

# Soundings

August 6, 2009

Song Leader.....Barbara Clark  
Pledge of Allegiance.....Hugh O’Kane  
Invocation.....Jim Collett

## ♪ CAMPTOWN RACES ♪

The camptown ladies sing this song  
Doo-dah, doo dah,  
The camptown race track's five miles long  
Oh doo-dah day.  
I came down there with my hat caved in  
Doo-dah-doo dah,  
I'll go back home with my pocket full of tin Oh doo-dah day.  
Goin' to run all night; goin' to run all day  
I'll bet my money on the bobtail nag  
Somebody bet on the bay.

## TODAY’S PROGRAM EDDIE MAPLE SECRETARIAT’S LAST RIDE

### Upcoming Programs

August 13.....Alan Walters  
District 7770 District Governor  
August 20.....Greg Smith  
Keeping the May River Wild  
August 27.....Howard Farmer  
Did I Even Have a Career?

### HEEL TO TOE FOR POLIO

Are you getting your walking shoes ready? Rounding up friends and family to walk with you on a beautiful HHI beach? Of course you are! Or pledge to support a walker. Be one of our Club’s 100 walkers for the Heel to Toe for Polio Beach walk on Saturday, October 3. Walkers pay \$15 to participate, then get others to donate money for their distance. Sponsor opportunities also available.

### Family of Rotary

#### **Birthdays**

Bernie Riedel.....August 6  
Sonja Friedman.....August 8  
Carole Howe.....August 11  
Paul Walter .....August 11

**Anniversaries**

None

**Club Anniversaries**

John Wilson.....22 Years.....August 6

**Upcoming Events**

August 13.....Rotary After Hours  
Riverside @ Belfair  
August 17.....Board Meeting  
October 3.....Heel to Toe for Polio  
Area Clubs’ Polio Fund Raiser Walk  
Date TBD.....A Night at the Races  
Fall Fund Raiser and night of great fun

**ROTARY AFTER HOURS**

One of our most popular Club events is our Rotary After Hours, so you will want to be there for our next networking event on **Thursday, August 13** from 5:30 to 7PM at **Riverside at Belfair**, an Independent Living retirement community in Bluffton.

At some point in time, we are all going to be facing decisions about retirement living arrangements—for ourselves or family. Here's a chance to enjoy good food and drinks, good Rotary fellowship, and good networking while visiting one of our area's great Independent living facilities. The atmosphere at Riverside at Belfair is warm and relaxed. It is also one of the few facilities which offers a **month-to-month rental arrangement, without buy-in fees or long-term leases**. For a sneak peek, visit their website at [www.riversideret.com](http://www.riversideret.com).

Directions are easy: Going west on 278 in Bluffton, turn right off of Hwy 278 onto Oak Forest Road and go to #60. The turn is just before the Belfair shopping area. To help with food and drink planning, please call Linda at 686-4100 or e-mail [hhrotary@hargray.com](mailto:hhrotary@hargray.com) to RSVP .

**OUT OF WORK? GET A DEGREE!**

If just half of the students at the Technical College of the Lowcountry (TCL) have the energy & passion displayed by Dr. Thomas Leitzel, they will revolutionize the country! Dr. Leitzel, head of TCL, gave us the latest scoop on our local community college. It serves a 4 county area: Beaufort, Jasper, Hampton & Colleton. Last year saw a 13% gain in enrollment for a total of 2105 students. Even though this enrollment has tripled from previous years, the college is seeing less funding. They’ve lost 26% of their funding from the state. One of their biggest providers is Beaufort County which forks over 18%. Another area of funding comes from grants. TCL received \$1.1 million from the US Dept of Education to focus on recruitment & retention of African-American male students. They’ve also received \$86 thousand from Wal-mart to incorporate LEED “Green” Building Construction Techniques into its building construction technology program. Also, the USDA Rural Development awarded them with \$90 thousand to create the Lowcountry Small Business Hub, which provides entrepreneurs free strategic support services during the start-up phase of their operation.



The college has divisions in arts & sciences, business technologies, continuing education,

customized corporate training, health sciences, and industrial technologies. The student base is 71% female with 48% being minority students. Most of them (67%) are part-time. The college has graduated over 400 students in health fields such as nursing, radiologic technology and surgical technology since 2002. Most of the students also live at home, thereby saving over 90% of college expenses. Dr. Leitzel mentioned that most of the students that graduate remain in the area instead of moving away. The New River Campus is also almost at capacity with its 2100 students, so they are looking to expand in the near future.

Dr. Leitzel explained the difference between the TCL and the USCB-Okatie campus just across the street. TCL focuses on 2 year degrees and occupational programs, whereas USCB is geared toward 4 year degrees and the liberal arts. He mentioned that he's often in contact with USCB to compliment their programs to avoid competition between the two schools.

So if you want a career change, or want to send your kids or grandkids to an affordable school, TCL sounds like the place to do it! Check out their website at [www.tcl.edu](http://www.tcl.edu) for more information.  
-Jill Foster-

### **ROTARY CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS**

With our hosting of a 3-Club meeting next week in celebration of our District Governor's visit, here are some of our customs and traditions regarding visitors:

“Rotary clubs build reputations with visiting Rotarians and guests on how welcome they are made to feel. They should be treated as guests in your home.”

“Club members should make sure that guests or visitors are not left alone, seated alone, or grouped together”.

“Members should be encouraged to invite their partners to meetings periodically, and the membership should go out of their way to extend a warm welcome. Families should be encouraged to be part of every event.”

Let's give a warm Club welcome to all of our guests and visitors.

#### ***Goal Corner***

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

*Current Active Members.....144*

*AR&R 2010 Goal .....\$250,000*

*Current total.....56.1%.....\$140,211*