

The GRITS

Weekly Newsletter for the
Peachtree-Atlanta Kiwanis Club



December 5, 2006

~Quote of the Day~

"The worth of the state, in the long run, is the worth of the individuals composing it."
John Stuart Mill

Visitors

Bob Wiggins, John Holly, Norm Johnson and Dave Goodie.

Upcoming Speakers

December 12

Brian Oak, Counsel General of Canada

Member Notes

*Congratulations to Kendall Carter who announced that he and his wife are expecting a child!

*New Member Orientation Jan. 8

*a framed drawing was received from Dominic, the club's sponsored child at Festival of Trees

*Thank you to Bob Threatt for providing wheel chair transportation for today's speaker.

This morning's speaker was retired Lt. Col. Charles Dryden, one the original Tuskegee Airmen, who endured racial prejudice by both the civilian American population and the American military, to become one of 994 black military pilots who flew P-51 fighter aircraft in World War II.

The Tuskegee Airmen are a unique piece of military history, who more than 60 years ago, integrated the U.S. military with proven, superb flying skills and daring acts of heroism to gain the respect and admiration of everyone from Mrs. Roosevelt to military commanders in all theaters of operation, during World War II.

Known as the 'red tails', because of the red color painted on their aircraft's tail, Tuskegee Airmen never lost a bomber aircraft when they flew

Meeting Notes

escort. 200 escort missions were flown without losing a bomber. No other military unit can make this claim.

Colonel Dryden was one of the most impressive, emotional, speakers of this year [thanks to George Sheer, our program chair] who 'riveted' member's attention to the point you could hear a 'pin drop' in the room during his presentation.

Announcements

Holiday Party Ronni has a sign-up sheet for the party. Cost per person is \$10, a covered dish and one "white elephant" gift.

Interclubs There will be an interclub meeting this Wednesday, December 6, 2006, at the "Buckhead-Breakfast Club", 7:30 A.M. at the landmark diner, corner of Roswell and Piedmont roads.

Gala Gifts Needed Many more gifts for the gala are needed, especially from businesses. Jerry Hitt would like to see more "group sign-ups" for the gala. He encouraged members to get their social, neighborhood, or work groups to sign up and buy blocks of tickets.

My House Billy King thanked everyone for the fine turnout this past Saturday. Members also did extensive yard work to make the front of the house 'neat as a pin' for the holidays.

Peachtree-Atlanta Kiwanis Foundation

President Antje reminds members time is running out to contribute to the club foundation before the December 31st tax deadline. More donations are needed and they are 'tax deductible' because the club is a 5013c organization.

Upcoming Events

Annual Holiday Party
@ Ronni's house
December 16, 2006

please see the announcement above

No Meeting
December 26, 2006
January 2, 2007

Rising Leaders
Lockheed Martin tour
January 16, 2007

Rising Leaders
TBA
February 6, 2007

My House
Spring/Easter Work Day
March 3, 2007