



# Rotary Rocket



Volume 4

October 16, 2007

**This Week**  
**Tuesday, October 16, 2007**  
**Huntsville Rotary Club**  
Will Meet In The  
**VBC West Hall**  
**11:45 a.m.**

## **This Week's Program**

**Richard Anthony**

**Chairman**

**Synovus Financial Corporation**

Richard Anthony is Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Synovus Financial Corp., which provides diverse financial services including banking, financial management, insurance, mortgage and leasing services through banks and other Synovus offices in Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, Florida and Tennessee. In addition, Synovus offers electronic payment processing through an 81-percent stake in Total System Services, Inc. (TSYS), one of the world's largest companies for outsourced payment services. Today, as CEO and President, Richard has responsibility for the performance and strategic direction of Synovus and its affiliated companies.

After graduating from the University of Alabama in 1968 and earning his M.B.A. at the University of Virginia in 1971, Richard began his career in the financial services industry with AmSouth Bank, N.A. in Birmingham, Alabama. In 1985, he left his Executive Vice President position with AmSouth Bank to become President of First Commercial Bancshares, Inc. and Chairman of the Board and CEO of First Commercial Bank in Birmingham. First Commercial

Bancshares became a member of the Synovus family of companies in 1992.

Richard has participated in many community activities through leadership roles which include the following: Director, The Economic Development Partnership of Alabama, 1995 - 2005; Director, Business Council of Alabama, 1995 - 2005; President, Birmingham Kiwanis Club, 1996-1997; Captain, Monday Morning Quarterback Club, 1993; President, Country Club of Birmingham, 1991; Alumnus, Leadership Alabama, 1998; Past Chairman, Capital Campaign, Boys & Girls Club of Central Alabama, 1996-1998; Co-Chairman, Capital Campaign, University of Alabama, 1992-1997; Past Chairman, North Central Region American Lung Association, 1995; Alumnus, Leadership Birmingham, 1992; President, Alabama Golf Association, 1985; Chairman, Lakeshore Hospital, 1982; Chairman, Chattahoochee Valley United Way Campaign, 2006.

**Huntsville Rotary**  
**FOUNDATION**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 16, 2007**  
**VBC North Hall**  
**11:00 a.m.**

## Last Week's Program (10/09/2007)

President elect **Charlie Kettle** presided and **Colin Bagwell** led the singing. **Mike Segrest** led the pledge to the flag and **Jennifer Landry** provided our invocation. Our guests and visiting Rotarians were introduced by **Karen Yarbrough**

President elect Charlie announced that the Foundation Board of Directors will meet Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> in Salon 8 of the North Hall.

Charlie also announced that golf tournament pictures were available at the registration table. He thanked **Claudia Bucher** for serving as our photographer of this event and organizing the pictures for our participants.

Past President **Ray Jones** introduced Gary Palmer, president and co-founder of the Alabama Policy Institute. Gary provided a most interesting and informative program.

President elect Charlie thanked Gary for providing our program. A contribution in his honor will be made to the Huntsville Rotary Club Foundation STRIVE program in appreciation of his presentation.

Our meeting was adjourned after members recited the Four Way Test.

## Reservations Required

**Dennis Lockhart**

**President**

**Atlanta Federal Reserve**

**Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**

On Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, Dennis Lockhart, President Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank, will address our club in a joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Greater Huntsville. Our meeting that week will be on Wednesday instead of Tuesday and will be held in the South Hall of the Von Braun Center.

Due to the large attendance expected, **reservations for members and guests are required**. If you plan to attend, please email Debbie at [huntsvillerotary@knology.net](mailto:huntsvillerotary@knology.net) or call 539-2949. If you plan to bring guests, please provide their name(s).

## Members In The News

**Mary Jane Caylor** was installed as Secretary of the Board of Directors for the new Girl Scout Council for North-Central Alabama on September 29, 2007 in Birmingham, AL. Four merging councils met at the Zamora Temple in Birmingham to vote on a merger plan that will guide the future for Girls Scouts of North-Central Alabama.

Past President **Ray Jones** was inducted into the Alabama Business Hall of Fame this past Thursday. He is one of the five businessmen honored by the University of Alabama Culverhouse College of Commerce and Business Administration. This award honors prominent business leaders across the state for this commitment to excellence and the betterment of their community. He joins a list of noted business leaders to include his father, Carl T. Jones.

## Group Study Exchange

Group Study Exchange (GSE) is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women between the ages of 25 and 40 in the initial years of their professional life. The program provides travel grants for teams of participants to exchange visits between paired areas in different countries. For four to six weeks, team members study the host country's institutions and ways of life, observe their own vocations as practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas. Team members can come from corporations, small businesses, community organizations, medical and educational facilities, government offices, and non-profit agencies. This year our district will be participate in the Rotary Group Study Exchange with the [Czech Republic](#). The exchange will take place in spring of 2008 and the Czech Team will be in the Huntsville/Madison area from Sunday, April 13 through Thursday, April 17. They will leave Huntsville and travel straight to the district conference in Decatur.

We will need two Rotarians to serve as hosts for this team while they are in Huntsville. Please let Debbie know if you are interested.

## WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

The following Rotarians have been assigned to club service responsibilities on Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. If you are not able to attend, please find a replacement and contact Sarah Savage at [ssavage@leadershipsv.org](mailto:ssavage@leadershipsv.org).

Registration.....Lynne Berry  
Greeter.....Sarah Savage  
Prayer.....Luther Kramer  
Pledge.....Emily Vandiver

### Last Week's Guests (October 9, 2007)

Guest Guest of  
Richard Perdue.....Clip Coates  
Robert Curtis.....George Barnes

Visiting Rotarian Home Club  
Gary Palmer.....Birmingham  
Don Palmer.....Greater Huntsville

## Upcoming Programs

**October 23**

**Linda Casey**

Alabama State Forester  
(We will meet in North Hall)

**October 30**

**Frank Libutti**

Homeland Security

**November 7**

**Dennis Lockhart**

President

Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank

*(This meeting will be held on  
Wednesday in the VBC South Hall)*

## SPECIAL NOTE

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23**

**WE MEET IN VBC NORTH HALL 3**

## QUARTERLY STATEMENTS

Quarterly statements have been mailed/emailed. Please contact Debbie if you have not received your statement.

**2007/2008**

### Huntsville Rotary Club Board of Directors

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.....Justin Cato  
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.....Mary Jane Caylor  
Foundation President.....Bill Roberts  
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## 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?

## Cell Phones

Please remember to turn your cell phone to silent while attending our weekly luncheon.