



At the meeting of June 21, the club presented checks to participating charities in the Walk Around the Park club fundraiser. Above, Dawn Wilczek visits with Karen George of Second Chance. And in the back, Jerry Adkins, director of the YMCA and former club member, is either totally surprised by the camera or having a bit of fun.



Also at the June 21 meeting, Sister Jane O'Connor from All Saints Interfaith Center of Concern talks with Adam Maniscalco, a guest of Brenda Stedham.

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

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A message from Derek Brown

At the meeting of June 21, club president Derek Brown talked about his year as president, what Rotary means to him, and thanked those who helped to make this Rotary year memorable. Below are excerpts from his talk to the club.

So here we are, almost 12 months since this Rotary year started. In many ways it seems like it went by extremely fast, like so many years do.

I can say without the slightest hesitation this has been one of the most immense honors of my life and I thank you all for it. There were plenty of days I thought "What in the world have I gotten myself into?"

And yet anyone could pose the following question to me: "If you had it to do all over again, would you do it." And the answer would unequivocally be "Yes." I can honestly say it has been life changing and I've learned so very much from the experience, which I will carry with me for the rest of my life, and which will make me more valuable in my other roles in life.

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When I gave my little first-of-the-year talk, laying out my plan, I noted that one of the underlying foundation points of my role is understanding that "Rotary is many things to many people" and that what it means to me may not be what makes it important to you. For me, it means coming each week and getting to talk with the different Rotarians, enjoying some hands-on volunteer work periodically, contributing when I see a worthy need, and hearing the speakers. Others find the fundraising aspect of Rotary most important, while others most enjoy getting to share some quality time with the same particular friends each week. Understanding that all of those are important and not taking away what is most important to another is critical. Recently a Rotarian who rarely comes but always pays her dues came. She has expressed to me in the past how proud she is to be a Rotarian but does not get the same value from attending that I do. In yet another example, one Rotarian last year gave thousands of dollars to the Leon Sterne Salvation Army Fund our club facilitates and secretly funded a Paul Harris Fellowship for another Rotarian, yet has been unable to attend in months. I believe understanding that people value Rotary in different ways and respecting that is very important.

Each Rotary year there is a crowd of Rotarians responsible for the successes seen in that year. I hope I don't miss anyone, but here are a few I'd like to mention:

Glen Franklin and Bill Tutwiler, retiring secretary and treasurer respectively. Each position is a very time consuming and often thankless job. They have been pillars of wisdom, institutional knowledge, kindness, and helpfulness for me this year and I am immensely thankful to them both.

John Childs for all of his work on *Roto-Pep*.

Tommie Goggans, my organized and dependable sergeant-at-arms.

The late Dave Boozer for an extraordinary job with the Paul Harris Fellow program.

Board members George Carruth, Ike Brown, Gibson Coleman, Samantha Heard, Sheri Rollins, Barry Smith, Jay Howard, Joan Sanders, Gary Schoenberg and Arthur Toole.

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Karen Fenn who picked up where Renee left off and who is dependable, always kind and well organized.

Jenny Stedham, Brenda's daughter, who posted Roto-Pep and photos on the club website and Facebook and who will be teaching at Sacred Heart this coming school year.

Charles Turner and Gary Stanko for legal advice.

George and Anne Carruth for putting together the Valentine's Day Banquet.

Arthur Young for faithfully posting the upcoming speaker information on Facebook.

George Carruth for the excellent programs this year.

Joan Sanders and Sheri Rollins for obtaining a district matching grant for Meals of Mercy.

Barry Smith for organizing our Meals of Mercy dates.

Jay Howard for coordinating volunteers for the Woodstock 5K and painting playground equipment at Camp Hamilton.

Gary Schoenberg for his work with the Leon Sterne Fund this year.

Gary Schoenberg and Jerry Leake for co-chairing the Walk Around the Park fundraiser.

Anniston Country Club - Chip Howell, Sandra and staff for accommodating our requests, and the chef for the good food (which I found to be much better than at other Rotary clubs I've visited).

Let me leave you with something to consider. Our club will turn 94 years old in September. Presidents of other clubs across the country that I've met have talked about major projects their clubs did to honor their 100th anniversary — some were parks or other lasting monuments while others were major celebrations. If our club wants to do something along those lines, it will soon be time to start planning it. I'd like to offer the idea that our club might sponsor some element of the new Longleaf Botanical Gardens which would include a commemorative permanent marker there, much as the Shades Valley Rotary has done in the Japanese Gardens at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens.

Thank you for electing me to serve, for all of your support during the year, and for your friendship. Truly this has been one of the most tremendous honors of my life and will be a year of memories, friendships, and learning I'll treasure the rest of my life.