

Soundings

November 12, 2009

Song Leader.....Barbara Clark
Pledge of Allegiance.....Hugh O’Kane
Invocation.....Denise Spencer

♪ IF YOU'RE HAPPY AND YOU KNOW IT ♪

If you're happy and you know it ,
Shout Rotary (Rotary!)
If you're happy and you know it,
Shout Rotary, (Rotary!)

If you're happy and you know it,
And you really want to show it,
If you're happy and you know it,
Shout Rotary (Rotary!)

TODAY'S PROGRAM ROBERT BELINIC JAZZ/CLASSICAL GUITARIST

Upcoming Programs

November 19.....My Favorite Bell Ringing Story
Member Participation
November 26.....**NO MEETING**
HAPPY THANKSGIVING
December 3.....Dining with Friends
New Rotary Fund Raiser for Memory Matters

ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

Next week, we'll be collecting canned goods and dried food (pasta, beans) for our annual Deep Well food drive. Frank Soule will again be accepting your donations at the front door of SPCC as you come to the meeting. This year Deep Well needs our help more than ever, so be generous and remember your contributions.

Family of Rotary

Birthdays

Ken Raichle.....November 17

Anniversaries

None

Club Anniversaries

An Grosshuesch.....Nov. 14.....18 Years

Upcoming Events

November 16.....Board Meeting
November 19.....Annual Food Drive
December 6.....Low Country Boil
Fellowship at Dolphin Head
January 31.....Scavenger Hunt

LOW COUNTRY BOIL.....AND FUN

Come enjoy a Low Country Boil at Dolphin Head recreation area in Hilton Head Plantation from 2 until 7 Sunday, December 6th. Come anytime between those hours and there will be plenty of hot food and other refreshments. Have a bell ringing shift scheduled?? Then come and eat afterward so you won't even have to cook dinner! A great reward for your volunteer efforts!! The cost is only \$10 per person, and kids are FREE. It's an event for the whole family with beautiful views for the adults and recreation for the kids. To sign up, see Joe Dimaria at lunch or call him at 683-9453.

YOUR BELL RINGING COMMITMENT

When you join this Rotary Club, one of the commitments you make is to actively participate in Club fund raising and community service activities. Ringing the Bell during the holidays for the Salvation Army is one of the most important of those activities. EVERY member who is able should be signing up for a minimum of 2 shifts as your Rotary duty. While many members do far more than 2 shifts because their spirits are moved to do so, their extra commitment does not excuse any member from doing their part. Sign up early when the most shifts are available so you get the times and locations you most desire. Sign up because it's the right thing to do.

ENDING POLIO— UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

My good buddy Ed Duryea has a resume that, if you didn't know the person, would sound contrived. Too good to be true. But Ed is as good as his credentials and even better. That's why he was at our Rotary Club speaking to us in the first place. 'Cause he's just that good.

Not long ago Ed joined a group of humanitarians from Canada and the US hoping to put a face on the Polio Plus program he had been supporting financially since its inception in 1985. Growing up in the '50's, Ed clearly remembered the polio scares of his childhood, the iron lungs that held the diseased bodies of friends, the body braces and wheelchairs that became integral pieces of the lives of classmates. He remembered the fear of swimming pools and the sweet taste of the polio vaccine melting on his tongue in a sugar cube.

Polio has been the world's greatest reason for physical disability in the world for around 5,000 years. It strikes mainly children under the age of 5. In Nigeria, Ed's Polio Plus destination, 799 cases of polio were reported in 2008. And while surviving victims of polio are apparent, crawling through Nigerian streets pulling bodies paralyzed by the disease, or pedaling wheelchairs made from bicycle parts, so far in 2009 only 333 cases

have been reported.

The fewer reported cases in Nigeria and world-wide are due mainly to the endless efforts of volunteer and professional individuals associated with Polio Plus, a global polio eradication initiative led by a collaboration between Rotary International, the World Health Organization, the Center for Disease Control and UNICEF. Through Polio Plus 2 billion children have been immunized in 122 countries.

There exist in the world fewer than 2000 polio cases at this time. Eradicating the disease is Rotary's number one goal, and to see that it's achieved a commitment of \$200 million dollars over three years to match \$355 million from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has been made.

That's where Ed and all of us come in. Whether through volunteering to walk door to door in impoverished Nigerian communities pleading for the opportunity to place drops of vaccine on the tongues of children, or through donating to the Rotary Foundation to help fund the eradication of the dread disease, or both, we all have a responsibility to join the 33,000 Rotary Clubs around the world and rid the earth of this crippling disease.

As Ed so eloquently concluded, "We live in a small world and we cannot live in isolation. All problems are ours to solve, and we transcend political, religious, and cultural hurdles to get the job done. Why do we do it? Children. Beautiful children. Beautiful, healthy children. That's why we have to do it!"

Thanks, Ed, for the inspiration. You are our hero.

-Jill Briggs-

Goal Corner

Member Goal...6/30/2010.....151

Current Active Members.....143

Memory Matters 2010 Goal...\$250,000

Current total.....58.4%.....\$146,082