

Soundings

March 11, 2010

Song Leader.....Barbara Clark
Pledge of Allegiance.....Hugh O’Kane
Invocation.....Mike Petrilli

♣ WHEN IRISH EYES ARE SMILING ♣

When Irish eyes are smiling,
Sure it's like a morn in spring.
In the lilt of Irish laughter,
You can hear the angels sing.

When Irish hearts are happy,
All the world seems bright and gay,
And when Irish eyes are smiling,
Sure they steal your heart away.

TODAY’S PROGRAM VLADIMIR KHOMYAKOV HH INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION CONTESTANT

Upcoming Programs

March 18.....Ken Raichle
You and the Rotary Foundation

March 25.....HH Prep Students
Presenting “Grease” - the musical

April 1.....GSE Team
Welcome our visitors from Brazil

Family of Rotary

Birthdays

Hugh O’KaneMarch 14
Linda Fraser.....March 17

Anniversaries

James and Jennifer Baker.....March 16
Nathaniel and Lindsay Jones.....March 16
(Not only the same date, the same year!)

Club Anniversaries

Scott Hamlin and Blake Hampton celebrate **6 years** with our Club today, March 11.

Upcoming Events

Now thru March 31.....Dining In With Friends
March 15.....Board Meeting
March 21...Honor Al Gnesin & Howard Farmer
at Low Country Boil Dining In With Friends
Event hosted by Donice Krepps & Jill Foster
March 25-28.....District Conference
Myrtle Beach Hilton Resort
April 12-18.....Heritage Golf Tournament

GET YOUR PLAID ON!

Our Island’s signature tourist event is coming up soon and we have a major part to play in welcoming the attendees, assisting the golfers, and generally representing the best our Island has to offer. This year it is more important than ever for the community that we provide our all important services since we’ll all suffer in many ways if we lose this event. Remember, in return for the services we provide, we receive a substantial amount of money that is used to fund our scholarship program and to add to our major charity donations. It’s fun being on the grounds and seeing the golfers up close and personal. It’s great just being in the midst of the “ambiance” that is the Heritage. There’s nothing hard about this service project, and you have many options for days and times to serve. Sign up early and get your preferred schedules as a bus greeter and/or as a forecaddie.

**WHERE THERE’S SMOKE
THERE’S FIREFIGHTERS!**

Beautiful homes...quiet, tree-shaded avenues...secure gated communities – and a bridge to separate it all from the hustle and bustle of the Mainland. This is the essence of life on Hilton Head and one of the reasons we come here to live, play and work. It can also mean that even the simplest medical emergency or spark of fire can become a catastrophic event that could quickly compound into disaster if nothing is done to help. Be it shortness of breath at 2 AM or a four-alarm high rise fire, riding to our aid is none other than our Town’s own fire and rescue department. Last week we were visited by Fire Chief Lavan Lucas who took us on a guided tour of the department and showed us some of the exciting new developments.

One of these new developments is the Department’s new training facility. The 5.4 acre facility was completed in 2009. At a cost of \$2.28 million, it serves to keep our firefighters and EMTs sharp and experienced so that they are ready to respond to emergencies both basic and unique to our Island situation.

A four-story training tower is the centerpiece of this new training facility. With features that are designed to simulate everything from a private home to a hotel high-rise, this unit serves to provide every opportunity for rescue personnel to keep their skills in focus. It includes a drop-down roof and a “burn room” that simulates the harsh forbidding environment of a fire well under way. Chief Lucas points out that the smoke used for training is actually environmentally safe and poses no harm to anyone – all the while doing a terrific job of providing the most realistic scenarios.

Chief Lucas has been with the Island’s fire and rescue service for over 20 years and has served as its chief for a year and a half. He illustrated several other advancements for the department, including the ability to simulate propane fires, car fires, and many other situations. It is good to know that right here on our patch of paradise, we not only have an exceptional fire and rescue service, but they have state-of-the-art facilities to assist them in doing the very best job they can.

-Matt Richardson-

NEW PROPOSED MEMBER

The following person has been proposed for membership and will have completed the requirements for membership this week. He will be inducted into membership in the next few weeks unless any concerns are received in writing by Linda or Mike Jukofsky, Secretary by March 17, 2010.

Bill Harkins

Classification: Consultant

Sponsor: Dave Crespan

DINING IN WITH FRIENDS

Have you done your part yet for our major fund raiser? We will continue this activity through the end of this month, so there’s plenty of time to host a dinner, BBQ, cocktail party, or any other kind of event that suits your personality and budget. We are only at 78% of our goal which must be complete by year-end and we need EVERY member to fulfill his/her Rotary commitment to support this capital project. Remember, you are NOT asking your friends for money...you are asking them to join you for a time of fun and fellowship and to help a great organization provide a critical service for our community. Just ask...they’ll respond!

Goal Corner

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

Current Active Members.....144

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

Current total.....78.3%.....\$195,811