



The Rotary Rocket



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Colonel Otha L. Solomon, Jr. with AMBUCS



This charity has one service, providing handicapped operable tricycles needed for therapeutic treatment. The “trykes” as they are called can be powered by both hand or foot, depending on the consumers handicap. The trykes provide mobility and independence while at the same time providing strengthening exercise. The average tryke cost \$500. Friends of AMBUCS members are trained and certified in how to configure the trykes based on each consumer’s needs as determined by his or her therapist or doctor and is reason the group exists. It is 100% volunteer, who help kids with handicaps. Human interest? How about the family who didn’t think their daughter

would be able to move the tryke, and then watched her pedal it to the end of the parking lot on her first try...and the smile on that young lady’s face when she did! This may not seem like much, if you have healthy kids, but for some of these families it is like reaching the top of Mount Everest. AMBUCS stands for American Business Clubs. It is a nationwide non-profit dedicated to creating independence for People with Disabilities and providing assistance to disabled persons. Source: WYLE/CAS Group/CAS Cares.



Colonel Otha L. Solomon is the commander of the 71st Medical Group, Vance Air Force Base, Okla. Under his command, the 71st MDG provides health care/preventive health services for the 71st Flying Training Wing and members of the Vance Air Force Base community. The medical group provides physiological, egress, survival and parachute familiarization training to Joint Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training students and aircrew members and referral services for inpatient and specialized care at military and civilian healthcare agencies.

Col Solomon was born and grew up in Kinston, N.C., He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology in 1971 from Winston-Salem, N.C. and a Doctor of Dental Surgery from the Univ. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1981. Colonel Solomon was commissioned as a second lieutenant in December 1981 and entered active duty in January 1982 with the rank of Captain.

Assignments:

1. 1972–1975 Dental Laboratory Technician, Pope AFB, N.C.
2. 1982–1985 General Dental Officer, Laughlin AFB, Texas
3. 1985–1986 General Dental Officer, Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea
4. 1986–1991 General Dental Officer, Zweibrucken AB, Germany
5. 1991–1993 Assistant Base Dental Surgeon, Altus AFB, Okla.
6. 1993–1994 Resident, Advanced Clinical Dentistry Residency, Eglin AFB, Fla
7. 1994–1996 Base Dental Surgeon, Izmir Air Station, Turkey
8. 1996–1998 Commander, 65th Medical Operations Squadron, Lajes Field, Azores
9. 1998–2000 Dental Service Fellowship, HQ USAF Office of Surgeon General, Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C.
10. 2000–2003 Commander, 6th Dental Squadron, MacDill AFB, Fla.
11. 2003–2005 Commander, 89th Dental Squadron, Andrews AFB, M.D. (Also Commander of 380th Expeditionary Medical Group, Dhafra AB Arab Emirates)
12. 2005–2007 Chief, Dental Operations HQ AFMC Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio
13. 2007–Present: Commander, 71st Medical Group, Vance AFB, Okla.

Together, we will Reach Within to Embrace Humanity. And in peace, harmony, and friendship, we will bring change—and a more joyful world. Kalyan Banerjee, President Rotary International

Announcements

Your Board of Directors for the Rotary Club of Madison, Club Year 2012, has approved a budget that includes \$50,362.34 in contributions and support to local and international causes.

Helen Lee Foundation, Madison Public Library	\$700
Children's Hospital of Birmingham	\$1,174
Madison Animal Rescue Foundation	\$400
Madison Senior Center & Services	\$200
Cancer Research Organizations	\$500
Free 2 Teach	\$500
Juvenile Diabetes Association	\$500
Multiple Sclerosis Society	\$500
Thanksgiving Baskets	\$360
Wounded Warrior Project	\$500
Outstanding Madison Veteran	\$500
Madison Hospital Healing Garden Bench	\$1,000
RI Disaster Assistance Fund	\$1,200
Harvest/Monrovia Playground Project	\$10,250
BSA Troop 757 Backpacks/Tornado Relief	\$1,120
YMCA	\$5,000
Madison Hospital Foundation	\$8,333.34*
EcoStoves Project	\$12,500
Paramedics for Children	\$1,200
Honduras Dental Project	\$2,000
RYLA Scholarships	\$1,925

*The Rotary Club of Madison has pledged \$25,000.00 to the Madison Hospital Foundation payable over three club years. Source: Paula Cushman

Pictured below are Club worker's who installed the play-set at the Harvest Youth Club. What a motley crew!



C4C Announcement: Bill Drake is doing it again! Amazing how many polio vaccines fit inside those aromatic cigar boxes he brings in. But, he's not the only one making a difference... so far, we have collected enough C4C funds to immunize 1,445 children against polio. So, please don't sit back and let him win again... someone catch him!

I will be accepting contributions this week at the meeting, but don't forget that today is World Polio Day and during this week, Rotary International is giving double Paul Harris recognition points for online contributions of \$100 or more. Offer expires October 28th, this Friday. (http://www.rotary.org/en/ServiceAndFellowship/Polio/Announcements/Pages/111013_annnc_double_rec.aspx). If you contribute online, please send me an email of this contribution and I'll add it to your Change for Change contribution. If you are not familiar with using the website to make contributions, your username is your email address and default password is your member number, which can be located on the mailing label of your Rotarian magazine or on DaCdb. Either Art or I can also provide that if you can't locate it. Remember these donations are tax-deductible, too! Carla.

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Æ - 90 Day - New Member
 Paul Harris Fellows
 β - Paul Harris Society
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2011 - 2012
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Club Calendar

October is Vocational Service Month

Do you know about -

WEEKLY CLUB & MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

- 13-Oct End Polio Now/C4C Carla Daily
- 14-Oct Senior Leadership Mtg., Birmingham
- 20-Oct Vocational Services Rpt., Jason Canale
- 25-Oct Bd. Mtg., Dynetics
- 27-Oct Otha Solomon with AMBUCS
- 03-Nov Foundation Committee's Rpt, Carol Rives

Missed A Meeting? Do an online make-up meeting at



Left: Amy Thompson in a Princess Leah Star Wars outfit, recently attending a Disney World party.



Right: Pat Cross at the District Senior Leadership Meeting in Birmingham, last Friday.

Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?