

Rotary



Rotary Club of Homewood
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Keynotes

Meeting: Thursdays, 12 Noon, Homewood Library

October 13, 2016

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THIS WEEK'S SPEAKER: Kelly Peoples Fund Development Director - The Bell Center



The Bell Center for Early Intervention Programs is dedicated to maximizing the potential of children from birth to three years of age who are at risk for developmental delay. Loving a child with special needs is easy. The hard part is knowing what to do next, and when to do it, and how to do it. The Bell Center provides crucial early intervention services which help children maximize their potential. For 30 years, The Center has provided the highest level of early intervention services to more than 1,000 Alabama infants and toddlers. Parents receive essential information and encouragement, allowing them to move from a sense of confusion to a deep pride in their child's accomplishments and optimism for the future. Major fundraisers sponsored by The Bell Center include Mercedes Marathon/Bellrunners, Cornhole Classic, Tailgate Challenge, Poinsettia Sale, and Art Party.



NEW ENGLANDERS, NIGERIA CLUBS AID BOKO HARAM REFUGEES by Marty Peak Helman, District 7780 Foundation Chair

The American University of Nigeria (AUN) was co-founded by Rotarian Felix Obadan in 2000, and 12 years later, when Felix was governor of Rotary's District 9125, which covers a large portion of Nigeria, he chartered the Rotary Club of Yola-AUN on campus. Their strong influence on campus makes it not surprising that many University professors and senior staff are Rotary members, and that the University prides itself on its work toward peace, entrepreneurship, and economic development as well as its strong academics.

The University's mission is to graduate students prepared to take on the challenges in Nigeria and throughout West Africa – challenges of climate change, development, and peace building. And peace is not an abstract concept at the university. After all, it is located in Yola, the capital of Adamawa State, in the region where Boko Haram is most powerful. In fact, those few dozen Chibok schoolgirls who escaped from being kidnapped by Boko Haram are now safely living at the University, where they are receiving social services and education.

Boko Haram has brought me to the American University of Nigeria as well. I am here as part of a team from Rotary's District 7780 in New England to meet with the two Rotary clubs in Yola, and to visit Rotary projects including a camp for internally displaced families in flight from Boko Haram. It is our intention to see what we can do in terms of a global grant to help them.

Putting together a global grant will not be easy. The needs of the people living at the camp are immediate, and it is hard to think in terms of long-term sustainability. Food, for example, is a continuing problem. The men are agricultural workers and are eager to get back to working the soil, but even if they could rent land near to the camp, it's hard for them to think ahead to next year's crop. One non-governmental organization gave the men seed for planting, we are told, but because their children are hungry, the seed was promptly cooked and eaten.

Meanwhile, while they wait for political change, the women weave craft items to sell out of the plastic bags that litter the sides of the road, and the children – many of whom have been out of school for several years while their families have been on the run – attend a government school near the camp. Still, I find myself very optimistic about being able to craft a global grant to help these families. After all, the Yola clubs know the camps intimately, and have both the contacts and the resources to understand what will work best. Our Districts – 9125 in Nigeria and 7780 in New England – have worked together for over a decade, with National Immunization Days, a Group Study Exchange, and both matching and global grants to our credit.

This is what Rotary is all about – developing relationships that span the globe and make possible long-term humanitarian change. And the families at the camps – who are there because they have fled their villages for their lives – are living testimony of the need for us, their neighbors, to strive for peace.

THE ROTARY WAY



The Object of Rotary

THE OBJECT of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Rotarian Code of Conduct

The following code of conduct has been adopted for the use of Rotarians: **AS A ROTARIAN**, I will:

- 1) Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life.
- 2) Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect.
- 3) Use my professional skills through Rotary to: mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world.
- 4) Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians.

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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Please turn in ticket money Oct 13

DRAWING IS OCTOBER 20

**YOUR PARTICIPATION IS IMPORTANT.
DONATE A PRIZE. SELL TICKETS. HELP A STUDENT!**

**ROTARY BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, October 19
12 Noon at the Library**

**Let President Chesnutt and
John Krontiras know if you
will attend.**



**GRAND OPENING
Thursday, October 13**

**Western Market Park Lane
Mountain Brook, AL**



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Economic and Community
Development Month

OCTOBER 2016

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