

AT THE MEETING . . .



Brock Watkins (right) talks with the speaker Donta Wilson, BB&T Alabama President (left), as Ed Isom looks on.



Dawn Wilczek and Scott Andrews congratulate Patricia Smith (center) on her being named a Paul Harris Fellow for her contributions to the life of the community.



At left, with Derek Brown are his guests Kay Beard and Tycoma Miller.

At right, Arthur Toole and Bill Acker share a light moment.



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3. WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Apr. 5 JSU International House

Apr. 12 Dr. Valerie Richardson
Gadsden State Update

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

Cheryl Bragg Apr. 2

ANNIVERSARIES

Charles and Theresa Cooper Mar. 28

WEEK OF MARCH 22

GUESTS OF MEMBERS:

Kay Beard, Tycoma Miller, West Anniston Today, and Will Estell, 3G Media, guests of Derek Brown; Henry Smith, retired, Interstate Sheet Metal, guest of Scott Andrews; Tom Poindexter, former Rotarian, guest of Tom Coleman

VISITING ROTARIANS:

Erik Hearon, N. Jackson, MS

GUESTS OF CLUB:

Brock Watkins, John Franklin and Patricia Smith, Paul Harris Fellow recipient

MAKE-UPS RECEIVED:

Mal Street, Oxford 3/21/11; Kent Davis, Norfolk, VA - military duty 3/15/11

Total: 74

Part 12 of

THE ROTARY GAME

Who Is This Rotarian?

A. This Rotarian grew up in a Birmingham community named Norwood but he was born in a north Alabama community named Hodges. Coincidentally, when he first moved to Anniston, the mayor's name was Norwood Hodges. This Rotarian's dad grew up on a farm

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Who Is This Rotarian? Continued

in north Alabama and spent 35 years driving a Greyhound bus in Birmingham. This Rotarian went to college for a year or two with famous prosecutor Kenneth Starr in Arkansas and went to college with the daughter of one of America's better known spies of the early 20th century, Herbert Philbrick. This Rotarian and his wife went to China in 1987 as part of a program that was co-sponsored by People-To-People and the Red Chinese government where he got to meet bureaucrats performing legal responsibilities in China. He and his wife have three sons — one an attorney, one a civil engineer, and one a GIS planner. One son got a masters degree at the University of Edinborough. Through Rotary and other exchange programs, this Rotarian and his wife have hosted a number of foreign exchange guests in their home, including those from the Soviet Union, Japan, Denmark, Nigeria, and countries in South America. This person retired after 28 years in the Navy and Navy Reserve and is a partner in his own company. He is a past president of this club. Currently he is serving for the second time as the state president of the Congressionally chartered Reserve Officers Association. He has ridden a motorcycle almost his whole life.

B. This Rotarian grew up in Jacksonville and went to JSU where her major was computer science (in the days of the punch cards). JSU installed personal computers the year after she graduated. She was going to be a computer programmer. She moved to Atlanta and worked for a law firm as an accountant for six years instead. She got married while she was there and moved back when she had her child in order to be closer to her family. She planned to stay home but decided to apply for a temporary job she saw advertised in the newspaper. That temporary job has turned into a 25 year job. When she was promoted to her current position, this Rotarian oversaw the merging of two different organizations, led the organizations to get two national accreditations, and the organization is now starting on its third entity. She is currently in

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the middle of marrying off her two kids in a highly stressful eight-month span. Her daughter is a nurse and her son will be a physical therapist. She has given tours of her organization's facilities to a former U.S. President, governors, generals and others.

C. This Rotarian's parents are both Alabama natives but coincidentally met in Seattle when they were both living in Washington State. This Rotarian grew up there all the way through high school graduation and then came to Alabama under a GI dependent scholarship, and graduated from the University of Alabama where he majored in corporate finance. The whole time he was in college he worked in ladies' shoes sales at Parisian in Tuscaloosa, which he says was the one job he had where he learned more about working with people than at any other job he has held. In fact, he also met his wife at Parisian. He says he knew he would marry her the first time he saw her. He held internships back in Seattle at a Boeing finance group that finances the building of 747's and 777's. While he was there he even flew the 777 flight simulator, normally reserved only for 777 pilots. After college he worked with a group in Birmingham and was on the team there that would buy and sell other firms. He moved to Anniston in 2003 and bought the business he runs. He has a cousin, Blair Underwood, who is an actor who has been a regular on shows including LA Law, and plays the president on the NBC series, The Event. This Rotarian sang backup vocals on a couple of recording projects his church has recorded in the past few years. He never went to a UA football game the whole time he was at UA though he is a huge Alabama football fan. His wife took ballet only one year before trying out for and being selected for the prestigious University of Alabama Ballet Company and did so only to try to get fit; now she is a ballet instructor.

Part 12:

- A.** Ed Isom; **B.** Cheryl Bragg;
C. Tommie Goggans