

# WARNER ROBINS ROTARY CLUB

June 2, 2009

## PROGRAM REPORT

May 26, 2009

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

Ken Purcell returned to speak to our group, this time about ACE-E (Area Coalitions for Education - Excellence), a technology-focused mentoring program for middle school students.

Purcell was involved in the creation of the organization when he was working at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. Last year, he brought ACE-E to Houston County, and the local group is gearing up for its second year, starting this fall.

He said the program was based on a mentoring program piloted in Providence, R.I. Why middle schoolers?

"Because that's when all the major life decisions are made," he said. "You can get on the right path in middle school."

The first year saw 40 students matched with mentors - and those that stuck with the program all year long were rewarded last month with free laptop computers, which they can use to stay in touch with mentors over the summer.

Purcell explained that in addition to answering students' questions about their tech careers, they also focus on the 3 As - attitude, attendance, and achievement.

ACE-E is now seeking donations, volunteers and mentors for this fall's new crop. Purcell's enthusiasm was visible.

"It's bringing a whole new potential workforce to this community," he said. "We can't solve all the world's problems, but we're taking them on 40 at a time."

To learn more, visit this website:

[www.ace-e.org](http://www.ace-e.org)

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Art MacDonald has now graduated from the Red Badge program, and will soon be presented with his blue badge. Congratulations!

### **Greeters**

Today Tim Luther, Art MacDonald, Ed McDowell  
June 9 no greeters  
June 16 Paul Bankson, Tom McMichael, Michael McNeal

**Invocation**..... Skip Phillips

**Pledge of Allegiance**..... Daryl Long

**Four-Way Test** ..... Gene Miller

### TODAY'S PROGRAM

**new member inductions  
& classification talks**

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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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