



# The Keyway

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## Rotary Calendar

February 17th, 2009

**Toni McHugh & Dr.  
Edward Wilson,  
Storm Eye Institute**

February 24th, 2009

**Harris Pastides -  
USC President**

March 3rd, 2009

**David Ginn, Chas.  
Regional  
Development  
Alliance**

March 10th, 2009

**Water Missions**

## *“The Importance of Place”*

Our own Number 6 Chalmers Street is home to what may be the only known “slave mart” remaining in the state of South Carolina. Today, the famous address also provides the perfect venue for The Old Slave Mart Museum, where Curator/Director Nicole Green works diligently to carry out the mission of the museum. Nicole says “our mission is to broaden people’s understanding of Charleston’s role as a slave trading center during the domestic slave trade, which enables us to reach out to our community, and all those whose ancestors’ lives were shaped or changed here”. The museum details history of the building as well as the domestic slave trade from three perspectives; the buyer, the enslaved and the trader (auctioneer, bankers, brokers etc).



Nicole Green

The Building - Until the mid 1800’s, most slave trade was conducted in the streets, however, the crowds became so large that in the mid 1800’s a law was passed that mandated that all slave auctions be held in an enclosed space. In 1853, Thomas Ryan and James Marsh purchased 3 parcels of land to house a complex that would become known as Ryan’s Mart. The first of those properties was 6 Chalmers Street, which served as an entrance to the other two parcels that lie between Chalmers Street and Queen Street. The land housed 3 buildings, a large jail where those waiting to be bought and sold were housed, a kitchen, and a building known as a “dead house or morgue”, the complex also had a courtyard enclosed by a brick wall where the auctions took place. In 1859, the complex was sold to Z.B. Oakes who constructed the building as it sits on Chalmers Street today. That building was designed to blend with the existing architecture and provide an office for the continued brokering of slaves. In late 1863, slave auctions ended at Ryan’s Mart and in 1878 Mr. Kerrington converted the “slave jail” into a tenement building. He removed the iron bars and added a balcony to the old jail. In the early 1900’s, Ryan’s Mart became an auto-repair shop and was purchased and turned into a museum in 1938 by Mary Wilson, in 1951 the “jail” was demolished. In 1988 the City of Charleston purchased the building and it opened as the The Old Slave Mart Museum in November of 2007, the museum served over 35,000 visitors during its first year of operation!

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### **In other business. . .**

**Legare Clement** introduced Nicholas & Christopher Migliaccio (twin boy scouts), who joined us in honor of the 99th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts and led us in the *Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance*. **Tom DiLiegro** introduced visiting *Rotarians & guests*. *Health & Happiness* was presented by **Paul Stoney**. **George Stevens** introduced our speaker, **Nicole Green, Director / Curator The Old Slave Mart Museum.**

## President's Corner



### The Adopt-A-Highway:

Mark your calendars ... the next Adopt-A-Highway service project is scheduled for **Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**. Volunteers are needed starting at 9am for about an hour or so to pick up trash on our club's section of Harborview Road. This is a great way to earn a make-up credit!

### New Club Video:

Just a quick note to let you know about the Club's new video. If you didn't see it at this past Tuesday's meeting, you can now view online on our Website - <http://www.charleston-rotary.org>. We hope you enjoy! We expect it will be a good tool in orienting new members -- and getting some new members too. Spread the word and send it to anyone who you think might be interested in becoming a member.

The Slave Trade- Trans-Atlantic slave trade moved over 15 million men, women and children from Africa across the ocean, with Brazil receiving over 30% of those enslaved. Only 7% of the enslaved came to America between 1700 and 1775. Charleston was a main port for the trans-Atlantic boats. In 1808 the US Constitution ended our involvement in the trans-Atlantic trade, fueling the domestic trade that moved over 2 million African Americans from the South to the North and out West until the Civil War ended and slavery was abolished. The domestic slave trade was an important to the economic growth of Charleston and the region. Slaves were moved by in groups of 25, by ship and by train, the rail road grew due to slave trading. Traders advertised their slaves for sale and prepared them to bring the best profit by "increasing their daily rations, washing and oiling their skin, dyeing their hair" and coaching them on discussions with potential buyers. Price was often determined by age and sex, one account suggest that's today's equivalent price would be \$37,000 for one man. While slavery was treacherous the enslaved made the most of it developing a heritage and culture that would be forever part of history. The Slave Mart Museum provides unique, educational and entertaining exhibits to educate us about the history and importance of slavery to ensure that "we never forget". Number 6 Chalmers Street, what an important place then and now.

*Reported by Elizabeth Wooten Burwell, Keyway Committee*

### Announcements:



*Paul Stoney receives this weeks "Rusty Shovel" for professing his love for Andy.*



*Nicholas and Christopher Migliaccio joined us to present the Invocation and pledge.*

### Did You Know ...

That our club is participating in an international water purification project? Our club is joining the Daniel Island Club to provide 4 water purification units to be placed on a river in a remote area of Peru. The plan is to serve about 6000 people who live along the river with a potable water resource. If you are interested in helping with this international project, please contact **John Tecklenburg** or attend the next committee meeting scheduled for this Tuesday, Feb 17 at 11:45am.

**Mark Your Calendar for "Wine Testing:** Mark your calendars now to attend the Wine Tasting social on **Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**. Spouses and guests are invited. This should be a fun evening for all! Look for more details to come.

**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

**“RCCF” Rotary Club of Charleston Grants:**

The Rotary Club of Charleston Fund (RCCF) is accepting requests for grants. Interested organization are required to submit a Letter of Inquiry and a completed grant application form prior to **March 1**. The application form and other details regarding the process can be found on our website --- [www.charleston-rotary.org](http://www.charleston-rotary.org).

**Please Place Your Order for Caps and Stickers:**

Show your pride and spirit – We are getting ready to place an order for Rotary Caps and Rotary Emblem Window Stickers. Please give your name and prepayment to Carroll. Caps are \$15.00 and 3” diameter stickers are \$2.00. Target date for sending out this order is March 1<sup>st</sup>.



**Do not Miss Next Week:**

Toni McHugh/ Dr. Edward Wilson, Storm Eye Institute

**Register Now for District Conference:**

Registration for the 2009 Rotary District 7770 Conference is now available! You’ll not want to miss a minute of this exciting conference March 20-22 in Columbia at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. Deadline for early registration is Friday, February 13. Deadline to register club members to get points for the Governor’s Citation has been changed from January 20 to February 1. You may register by check or with a credit card. Look for more program updates for the convention on the district website!

We are pleased to have **Thomas Fimian** as our newest member. Thomas was inducted this past Tuesday by **President Andy**, who served as his sponsor. Thomas was a member of the Sumter Sunrise Rotary Club and will hold the classification of Office Machines/Equipment. Congratulations to Thomas!



**Membership Changes:**

With much regret, the board accepted resignations from the following Rotarians: **Virginia Hinnant, Past President Mike Jones, Charles Kaiser, Bonnie Lester, Bob Nagy, Frank Schachte and David Spell**. We will greatly miss these members and wish them all the very best.

**David Cohen** was approved to join the ranks of those “Excused” members.

**Birthdays**

Feb. 17 - Merrill Wish  
Feb. 19 - Herb McGuire

**Attendance Score Box**

February 10, 2009  
**105**

**Members Absent:**

Anderson, T., Anderson, I., Arnaud, Atkins, Bailey, Berlin, Butts, Cantey, Chapman, Christensen, Ciappa, Condon, Condon, Crowe, Dacey, Dewey, Echols, Edwards, El-sasser, England, Fellabom, Fishburne, Geffert, Gilbert, Gill, Gilliard, Ginn, Green, D., Greene, L., Grose-close, Ham, Hansen, Hanson, Hasbrouck, Hinnant, Holz, Hood, Husser, Jackson, Johnson, Al, Johnson, Angie, Johnson, J., Jones, M., Jones, R., Katzman, Kelley-Duncan, Knowlton, Krawcheck, Lansu, Laurens, Lawrence, Leibowitz, Lester, Lucash, McCormack, McGinley, McKelvey, Medich, Mills, Monsen, Morris, Morse, Moryl, Moss, Nagy, Oulla, Outlaw, Pate, Peters, Postell, Proctor, Prout, Ravenel, E., Riley, A., Riley, J., Rosa, Rosen, Saunders, Savage, Schachte, Se-guer, Siegel, Smith, L., Spell, Standard, Sullivan, Ustin, Van Ryssel-berge, Vaughan, von Werssowetz, Watkins, Wertimer, Wilson, Wish, Wombwell, Zucker

**Out of Town Make-ups:**

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

**WE'RE ON THE WEB:**

WWW.CHARLESTON-ROTARY.ORG

District Governor #7770: S. Anne Walker

Rotary International President: Dong Kurn Lee

**2008-2009 Officers & Committee Chairs**

Andy Brack, President  
Kyra Morris, President-Elect  
Tom Brown, Treasurer  
Sylvia Barnes-Gailliard, Secretary  
Jermaine Husser, Past President  
Herb McGuire, Sergeant-At-Arms  
Andy Anderson, Administration  
Robin Freer, Membership  
Amy Riley, Public Relations  
Tom Sweeny, Education  
Don Oswald, Service  
Andy Brack, Finance  
John Bleecker, International  
Carroll Schweers, Executive Secretary

**Andy Anderson, Administration**  
David McCormack, Fellowship  
Kurt Seguer, Health and Happiness  
Jay Hart, Visiting Rotarians/Guests  
Bob Baldwin, Invocation  
Ricky Bailey, Emblem  
Herb McGuire, Sgt. At Arms  
Lisa Thomas, By-laws

**Robin Freer, Membership**  
Elizabeth Prout, Membership Retention  
Chris Moss, Rotary Information  
Johnny Jordan, College of Knowledge  
Jermaine Husser, Membership Development  
Kenny Krawcheck, Classifications  
Amy Jenkins Nominating  
Angel Postel, Special Events/Social

**Amy Riley, Public Relations**  
Jennet Alterman, Program  
Bill Crowe, Keyway  
Darby Siegel, PR/Magazine  
Richard von Werssowetz, Roster  
Fred Sales, Historian, Club Photographer

**Tom Sweeny, Education**  
Joan Ustin, Excellence in Education  
Jay Hart, Scholarship  
Kathy Jones, Readers  
Ray Jones, Students & Seniors  
Tom Sweeny, Sea Student Program  
Stephanie Wilson, Job Fair  
Tripp Wiles, Mosquito Fleet Chairperson

**Don Oswald, Service**  
Erin England, Salvation Army  
Mary Peters, Senior Aging  
Cooper Coker, Environment  
Jennifer Audi, Wellness  
Andy Brack, Vocational Service

**Andy Brack, Finance**  
Tom Brown, Budget  
Dan Butts, Capital Creation  
Sue Sommer-Kresse, RCCF  
Bill Crowe, Long-range Planning  
Cooper Coker, Rotary Wheels

**John Bleecker, International**  
Kyra Morris, Rotary Foundation  
Stovall Witte, Ambassadorial Scholarships  
Robin Freer, Group Study Exchange  
Frederick Dulles, International Grants  
John Tecklenburg, International Project Committee, Chair