

Soundings

January 7, 2010

Song Leader.....Denis Bonnett
Pledge of Allegiance.....Hugh O’Kane
Invocation.....Peggy Arrington

♪ 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 PAUL SHEPPARD THE 2010 CENSUS

Upcoming Programs

January 14, 2010...Theresa Jackson & John Tilly
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program
January 21.....Dasha Bukhartseva
Special Music Program
January 28.....Dr. Jim Rex
Teacher Appreciation Program and
What’s Going On in Education in SC??

DINING IN WITH FRIENDS

Our big fundraiser for Memory Matters has begun with a bang! Or was that a firecracker bringing in the New Year?? Congratulations to **Jim Robinson and Gloria Daly** who jointly hosted a New Year’s Eve dining event which raised **\$1,190.00!!** It’s easy, it’s fun, and people will generously respond if asked. We are also most grateful to **Helen Ryan and CareCore** which pledged **\$5000** to Kick off this creative program. Have you scheduled your event?? See Jim Collett today to pick up your invitations.

Family of Rotary

Birthdays

Steve Clark.....January 7
Bill Rathman.....January 10

Anniversaries

None

Club Anniversaries

None

Upcoming Events

Now thru January 31....Dining In With Friends
January 31.....Scavenger Hunt
February 5.....Champagne and Dessert
Celebration for Dining In With Friends

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome Barbara “Babs” Burke into membership today. She was proposed by Denny Nelson and is a Realtor with Keller Williams. She has also been a Rotarian in the Brooksville, FL Club. Ask her to join your committee....she’s ready and anxious to get involved. As are Bernie Doepker and Sheila Stephens whom we also inducted into membership at our last meeting.

100% PAUL HARRIS FELLOW CLUB

Thanks to Larry Sanders who worked diligently at the end of this past Rotary year to take advantage of Paul Harris Recognition Points that we were soon to lose, we have achieved the honor of being— for a brief period of time- a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club. That means that all members on our roster at that time now have a Paul Harris Fellow to their credit. PDG Bernie Riedel presented the Award banner to Past President Mike Petrilli and Larry Sanders at our last meeting. It is a great achievement for a Club our size. Congratulations!

DAVID WARREN— OUR AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR

Our contributions to the Rotary Foundation make possible the Ambassadorial Scholar program, and if David Warren is representative of those who participate, our world should ready itself for great and positive progress. David received a \$26,000 scholarship for a year’s study abroad that paid for transportation, tuition and fees, language training, and other living necessities.

The Ambassadorial Scholar program seeks to spread goodwill around the world. Priorities include disease prevention, maternal and child health and welfare, education and literacy, peace and conflict resolution, economic and community development, and others. Recruiting is underway now for 2011 participants.

David was the recipient of a student of the year award from our Rotary Club a number of years ago when he was a middle school student at Hilton Head Christian Academy. He will be studying a business curriculum in Barcelona, Spain, and looks forward to graduating from Davison College in June and making presentations to Rotary Clubs around the world.

As a bored high school student, David decided to fill his time by founding and funding his own non-profit organization, Mission Vision. It is making world-wide impact by supplying reading glasses to underprivileged individuals.

Awarded a Dean Russ grant after he presented his organization to his alma mater, David took Mission Vision to Central America with hopes of providing optical clinics in remote and underserved areas. For six weeks he traveled and gave sight to those who might not have known how little they could see had it not been for his efforts.

To sustain his organization David started a campus-wide network of students who contribute one dollar to purchase one pair of glasses. New chapters are forming at schools across the nation as young people become aware of how easy it is to make an immediate and measurable impact. David's energy and vision are seemingly endless. He announced to our club – and to his parents who were in attendance – that he has applied for another grant that will take him to South America and Thailand for a few months. Good luck, David! We, and your mom and dad will be watching for what comes next!

-Jill Briggs-

BELL RINGING —MAKING IT FUN

Here's some more Rotarians getting into the true spirit of the holiday season as they collected much needed funds for the Salvation Army. **Brian Dralle** let his son charm the shoppers out of their dollars and cents, while **Joe Nahman** used his own charm to make holiday donors feel good about helping others. Our grand total for our efforts this year is **\$23,471.84**. While it was a tough year, our total actually **exceeded last year's donations by \$806.50!!** That was in part due to so many people stepping up to the plate to cover open shifts. Thanks to everyone who did their part to cover the many shifts we had; special thanks to those who went far and away above their "duty" when shifts were going uncovered and who pitched in with many, many hours of ringing time. Thanks to family members and pets who did their parts as well. We can certainly be proud of our results.

Goal Corner

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

Current Active Members143

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

Current total.....70.5%.....\$176,171