

Soundings

January 28, 2010

Song Leader.....Barbara Clark
Pledge of Allegiance.....Hugh O’Kane
Invocation.....James Baker

♪ TAKE ME HOME COUNTRY ROADS ♪

Country roads, take me home
To the place I belong
West Virginia, mountain momma
Take me home, country roads.

I hear her voice
In the mornin' hour she calls me
The radio reminds me of my home far away;
And drivin' down the road I get a feelin'
That I should have been home yesterday, yesterday

Country roads, take me home
To the place I belong
West Virginia, mountain momma
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TODAY’S PROGRAM DR. JIM REX TEACHER RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Upcoming Programs

February 4.....Mason Hardy
SC Association of Non-Profits
February 11.....Vic Bubas
Former Duke Univ. Basketball Coach
February 18.....Law Enforcement Recognition

Family of Rotary

Birthdays

Rob Lee.....January 28
Doug Barry.....February 3

Anniversaries

Marc and Joan Stuckart.....January 29
George and Lynette Flathmann.....January 30
Ward and Karen Kirby.....January 30

Club Anniversaries

None

Upcoming Events

Now thru February 28...Dining In With Friends
January 31.....Scavenger Hunt
February 5.....Champagne and Dessert
 Celebration for Dining In With Friends
February 18.....Public Safety Breakfast

ANNUAL SCAVENGER HUNT

Today is your last chance to sign up for the scavenger hunt this Sunday, January 31. The hunt is not only fun and competitive, but educational as you learn more about this fascinating Island. Then, your reward is a great dinner at Hudson's, fun prizes, and bragging rights. The hunt starts in Hudson's parking lot at 3PM, followed by drinks and dinner at 5PM. The cost is \$26 per person for dinner, including beer and wine. A cash bar will also be available. You won't want to miss it.

DISASTER RELIEF FOR HAITI

If you are still wanting to help by donating funds through Rotary for Haiti disaster relief, here's the information again of how to help. Our District is setting up a fund for Haiti Relief as part of the overall Rotary response. If you as an individual would like to participate, **please send your checks payable to District 7770 to District Treasurer Ed Dowaschinski at PO Box 7137, Hilton Head Island, SC 29938 and mark it for Haiti Disaster Relief.** Another way to help is through donations to Shelterbox USA. Go to shelterbox.org for more information on how and where to donate.

BEING GOOD NEIGHBORS TO OUR NEIGHBORS

Dr Narem Sharma, founder of Neighborhood Outreach Connection, shared the purpose and core values of this newer non-profit organization. NOC focuses on results and sustainability with projects in three targeted neighborhoods. His mission is to fight poverty and help those that strive to achieve the American dream. He said it is "nothing more than that to which we all aspire."

Dr. Sharma brings expertise from many of his experiences. He is a native of the Fiji Islands and a proud US citizen living here on Hilton Head Island. He has multiple degrees from Rutgers, Duke, and University of Hawaii. Dr. Sharma worked for 32 years at the World Bank on projects in more than 50 countries, giving him a broad global and national perspective. He has served two years on the USCB Outreach Committee and on the board of directors of Port Royal Plantation. He also serves as a member of the School Improvement Council for Hilton Head Island High School.

It was quite comforting to learn about Dr Sharma and his passion. He said poverty is serious in spite of the US being a country of wealth. In Beaufort County, 10.4% of our population lives in poverty. This poverty is tucked away in distressed neighborhoods and is quite prevalent among minority groups. Unemployment is about 9% in Beaufort County. The poverty trap becomes larger with

- Loss of jobs
- Loss of wealth
- Loss of homes
- Loss of public services
- Loss of social safety nets

NOCs goal is to empower people with education, drug and alcohol education, microfinance/entrepreneurship, voter registration, etc. NOC plans to involve people and develop trust by taking assistance into the neighborhood. His center is directly inside the neighborhood.

NOCs Development Approach is to take on high impact-low cost projects, documented on one page. Their

streamlined approach uses a “more for less” business model. They have only a few part time workers, no executive director. All accounts are reviewed annually to see where they can economize. They are clearly focused on making a positive impact for people and empowering the impoverished. Our community is grateful for Dr. Sharma’s work.

-Amanda O’Nan-

DINING IN WITH FRIENDS UPDATE

A number of Dining In With Friends events were held this weekend, by Rotarians and non-Rotarians, with some absolutely amazing results. Here’s some we’ve heard about: **Mary-Stuart Alderman** hosted a group of “gal friends” for a Soup party and raised **\$635**, with more to come from non-attendees! **Sandee Brooks and Mary Thomas** raised **\$1,217** at a neighborhood cocktail party. And the whole Oldfield community turned out for an event hosted by **Joe and Linda Larkin, David and Heather Miller, and Larry and Eddie Sanders**. Joe sent a thank you letter to the attendees, some of which is quoted here: “We had 60 friends at the dinner, each of whom made a donation to this very special organization. In addition, we received gifts from 22 other families who could not attend our event but wanted to be a part of the evening in some way. In total, we raised approximately **\$5,000** for Memory Matters.

Eddie’s pork sandwiches, Linda’s beef tenderloin and turkey, and Heather’s desserts were as good as you could get anywhere. The wine was provided at below cost by our new friend, Holly Stek, the Director of Food & Beverage at Oldfield / Hampton Golf . Larry & David took the photos to memorialize the evening and helped me serve the food and wine and make our guests feel welcome. Donna Pernice, Barbara Moschella and Gail Bromiley, helped clean up so by the end of the evening you could not tell that 60 guests had been there having such a good time for such a good cause. We showed a short video about the services of Memory Matters and the horrible memory oriented diseases they are helping our community to deal with. Karen Doughtie, Assistant Executive Director of Memory Matters, made a few remarks after the video and took a few questions. We gave Karen a mockup check evidencing the combined donations from all of you who supported this event. We are actually continuing to receive donations from others who want to support what Memory Matters is doing.”

Thanks to all who are getting into the spirit of this fund raiser.
Let us know about your event so we can spread the word of your successes.

Goal Corner

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

Current Active Members141

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

Current total.....72.2%.....\$180,499