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Rotary Calendar

July 17, 2007
Rick Snider, Mercy Ships

July 24, 2007
To be announced

July 31, 2007
Chuck Jenkins, Vaught

August 7, 2007
Kim Bowman, SC Gov. School of Science & Math

August 14, 2007
Nancy McGinley, Supt. Of Schools, Chas. County

The Criminal Justice System

July 10th, 2007

Our Rotary Club was lucky enough to have a chance to hear Trey Gowdy, an elected Solicitor for South Carolina, speak on the status of our criminal justice system. If you are not a victim of crime or in an industry that exposes you to crime, it's probably not something you think about every day. But, it should be important to all of us because it affects our safety, the safety of our community, and our tax dollars.



Gowdy was elected 7th Circuit Solicitor in November of 2000. Prior to that, Gowdy was a successful federal prosecutor handling all types of crimes within the federal system. After hearing him speak, you realized that his experience is very valuable to all of us as the federal system appears to be much more efficient than the state system currently is.

First, what is a Solicitor? A Solicitor is an elected official responsible for overseeing the prosecution of all General Sessions and Family Court criminal cases. There are 16 Judicial Circuits in South Carolina, all of which vary in size. Gowdy didn't mince words, the system is not as efficient as it could be.

According to Gowdy, "the criminal justice system is too important to not have confidence in it". So, he posed three questions. Is the state system fair? He gave an example of a drug offense and how the penalties would differ when run through the state vs. the federal system. The same offense that would get 25 years in the state system would get less than 5 years in the federal system.

Second question was: is the state system effective? Is it trusted, do citizens feel safe, are we reacting to crime or being proactive? The third question was: is the state system efficient? Our system is so back logged that some trials don't happen until several years after the incident, many times with the accused sitting in prison waiting. Now the question is, how do we get better?

In other business. . .
Pat Craven led us in the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. **Dwayne Green** introduced visiting Rotarians & Guests, Health & Happiness was offered by **Steve Coe** and **Larry Tarleton** introduced our guest speaker, Trey Gowdy.

Splinters from the Board

Your "pocket" change does make a "life" change in others:

Bucket contributions collected were \$98.91.

Next Program Committee Meeting... is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 17 at 11:45am.**

Next Education Committee Meeting... is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 24th at 11:30am.** All committee chairs (any member interested in getting involved in our education programs) are encouraged to attend.

Next Board Meeting... has been rescheduled from Tuesday, July 10th at 11:30am to **July 31st at 11:30am.**

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Gowdy had many suggestions on how to get started. Some examples are: Get a better system for selecting Magistrate Judges and have the qualifications raised so the cases are handled more efficiently thus allowing for more trials. Change the warrant system to allow a prosecutor to weigh in on a warrant before it goes out. Right now anyone can get an arrest warrant by going to a Magistrate Judge and bypassing the police altogether. Obviously this increases case loads with lots of cases not worth trying due to lack of evidence etc. Allow for equal funding for all prosecution offices regardless of their size.

Gowdy had many more ideas, but as a fellow Rotarian, he was very conscientious of his time. His subject matter was way too large to be covered in a small amount of time. He closed by stating that his most important job was Public Safety. Following closely was having citizens of our state respect their judicial system by knowing it's fair, effective, and efficient. Hopefully, with time, we'll get closer to achieving that goal.

Submitted by Darby Hand

Announcements:

A Big Thanks to Dan Butts

Dan Butts received much deserved recognition for his role in this years Rotary Wheels event. Our club, lead by Dan, was able to raise \$34,000.00. **Cooper Coker** presented Dan with not only a check, but a Paul Harris Fellowship for all his hard work. Way to go Dan!



Pictured from left to right: Cooper Coker, Amy Jenkins and Dan Butts

The Four Way Test

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Honoring the Charleston 9

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the bucket on June 26th. A total of \$691 was donated to the RCCF in memory of the nine firefighters who lost their lives on June 18th. The board of the RCCF will determine how best to use this money to memorialize these public servants. If you were not at the meeting on the 26th and would like to make a contribution, please make your checks payable to the Rotary Club of Charleston Fund and give it to Carroll.

AREA CLUB MEETING TIMES

Summerville - Oakbrook
Wescott County Club
Monday 7:30 AM

North Charleston
Airport Radisson
Monday 12:30 PM

East Cooper Breakfast
Zeus Grill & Seafood
Restaurant
Tuesday 7:30 AM

Goose Creek
Oaks Country Club
Tuesday 1:00 PM

Charleston
Citadel Alumni House
Tuesday 12:30 PM

Mt. Pleasant
Holiday Inn
Wednesday 12:30 PM

Summerville
Sticky Fingers Restaurant
Wednesday 1:00 PM

North Charleston Breakfast
Embassy Suites
Thursday 7:30 AM

Daniel Island
Daniel Island Medical
Center
900 Island Park Drive
Wednesday 7:30 AM

Moncks Corner
Western Sizzlin
Highway 52
Thursday 12:30 PM

St. Andrews-Charleston
Bessinger's BBQ, Hwy. 17S
Thursday 12:30 PM

Charleston Breakfast
Harbour Club
Friday 7:30 AM

St. Johns Parish
Berkeley Electric Coop
Maybank Hwy.
Wednesday 7:30 AM

Charleston Rotary Family

Long time Rotarian, **William H. Johnson (Ken)**, passed away on July 10th. Ken is the father of Brian Johnson and was a Rotarian for 45 years. He served our club as President in 1967 and was a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow, as well as a Rotary Club of Charleston Fellow. Although he was considered an excused



member, he continued to regularly attend meetings (and could always be counted on to give us a chuckle during Health & Happiness). Please continue to keep his family in your thoughts and prayers. Ken Johnson was a wonderful man and will be GREATLY missed by us all!

Memorials may be made to the Coastal Carolina Council, Boy Scouts of America, or the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church Building Fund.

Recovering

Please keep **Harry Clarkson** in your thoughts and prayers as he recovers from a recent illness.

Daniel Island Rotary Club Charity Event

Daniel Island Duck Derby - Date: July 14, 2007 - Children's Park

Sponsored By: The Rotary Club of Daniel Island

10,000 Ducks Dropped into the Wando River. One lucky winner will win big. Adopt a duck for a chance to win great prizes!

Proceeds will benefit Rotary projects to promote Clean Water and Literacy, The Boy and Girl Scouts of Cainhoy, Donate Life South Carolina, The Low-country Food Bank and Operation Home.

See: www.DanielIslandRotary.com.

Birthdays

July 18- Les Manigault
July 19- Larry Tarleton

ATTENDANCE SCORE BOX

July 10, 2007
108

Members Absent:

Anderson, I., Arnaud, Atkins, Bailey, Berlin, Blackford, Brockinton, Brumgardt, Bryan, Burt, Cartland, Christensen, Clymer, Coffee, Cohen, Condon, Colleen, Cook, Cosgrove, Creech, Dallis, Dewey, DiLiegro, Dopp, Dowell, Dulles, England, Ethridge, Feinberg, Fellabom, Fishburne, Gaillard, Garcia, Gershon, Ginn, Goff, Greene, L., Greene, G., Grimball, Ham, Holz, Hood, Husser, Jackson, Johnson, Al, Johnson, Angie, Johnson, Brian, Jones, Katzman, Kelley-Duncan, Kerrigan, Kramer, Krawcheck, Laurens, Lawrence, Leibowitz, Lester, Marcus, McCormack, McGee, McKay, McKnight, Mobley, Monsen, Morris, K., Morris, V., Morse, Murdy, Norvell, Outlaw, Pate, Perry, Peters, Perterson, Pitts, Poliakoff, Postell, Riley, A., Scarborough, Sisco, Smith, L., Smith, M., Spell, Sullivan, Thomas, L., Thomas, R., Thompson, Trawick, Ustin, Vaughan, Walker, Watkins, Whalen, Widman, Wilson, Witte, Zucker

Out of Town Make-Ups:

Dan Ravenel- Vienna, Austria

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**Remember the 4-Way Test
in all you do.**

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District Governor #7770: Mary Martinl

Rotary International President: Wilfrid J. Wilkinson

2007/2008 Officers & Committee Chairs

Jermaine Husser, President
Andy Brack, President-Elect
Don Horres, Treasurer
Don Oswald, Secretary
Amy Jenkins, Past President
Herb McGuire, Sergeant-At-Arms
Jennet Alterman, Club Service A
Richard Gershon, Club Service B
Amy Riley, Club Service C
Tom Sweeny, Education
Andy Brack, Community Service
Ellen Jackson, Vocational Service
John Bleecker, International Service
Anita Zucker, RCCF
Carroll Schweers, Executive Secretary

Jennet Alterman, Club Service A

Jim Geffert, Programs
Don Oswald, Fellowship/Family of Rotary
Rhett Dunaway, Health & Happiness
Richard Gershon,
Visiting Rotarians & Guests
Jim Parker/Tony Holz, Invocation
Ricky Bailey, Emblem
Herb McGuire, Sergeant-At-Arms

Richard Gershon, Club Service B

TBD, Membership Retention
Vito Scarafile, Rotary Information
Johnny Jordan, College of Knowledge
Amy Jenkins, Membership Development
Kenny Krawcheck, Classification
Earl Walker, Nominations
TBD, Special Events/Social

Amy Riley, Club Service C

Bill Crowe, Keyway
Don Horres, Finance
TBD, PR/Magazine
Richard von Werssowetz, Roster
Lisa Thomas, By-Laws
Cooper Coker, Capital Creations

Tom Sweeny, Education

Joan Ustin/Dennis Bergvall,
Excellence in Education
Jay Hart, Rotary Scholars
Kathy Jones, Rotary Readers
Kathy Jones, School Partnership Coordinator
Tom Sweeny, Barrier Island Trip
Ray Jones, Students & Seniors
Tom Sweeny, Sea Student Program

Andy Brack, Community Service

Cooper Coker, Salvation Army
Mary Peters, Senior Aging & Issues
Cooper Coker, Environmental Protection
Jennifer Audi, Wellness

Ellen Jackson, Vocational Service

John Bleecker, International Service

Kyra Morris, Rotary Foundation
Stovall Witte, Ambassadorial Scholars
Robin Freer, GSE
Frederick Dulles, International Grants