



The Keyway

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Rotary Calendar

February 12, 2008

John Magill,
Department of Health

February 19, 2008

Joan Mack,
"Conversations" Pub,
Radio 89.3

February 20, 2008

Fireside Chat w/Kyra
Morris

February 26 2008

George Benson,
President, College of
Charleston

"Personal Pathways to Success!"

February 5, 2008:

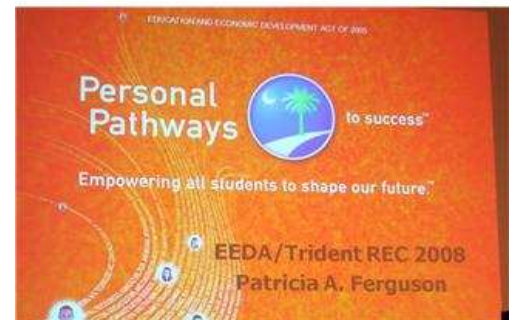
Patricia Ferguson, representing Trident Regional Education Center, has "mastered" the field of education many times over. She studied education at Clemson, has a masters' degree, and has experience in grant writing, and academic enhancement courses. What shines through besides her impressive academic background, is her enthusiasm and belief that there is genuine "opportunity for genius" through education.



Patricia Ferguson

Ms. Ferguson is passing on what she knows, to help bring the vision of a bright future to South Carolina's school children. Ms. Ferguson discussed how the Education and Economic Development Act of 2005 has been implemented, and what the purpose is behind it. There is a catchy motto associated with the Act: "Personal Pathways to Success." The educators, legislators, and businesses behind the Act are hoping this motto will appeal to the public.

The Personal Pathways program is intended to accomplish a combined set of goals, including producing the workforce that will be demanded in the coming years. The relevance of the Personal Pathways to local businesses should not be overlooked. Ms. Ferguson walked us through some statistics that are cause for concern to any local resident: 53% of South Carolina high school students graduate in 4 years—that is the lowest number since 2004; 56% of South Carolina adults function at a literacy level below that of a 5th grader. The program as implemented in high schools asks students to choose a sort of "major" out of 16 different career cluster focuses, as defined by the US Department of Education.



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In other business. . .

Johnny Jordan led us in the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. **Rick Christensen** introduced visiting Rotarians & guests, and Health & Happiness was offered by **Jennet Alternman**. **Anita Zucker** introduced our Guest Speaker, **Patricia Ferguson**.

Splinters from the Board

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

Bucket contributions collected were \$91.92.

Dues Reminder

Dues invoices were distributed at the meeting on January 8th. If you were not in attendance, your statement was mailed. **Please be sure that payment is made within 30 days of receipt.**

February Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held this **Tuesday, February 12 at 11:30am.** All current, as well as newly elected board members, should attend.

The Four Way Test

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

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Students are free to change their focus major yearly, and are not locked in. The purpose is to encourage students to take classes they will enjoy, and to learn more about a career path. Businesses can also get involved by mentoring, counseling, and opening themselves up to students. Ms. Ferguson was an inspirational speaker, and we thank her for taking the time to better the community.

(Reported by Jackie Grau, Keyway Committee)

Announcements:

Salute to Bennett Helms— A Gracious Reply

Bennett Helms wanted to respond to his surprise recognition for his activities at Fraser Elementary as part of our club's Rotary Reader Program. While caught completely off guard at the meeting, **Bennett Helms** wanted to emphasize that he should only partly share the recognition for this very successful Rotary program.

He stated that these types of worthwhile efforts by Rotary start with Rotary Chairpersons like **Tom Sweeny** and **Kathy Jones**. Their energy and leadership causes the rest of us to move into action.

Further recognition goes to dedicated teachers like Ms. Valerie Muhammad who **Bennett** has worked with weekly for the past five years. He said that if he had had Ms. Muhammad as his teacher in the 3rd grade that he would have turned out a lot better.

Additional recognition goes to Evan Watson, Citadel Graduate and Law School senior who has spent many hours assisting **Bennett** with class room projects and the desk project so that elementary students can have their own desk at home. Linda Hough of Sign-It-Quick Sign Company also greatly contributed to this project work and should be recognized. And let us not forget the inmates at the Charleston Detention Center who put these used desks into brand new condition.

And above all, recognition goes to the 2nd and 3rd grade students that **Bennett** has work with during the past six years. They give it their all. **Bennett** asks: “how many hugs did you get last Friday?” He got seventeen!

The Rotary Reader Program is well organized, easy to participate in and each member of Rotary that has been involved in this community effort has been more than rewarded for their efforts by the bright eyed eager-to-learn students. Try it.

Kathy Jones, Tom Sweeny and Bennett will back you up.

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

Bucket Money to Water Missions International

The board decided that all money collected in the buckets during the month of February will be donated to Water Missions International to support one of their Living Water projects. We hope you will plan to support our effort to help provide clean drinking water to those in need.

Thank You to Participants in Harborview Road Cleanup

Thank you to the following Rotarians for volunteering their time on a beautiful Saturday morning to help keep our section of Harborview Road clean: **Julee Johnson, Brent Boyd, Bill Prewitt, Stephen Grimaldi, Tom Brown, Robin Freer, Tom Sweeny, and Andy Anderson** (who stood in as chair for the vacationing **Cooper Coker**). It was a success!

Extra Mile Nomination being accepted

If you would like to nominate someone from the Charleston community to be recognized with our club's next "Extra Mile" service award for exceptional community service, please complete the nomination form on our website or contact Tom Sweeny to obtain a form.

Fireside Chat

Come and join **President Elect-Kyra Morris** at the Village Post House on Wednesday, February 20 at 5pm for a Fireside Chat called "Service, Support, and a Little Supper". Kyra will be discussing ways to get more members involved in Rotary and how to make our dollars matter, so we can become a 2-Star club. Whether you are an old or new member of Rotary, everyone is invited to attend. Rotarians will have an opportunity to enjoy fellowship and good food from 5pm-5:30pm and then the "chat" will be held from 5:30pm - 6:30pm.

Birthdays

Feb. 12 - Bob Pitts
Feb. 13 - Ginger Norvell
Feb. 17 - Merrill Wish

ATTENDANCE SCORE BOX

February 5th 2008
117

Members Absent:

Arnaud, Atkins, Bailey, Baldwin, Bergvall, Berlin, Body, Brockinton, Bullard, Butts, Cartland, Coker, Condon, Colleen, Craven, Crowe, Dacey, Dewey, DiMaggio, Dukes, Dukes, Dulles, Edwards, Ellington, England, Ethridge, Feinberg, Fishburne, Gailard, Gershon, Gilbert, Gilliard, Green, D., Green, R., Greene, G., Groseclose, Ham, Hand, Hansen, Hart, Helms, Holz, Humphries, Husser, Jackson, Jenkins, Johnson, Al, Johnson, Angie, Johnson, B., Johnson, J., Johnson, T., Jones, K., Jones, M., Jones, R., Katzman, Kerrigan, Krawcheck, Lansu, Laurens, Lawrence, Leibowitz, Lester, Mandell, McKay, Nagy, Norvell, Poliakoff, Postell, Prout, Riley, A., Riley, J., Scarborough, Scott, Sisco, Smith, L., Smith, M., Smith, P., Spell, Stevens, Sullivan, Tarleton, Taylor, Tecklenburg, Thompson, Trawick, Walker, Watkins, Welborn, Whitmore, Widman, Wilson, J., Wilson, S

Out of Town Make-Ups:

Merrill Wish - Dillon, SC & Latta, SC

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

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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