

# WARNER ROBINS ROTARY CLUB

June 15, 2010

## Greeters

Today Ginaline Belcher, Shane Reagan, Ed Rodriguez  
June 22 (no greeters)  
June 29 Ronnie Sanders, Ned Sanders, Susan Sanders

## Invocation

Today: Rob Tawse June 29: Les Arent

## Pledge of Allegiance

Today: Ginaline Belcher June 29: Wanda Lancaster

## Four-Way Test

Today: Chad Bryant June 29: Dan Callahan

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

**Robert Cook, director,  
United Empowerment Center**

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

June 29 Dr. David Bell, president,  
Macon State College

## 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](mailto:glcm1@cox.net).

## PROGRAM REPORT

June 8, 2010

## **Jason E. Ashford, district attorney, Houston Judicial Circuit**

The past several years have seen several technology initiatives in the Houston DA's office, and our own Jason Ashford took the time to share some of those initiatives with our club.

Ashford said the goal of former District Attorney Kelly Burke was to go "paperless," but due to the nature of business in the prosecutors' office, the best they could achieve was to use "less paper."

Now, using the office's LawDog browser-based computer software, defense attorneys can access legal documents electronically, because every piece of paper the DA's office generates is scanned and saved as a computer document.

Ashford and Burke adapted work practices of a small DA's office in Michigan that had been using an application called LaserFiche to conduct optical character recognition (OCR) on legal documents. LaserFiche became a key component of what is now the LawDog system.

The system is not limited to the storage and access of erstwhile paper documents, however.

"LawDog allows us to put videos of defendants into documents," Ashford said.

It's all part of moving cases along faster - and electronic discovery is one way the Houston DA's office can grease the wheels of justice.

Another goal for the DA was to conduct a "totally transparent" office. To that end, details on every case the office has handled since 1997 can be found online at [houstonda.org](http://houstonda.org)

"The goal is to get a case to a just resolution," Ashford said, admitting that sometimes the just resolution is dismissal or expungement of a case.

## 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. Contact Ashley Sitz to sign up.

## UPCOMING ROTARY DATES

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

### ROTARY ON THE WEB

Club website	<a href="http://www.warnerrobinsrotary.org">www.warnerrobinsrotary.org</a>
District website	<a href="http://www.rotarydistrict6920.org">www.rotarydistrict6920.org</a>
District and Club Database	<a href="http://www.dacdb.com">www.dacdb.com</a>
Rotary International	<a href="http://www.rotary.org">www.rotary.org</a>
eClub One	<a href="http://www.rotaryclubone.org">www.rotaryclubone.org</a>

### **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](http://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  
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Treasurer.....Lynn Hudson  
Sergeant at Arms.....Brian Fern