

Soundings

February 11, 2010

Song Leader.....Mary Briggs
Pledge of Allegiance.....Hugh O’Kane
Invocation.....Susan Whittelsey

♪LET ME CALL YOU SWEETHEART♪

Let me call you sweetheart,
I'm in love with you.
Let me hear you whisper
That you love me too.
Keep the love light glowing
In your eyes so blue,
Let me call you sweetheart,
I'm in love with you

TODAY’S PROGRAM
VIC BUBAS
FORMER BASKETBALL COACH
DUKE UNIVERSITY

Upcoming Programs

February 18.....Law Enforcement Recognition
February 25.....Ross Spencer
 The Shelterbox Program
March 4.....Fire Chief Lavarn Lucas
 What’s New in the Town’s Fire/Rescue Svc.

PROPOSED NEW MEMBER

The following person has met all the requirements for membership and will be inducted into the Club at a future meeting unless Secretary Mike Jukofsky or Linda receives concerns in writing by February 17.

Michael Jordan
Sponsor: Ward Kirby
Class: Attorney
Past Club Member

Family of Rotary

Birthdays

Alan Herd.....February 11
Jill Briggs.....February 15

Anniversaries

Kevin and Kristen Lee.....February 11
Mary-Stuart & Jack Alderman.....February 15

Club Anniversaries

Jim Robinson.....25 Years.....Feb. 15

Upcoming Events

Now thru February 28...Dining In With Friends
Rescheduled to Feb. 28.....Scavenger Hunt
February 18.....Public Safety Breakfast
February 21.....Cooks and Books

OUR CONDOLENCES

During this past week, two of our members lost their mothers. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mary-Stuart Alderman and An Grosshuesch. To perpetuate their memories, our Club will make donations in their names to the Rotary Endowment Fund.

PUBLIC SAFETY BREAKFAST

Remember the Public Safety Recognition breakfast to be held next Thursday morning, February 18th, from 7-9AM, at First Presbyterian Church’s Fellowship Hall. Show your appreciation for these dedicated law enforcement, security, and firefighting personnel as you enjoy a free breakfast together. The breakfast is funded by generous sponsors from our Rotary Club. If you’d like to be a sponsor, please call Linda in the Rotary office. Send or bring your check to a meeting, and you’ll receive recognition at the breakfast and at the regular noon meeting on that same day.

NON PROFITS MEAN BUSINESS

These are difficult times for nonprofit organizations throughout South Carolina and the country. It is wonderful to know however, that there is help available in South Carolina for these groups. Mason Hardy, chief executive of the state’s only nonprofit association (and a Rotarian!), gave us an encouraging and exciting presentation about SCANPO (South Carolina Association of NonProfit Organizations).

The mission of SCANPO is to serve, support and strengthen South Carolina’s nonprofit sector. There are more than 800 member organizations who are currently taking advantage of the many services provided by SCANPO. The association helps to: TRAIN nonprofits on how to run their businesses effectively, ADVOCATE for nonprofits in Columbia and in Washington, provide DISCOUNTS on many products and services to nonprofits, provide RESEARCH to help foster nonprofit development.

Nonprofit organizations have a huge economic impact. 10% of the nation’s workforce (20 million people) is employed by nonprofits. In South Carolina, nonprofits account for \$12.7 billion in revenue and \$24 billion in assets, and 162,000 employees statewide.

Nonprofits are a rapidly expanding presence. The growth of 501(c) (3) organizations (excludes churches) has grown in South Carolina by 92% in the last 10 years. Beaufort County has experienced 78% growth in the same period. There are 414 foundations

in South Carolina – an increase of more than 25% over the number of foundations in 2000.

Most nonprofits are small – 50% have less than \$100,000 in revenue. 80% have less than \$1 million in revenue. These organizations do not have the internal resources needed to do everything that they would like to do in their communities. SCANPO can help.

SCANPO is working on several state legislative issues including the raffle law (trying to loosen it a bit) and the SC bankrupt unemployment insurance situation which will ultimately increase the insurance cost to nonprofits. In Washington, the health care bill is important to nonprofits because the House version gave a small business tax credit to businesses, but not to nonprofits. The Senate version gives the tax credit to employees which is better for nonprofits. SCANPO is advocating on behalf of nonprofits on this and other issues.

The 2010 annual nonprofit conference will be held on Hilton Head in March. More than 350 attendees will learn about “Navigating NonProfits in a Sea of Change”. Scholarships are available.

Mr. Hardy reminds us that American people are givers. In South Carolina, \$4,012 per capita is given to philanthropic organizations. However, in these poor economic times, there is a decrease in giving and an increase in needs. Our local nonprofits need help and SCANPO is there to provide them guidance and assistance. More information about SCANPO is available at www.scanpo.org.

DINING IN WITH FRIENDS

Our current total from our Dining In With Friends fund raiser is **\$16,547**. Again we urge you to get involved and do your part in this one and only major fund-raiser of our Rotary year. Those funds have been raised by **only 25** of our Club members participating, so it shows us three things: First, it’s easy to get people to come to your home to enjoy an evening of fun. Secondly, they give generously when asked. Thirdly, it’s far easier to do, and less expensive, than any of our past fundraisers and generates more money per person. We’ve already netted more than we did from last year’s FashionFest. Donations are averaging \$500 per event, so if 114 of our members stepped up to the plate to do their part, we could top off this capital campaign NOW and not have to carry it into next Rotary year. Just imagine what we can do for our community if we pull together as a Club!! Is your dinner scheduled yet?? Not doing an event with friends? Then participate by making a donation to the Rotary Memory Matters fund at the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry.

Goal Corner

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

Current Active Members.....141

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

Current total.....77.1%.....\$192,646