

Soundings

September 24, 2009

Song Leader.....Barbara Clark
Pledge of Allegiance.....Hugh O’Kane
Invocation.....Ted Gregg

♪ WHEN ROTARIANS GO MARCHING IN ♪

Oh, when Rotarians, go marching in,
Oh, when Rotarians go marching in,
O Lord, I want to be in that number,
When Rotarians go marching in.

Oh, when we meet at Rotary,
Oh, when we meet at Rotary,
Oh, Lord I want to be in that number,
When we meet at Rotary.

TODAY’S PROGRAM DARLENE SCHUETZ HOSPICE CARE OF THE LOWCOUNTRY IT’S ABOUT HOW YOU LIVE!

Upcoming Programs

October 1.....Mary Briggs & Mary Noonan
 Enabling the Disabled
October 8.....Cast of “Cabaret”
 Arts Center of Coastal Carolina
October 15.....TBD

WELCOME JANINA BEKERIS

Our Club’s Youth Exchange student is visiting with us at today’s meeting. Please warmly welcome her to her Rotary family. She’s attending HHIHS as a Junior and has already gotten very involved with the Interact Club as well as other school and community activities. We understand music is one of her passions. Don and Terri Brashears are her current host family so contact them if you’d like to include Janina in one of your family’s activities.

Family of Rotary

Birthdays

Tom Bauner.....September 24
John Boretti.....September 25
Maynard Barker.....September 26
Tom Taylor.....September 30

Anniversaries

David and Heather Miller.....September 27
Peter and Pam Cooper.....September 28
Linda and Glenn Neff.....September 29

Club Anniversaries

Marie Hartis.....Sept. 27.....2 Years
Lisa Laudermilch.....Sept. 29.....4 Years
Julie Bell.....Sept. 30.....5 Years
Michael Putich.....Sept. 30.....5 Years

Upcoming Events

October 3.....Heel to Toe for Polio
Area Clubs’ Polio Fund Raiser Walk
November 6.....A Night at the Races
Fall Fund Raiser and night of great fun

HEEL TO TOE FOR POLIO

Only 9 more days to gather your team members for our walk on the beach for Polio eradication Saturday, October 3rd. If you haven't seen the new Coligny Beach Park, this is your chance. The Town will be holding their official ribbon cutting opening ceremony at 9:30 AM just before our walk, and the Coastal Discovery Museum will have a beach education display set up. You'll be walking with Polio Survivors, Rotarians from all five area Clubs and lots of your friends, so how about setting aside a few minutes to support the Polio Plus Rotary effort. If you haven't already done so, please join one of our 23 Club Teams today. Registration/check in between 9-10AM at Coligny Beach Public parking with the event to start at 10 sharp. See you there!

ROSTERS

Remember, you can now get an electronic version (a .pdf file) of the member data from our Rosters. If you would like one e-mailed to you, please call, e-mail, or see Linda at a meeting to request your copy. It's a convenient way to store this directory so it's available when you need to find contact info.

OUR COUNTRY IS WELL PROTECTED

Brig. General Thomas Vandal, Deputy Commanding General of the 3rd Infantry Division out of Fort Stewart, GA reviewed the history and plans of the Division, and its role in the community. He is a graduate of West Point with sons now going there and Annapolis and the Air Force Academy. His tours of duty have included several US bases, Germany 2X and Iraq - where he plans to return soon. The Division was formed in 1917 for the last German battle of WW1. In addition to Audie Murphy, the 3rd ID had the most Medal of Honor winners of any division in WW2.



It is currently starting its 4th deployment to Iraq, with a mission of rebuilding the Iraqi Army. They expect to go to Northern Iraq which is still a tense junctional zone of Sunni, Shiia and Kurdish Arab groups. The plan is to stabilize the area by Spring 2010, and withdraw by 8/2010 - all forces out of Iraq by 12/2011. God speed!

We were introduced to the New Army change from Division to the smaller, modular Brigade structure. This complicated change-over General Vandal likened to changing the engine of a car while it is still running. The construction and expansion at Fort Stewart is the 2nd largest of any US base. It is the largest Army installation East of the

Mississippi River. 25,000 soldiers and 30,000 family members live on the base, or mostly in surrounding communities. The base provides \$4.33 billion economic impact to SE Georgia. Hunter Air Field in Savannah, with its 11,375 ft. of runway, is the longest in Georgia outside of Atlanta.

Fort Stewart and the Army continue efforts to be good neighbors with Teen, Youth and Child Development Centers on base plus a base hospital and Family Fun Center. They partner with the community in Veteran ceremonies and parades, plus adopt-a-school programs. They welcome touring groups to the base.

General Vandal and his staff received a well deserved standing ovation. *-Keith Bogart -*

NEW FALL FUND RAISER

And, we're off to the races!! Come to a night of fun, fellowship, and competition—A NIGHT AT THE RACES on Friday, November 6th. If this is your first time at such an event, it's guaranteed not to be your last. Speaking of first and last....you'll get a preview of the horses for each race, place your wagers on your favorites, then cheer your horses on while you watch films of their actual thoroughbred races. Prizes will be awarded for the people picking the most winners. In between races, you can map out your selection strategy, individually or as a team. Remember that it's also a fund raising event for our AR&R project. You'll purchase "play money" that you'll use to make your wagers, and all funds collected will go to the AR&R fund. It's a great event to which to invite neighbors and friends for a fun time.

The event will be held at the St. Francis Catholic Church Family Center where we'll have plenty of room to move around. There will be a cash bar with beer and wine and snacks to keep up our cheering energy. Doors will open at 7PM, with post-time for the first race at 7:30. Admission is only \$15. Sign ups will begin soon, so save the date.

Goal Corner

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

Current Active Members.....148

AR&R 2010 Goal\$250,000

Current total.....58.2%.....\$145,457