

WARNER ROBINS ROTARY CLUB

May 26, 2009

PROGRAM REPORT

May 19, 2009

Tom Prior, executive director, Houston County Habitat for Humanity

Previously a volunteer and board member with the local HFH chapter, Tom Prior took the reigns of the club from John Sillers, who stepped down in February.

Habitat's mission is simple - to sell houses to low-income families, and to finance them with a low interest rate. The organization identifies Partner Families who must contribute 500 hours of "sweat equity" toward building their new home, alongside volunteer laborers. Each home costs about \$48,000 to build, and many such Habitat homes are being built along Orchard Way.

Prior encouraged members to get involved, whether our involvement take the form of volunteerism, donations or prayer.

The local Habitat opened its ReStore at 515 Myrtle Street earlier this year - where the organization sells donated building materials, appliances and furniture to help fund its projects.

Prior shared a number of stories about Partner Families for whom the local Habitat had built homes, including the Claude Laundry family - made up of nine children and a single dad.

"We don't build houses for people - we build houses with people," he said. "Nothing compares to the sense of fulfillment when you hand the keys to these families."

To learn more, visit this website:

www.HoCoHabitat.org

PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP

George McCulley has been proposed by Chet Lowe. McCulley serves as director for Shipley Wins.

Jimmie Long has been proposed by Doug Hayes. He is president of International City Builders.

Dr. Georgette Chekiri has been proposed for membership. Dr. Chekiri is a family physician who is employed by Perdue Farms Inc. Wellness Center.

Greeters

Today Bill Lenderman, David Logan, Chet Lowe
June 2 Tim Luther, Art MacDonald, Ed McDowell

Invocation..... Ralph Johnson

Pledge of Allegiance..... Georgette Chekiri

Four-Way Test Gary Miller

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Ken Purcell, Director of Engineering and Air Force Smart Operations 21 Advisor

*speaking on the Area Coalition for Excellence in Education (ACE-E)
Mentoring Program*

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

June 2 New member inductions by Tommy Stoner
Classification talks

June 9 Change of Command
*6:30 p.m. fellowship; 7 p.m. dinner
Landings Clubhouse*

June 16 Classification talks

June 23 Sheryl Frazier, executive director,
Warner Robins Housing Authority

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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