

## AT THE MEETING . . .



Speaker Betsy Bean from Spirit of Anniston talks with Cheryl Bragg and David Rice about the Civil Rights Trail.



Joan Sanders visits with speaker Ann Welch following Spirit of Anniston's presentation to the club on the Civil Rights Trail.



Paula Watkins affixes the Rotary pin to new club member (and her husband) Brock Watkins' jacket as Derek Brown looks on.

It was announced at the April 12 meeting that club member David Boozer passed away in an unfortunate accident in the Dominican Republic. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

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### THE FOUR-WAY TEST

OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

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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## This Week at Rotary

Congressman Mike Rogers

Topic: Congressional Action Update



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# ROTO-PEP

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Apr. 26 William Shafferman  
Topic: College Counts 529 Fund

## CELEBRATIONS

### BIRTHDAYS

Arthur Young Apr. 20  
Pete Morgan Apr. 24

### ANNIVERSARIES

Brian and Angie McVeigh Apr. 25

## WEEK OF APRIL 12

### VISITING ROTARIANS:

Erik Hearon, N. Jackson, MS

### GUESTS OF CLUB:

Betsy Bean, Executive Director, and Ann Welch, board member, Spirit of Anniston, speakers; new member Brock Watkins

### MAKE-UPS RECEIVED:

Paula Watkins, Gadsden, 3/3/11, 3/10/11, 3/24/11, 4/7/11

**Total:** 64

## TRANSITIONS

*New Member: Brock Watkins*

### Part 14 of

## THE ROTARY GAME

### *Who Is This Rotarian?*

**A.** This Rotarian is a native Annistonian and went to Sacred Heart, Donoho and to Presbyterian College in South Carolina (the same college that Rotarian Guice Potter attended). They attended Presbyterian College on an athletic scholarship and majored

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### *Who Is This Rotarian? Continued*

in biology. Later this Rotarian went on to UAB and got a certificate in cytotechnology, then worked in that field for a year before entering their father's alma mater, UAB, for a doctorate in a medical field. In fact this Rotarian's father was in the first graduating class in this program and was graduate number 3; this Rotarian was exactly the 1003rd graduate of the program exactly 30 years later. This Rotarian studied in Australia at one point during college and lived on an island that took 10 minutes to walk all the way around but was in two time zones. This Rotarian was nationally ranked in their chosen sport in college. Today this Rotarian and this Rotarian's father are partners in a well established downtown practice. This Rotarian is married to a computer programmer who works for a federal contractor in Anniston and they are currently in their 4th house in 11 years of marriage and have one small child.

**B.** This Rotarian and his wife of 26 years are the parents of three. His wife is a nurse currently working on her masters to become a nurse practitioner. He grew up on, and to this day still loves, water skiing and fishing. He's also an avid golfer. Some of his past activities include being a high school basketball referee, being a member of a Lions Club in another state, and serving as the president of the Fayetteville, Tennessee, Chamber of Commerce board of directors. He has lived for 7 years in White Plains. He first joined Rotary in Tennessee before moving here where he became first a member and then later president of our Rotary Club. He is a third generation banker, and today he is a sales and service leader for the retail side of 12 branches of the bank for which he works.

**C.** This Rotarian's family is originally from Atlanta but they came here when he was a small child. At that time, the road between here and Atlanta was not paved. He grew up in Anniston and as a child he assisted his Rotarian father who was at the time serving as the campaign manager for the first Rotarian from

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### *Who Is This Rotarian? Continued*

this club living in Anniston who ran for Rotary District Governor when the district was the entire state of Alabama (that candidate was Col. Harry Ayers from the Anniston Star, father-in-law of Rotarian Phil Sanguinetti). This Rotarian went on to his father's alma mater, the University of Virginia, where he picked up the lifelong nickname "Tico," and served in the U.S. Navy in an amphibious boat division. He met his future wife on a blind date which was set up by the daughter of a member of this club. First, this Rotarian's father, then later this Rotarian, and even later this Rotarian's son were all presidents of this Rotary Club at various points in our 93 year history. This Rotarian's career included working at two different times for former presidents of this club in their companies and working for an organization of which 5 of the 7 members of the board were members of this club. His career included being a banking executive and an entrepreneur in the movie theater business. This Rotarian is a huge University of Alabama football fan and among the games he has attended included the 1946 Rose Bowl when UA was national champion. One of the players on that team was Norwood Hodges who later moved to Anniston and became mayor. Norwood and this Rotarian became close friends. In fact, when Anniston was celebrating a major historic milestone and Norwood was mayor, this Rotarian and a couple of buddies went to Montgomery to pick up the Governor's proclamation and ran with it all the way back to Anniston in an overnight relay, handing it to Norwood at daybreak at the end of the very long overnight run. A few years ago this Rotarian's grandson garnered a lot of attention when he won \$300,000 in a poker tournament in Las Vegas. This Rotarian is the longest term member of this club, dating back to his being inducted into the club in 1952. He says that this club has had a very big impact on him at every stage in his life.

### Part 14:

**A.** Dawn Wilczek; **B.** Richard Crabtree;  
**C.** Tom Coleman