he believes that is due to newspapers failing to adequately promote and market themselves.

He said the Telegraph has made budget for the past nine months straight.

"My primary focus ... is to make sure the Telegraph does well enough to protect the journalism jobs," McCanless said. In the past few years, the newspaper industry has eliminated some 5,000 reporting jobs nationwide.

He also challenged the perception of the newspaper as a bastion of the "liberal media," arguing that such assertions are in his view a result of a polarizing society in which people are less and less willing to consider others' points of view. McCanless said in response to this shift, the paper strives to present a balanced overview of opinions.

"When both positions are out there, that's when we're doing our job," he said.

In closing, McCanless stated his belief in newspapers being essential to those they serve.

"Subscribing to the paper, I would argue, is an investment in the community," he said.

MOSSY CREEK

Thanks go to all the club members who helped make for another successful barbecue sale at Mossy Creek Barnyard Festival. Gross sales for both days totaled \$6,464. We raised an estimated \$4,000, subject to final accounting.

UPCOMING ROTARY DATES

June 20-23 Rotary International Convention -- Montreal, Canada

ROTARY ON THE WEB

Club website	www.warnerrobinsrotary.org
District website	www.rotarydistrict6920.org
District and Club Database	www.dacdb.com
Rotary International	www.rotary.org
eClub One	www.rotaryclubone.org

MAKE-UP SCHEDULE

Monday.....noon, New Perry Hotel, Perry
Monday.....1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Macon
Tuesday.....7:30 a.m., Piccadilly Cafeteria, Centerville
Tuesday.....noon, Community House, Cochran
Wednesday.....8 a.m., Country Cupboard, Byron
Wednesday.....noon, The Steak House Restaurant, Hawkinsville
Wednesday.....12:30 p.m., Macon Centreplex, Downtown Macon
Thursday.....noon, Idle Hour Country Club, 251 Idle Hour Drive, Uptown Macon
Thursday.....noon, Holiday Inn, Forsyth
Thursday.....12:30 p.m., Country Club, Milledgeville
Friday.....noon, Sidetrack Cafe, Eastman
Friday.....12:30 p.m., Dublin Country Club, Dublin
eClubOne (24/7).....www.rotaryclubone.org

OFFICERS

President, Rotary International.....John Kenny
District Governor.....Clyde A. Taylor
Assistant District Governor.....Bill Pitts
President.....Doug Hayes
President Elect.....Lee Minor
Secretary.....Justin Ritchie
Treasurer.....Lynn Hudson
Sergeant at Arms.....Brian Fern