

Soundings

September 3, 2009

Song Leader.....Barbara Clark
Pledge of Allegiance.....Hugh O’Kane
Invocation.....Andrea Bhatt

♪ GOD BLESS AMERICA ♪

God bless America, land that I love
Stand beside her and guide her
Thru the night with a light from above.
From the mountains to the prairies,
To the oceans white with foam.
God bless America, my home sweet home.
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TODAY’S PROGRAM ADRIENNE HUFFMAN WHAT’S NEW AT THE STATE MUSEUM?

Upcoming Programs

September 10.....David Ames & Steve Riley
The Island’s Future: Status quo or a New Vision
September 17.....Brig. General. Thomas Vandal
Deputy Commanding Gen.-3rd Infantry Div.
September 24.....Darlene Schuetz
Hospice Care of the Lowcountry: It’s About How You Live

ROTARY AFTER HOURS

Our next Rotary After Hours networking and fellowship event is Thursday, **September 10th** at 5:30. It’s sponsored by Susan Whittelsey, owner of **Brightstar Healthcare** - a home healthcare alternative that provides many necessary services for those who need medical assistance, personal care, simple errands and services around the house, and other help that lets them to continue to live somewhat independently. It will be held at the **Wexford** branch of **Beach First Bank**. Thanks to Paul Walter for hosting us at his facility. These events are great fellowship times in addition to helping people locate new jobs and services from fellow Rotarians. Please call Linda at 686-4100 to RSVP so we can plan for an appropriate amount of refreshments. See you there.

Family of Rotary

Birthdays

Jennifer Stupica.....September 5
Marie Hartis.....September 9

Anniversaries

Mark and Melissa Haycock.....September 6

Rob and Dyane Lee.....September 8
Nick and Pamela Mihelic.....September 9

Club Anniversaries

The following people celebrate anniversaries this week:

Morgan O'Banion-1	Betty Fowlkes-1	Vic Neeley-1
Jill Briggs-2	Grant Dybdahl-2	Tom Conner-2
Amanda O'Nan-2	Glenn Stanford-2	
Jim Collett-8	Alan Herd-8	
Frank Soule-17	Bernie Riedel-17	
Bill Pollard-22		

Upcoming Events

September 10.....Rotary After Hours
Hosted by **Brightstar Healthcare—Susan Whittelsey**
At Beach First Bank—Wexford Branch
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

The deadline for signing up for the Heel to Toe for Polio walk is October 3rd. In other words, you've still got time to be a Team Captain or Sponsor. Is it too much aggravation to form your own team? We'll make it easy for you. We've got 24 Captains in our Club now, so how about joining one of their teams? Any one of them would love to sign you up and can provide information to help you support Rotary International's effort to permanently eradicate Polio. A poster listing all the captains by name and e-mail address is by the badge table. We need to see your name on it!! It is EVERY member's responsibility as a Rotarian to participate in some way in this international effort.

HOWARD'S ITTY BITTY LIES

There are three things we know with certainty about Howard Farmer: he has a devastating smile, he drives a chick-magnet car, and he considers himself a great raconteur. Of course, most of his stories are pure fabrication.... Howard detailed his 'progress through life' (i.e., his careers) after Jim Collett prayed for him and Barbara Clark revealed the very first song Howard attempted to sing on stage in 1843. Let's see how many of the following stories you think are actually true!



Life started as an Army brat. Need I say more? His first job at a radio station was as a 'radio actor.' That means he changed toilet paper dispensers and emptied trash cans for \$10/week. His PSA announcements (one in particular about a toilet lid) still can be found in the annals of audio history. He went to college. Hmmmph! He found himself in the Army at Fort Benning as—you guessed it—another radio announcer. He was naive enough to be talked into staying in the Army so he could be stationed in Europe, but found out they lied to him and sent him to Alaska where he developed an affinity to Pleistocene mud and endless darkness. Escaping the Army, he came to Beaufort and opened a record shop which was promptly devastated by Hurricane Gracie. He went to Europe in search of great fortune and voluptuous women by way of a German freighter. He found only cheap beer and rat-infested tiny apartments, which was why he did not meet Al Gnesin who was also living in Paris at the time, drinking fine French wine and living in a multi-room, gold leaf-decorated condo with servants. Broke, Howard moved to England to work for \$1.04/hr in an Army laundry

run by Germans.

Now it gets interesting. His first job as an ‘escort’ was for an organization of actors where he would drop them off at their jobs. That dubious stint got him an even better job as an ‘escort’ for the American Army paying \$50/day. He admitted to never being in jail in the US, but has been in jails in Spain. Somewhere in between his ‘escort’ jobs, a brief time spent in Frankfort’s breweries, and other unmentionable locations of ill repute, Howard found himself longing for the pluff mud of Beaufort. Probably because he knows the police chief of Yemassee who would never arrest his old football buddy.... His face became famous—not from Most Wanted posters, but from being a Savannah Channel 11 news announcer. At this point in his life—fast approaching old age—he decided to move to the Big Island and join Rotary with the other old guys. He and Mr. Littlejohn formed the “Press Corps” and worked for the Island Packet (he failed to mention he was a film critic—I remember him—he hated everything!). For a short time he worked at Hog Bluff (Moss Creek)—something about selling himself for the Sea Pines Company. By now, we are all wondering if he had so many jobs because he was fired a lot—a fact that he did confirm. His most satisfying job was as tugboat dispatcher because he liked to watch the boats go by....

Now here is what Howard failed to tell us: he’s regaled us with tales of sojourns in jails located in Poland, East Germany, Romania, and Portugal in addition to the Spanish ones. He was also an ‘escort dancer’ on a cruise ship where for many hours each night, he smiled through numerous dances with lonely old ladies with bad breath and clumsy feet. This started his current career in chasing younger women who have all their teeth. He’s been rebuffed upon several occasions by these younger women—thus the purchase of the chick-magnet car. Next year Howard will return to tell us of his success—or lack thereof—with said car. I’d give you Howard’s Facebook page for more information, but he does not have a computer. “Half the lies they tell about me aren’t true.” **Yogi Berra** -Jill Foster-

CLUB HISTORY MOMENT

Did you know that.....

As you exit Sea Pines Circle headed north, have you ever noticed the Bus Shelter in front of McDonald's? This shelter was constructed by our Rotary Club in 1990 after an appeal by then Mayor Martha Baumberger to help keep Island workers out of the weather as they waited for their ride home. It is commemorated by a plaque on the side of the shelter with the Rotary wheel and the notation, "Donated by the Hilton Head Island Rotary Club."

Goal Corner

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

Current Active Members.....148

AR&R 2010 Goal\$250,000

Current total.....56.2%.....\$140,382