

Anniversaries

Ted and Maria Gregg.....June 4
Bill and Kim Bratt.....June 5
Jim and Carolyn Robinson.....June 5
Mike and Beverly Petrilli.....June 6
Skip and Tina Skiptunas.....June 6
Paul and Jennifer Walter.....June 7
Hugh and Gail O’Kane.....June 9

Club Anniversaries

None

Upcoming Events

June 14.....Club Assembly
Officers and Board meet with ADG Sandee
Brooks to present plan for 2010-2011

June 27.....End of Year Party
Shipyard Beach House

CELEBRATING 94 IN STYLE

Would that we would all look this good at 94! Congratulations to our elegant elder statesman, Norman Reeves, shown here indulging in a birthday cupcake from the Sea Pines staff.

A ROAD LESS TRAVELED

Mary Noonan’s life story is one which exemplifies that “Life is what happens while you’re making other plans.”

Born in Iowa in the 1940’s, she expected a life predictable for a young woman of that era, but after receiving a degree in Biology and Education from Beloit College in Wisconsin in the 60’s, her life didn’t follow that pattern of marriage, children and teaching school. After receiving a master’s degree from Ohio State in Counseling Psychology and Student Personnel, she became a dorm counselor and director with the intention of becoming Dean of Women.

As the world changed in the sixties, so did the career path for Mary! She moved into the business world, in a position with Industrial Nucleonics Corp., a young company making computer control systems and using radioisotopes for the first peaceful use of atomic energy. Showing her “spunk” by refusing to take a typing test, she became their first female professional employee. She was put on a recruiting team to hire MBA students with undergraduate degrees in engineering from such schools as Harvard, MIT, Purdue, and soon became editor of the company’s newsletter and subsequently moved into public and stockholder relations. With her liberal arts background and writing skills, she translated engineering and physics principles into laymen’s language, and became the company’s spokesperson.

She shared stories about several professional development experiences, that transformed her from a naïve young woman into a true professional in a man’s world. After 11 years in industry, she moved back into the world of higher education as the public information officer for the Ohio Board of Regents, the state’s coordinating agency of public and private higher education. After 8 years, punctuated by press releases, special reports and lobbying efforts, at the request of the 15 public university presidents, she became the

head of the Inter-University Council of Ohio, as the result of her dynamic “can do” and “take charge” persona.

In direct and ironic contrast to her usual style, she had a very unusual experience on one of her many trips to DC, which proves that we aren’t always in control. she was diagnosed with transient global amnesia (TGA), a neurological disorder wherein she lost all short term memory at various periods. The next period of her life was triggered by the tragic loss of her husband Jim, her very active and physically fit life and travel partner of 28 years, who left home for a bike trip and never returned. Doctors surmised that he suffered a brain aneurism, and after three weeks in a coma, he died, leaving Mary a widow at the age of 51. Her tales of their international travel experiences and adventures with native peoples in such remote places as Sri Lanka, Bali, Fiji and Colombia define Rotary’s goals of international understanding.

Defying all the advice about what she should NOT do, she bought a house on Hilton Head Island, made arrangements to quit her job, and moved here full time in 1995. In her usual style, she “jumped in with both feet” and has become an active volunteer, much to our club’s and our community’s benefit. As she said, “volunteerism, houseguests, and two chocolate poodles are now my life.” We’re so very grateful, Mary, that “you came, you saw, you conquered!”

-Mary-Stuart Alderman-

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Today we’re inducting the following two new members into the Club. With the start of the new Rotary year, it’s a great time to get new members involved in committees of their interest. Getting involved will quickly help make new friends and reinforce the new members’ reasons for joining. Please make them welcome.

Andrew (Andy) Patrick
Proposed by Marc Stuckart
Classification—Security

Al Bischoff
Proposed by Tom Conner
Classification—Consultant
Former member of Van Landingham Club

Goal Corner

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

Current Active Members.....145

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

Current total.....81.1%.....\$202,686