

Soundings

March 4, 2010

Song Leader.....Barbara Clark
Pledge of Allegiance.....Hugh O’Kane
Invocation.....Matt Richardson

♣ HARRIGAN ♣

H-A double R I-G- A- N
spells Harrigan.
Proud of all the Irish blood that's in me.
Di-vil a man can say a word agin ' me.

H-A- double R I - G-A-N, you see.
Is a name that a shame,
Never has been connected with.
Harrigan, that's me!

TODAY’S PROGRAM FIRECHIEF LAVARN LUCAS WHAT’S NEW IN THE TOWN’S FIRE/RESCUE SERVICE

Upcoming Programs

March 11.....International Piano Competition
Concert by a contestant

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

March 25.....Mary Noonan
A Road Less Traveled

Family of Rotary

Birthdays

David MillerMarch 5
Alan Richardson.....March 6

Bob Verhey.....March 7

Anniversaries

Ben and Helen Racusin.....March 9
Celebrating 63 years together!

Club Anniversaries

None

Upcoming Events

Now thru March 31.....Dining In With Friends
March 15.....Board Meeting
March 25-28.....District Conference
Myrtle Beach Hilton Resort
April 12-18.....Heritage Golf Tournament

TIME TO PUT ON OUR HERITAGE HATS

(Or tee shirts....what ever is appropriate for your jobs.) Our Island's signature tourist event is coming up soon and we're a major player....in addition to the great cast of golfers. Remember, there are many benefits to fulfilling our Rotary commitment here. In return for the services we provide the tournament, 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 the most fun fund-raising we do. There's also the benefit of just being in the midst of the "ambiance" that is the Heritage. It's fun being on the grounds, seeing the golfers up close and personal. It's an all-around great time on Hilton Head! We'll all suffer if we lose this tournament, so it's more important than ever this year to put our best foot forward and make everyone who comes to our Island and to the tournament feel more than welcome! Sign up early and get your preferred schedules as a bus greeter and/or as a forecaddie.

SHELTER IN A BOX

Rotarian Ross Spencer, part-time island resident and frequent visitor to our club, shared his passion for the disaster relief work of **ShelterBox**, an international nonprofit organization founded 10 years ago in Cornwall, England by Rotarian Tom Henderson. Ross lives in Long Grove, IL (near Chicago), but spends several months on HHI each year, and is active in Rotary Clubs in both communities. He holds an undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina and earned an MBA from Loyola University. He is a technical writer for CCH in the area of pensions, 401(K) and Health Care Plans.

Headquartered in Cornwall, England, **ShelterBox** is a global Rotary partner and has 10 international affiliates. The nonprofit organization responds to disasters around the world by providing a large utility box weighing 130 pounds and filled with survival gear, including a specially designed 10-person tent (specific to the geographic area to which it is sent), blankets, insulated ground sheets, waterproof ponchos, cooking utensils and stove, tools, water purification equipment designed to purify a year's worth of water, and a children's activity pack. **ShelterBox** responded to 27 disasters in 2009 and has already responded to 3 international disasters this year – in Haiti, Peru and Egypt. The first responders to a disaster are the search and rescue teams, followed by those which provide food, water and medical assistance, then by those providing

shelter. **ShelterBox** is a global Rotary partner and works with clubs and local contacts to ensure that the boxes of survival gear are delivered directly to the people in need of shelter. Over 5,000 Rotary clubs have contributed resources to the organization, and **ShelterBox** claims to be the only aid agency that reports to donors exactly where in the world their dollars provided shelter.

Each box costs \$1,000, 65% of which is the cost of the box and its contents; 30 % of which is for delivery, with less than 5% spent for administration. Because 40 tents were delivered to Haiti within 3 days of the earthquake last month, the need for donations is high, and the disaster news has not diminished. As Ross Spencer reminded and cautioned us, our island is only one hurricane away from a disaster, and he invited us to visit the tent he had set up outside the dining room.

For more information, visit the website at <http://www.shelterbox.org>

-Mary-Stuart Alderman-

A MEMORABLE TRIBUTE

All Club members and their guests are invited to a Lowcountry Boil, jointly hosted by Donice Krepps, Jill Foster, and Elliot Steadman and some additional non-Rotarians. It is their ***Dining In with Friends*** event and will honor the lives of dear friends **Al Gnesin** and **Howard Farmer**. It is particularly appropriate since Al was on the Board of Memory Matters—an organization that had very special meaning for him. Join fellow Rotarians, SPCC members, and other friends at Baynard Cove picnic area in Sea Pines Plantation on **March 21 from 3-5PM**. Attendees will be asked to make a minimum **\$35 donation**, which will go to our Rotary Memory Matters Fund. Passes will be arranged for entry into Sea Pines. Please see or contact Donice Krepps to sign up so she can provide you an invitation, entry pass, and sufficient food and drink. It will be their honor to host you at this event.

Goal Corner

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

Current Active Members.....145

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

Current total.....77.7%.....\$194,161