

Soundings

July 16, 2009

Song Leader.....Howard Farmer
Pledge of Allegiance.....Hugh O’Kane
Invocation.....David Miller

♪ AMERICA ♪

My country ‘tis of thee
Sweet land of liberty
Of thee I sing.
Land where my fathers died;
Land of the Pilgrims’ pride;
From every mountain side
Let Freedom Ring!

TODAY’S PROGRAM DR. TRACY GAUDET INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE

Upcoming Programs

July 23.....Economic Impacts on Non-Profits
Jill Briggs, Mary Briggs, Kathi Bateson, Denise Spencer
July 30.....Dr. Thomas Leitzel
TCL: Connecting the Dots
August 6.....Eddie Maple
Secretariat’s Last Ride
August 13.....Alan Walters
District 7770 District Governor

ROTARY CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS

As we work to add to our membership, two Rotary Customs and traditions are important to remember:
#33. “Club members should make an extra effort in making newly inducted members feel a part of Rotary and be comfortable in the Rotary atmosphere.”

#26. “Seating at meetings should vary in an effort to Avoid cliques being developed and to promote familiarity among members.”

Family of Rotary

Birthdays

Tom Conner.....July 16

Anniversaries

Allen & Mary-Anne Richardson.....July 16
Bernie and Nancy Riedel.....July 16

Upcoming Events

July 20.....Board Meeting
October 3.....Heel to Toe for Polio
Area Clubs Polio Fund Raiser Walk

ROTARY DONATIONS 08-09

We all are very much aware of just how generous Rotary International is in our world. However, I would like to remind you of how your contributions of time, talent, and treasure help our local community so much.

In this past Rotary year alone we raised over \$25,000 for the Salvation Army; granted over \$25,000 in college scholarships to deserving local high school graduates; gave a \$250 contribution to the David Carmines Water Festival; donated \$500 to an International Water project, and sent \$1500 to the Island Recreation Club for a summer program for challenged youngsters.

How much money did we save for the Literacy Volunteers of the Lowcountry when we set up, staffed, and tore down the facilities at their very successful “Cooks & Books” weekend at the Shelter Cove Mall; or for the Coastal Discovery Museum with our labor and donated equipment to further extend an oyster-shell pathway on the property, as well as the enormous amount of labor to build, staff, and tear down the Haunted Forest at Halloween; or the food we collected for the Deep Well Project; or the painting project at the Island Rec Center?

Despite a very difficult economy, and reduced membership, we managed our costs and fund raising well enough to end the year with \$30,000 to donate to charities. The board voted to allocate that money as follows: \$1000 for the initial funding of the Club Endowment Fund; \$2500 to set aside towards next year’s Polio Plus campaign donation; and \$26,500 to our number one local project of raising \$250,000 for the new home of the Alzheimer’s Respite & Resource organization.

You made it happen and you should be very proud!
-Past President Mike Petrilli

HAIL TO THE NEW CHIEF!

District Governor John Howe accomplished the swearing-in of new President Hugh O’Kane to the accompaniment of a standing ovation by members of the club. New board members were similarly sworn in and welcomed.



President Hugh’s first official act was to call forward Past President Mike Petrilli and thank him for his leadership during a turbulent year. Mike accepted from President Hugh an engraved curved glass sculpture as a remembrance and acknowledgement of his many accomplishments as President of the Rotary Club of Hilton Head Island.

What’s in store under President Hugh’s leadership? The new cover on the Soundings publication tells the story. President Hugh plans to take this club that has a long history of

activity, including establishing the first Recreation Center and Boy Scout troop on the island; seeding the SHARE Center; seeding the Leadership Hilton Head Island/Bluffton program; raising a million plus dollars to build a new Deep Well home; donating \$100,000 to the Rotary Polio Plus program; contributing three quarters of a million dollars to the Rotary Foundation, and developing five District Governors to new heights.

The future of Rotary is in our hands and we will continue to support the Rotary Foundation. As well, eliminating polio from the world will continue as a fundamental focus. We will help Alzheimer's Respite and Resource build a new facility by matching their efforts to raise \$500,000 with our own contribution of \$250,000. And finally, keeping in mind that nothing is accomplished without people, we will recruit thirty new members, with the goal to net seven new members this year.

After announcing his plans for the year, President Hugh introduced his officers and his directors, and made special note of the indispensable presence of Linda Neff who keeps the club in tiptop running order.

Congratulations and best wishes, President Hugh, officers and directors! (You can see a listing of this year's Officers and Directors and their assignments on the back of this Soundings.) We all look forward to working with you during what promises to be an exciting new year!
-Jill Briggs-

WHERE DO YOU FIND NEW MEMBERS?

Rotary membership is special. It is by invitation only-the invitation of a current member who knows the dedication and commitments required to be a good Rotarian. So where are those prospective Rotarians?? Anywhere you find dedicated people who are passionate about serving others in the community: your own family, your church or synagogue, people in "service oriented" professions, people whom you know from other community service volunteer groups to which you belong. "They're too busy", you declare?? It's usually the busiest people who make the time for another opportunity to serve their community. Perhaps they're just waiting for an invitation.....

Goal Corner

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

Current Active Members.....144

AR&R 2010 Goal\$250,000

Current total.....44.3%.....\$110,821