

Rotary



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Keynotes

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THIS WEEK'S SPEAKER: John Bresnan, Homewood Fire Chief



Chief John Bresnan began his fire service career as a volunteer at the Center Point Fire District in September of 1979, and became a professional firefighter in June of 1980. In March of 1987 he joined the Homewood Fire Department and worked with both Center Point and Homewood until he was promoted to Fire Chief of Homewood Fire Department in November, 1992.

Chief Bresnan graduated from UAB with a BS degree in Natural Science and Mathematics. He graduated from Jefferson State with three Associate's Degrees in Emergency Medical Services, Fire Science, and General Science. The Chief has been a long term member of many professional associations and is active with many professional service committees.

In November of 2016, he began his 25th year as Fire Chief of the City of Homewood.



FEBRUARY IS PEACE & CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION MONTH

The Trustees of The Rotary Foundation have identified six areas of focus for the new grant structure. These areas reflect critical humanitarian issues and needs that Rotarians are addressing worldwide. They will align Rotary with other international development efforts and will strategically further the Foundation's mission. Each of the six areas of focus begins with a statement of purpose, followed by a list of specific goals. The Foundation will use the goals to establish projects and activities for packaged global grants, possible strategic partners for packaged global grants evaluation criteria for club- and district-developed global grants, and a system for measuring outcome for all global grants. The Rotary Foundation promotes the practice of peace and conflict prevention/resolution by:

- Strengthening local peace efforts
- Training local leaders to prevent and mediate conflict
- Supporting long-term peace building in areas affected by conflict
- Assisting vulnerable populations affected by conflict, particularly children and youth
- Supporting studies related to peace and conflict resolution

Rotary makes amazing things happen, like:

Improving quality of life. Rotary members founded the People for People Foundation, which has helped 10,000 families afford food, clothing, rent, utilities, medications, and other necessities.

Raising awareness of bullying. Rotaract clubs in the Philippines conduct antibullying campaigns in schools to teach children how to handle conflict peacefully from an early age.

Protecting domestic violence survivors and their families. The U.S. state of Louisiana has the fourth highest incidence of death caused by domestic violence. Local Rotary members met this issue by helping a shelter provide food, clothing, legal advocacy, and counseling to over 500 women in one year.

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- Sixty five million people are currently displaced by armed conflict or persecution.
- One thousand plus students have graduated from Rotary's Peace Centers program.
- \$142 million has been raised by Rotary to support 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?

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION
Atlanta, GA
June 10-14, 2017
Website:
www.riconvention.org**

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROTARY



February 23 is the 112th anniversary of Rotary International. On this day in 1905, Rotary founder Paul Harris formed one of the world's first service organizations, the Rotary Club of Chicago, as a place where professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships.

This year marks the 32nd anniversary of Rotary's PolioPlus program. Since the fight to end polio began, 2 billion children have been immunized, 10 million children have been saved from lifelong paralysis and 125 countries have been declared polio-free.

Thanks to Darwin Metcalf who has offered to place our chalk art greeting cards in a prominent place in Mtn. Brook Western Supermarket. This will give us a wide audience that, in turn, should increase our sales. Please continue to sell cards individually!

Thanks to Janice Scholl who has spent hours of her personal time folding and artfully packaging the greeting cards for display at Western.

Prayers to Ann and Lester Hollans whose son, Harris, passed away over the weekend after a short but potent battle with cancer.

Welcome back to Johnny Harless who has missed a few meetings because of health issues. We sincerely hope all this is behind him and that the future is bright!

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Peace and Conflict
Prevention/Resolution Month
FEBRUARY 2017

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