

## Tornado relief fundraiser

Anniston Rotarians are joining other community organizations, companies and volunteers to put on a charity benefit to raise funds for tornado victims in Calhoun County. The award-winning musical "Boomers," featuring music from the 50's, 60's and 70's, will be presented by CAST. The event is set for Saturday, August 27, at 7 pm at the Anniston Performing Arts Center (Anniston High campus).

Tickets are \$20 per person and since all expenses have already been covered by various sponsors, all proceeds will help those in need. Funds raised will be matched up to \$100,000 by a private Florida foundation.

Tickets will be available at this week's club meeting and at locations throughout Calhoun County.

Part 19 of

## THE ROTARY GAME *Who Is This Rotarian?*

**A.** This Rotarian was born and raised in Anniston, attended Quintard Elementary and Woodstock Elementary, neither of which exist today, and is a graduate of Anniston High School. He graduated from Auburn University where he played baseball. He is a Marine Corp veteran whose service included participating in the clearing of minefields that were laid around the US naval base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, after the Bay of Pigs invasion. While serving in southeast Asia, he went to see a USO show and personally met the performing star Martha Raye. He moved back to Anniston in 1970 and took over a very small family business that was established in 1951. They've seen the business change from a completely mechanical analog product to a completely digital electronic product. The business services an area of about ten counties centered around Calhoun and Etowah Counties. This Rotarian has been married for 47 years and has four grown children and eleven grandchildren living in Colorado, Texas, Auburn and Anniston. He spends a lot of time in Destin these days and is an avid golfer.

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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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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Aug. 30 Lt. A. George, Anniston Police Dept.  
Topic: Social Media

## CELEBRATIONS

### ANNIVERSARIES

Theron and Ada Montgomery Aug. 25  
(Honorary Member)

Tommy and Diane Pope Aug. 29



## Who Is This Rotarian? Continued

**B.** This Rotarian was born in Montgomery but grew up as a kid in Atlanta and New Orleans. He was a National Merit Scholar and attended LSU on an academic scholarship. He has now lived in fifteen different cities around the world, including San Francisco (where he lived on an island in the middle of San Francisco Bay); Los Angeles (where his apartment overlooked the famous Hollywood sign); Washington, DC; Linz, Austria; and Doha, Qatar. He met his wife in Los Angeles many years ago when she was a college student there. He later found out that she was actually his minister's daughter. In his younger days, he was a part-time actor; he appeared in a major role in a Shakespearean stage play, and had bit parts in a TV miniseries and an infamous music video. He is one of the few people in US history who has served as both a field grade officer in the Army and a senior officer in the Navy, and he served in combat zones in four different wars over three decades. He spent three years on the Battleship USS Missouri (the ship on which the Japanese surrendered at the end of World War II), two years on an aircraft carrier, and two years at the headquarters of the largest Army command. He attended law school in Atlanta on the GI Bill, which means he has had to pay for none of his college education. In law school, he served as editor-in-chief of the law

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## Who Is This Rotarian? Continued

review, where had to "diplomatically" edit articles by a former US President and a former US Attorney General. He later served as a prosecutor, a military JAG, and as an attorney at one of the largest law firms in the world. He is the author of chapters in three current law school textbooks. "Two" is his lucky number: he finished #2 in his law school class; was born on the 22nd of December; has two kids; owns two homes in two different Alabama towns; has two pets (a dog and a cat); and now holds two jobs, one in Anniston and one outside Alabama. So far, however, he has had only one wife and has been married for 22 years.

**C.** This person is native of Iowa and a graduate of the University of Iowa. He took classes from the famous author John Erving who wrote books such as *Hotel New Hampshire* and *Cider House Rules*. He also met famous author Kurt Vonnegut and corrected papers for author David Morrell, who wrote *First Blood* and invented Rambo. He started a teaching career in Iowa, then moved to Minnesota and from there joined a team that reopened the American School in Nicaragua after the revolution there, becoming principal of the secondary school. It was during his time in Nicaragua that he met his wife. He and his wife were stuck in a building in Peru for seven hours some years later during a shootout between government forces and the opposition group El Illuminoso. Years after that, he was playing bridge with the US Ambassador to Paraguay when the Paraguayan infantry general openly slapped the president of Paraguay. The Ambassador received urgent notice of this and said "Gentlemen, I have to postpone the game because I have to go save democracy." Three days later the Ambassador called to ask if he'd like to finish the bridge game. At the time, this Rotarian was working for the US State Department's Overseas Schools Program. Since then, he has done consulting in 17 schools and universities around the globe. Once this Rotarian and his brother went to Poor

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## Who Is This Rotarian? Continued

David's Pub in Dublin, Texas, to hear folk singer Lowden Wainwright, Jr., who in addition to being a famous singer of the time and son of a *Life* magazine editor, also made appearances on MASH. After the concert the three of them talked about life and politics and drank together until sunup. This Rotarian was raised and trained to be a butcher, in fact his German grandfather was the town's butcher. This Rotarian was the first member of his family to get a graduate degree and the only member to have a doctorate degree, which he earned from the University of Alabama. To this day, he and his wife speak Spanish at home.

### Part 19:

- A.** Tommy Pope; **B.** Kent Davis;  
**C.** Jay Ketterer



## Rotary Trivia

The world's first service club was the Rotary Club of Chicago Illinois. The club was formed in February 1905 by lawyer Paul P. Harris and three friends — a merchant, a coal dealer and a mining engineer. Harris wished to recapture the friendly spirit he had felt among businesspeople in the small town where he had grown up. The name "Rotary" was derived from

**An early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices.**