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The Keyway

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Rotary Calendar

November 20, 2007

Kinder Morgan

November 27, 2007

**Ken Seeger of
Westvaco on the East
Edisto Project**

November 27, 2007

**Annual Meeting/
Board Elections**

December 4, 2007

**Red Millander, Chas.
Air Force Base**

December 11, 2007

**Honoring the
Charleston Nine**

CSO Continues to Make Great Music

November 13th, 2007: David Stahl, Music Director of the Charleston Symphony Orchestra and Ted Legasey, CFO, visited our club to let us know what's been going on the last couple of years and what the future holds for our symphony Orchestra.



Ted Legasey, Jan Newcomb, David Stahl

According to Stahl, about 18 months ago, the CSO was on "life support with a very poor prognosis for the future." The musicians were taking a pay cut on what is already a very low salary and the community support was at an all time low. However, with a charge to save the CSO lead by Mayor Joe Riley, last year was their best year. They were able to get their musician's salaries back and still managed to have the most financially productive year they've ever had.

The musicians are arguably the heart and soul of our symphony. The 46 that are on staff have a 35 week schedule from late September to late May and are paid about \$25,000 per year. All are masterfully trained and one third of them are professors of music at schools in the Charleston area. However, more important than the music, is the education that each musician provides to local schools all across the county. They visit schools every week and are educating our young people about music and all that it has to offer. They take that part of the job as seriously and passionately as they do their playing.

The reason the CSO was in bad shape was because community support dropped. Up until last year, they had about \$50 to \$65,000 worth of business support, this past year that number increased to \$1.5 million. That was all due to the hard work of Stahl, Legasey, Mayor Riley and many others staffed at the CSO. This progress must continue. Our city has so much to offer in so many areas. For a city our size, to have a symphony orchestra with talented musicians, the cultural enrichment they provide to us and their commitment to education makes them worth supporting for years to come. For more information, please go to their website at www.charlestonsymphony.com

Submitted by Darby Hand, Keyway Committee

In other business. . .

Tom Lyles led us in the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. **Robin Poliakoff** introduced visiting Rotarians & Guests. Health & Happiness was offered by **Christina Humphries** and **David Mandell** introduced our guest speakers, **David Stahl** and **Ted Legasey**.

Splinters from the Board

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

Bucket contributions collected were \$ 119.73 .

Mute those cell phones...

As a reminder, members will be fined \$5.00 for cell phones that ring during the meeting.

Alternates Needed for Rotary Readers Program

All reader slots have been filled for our Rotary Reader program at Fraser Elementary. However, alternates are needed. If you are interested in volunteering in this capacity, please contact Kathy Jones at kathy.jones@citadel.edu.

Fond Farewell

The board regretfully accepted resignations from **Kit Cosgrove, Alex McMillan** and **Darcy Whalen** this past Tuesday. We are disappointed to lose them as members and wish them all the best.

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:

Message from District Governor Mary Martin

Many of you have lived through the devastation of a hurricane and seen the fury of the storm. In January of this year Governor Bernie and I visited New Orleans and the coast of Mississippi. We saw what the storm did to those areas and how 16 months later the areas were still struggling. Many people were still living in tents and in FEMA shelters with no idea how long they will have to live this way.

Bob Trenor, one of my Assistant Governors from the Charleston Area came up the idea of selling Christmas Ornaments and raising money to build one home in the Pass Christian, Mississippi area. The ornaments are \$20.00 each and they are pewter with the Rotary Shares logo on the back and a Christmas Scene on the front. Supplies for one home cost around \$50,000.00. Volunteers go in and build the houses.

If each person in the district purchased one ornament that would just about pay for the house. I would like to ask you to purchase an ornament and to consider more for friends or speakers. Please make checks out to District 7770 Christmas Ornament program and mail to Ed Dowaschinski our District Treasurer. His address is PO Box 7137, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928.

Fellow Rotarians if we can raise enough money to have the house built it will have a sign on the outside that will read this house was donated from District 7770 in South Carolina. I would love to visit again someday and see that sign on a house that we provided.

Ring in the Holidays

Our annual bellringing for the Salvation Army is scheduled for Friday, December 21st. **Cooper Coker** and **Erin England** will be recruiting members for shifts at our meetings in December.

Annual Meeting Set for November 27th

Past President **Earl Walker** announced that our annual meeting to elect board members will be held Tuesday, November 27th. If you are unable to attend, you can send in your vote via email or mail. Please note that revisions have been recently made to the Club By-Laws changing the eligibility requirements for the board. Nominating information, as well as the list of eligible members can be found on page 4 of this issue.

In Memoriam

Former Rotarian, **Steve Bowen**, passed away this past Monday. Steve was a member of our club for 23 years before resigning in 2005. He was a Paul Harris Fellow, as well as a Charleston Rotary Fund Fellow. Our sincerest condolences to his family. He will be great missed!



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

Change in Club Status

If you plan a change in your club membership status by January 1, 2008 to Active, Excused, Leave of Absence or if you are planning to resign from the club, please notify Carroll Schweers in writing NO LATER than December 7, 2007. This will affect January 1st billing. All current members who officially resign after December 7th will be billed \$42 to cover Rotary International dues, which are paid the first of the billing cycle. If you have questions, please contact Carroll at 971-4352.

Extra Mile Service Award

Tom Sweeny presented this award to two very deserving non-Rotarians who have fought for kids with autism and their parents. **Lori Unumb** and **Lisa Rollins** wrote



Lisa Rollins, Tom Sweeney, Lorri Unumb, Dan Unumb

a bill and it successfully passed in Congress this year that requires insurance companies to pay for a new, but very expensive, treatment for autism. This treatment is working miracles, but is not affordable to many families. It is now. It is a huge win for the fight against autism. South Carolina, thanks to Lori and Lisa, now has the best health care coverage for autism. Way to go!

If you would like to nominate a someone from the Charleston area for our club's next *Extra Mile Service Award*, please complete an application (found on our website or contact Carroll) and return it to Carroll before Tuesday, December 11th at 12:30pm.

Welcome

A big welcome to our newest member, **Julee Johnson**. Julee has recently moved into the Charleston area from Columbia, MO, where she was a member of the



Patterson Smith & Julie Johnson

Northwest Rotary Club for five years. She was sponsored by **Patterson Smith** and will hold the classification of Restaurant/Management. We are excited to have you as a member, Julee!

Birthdays

Nov. 21 – Jake Burrows
Nov. 24 – Susan Garcia
Nov. 26 – Doug Peterson

ATTENDANCE SCORE BOX

NOVEMBER 6, 2007
115

Members Absent:

Anderson, T., Anderson, I., Arnaud, Atkins, Bailey, Bergvall, Berlin, Body, Brockinton, Brown, Bryan, Cartland, Cohen, Cosgrove, Craven, Creech, Crowe, Dallis, Dewey, DiMaggio, Dukes, Edwards, Ellington, England, Ethridge, Fallon, Feinberg, Gailliard, Garcia, Geffert, Gershon, Gill, Gilliard, Ginn, Goff, Grau, Greene, L, Groseclose, Ham, Hasbrouck, Helms, Jackson, Johnson, Al., Johnson, Angie, Johnson, B., Johnson, T., Katzman, Kerrigan, Knowlton, Krawcheck, Lawrence, Leibowitz, Lester, Livingston, Lucash, McKay, McKnight, Mobley, Nagy, Norvell, Outlaw, Parker, Pate, Peters, Pitts, Postell, Prewitt, Rosa, Rosen, Scarborough, Sisco, Smith, L., Smith, M., Spell, Stevens, Sullivan, Taylor, Trawick, Ustin, Watkins, Wertimer, Whalen, Whitmore, Wilson, J., Wilson, S., Witte, Zucker

Out of Town Make-Ups:

None

BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS

In line with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Rotary Club of Charleston, the secretary shall supply each member in good standing with a roster giving the names of those members who are eligible to serve on the Board of Directors.

The By-Laws were revised in September 2007 and state that to be eligible for election to the Board of Directors, a selectee, must be a member in good standing of the Rotary Club of Charleston (with no current dues delinquencies) and must be a member of the Rotary Club of Charleston for at least twenty four (24) months as of October 1 of the year in which the election is to occur. Additionally, the selectee must have exhibited regular and reliable attendance of at least 80% (including make-ups) over the past twelve (12) months and must not have served on the Board in the prior twelve (12) months unless otherwise permitted herein.

The list of eligible members shall be presented to the members of the Club who shall by ballot, during November annually, each indicate their first through fourth preferences from the below list of eligible members to serve on the Board of Directors for the coming year. Each member, in attendance at the annual meeting, or by proxy previously submitted, shall have four (4) votes to elect the four (4) new Board Members. **The annual meeting will be held Tuesday, November 27.**

Rotary members who are to serve on the Board of Directors during the 2008-2009 year are Jermaine Husser, John Bleecker, Andy Brack, Amy Riley and Tom Sweeny. Outgoing members are Ellen Jackson, Jennet Alterman, and Richard Gershon.

Nominating Committee

The following members have been assigned by President Jermaine Husser and Nominating Chairperson, Earl Walker, to the Nominating Committee: Amy Jenkins, Mark Smith, Cooper Coker, John Tecklenburg and Rob Dewey.

Members Eligible for Nomination (Please circle 4 candidates)

Andy Anderson	Kyra Morris
Ricky Bailey, IV	Chris Moss
Dan Butts	John Orvin
Howard Chapman	Don Oswalt
Tom Clymer	Jim Parker
Alex Dallis	Mary Peters
Bud DiMaggio	Bill Prewitt
Richard Dowell	Fred Sales
Rhett Dunaway	Bill Scarborough
Leslie Fellabom	Jerry Sifford
Robin Freer, Jr.	Johnny Stuhr
Jim Geffert	Tommy Taylor
Jackie Grau	Ed Vaughan
Cleave Ham	Richard von Werssowetz
Brian Johnson	Tom Waring
Mary Ann Kohli	Paul Welborn
Jack Meetze	Merrill Wish
Magnus Monsen	

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

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WWW.CHARLESTON-ROTARY.ORG

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 Oswalt, 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 Oswalt, 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
Gitta Wombwell, 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