



The Keyway

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Healing Love

September 4th, 2007:

Jim Geffert introduced **Fouchena Sheppard** as a strong community advocate who served on the SC Arts Commission for over 18 years and expresses her art through poetry, dance and entertainment. Ms. Sheppard introduced herself as a native of Charleston whose native language is street Gullah and expresses her art through *poetry and motion*. She explained that “Healing Love” is the language developed on plantations to communicate among the various individuals who originated from all parts of Africa and didn’t speak a shared language or dialect. Fouchena went on to explain that when she was in grammar school, teachers taught English as a second language.



Fouchena Sheppard

Ms. Sheppard then began a story about a young Gullah-speaking woman with a “very strong personality” named Lena and an older man who was “frail, profane speaking, and not clean” named Professor Christopher Givens (“Fessor”). As the story of two cultures unraveled, we became aware of “Healing Love.” The words Fouchena spoke served as a framework for the understanding that “Fessor” and Lena gained for each other. The “Lord gave Lena a job” and “I’m going to do it!” The “Fessor’s” wife had recently died and he needed “Healing Love.” Thus began a new story of understanding.

After the story, Ms. Sheppard related a poem and ended with a beautiful rendition of Amazing Grace. Her story telling would be impossible to ponder in a history book, but truly wove a very descriptive and moving tale related to history, art and how two cultures melded together through individual encounters that built trust and understanding. We have to know where we’ve come from and how we got here in order to know where we are going.

Submitted by Bill Crowe, Keyway Committee Chair

Rotary Calendar

September 11, 2007
Captain Michael F. McAlister on Port Security Initiatives

September 11, 2007
8:30 am
Trident United Way’s Day of Caring at Fraser

September 18, 2007
Bobby Harrell

September 25, 2007
Jim Gray, “Positive Downsizing”.

In other business. . .

William Gilliard led us in the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. **Jay Hart** introduced visiting Rotarians & Guests, Health & Happiness was offered by **Robert Ger-shon**. **Jim Geffert** introduced the guest speaker, **Fouchena Sheppard**, a multi-cultural poet, storyteller, educator and performer.

Splinters from the Board

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

Bucket contributions collected this week totaled \$128.53.

Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting is Tuesday, September 18 at 11:30 A.M.

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?

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 attending and learning more about the Rotary Foundation, please contact Carroll to register.

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 Tom Sweeny for 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 8:30am by assisting our education partner, Fraser Elementary, with a gardening project. Volunteers should be prepared to work outside which means clothing and gloves that are work ready. You can wear your clothes to Rotary as a badge of honor. Those of you who pledged their weed whackers please bring them. Whether you have a “green thumb” or not, your help would be much appreciated. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Tom Sweeny.

Adopt-A-Highway

Mark your calendars ... the next Adopt-A-Highway service project is scheduled for Saturday, October 6th. Volunteers are always needed to help keep our club's section of Harborview Road clean. Additional details available in the coming weeks.

5 Minute Presentation

In recognition of National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, The Center for Women is hosting a special Art Exhibit in September. The artists, who were introduced by **Jennet Alterman**, are Clare O'Hagan and Denise Wylie. They gave a preview of the Exhibit “Rosalind Franklin: The Discovery of DNA”, which is inspired by the work of Franklin, who was a researcher who died of ovarian cancer. The exhibit will be open from 10am-5pm Friday 6th through Sunday the 8th at the Smith Killian Fine Art Gallery. Eighty percent of the sales will go to the South Carolina Ovarian Cancer Foundation.



Jennet Alterman

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

Our Donations

Our club has a great reason to be proud. Through our bucket donations, which went towards uniforms, supplies etc. for Fraser Elementary School, we were able to give over \$2,000. Below is the letter we received from the school as thanks. It just goes to show you what our club can do when we pull together to support a project!

Dear Rotarians:

On behalf of the students, families, administrative staff and faculty of Wilmot J. Fraser Elementary School, we express our deepest and sincere gratitude for your generosity. We have been blessed to be the recipients of your compassion for education and service commitment to the community. Your acts of kindness in supplying school uniforms, educational supplies and a financial donation in excess of \$2,000, reading services and volunteerism is amazing to this school.

Fraser Elementary is termed a Title I School by Federal Guidelines which equates to household incomes defined as poverty or below. The school has a history of being a beacon of light in the community for many families. Your support and donations to help this community maintain hope through education is exemplary and will not go unnoticed. The adage that "it takes a village to raise a child" is so important in today's society. We are so happy that members of the Rotary Club of Charleston accepted the challenge and are so diligently performing the task.

Thank you again for all you have done and will do for the students and families of Wilmot J. Fraser Elementary School. We welcome you to visit the school and look forward to continued relationship.

It is signed by the Principal, the Associate Principal and the Parent Advocate of the school.



Andy Brack, Gail Blair (Parent Advocate), Jermaine Husser, Mishawna Moore (Principal), Tom Sweeney

Birthdays

September 15– John Flint

ATTENDANCE SCORE BOX

SEPTEMBER 4, 2007

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Members Absent:

Anderson, T., Arnaud, Atkins, Audi, Baldwin, Berlin, Body, Brockinton, Brumgardt, Bullard, Butts, Cartland, Christian., Coffee, Condon, Colleen, Cosgrove, Craven, Dewey, Dimaggio, Dopp, Dukes, Dulles, Edwards, Ellington, England, Ethridge, Fischer, Fishburne, Forbes, Goff, Green, D., Greene, L., Greene, G., Hand, Hansen, Helms, Hood, Jackson, Johnson, Al., Johnson, Angie, Johnson, T., Jones, M., Jordan, Katzman, Kelley-Duncan, Kerrigan, Krawcheck, Laurens, Leibowitz, Lester, Livingston, Marcus, D., Riley, J., Rosa, Savage, Schachte, Scott, Sisco, Smith, L., Smith, P., Smith, H., Sommer-Kresse, Sullivan, Sweeney, Thomas, L., Thompson, Van Rysselberge, Walker, Watkins, Welborn, Wertimer, Whalen, Whitmore, Widman, Wilson, J., Wooten

Out of Town Make-Ups:

None

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

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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
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Carroll Schweers, Executive Secretary

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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