

# WARNER ROBINS ROTARY CLUB

July 21, 2009

## Greeters

Today Pete O'Neill, Zack Osborne, Shirley Paris  
July 28 Skip Phillips, Bill Pitts, Gary Pool

**Invocation**..... Chuck Shaheen  
**Pledge of Allegiance**..... Bill Wisse  
**Four-Way Test** ..... Zack Osborne

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

**Les Arent,**  
**2009-2010 District 6920 Grants chair**  
*International Rotary Project in Indonesia*

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

July 28 Ed Grisamore, columnist, The Macon Telegraph  
Aug. 4 CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates)  
of Houston County Inc.  
Aug. 11 Cecil Staton, publisher, broadcaster and politician,  
The Warner Robins Patriot (newspaper)  
Aug. 18 Clyde A. Taylor, district governor,  
Rotary District 6920

## BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## PROGRAM REPORT

July 14, 2009

## **Joe Watson, Chief Rabban, Al Sihah Shrine Temple**

Watson started his talk explaining the fundamental differences between the related fraternal organizations - Freemasonry, Scottish Rite, York Rite, and Shriners International.

"We're in the children business," he said, noting that while all four fraternities provide aid and care to children, Shriners focus their efforts on providing prosthetics and burn care.

Additionally, of the four, the Shriners is the only one that is not all-male.

"Shrine is a family organization," Watson said.

He shared a video documentary that told the story of the Evans family, who adopted an abandoned child from Russia. Little Elena needed prosthetic feet if she were ever going to walk - and these were provided to her by the Shriners Hospitals.

Since 1942, Shriners Hospitals have provided their care at no cost to children under the age of 18. There are 22 of them in the U.S., and 1 each in Canada and Mexico.

In closing, Watson described Elena as "one of the 900,000 miracles that have come out of our hospitals."

## PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP

**Seaborn Crosby** has been proposed by Ashley Sitz. Crosby is president and principal engineer of the PELA Design Group in Perry. He is a resident of Bibb County and is well thought of in Middle Georgia as a premier engineer in the site development field.

**Rodney Smith** has been proposed by Michael Chalout Jr. Smith was raised in Warner Robins by parents Paul, a former Warner Robins Rotarian, and Sue Smith. He is currently responsible for all Business Development activities for Parrish Construction Group. Smith has served for 3 years on the Salvation Army Executive & Advisory Boards. He is married to Michelle and together they have five children, Leigh, Morgan, Annika, Jackson and a newborn, Sadie.

