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Rotary Calendar

August 28, 2007
Jay Mills, Charleston
Southern Football
Coach

September 4, 2007
TBD

September 11, 2007
Captain McAlister on
Homeland Security

September 11, 2007—
9:00am
Trident United Way's
Day of Caring at
Fraser

September 18, 2007
Bobby Harrell

Who or What is a Coroner?

August 21, 2007 :

Today **Ms. Rae Wooten**, the Charleston County Coroner, spoke to us and shared an insightful view of the Coroner's responsibilities; which is the "voice for those who are deceased." Ms. Wooten was appointed in August 2006 to fill the vacancy of Susan Chewing.



Ms. Rae Wooten

Her enlightening program allowed us to get a realistic perspective of how the Coroner's office operates in the "real" world. The Coroner in South Carolina is an elected official who investigates certain deaths to determine cause and manner of death and, most importantly, represents the decedent and family.

The Coroner provides direct service to the citizens of Charleston County and those who die here. They are charged with investigating violent, traumatic, suspicious, unexplained or unexpected death, as well as, those that occur outside of a hospital, nursing home, and without a doctor's care.

The Coroner is charged with determining the cause of death; whether it was a disease or injury. She and her staff also ascertain the manner of death, including the circumstances in which it occurred, to determine whether it was an accident, by their own hands, by another's hands, or if it is undetermined.

Two other key responsibilities of the Coroner's office is the identification of the deceased and the notification of the next of kin. Because of our beaches and a large number of people vacationing here, there are unique challenges of identification in many cases. According to Ms. Wooten, notification by a Coroner changes life forever for those individuals she goes to see. She feels strongly that this can be one of the greatest services she performs in that very difficult time.

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In other business. . .

Bob Pitts led us in the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. **Tom DiLiegro** introduced visiting Rotarians & Guests, Health & Happiness was offered by **Susan Garcia**. **Rob Dewey** introduced the guest speaker, **Ms. Rae Wooten** talking about County Coroner.

Splinters from the Board

Your “pocket” change does make a “life” change in others:

Bucket contributions collected this past Tuesday totaled **\$1,046.05** (*money collected today will be used to purchase uniforms and bookbags for the students at our school partner, Fraser Elementary*)

Program Meeting

The next Program Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 4th at 11:45am.

Fine Reminder:

Remember Be sure to mute your cell phones and wear your Rotary pins. Members will be fined \$5 for cell phones that ring during the meeting and \$1 if you are not wearing your Rotary pin.

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?

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Whether planning for future events or determining what occurred, the Coroner and her staff provide a great service, which many times goes unrecognized.

According to the law, the Coroner must also release a body for cremation. They are the final authority in this endeavor and work closely with area funeral homes.

In addition to service of the deceased, the Coroner has a significant responsibility in disaster planning. Her office takes a pro-active approach in determining what might happen in a disaster and works diligently in developing plans for her organization to respond in the best way.

Submitted by Wayne Outlaw, Keyway Committee

Announcements:

Rotary Foundation Seminar

Rotary District 7770 will hold its annual Rotary Foundation seminar on Thursday, September 20 in Sumter from 9:30am-3:30pm. If you are interested in learning more about the Rotary Foundation., mark your calendars to attend.

Uniforms and Bookbags for Every Child

We appreciate everyone’s generous support of our “Uniforms and Bookbags for Every Child” fundraiser. We would like to see every child at Fraser in a new school uniform and bookbag donated by our club. As of this past Tuesday’s meeting, Jermaine announced that we have currently provided uniforms and book bags for 68 students at Fraser, but we still have 157 students who need our help. If you are interested in making a donation, checks can be made out to the Rotary Club of Charleston and given to Carroll. One uniform and book bag costs approximately \$26.00.

Extra Mile Service Recognition

If you would like to nominate an individual or an organization in our community who went the extra mile and created a specific event or benefit that wasn’t there before and wouldn’t have happened without their personal commitment to “Service above Self”, please see page 4 and 5 for further information and a nomination form.

Day of Caring

Our Club will be participating in the Trident United Way’s Day of Caring on Tuesday, September 11 at 9am by assisting our education partner, Fraser Elementary, with a gardening project. Whether you have a “green thumb” or not, your help would be much appreciated. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Tom Sweeny.

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

Rotary honors Côte d'Ivoire president for polio eradication leadership...

On 24 July, Rotary International recognized Côte d'Ivoire President Laurent Gbagbo with its *Polio Eradication Champion Award* in honor of his commitment to eradicating polio worldwide.

Under Gbagbo's leadership, the West African country has been free from polio since 2005. Despite civil war in Côte d'Ivoire, Gbagbo facilitated mass polio immunization campaigns, giving the occasions the highest level of political support. In addition, he made a personal contribution of US\$36,000 to the cause.

but...we're not there yet...

A 22-year-old Pakistani student was released from an Australian hospital on 9 August, after recovering from the polio virus. A national health alert was issued in Australia on 13 July after the student was diagnosed with polio, the first case of the virus in the country in 21 years. Another case of polio was also detected in Chad last month. Rotary's [PolioPlus Partners](#) program quickly released US\$241,000 to support urgent preventive immunization activities in neighboring Sudan, amid continued political unrest in the country. International PolioPlus Committee Chair Bob Scott calls the outbreaks a "wake-up call."

"It prove[s] beyond a doubt that polio in your polio-free country is just a plane ride away," Scott says. "It's essential to continue with the PolioPlus program." The student contracted the disease while visiting his native Pakistan, one of the four remaining polio-endemic countries. He experienced symptoms, including initial paralysis, and recovered at Melbourne's Box Hill Hospital. . After learning about the case from Jenny Horton, a Rotary club member who consults for the World Health Organization on the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) in Pakistan, Melbourne-area Rotarians reacted quickly to support the student's recovery. Arrangements were made to provide the student with new clothes, since his clothing had been confiscated in case it carried the virus. Jennifer Coburn, of the Rotary Club of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills, Victoria, went to visit the patient in isolation, lifting his spirits by bringing him books, puzzles, and the daily newspaper.

Birthdays

Aug. 28 – Jim Atkins
Aug. 31 – Bob Prenner
Sept. 1 – Jim Geffert
Sept. 1 – Fred Sales
Sept. 2 – Chip Hood

ATTENDANCE SCORE BOX

AUGUST 21, 2007
120

Members Absent:

Alterman, Anderson, T., Anderson, A., Arnaud, Atkins, Audi, Baldwin, Bergvall, Berlin, Body, Brack, Brockinton, Bryan, Cartland, Christensen, Coffee, Condon, Condon, Craven, Creech, Dowell, Dukes, Echols, Edwards, Ellington, Ethridge, Feinberg, Fischer, Fishburne, Gaillard, Gershon, Gilbert, Goff, Greene, G., Grimaldi, Groseclose, Ham, Hand, Hansen, Helms, Holz, Hood, Jackson, Johnson, Al, Johnson, Angie, Johnson, B., Johnson, T., Katzman, Kelley-Duncan, Krawcheck, Lansu, Laurens, Lawrence, Leibowitz, Lester, Livingston, Lucash, Marcus, McKnight, Mobley, Peterson, Poliakoff, Postell, Prewitt, Riley, J., Rosa, Scarborough, Sisco, Smith, L., Smith, M., Stuhr, Sullivan, Tarleton, Taylor, Thomas, R., Trawick, Watkins, Whalen, Whitmore, Wilson, J., Wilson, S., Zucker

Out of Town Make-Ups:

Steve Dopp – York, ME



*The Rotary Club of Charleston Extra Mile Service Recognition
Service Above Self*

Concept:

There are people and organizations in the Charleston area who make our community a better place to live and work. These people and/or organizations are people who took a challenge, persisted and made a difference by exemplifying our Service above Self challenge. The Rotary Club of Charleston Extra Mile Service Recognition will acknowledge people or organizations in our community who went the extra mile and created a specific event or benefit that wasn't there before and wouldn't have happened without their personal commitment to service above self.

The nominees can be a person, people or an organization who are, or are not, Rotarians. This recognition will be in the form of a certificate and a check for \$100 payable to a non-profit of the recipient's choice. No political party or registered lobbying organization may receive the recognition.

Criteria:

The recipient must be a South Carolina resident and preferably someone who lives in Berkeley, Charleston or Dorchester counties. Specific exceptions may be made at the time of voting if the Board feels the recipient merits our local recognition: e.g.: state or national figures might be nominated if they were visiting our Rotary Club. The service provided must create an event or benefit that was not present before the recipient began their work. There must be a recognizable and measurable change as demonstrated in the nomination. The activity must have occurred within one year of the nomination. This recognition may come out of a Rotary sponsored project. There may be more than one recognition given in any one ceremony which will be held quarterly. There will be no repeat recipients, unless by specific Board decision. The vetting process will be held quarterly, and the committee will be made up of Rotary members.

Process:

All nominators must fill out an application which must be signed and submitted by an active Rotarian. All nominations will go to a committee of Rotary members who will qualify the applicants and present their recommendation to the complete Board for final approval. The voting will be done once per quarter, and the presentation made as can be scheduled with existing programs and the availability of the recipient. The voting is a simple up or down, simple majority vote of the committee. There can be more than one winning recipient and the \$100 award will be split. There will be a certificate presented as well. Winners will be notified by their nominator. Our club will send appropriate press announcements and coordinate with the recipients.

Nomination forms should be submitted to Tom Sweeny (tsweenywc@bellsouth.net) by Friday, September 7th at 5:00pm. The first award will be presented in September of 2007 following our board meeting. This process will be reviewed annually for effectiveness and improvements.



Nomination

Service Above Self Extra Mile Award Applicant must be nominated by an active Rotarian.

Date:

Nominator:

Rotary Affiliation of nominator:

Person(s) or organization being nominated:

Address:

Description of the person(s)/organization and the activity being acknowledged by the Extra Mile. What is the headline? When did this occur?

What did the person/organization actually accomplish in measurable results? What makes this applicant unique, and why should Rotary acknowledge their activities.

Additional Comments:

Would this person make a good Rotarian? Have they been approached?

Date approved by Committee:

Date confirmed by Board:

Date acknowledged by candidate:

Date award received:

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

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Rotary International President: Wilfrid J. Wilkinson

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Amy Jenkins, Past President
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Amy Riley, Club Service C
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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