

Soundings

July 9, 2009

Song Leader.....Denis Bonnett
Pledge of Allegiance.....Mike Petrilli
Invocation.....David Miller

♪ AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL ♪

Oh beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain.
For purple mountain majesties
Across the fruited plain.
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

TODAY'S PROGRAM INDUCTION OF OFFICERS/DIRECTORS WELCOME TO A NEW ROTARY YEAR PRESIDENT HUGH O'KANE

Upcoming Programs

July 16.....Dr. Tracy Gaudet
Integrative Medicine
July 23.....Economic Impacts on Non-Profits
Jill Briggs, Mary Briggs, Kathi Bateson, Denise Spencer
July 30.....Dr. Thomas Leitzel
TCL: Connecting the Dots

ROTARY CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS

“The club should have a “Greeter” to greet members and guests. It is recommended that the Greeter be a new member to allow that member to become familiar with all the members in the club.” We will be reinstating this custom this Rotary year, with Joe Demaria in charge of the program. Please serve if asked, and get to know the new members as they greet you each week.

Family of Rotary

Birthdays

Barbara Clark.....July 13
Kevin LeeJuly 13

Anniversaries

Doug and Sandra Barry.....July 12

Dean and Susan Roberts.....July 14

Club Anniversaries

Don Havlish.....29Years.....July 15

Upcoming Events

TONIGHT.....Rotary After Hours

Hosted by Gray Golf—is Great Golf

July 20.....Board Meeting

Sept. 26.....Heel to Toe for Polio

Area Clubs Polio Fund Raiser Walk

WANT NEW ROSTER PICTURE???

With the new Rotary year comes a new revision of our membership roster. If you would like to have a new picture taken for the book, please see Paul Walter (or whomever is carrying around the camera) to take a picture of the “new you”. Also, if you’ve had changes in your life (address, e-mail, phone, job, spouse, etc.), please e-mail the new data to Linda at hhrotary@hargray.com. Remember, this roster is how we find and communicate with each other and it is only as valuable as the accuracy of its content. Thanks for your help in making this a valuable tool.

ROTARY AFTER HOURS

Tonight is our next Rotary After Hours event at **GrayGolf...is Great Golf!** Come for another fun evening at this cool spot. This time, the event will be held at the **HHI location**, which is Morningstar Center (the old Triangle Square) on Mathews Drive. It’s on the east side of 278 as if you were going to the beach down Mathews Drive. Come from 5:30 to 7PM. Improve your game with this unique golf methodology, while having good food, drink, and fellowship with area Rotarians and friends. Bring your golfing partners and let them in on this great secret. They’ll thank you for it (and maybe even beat you the next time you play!) Not a golfer? That’s OK, the food and fellowship will still make for a great time. See Don Brashears today to sign up.

A FLAGSHIP CLUB

President Mike had a dream – a self-fulfilling one, despite being a bit contrived! He dreamed that he could get our entire club to declare that we are “a flagship club” before his term ended, and although it took three tries.....he succeeded in getting our members to declare with one voice that the Rotary Club of Hilton Head Island is “A Flagship Club” loud enough for outgoing District Governor Anne Walker and outgoing Rotary International President D.K. Lee to hear! Through the vehicle of relating a dream in which he was called to an “audience” with RI President D.K. Lee, outgoing club president Mike Petrilli told how he responded to the questions of accountability he was asked. Before an assemblage of folks dressed in ceremonial Korean garb, including not only RI President Lee, DG Anne Walker, ADG John Howe, and past Rotary leaders, but also several of Mike’s business associates and bridge club members, (which attests to the fact that the job of Rotary Club president has permeated his business and personal life), President Mike responded to D.K. Lee’s five questions:



- What has our club done for the local community?
- What has our club done for the rest of the world?
- How well have we managed the club’s money?
- Did the members have fun?
- What has the club done to develop leaders for the future?

Providing detail of club activities and thanking members providing leadership in each area, the answer to each answer was “a lot” which prompted DG Anne Walker to declare us “a flagship club!” *in Mike’s dreams*..... Specific accomplishments worthy of note:

- Our volunteer service for the Heritage Golf Tournament yielded a gift of \$35,000 to our club from

the Heritage Classic Foundation, from which we granted scholarships totaling \$25,000 to local students;

- Our Salvation Army Bell Ringing volunteer service raised over \$25,000 for the Salvation Army during the month of December;
- After two years of study, we established a club endowment fund within the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry;
- We provided volunteer support for projects with Deep Well, Literacy Volunteers of the Lowcountry, Coastal Discovery Museum, Island Recreation Association, and the Gift of Life program;
- Despite the tough economy, we sent approx. \$28,000 to the Rotary Foundation from club members and another \$5,250 from the club designated for the Polio Plus Campaign, and added 18 new Paul Harris Fellows (81 total);
- We raised \$3,000 from our weekly bingo for CART (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust)
- We have emergency reserves of \$50,000 invested in CD's with five different banks;
- 10% of our club members are active past presidents and 25% of our club members are women
- Ages of club members range from late 20's to early 90's (Happy 92nd Birthday was sung to Don Havlish at today's meeting and Happy 93rd was wished to Norm Reeves earlier this month!)

Expressing his dilemma and challenge of choosing only one member to recognize for significant service to the club this year, Mike ended his Rotary year by announcing that he selected **Carol Howe** to receive this year's **Rotarian of the Year** award.



After receiving a standing ovation from the club members, President Mike became Past President with a grin and all his hair!

- Mary-Stuart Alderman-

ON A MISSION FOR NEW MEMBERS

Our membership committee did a great job of bringing in 20 new members this past Rotary year. Unfortunately a number of circumstances caused us to lose 27 members in the same period. Members with a passion for Rotary are our best source of new members. Please start actively recruiting to keep your club able to do its good works in our community.

Goal Corner

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

Current Active Members.....144

AR&R 2010 Goal\$250,000

Current total.....44.2%.....\$110,440