

WARNER ROBINS ROTARY CLUB

May 25, 2010

Greeters

Today Ginaline Belcher, Pete O'Neill, Zack Osborne
June 1 Shirley Paris, Skip Philips, Bill Pitts

Invocation

Today: Randy Randall June 1: Ronnie Sanders

Pledge of Allegiance

Today: Bruce Johnson June 1: Gwen Kirkland

Four-Way Test

Today: Pat Bartness June 1: Roland Berry

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Club Assembly

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

June 1	TBA
June 8	TBA
June 22	Change of Command at Houston Lake Country Club 6 p.m. - cocktails; 6:30 p.m. dinner and program

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.

HISTORIC MOMENTS:

THE GRACE IRENE MANN LETTERS

Rotary founder Paul P. Harris had a little-known romance before he met his future wife, Jean.

Grace Irene Mann was from a prominent family in Florida. Harris met her in 1905 on a visit to see his friend and former employer George C. Clark in Jacksonville.

Harris and Mann exchanged letters in which they shared affection, gossiped, and discussed their families, theology, and philosophy. He told her about searching for a meeting place for the Rotary Club of Chicago and offered details of the club's constitution.

Mann replied to his tales of Rotary with enthusiasm:

"I take great interest in the Constitution and By laws of your Rotary Club because you have written them. ... I think you have covered everything in a concise and compact form. ... The By-laws are especially good."

According to the letters, the idea of marriage was broached in the fall of 1906, though Mann's family ultimately discouraged her from settling down with Harris.

Their correspondence ended in May 1907. In his final letter to Mann, Harris wrote:

"I certainly am interested in your future and I desire you to make a great girl of yourself and I am sure you will. ... You will be happy. Give my best to your Dalton friends. Yours very truly, Paul P. Harris"

Harris returned the letters he received from her, as was the custom. When Mann married John Murrell Bell in June 1910, she stored the correspondence in the attic of her sister May Mann Jennings. The letters remained there until the home was demolished in 1963, at which time they were given to Mann's eldest daughter, Elizabeth.

In 1997, Mann's daughter Grace Bell Rogers donated the letters to Rotary International.

CHANGE OF COMMAND

Make plans now to attend our annual change of command dinner Tuesday, June 22, at Houston Lake Country Club. Arrive at 6 p.m. for cocktails, followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person, which will be added to your quarterly dues statement.

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

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District Governor.....Clyde A. Taylor
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