

AT THE MEETING . . .

Under the watchful eyes of the pros, Rotarians try target shooting. The winners were: 1st, Brock Watkins; 2nd (tie) Pete Morgan, Karen Fenn; 3rd (tie) Gary Stanko, Matt Miles.



REMINDER

Nominations of recipients for the club's Christmas donations are due to Derek via e-mail by midnight, November 30. derek@annistonrotary.org

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1. IS IT THE TRUTH?
2. IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?
3. WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- Dec. 7 Eric Stringer and members of Hobson City Economic Development Council
- Dec. 14 Brig. General Smith
Salvation Army
- Dec. 21 Christmas Program and Charitable Distribution
- Dec. 28 The club will not meet.

CELEBRATIONS

ANNIVERSARIES

Bill and Beth Meehan Dec. 5

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, this issue of *Roto-Pep* is being produced and mailed early. See next week's *Roto-Pep* for meeting information and more photos.

Part 9 of THE ROTARY GAME *Who Is This Rotarian?*

WEEK 13

A. This Rotarian was born on the campus of the University of Florida, although he is a Georgia Bulldog fan. He grew up as a military brat in Valdosta during the Hershel Walker years. His family moved to Alabama in 1979 because his dad got a job at RMC's ER. He is a graduate of the Donoho School, as well as Birmingham-Southern where he was a Theta Chi, and a graduate of Cumberland School of Law. He is an avid scuba diver. In fact, he and

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his wife went scuba diving at the Palancar Reef in Mexico, the second largest reef in the world. He plays the guitar. Recently he had a chance to go to an FBI firing range to shoot an authentic 1920's Thompson machine gun. His wife is a two-time graduate of JSU and the two of them have two daughters and a son. His family has a place at Ono Island and that is one of his favorite places to be. An interesting Rotary connection: When he was in high school, his youth minister was Bud Turner. Later when Bud was a new attorney, he clerked as a student with Bud Turner. Bud also got him his first summer job and it was with Hill's Moving Company working under the supervision of Barry Smith. He said that job inspired him to go into a field where heavy lifting was not a job requirement.

B. This Rotarian saw President Roosevelt before he was elected President. He was three time a guest at the West Wing of the White House. Toward the end of World War II, he wrote Army checks to thousands of soldiers desiring to re-enlist. Some of the checks ran into tens of thousands of dollars and the sum of all was well over one million dollars. Remember, that was before 1950. In the early part of his Army career, he was in a company that had over ten thousand men in the company, probably the largest single company in the Army. The Army called for every company to report the number of men in the company with his name, rank and serial number. A report was prepared without his assistance. It was rejected by the Army. This Rotarian was asked for his opinion on how to fix the report although it was not in his job description. He was the only one who could calculate the math, which he did. The report was revised. The resulting report was erroneous but acceptable to the Army. He is still very proud of this fraud. Because he was accepted into college after 14 months' service, he was discharged from the Army months before he would have been otherwise entitled to be discharged. Senator Lister Hill

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assisted in his discharge. That date was one of the happiest days of his life. A graduate of two other colleges, he is nevertheless a vocal and proud supporter of still a third, Birmingham-Southern, which he attended for only three months. When introducing a female Paul Harris Fellow to this club, he asked a nearby lady to pin the pin on the recipient, announcing that he was too shy to pin it on her. The recipient told the club about his being shy in these words: "That'll be the day!"

C. This member of our Rotary Club had to entertain Henry Kissinger, Zbigniew Brzezinski (Carter's national security advisor) and the Turkish, Greek and Israeli ambassadors during a tennis game during a hurricane in the Dominican Republic. He also had to entertain ten European Union ambassadors and a KGB officer in Brussels when his colleagues got lost and the entire group had to wait for three hours. This Rotarian was an advance man for Richard Nixon. He was in the caviar business. He told his wife he would marry her the first time he talked with her. She said he was crazy and on drugs. Forty-five years later they're still married. He had a company that built the machines that read the pregnant and hanging chads during the Florida 2000 recount of the Bush-Gore election. He was Jerry Ford's finance chairman in Alabama. He was a founding director of the Alabama Shakespeare Festival. He slept in Marie Antoinette's bed but she was not there and the bed was too short for him. He had a confrontation with Caesar Chavez in California. On the Fourth of July in 2000, he served on a panel in London that discussed nationalized healthcare — the other three people on the panel were Ross Perot, Jr., Clinton's health czar Ira Magaziner, and Ariana Huffington of the Huffington Post. He also climbed the Great Wall of China.

Week 13:

A. Brian McVeigh; **B.** Charlie Doster;
C. Bill Acker