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Rotary Calendar

May 31st, 2008

Adopt-A-Highway Pick-up

June 3rd, 2008

Rae Wooten/Bubba Dunlap Debate (Charleston County Coroner)

June 10th, 2008

John Clark, Dir. of SC Energy Office, will discuss "Rising Cost of Energy in SC"

June 17th, 2008

Rotary Book Party w/ 4-6 local authors

"Educating All Children, at All Costs..."

May 27th, 2008:

Our Rotary Club honors our Teachers of the Year:

"Charleston County Names Gwendolyn Benton as its Teacher of the Year!"

Teachers of the Year of the Charleston County School District (CCSD) are selected annually from among approximately 3,500 teachers. Each school names and honors its own Teacher of the Year. Nominees at the school level are given the opportunity to compete in the District level competition. Forty-four teachers competed in the District level competition this year.

Ms. Benton, who has been teaching for almost 40 years, took top honors at the announcement ceremony. "This one-of-a-kind teacher," credited for never giving up on anything, said "It is one of the greatest honors in my entire life." "Ms. Benton, the honor is all ours!"

"We thank you for your tireless service. We are inspired by the imprint you've left on students at Morningside Middle School—they adore you. We are privileged to learn from the way you teach while also serving the community, creating scholarship programs, and so Ms. Benton, I thank you for personifying our standard of excellence. And to all of our educators, please know how much I appreciate your hard work, ingenuity, and commitment to making the future bright for every student in our county. Everywhere I go, I see excellence being achieved across the county, and it's a tribute to all of you, our parents and partners." *Dr. McGinley*



Nancy McGinley, CCSD Superintendent of Schools and Rotarian



Gwendolyn Benton, Chas. County Teacher of Yr.

In other business. . .

Kevin Mills led us in the *Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance*. **Jack Meetze** introduced visiting *Rotarians & guests*. *Health & Happiness* was offered by **Jackie Grau**. **President Jermaine** asked us to support our Adopt-A-Highway service project. **Joan Ustin** introduced **Nancy McGinley** who introduced our *Teachers of the Year*.

**Splinters from
the Board**

Your “pocket
change” makes a
“life” change in
others:

Bucket contributions
collected were
\$67.16

**Education
Committee
Meeting:**

The next Education
Committee meeting is
scheduled for Tuesday,
June 3rd at 11:30 am.

Board Meeting:

The board will meet on
Tuesday, **June 10th** at
11:30 am.

**Cell Phone
Batteries:**

Bring your cell phone
batteries to re-cycle at
Fraser.

The Four Way Test
1. Is it the TRUTH?

**2. Is it FAIR to all
concerned?**

**3. Will it build
GOODWILL and BET-
TER FRIENDSHIPS?**

**4. Will it be BENEFI-
CIAL to all con-
cerned?**



Erica Roberts



Edie Cusack



David Wingard



Betty McKenzie

Our Other Four Teachers of the Year

**Top 10 concerns/challenges stated by our top teachers
(in “Letterman” order):**

- 10. Lack of emphasis for educators (financial resources; starting-off help)
- 9. Too much emphasis on “high-stakes” testing (PACT)
- 8. Lack of educational opportunities (Language laboratories, etc.)
- 7. Lack of community projects to overcome poverty (need for more OJT)
- 6. Need for knowledge-based, empathetic legislative support
- 5. Need for 100% support from our educational stakeholders (newspapers)
- 4. Need for fiscal support to teach a technology-based learning curriculum
- 3. Reverse the “lower salaries, higher expectations’ educators paradigm
- 2. Reverse the current 50% drop-out trend...whatever it takes!
- 1. Stand fast on ensuring SC has committed, highly qualified teachers

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Announcements:

Congratulations to Darby Hand!

Recently married to Aaron Siegel and now happily, Darby Siegel.

Change in Club Status

If you plan a change in your club status by July 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 June 6, 2008. This will affect July 1st billing. All current members who officially resign after June 6, 2008, will be billed for Rotary International dues, which are paid the first of the billing cycle. If you have any questions, contact Carroll at 971-4352.

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
Old Goose Creek Recreation
Center (Temporary)
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

"It is with pleasure and honor that I accept the privilege to represent my colleagues at Morningside Middle School as your Teacher of the Year. Without your support and confidence in my leadership, none of this would be possible. More importantly, I would like to thank my Morningside family for giving me the opportunity to advance to the District level and represent the entire thirty-four hundred teachers who grace the classrooms of our schools. It indeed takes chosen vessels to weather the storms of everyday turbulence that we so valiantly endure, and we have survived the test of time as proven through our perseverance and hard work. We can truly attest through the sharing of our stories that we do make a difference in the lives of the young minds that we touch. I would like to give a special thank you to all our students at Morningside for the excitement and positive responses that you have given in celebration of this occasion. Without you none of this would be possible for it is your presence that motivates us, your teachers, to untangle the matted web of educational challenges."

Mrs. Gwendolyn Benton

Excerpts from Ms Benton's Poem: *I Teach:*

- I still teach...I work in the trenches;
- I educate all children...at all costs;
- How do I bring all up to speed unless I lead by example?
- ...never give up on any one, any time...

This poem was written by our teacher of the year when she was considering retiring two years ago after a four-decade legacy.

Birthdays

June 3 – Peter Wertimer
June 6 – Johnny Jordan
June 8 – Sam Applegate
June 8 – Stovall Witte

ATTENDANCE SCORE BOX

May 27, 2008
97

Members Absent:

Anderson, T., Anderson, A., Arnaud, Atkins, Audi, Bailey, Baldwin, Bergvall, Berlin, Blackford, Body, Brockinton, Brumgardt, Bryan, Bullard, Butts, Christensen, Coker, Condon, Chip, Craven, Dacey, DiMaggio, DiLiegro, Dukes, Edwards, England, Feinberg, Feter, Fishburne, Forbes, Gaillard, Garcia, Gershon, Gilbert, Gill, Green, D., Greene, G., Ham, Hand, Hansen, Hart, Hasbrouck, Humphries, Jackson, Jenkins, Johnson, Al, Johnson, Angie, Johnson, B., Johnson, J., Katzman, Kelley-Duncan, Kerrigan, Kramer, Krawcheck, Lansu, Laurens, Lawrence, Leibowitz, Lester, Livingston, Mandell, McKay, Mobley, Morris, K., Moryl, Nagy, Oulla, Outlaw, Peters, Poliakoff, Postell, Prout, Ravenel, D., Ravenel, E., Riley, A., Rosa, Savage, Scarborough, Seguer, Sisco, Smith, L., Smith, M., Smith, P., Smith, H., Sommer-Kresse, Stevens, Sullivan, Taylor, Thomas, L., Thomas, R., Thompson, Van Rysselberge, Vaughan, von Werssowetz, Walker, Watkins, Welborn, Wilson, J., Wilson, S., Wombwell, Zucker

Out of Town Make-Ups:

None

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

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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
Vacant, 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