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Successful Rotary clubs attract accomplished individuals who are focused on sharing their talents and experience to help others. Members who achieve much in their lives and, who are engaged in and understand the world around them, are the foundation for club achievements and the ability to engender strong friendships. Our club is no exception. Dr. Albert is a fine example of a quality member whose values can strengthen a Rotary club.

Dr. Grobmyer entered and maintained an active and respected surgical practice in Memphis from 1969 through 2000. He also had faculty appointments in both UT and Tulane Medical Schools. In 1986 he was president of the Memphis Medical Society and served two years as president of the UT Medical Alumni Council. Early in his career Albert spent several years in posts with the U.S. Public Health Service and also practiced within the VA system. He has a passion for sharing knowledge with other health care providers and has published numerous articles in major medical journals. He is currently a Reviewer for The American Journal of Managed Care. Albert retired from private practice in 2000 to become CEO of QSource, a not-for-profit healthcare quality improvement organization. His professional credentials and recognitions from peers in the medical profession are quite numerous, and include the Outstanding Alumnum Award from the UT College of Medicine and the Distinguished Service Award from the Tennessee Medical Association.

Family: Albert and his wife, the former Betsy Turnbull, have been married 53 years. “We both grew up in Memphis. Our respective fathers were physicians here. We became reacquainted at UT Health Science Center where Betsy was studying in the UT College of Allied Health.” The Grobmyers have 3 sons. Albert IV is president of a 600 employee, multi-national engineering firm headquartered in Houston. Stephen is a Professor of Surgery and Director of Surgical Oncology at Cleveland Clinic. Andrew lives in Nashville and is Director of Operations for the Revenue Cycle Division of Huron Healthcare. Albert and Betsy have 5 grandchildren.

Education: Albert’s early education was at Springdale kindergarten and Little Flower parochial school. He attended Christian Brothers High School where he won a Westinghouse Science award, lettered 4 years on the tennis team and was a National Merit Scholar semifinalist. “Dewey Phillips, drive-ins, the Memphis Chicks and Elvis were favorites during those years.” Following graduation from the UT College of Medicine in 1962, Albert obtained further training in Nashville and Des Moines, and served during the Viet Nam conflict at the US Marine Hospital in New Orleans. He is Board Certified by both the American Board of Surgery and the American Board Of Managed Care Medicine. Since 1996 he has held leadership positions with QSOURCE.

Dr. Grobmyer is a life-long learner. “My personal interests relate to continued learning whether through my study of Modern Greek for over a decade, continuing education courses at U of M or self-directed study such as the ‘Great Courses.’ My motivation has derived from my parents, my wife, and from those mentors and educators who have contributed to my education. His favorite quote embodies respect for education: “Knowledge will forever govern ignorance; and a people who would be their own Governors, must first learn the power which knowledge gives.” James Madison -1822

Rotary: “Among the activities of Rotary International, I most welcome the program directed to the eradication of Polio. I respect the Rotary pledge of “Service above Self” and the extraordinary commitment of many of our members to such projects as the Gift of Life and Rotaract programs. I enjoy the collegiality of our RCME membership, and appreciate the programs that are presented at our weekly meetings.” Charles M. Key, Esq., a longtime friend and Counsel, sponsored Albert’s Rotary membership in 2009.

Challenge for RCME: “I believe our Club’s greatest challenges are to maintain membership and sustain the excellence of our programs. I encourage new Rotarians to seek out committee and/or outreach service activities. Such involvement will optimize the value of Rotary to them.”

Community Activities: Dr. Grobmyer serves on the Committee on Undergraduate Medical Education at the UT College of Medicine, the Alumni Public Affairs Committee for UT Knoxville and the UT College of Medicine Alumni Council. He also served on the Collierville Environmental Commission and is now a member of the Collierville Library Board. He is a communicant of the Church of the Incarnation in Collierville.

Leisure Time: “I particularly enjoy classical music, blues and the music of the 50’s. I follow UT sports, the Titans and the Grizzlies. The Tennis Channel is a special treat. Of course, grandchildren’s activities are a must-follow.” Betsy and Albert always look forward to their annual trip to New York City for Broadway, fine dining, the opera and MOMA.


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