



The Keyway

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Rotary Calendar

December 18, 2007

Holiday Luncheon at Francis Marion/Gifts for Seniors Due

December 21, 2007

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

December 25, 2007

No Meeting... Happy Holidays!

January 1, 2008

No Meeting... Happy Holidays!

Honoring Our Heroes: The Charleston Nine

December 11th, 2007:

A meeting like no other was held last week to honor the Charleston Nine, the heroes who expired on June 18, 2007. As the meeting convened, Kathleen Wilson, a talented harpist and a member of the City Council and CSO, played the harp. Ms. Wilson also played “Amazing Grace” for the club during the meeting. The City of Charleston Fire Department Honor Guard presented the colors, and was present for Chaplain **Rob Dewey’s** invocation and leading in the pledge of allegiance. **Chaplain Dewey** offered thoughts regarding religion in times of grief. He reminded us that there is no explanation for disaster, but that some may find comfort in scripture or religion. He was called to pray and offer comfort on the scene of the fire on the night that it occurred. President **Jermaine Husser** also offered his thoughts and prayers, and read out the names of the nine heroes the world lost on June 18, 2007.

President **Jermaine Husser** then unveiled and presented the bronze plaque, which was graciously donated by Trigard Bronze. Robert Goodwin and Rich Darby, representatives of Trigard Bronze, were present for the meeting and unveiling. Mayor Riley then addressed the club and guests. He assured us that he will find the most appropriate place possible to display the plaque. The Mayor commended the way in which the City came together in response to the night of June 18, 2007. Chief Rusty Thomas was also present to commemorate the heroes.

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Families, Chaplain, and Mayor



Chief Rusty Thomas



The Charleston Nine Plaque



Presentation of Bronze Plaque

In other business. . .

Chaplain Rob Dewey led us in the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. **President Jermaine** introduced our guests, and announced our honored speaker, **Mayor Riley**, and commemorated our heroes through the presentation of the plaque.

Splinters from the Board

Your "pocket change" does make a "life" change in others: Bucket contributions collected were \$ 65.39

Holiday Luncheon

We are pleased to announce that **Steve Dopp** and the **Francis Marion Hotel** have again graciously offered to host our annual Holiday meeting on Tuesday, December 18th at 12:30 pm. Members are encouraged to bring their spouses/guests to this meeting, so be sure to mark your calendar now to attend this festive event.

No Meetings over the Holidays...

Remember, the club will not meet on the days of Tuesday, December 25, 2007, or Tuesday, January 1, 2008. Happy Holidays! We will be back at the Alumni Center on January 8, 2008!

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We were also pleased to welcome **Bob Trenor, Rick Moore, and Ed Carter**, Rotary Assistant District Governors, to our meeting on December 11, 2007, to commemorate the Charleston Nine heroes. We thank **Jeff Pulley** from the East Cooper Rotary club, who helped plan this event, and helped receive our guests. We will never forget our heroes, and we hope that we have managed to show some of our gratitude for their service and courage.

Submitted by Jackie Grau, Keyway Committee



Mayor Riley



Firefighter Plaques



Firemen Honor Guard



Kathleen Wilson

Announcements:

Ring in the Holidays



Our annual *bell ringing* for the Salvation Army is scheduled for Friday, December 21st. **Cooper Coker** and **Erin England** began recruiting members for shifts at today's meeting and will be scheduling volunteers this Tuesday, as well. If you are interested in volunteering and have not signed up for a time, you can also contact one of them.

Senior Giving Tree

Thank you to everyone for your generosity! All ornaments have been taken from the tree. If you haven't already returned your wrapped gift, please remember to bring it to the Francis Marion this Tuesday, December 18th. Monetary donations are also being accepted and can be give to Carroll Schweers. Parties for the seniors will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 19th at 10:30am and on Thursday, Dec. 20th at 1:00pm. It would be nice to have as many Rotarians there as possible.

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

**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.



Birthdays

Dec. 18 – Chip Condon
Dec. 19 – Philip Lawrence
Dec. 19 – Jack Meetze
Dec. 20 – Dick Redden

ATTENDANCE SCORE BOX

December 11, 2007
115

Members Absent:

Anderson, T., Anderson, A., Anderson, I., Arnaud, Audi, Bailey, Bergvall, Berlin, Blackford, Body, Brockinton, Bryan, Burt, Cartland, Chapman, Clymer, Coe, Cohen, Condon, Condon, Craven, Creech, Crowe, Dukes, Dulles, Edwards, Ellington, Ethridge, Fallon, Feinberg, Fellabom, Fishburne, Gailard, Gailliard, Garcia, Gefert, Gilbert, Gill, Gilliard, Goff, Green, R., Greene, G., Groseclose, Ham, Hansen, Hart, Harbrouck, Helms, Humphries, Johnson, Al, Johnson, Angie, Johnson, T., Jordan, Kelley-Duncan, Kerrigan, Kramer, Krawcheck, Lansu, Lawrence, Leibowitz, Lester, Lyles, McKay, McKnight, Meetze, Morris, K., Morse, Murdy, Nagy, Norvell, Oulla, Outlaw, Pate, Poliakoff, Postell, Prout, Ravenel, D., Redden, Rosa, Rosen, Scott, Sisco, Smith, P., Smith, H., Spell, Thomas, R., Thompson, Watkins, Whitmore, Wilson, J., Wilson, S., Witte

Out of Town Make-Ups:
None

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in all you do.**

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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