



The Keyway

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Rotary Calendar

August 4, 2009

Larry Grooms

August 11, 2009

Todd Ellis, USC
Football Preview

August 18, 2009

Senator Jim DeMint

State Treasurer Converse Chellis visits Rotary

July 28th, 2009

State Treasurer **Converse Chellis** broke what seems to be the current trend of reporting only bad news and elected instead, to focus his presentation to our club at Tuesday's meeting on the positive things going on in South Carolina. Given the current environment we are in right now, it was a refreshing change and one I think his audience greatly appreciated. Chellis was elected State Treasurer in August of 2007 by the General Assembly and before that, had served in the General Assembly since 1996. In addition, he is a licensed CPA and had a long career in the industry before moving on to political office.



Converse Chellis

When he was first elected, Chellis was intent on bringing integrity to his position. He was focused on cutting waste where he could and making improvements to the state's retirement system, unclaimed property accounts, college savings plan, and creating an initiative for the state to begin the process of going paperless beginning with state employee's paychecks.

The state of South Carolina currently has thousands of unclaimed property accounts, there are 107,000 cases here in Charleston alone. Chellis and the General Assembly created the Palmetto Payback program, targeted at finding those that are owed money and returning it to them. This owed money has been turned over by a company or other entity to the state when the person they are looking for could not be located. Through the Palmetto Payback program, residents can now easily learn if they are on the list and re-claim what is rightfully theirs. The goal of the Treasurer's office is to get that list down to just a few thousand people.

In 2008, South Carolina introduced the Future Scholar 529 College Plan. This new plan has taken our state from being ranked 24th in the nation to being in the top 5 for college savings plans in the country. This past year, South Carolina was ranked second in the nation for the plan's investment performance in 2008. This plan is available to all those in South Carolina and is open to other states as well.

As our country continues to endure one of its most uncertain times, it's nice to know that good things are happening in our state. To learn more about the State Treasurer, some of the programs his office offers and his futures goals, go to www.treasurer.sc.gov.

Submitted by Darby Siegel, Keyway Committee

In other business. . .

Amy Riley gave the invocation and led us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*. **Tommy Taylor** introduced *visiting Rotarians & guests*. *The Community Minute* was hosted by **Kyra Morris**. **Kyra Morris** introduced our guest, State Treasurer, **Converse Chellis**.

President's Corner



Silver Spoon Award goes to:



Digit Matheny... for continually stirring the pot and for being the best dressed parking attendant when called upon.

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 **BENEFI-CIAL** to all concerned?

Announcements:

New Members:

President Kyra inducted three two members into the club this past Tuesday:

Tim Weldon, who was sponsored by **Amy Riley**, will hold the classification of Realty/Commercial Brokerage.

Glenn DeBiasi, who was sponsored by **Joan Ustin**, will hold the classification of Human Capital Consultant.



Tim Weldon and Glenn DeBiasi

We welcome these new members into Rotary!

Membership Roster Update:

Did you know that you can now access our membership database on-line? It is as easy as going to our club's website (www.charleston-rotary.org), click on "Member Sign-In" located in the blue box at the top left, and log in by using your e-mail address as your USER NAME and your Rotary Member number (found on the label of your Rotarian Magazine) as your PASSWORD. Once you are logged in, click on the "My Club" tab at the top to access contact information and pictures for all our members. You can also click on the "Members" tab, and then the "View My Data" is automatically displayed. Remember to change your password and any other information by using "Edit". This database is run by our District and will be an important tool for all of our members starting this Rotary year. Members will now be able to access contact information for all members and know it is current. We will be printing minimal copies of the membership roster for those that don't have access to the web, but expect members to use this database to get contact information on members or to print their own hard copy of the roster if that is what you prefer. Take a few minutes to try it out

July Invoices Distributed:

July dues invoices have been distributed. Please remember that payment is due within 30 days of receipt.

You will notice on the statement a "\$25.00 Bucket Fund" line item. The board decided again this year to add this optional line item on to the bill in lieu of having collection buckets on the tables each week. Please support this fund raising effort. The money collected will go to doing good things in our community.

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

Proposed New Members:

Name: **Jodie-Beth Galos**
Address: Galos & Associates, 1128 Club Terrace, MP 29464
Class: Human Resources; Sponsor: **Earl Walker**

Name: **John Strickland**
Address: SunTrustBank, 276 E.Bay St. ,Chas., 29401
Class: Banking/Investment; Sponsor: **Tripp Wiles**

Any comments regarding proposed new members may be addressed in writing to the board of directors.

Message from our RI President:

My fellow Rotarians:

I have always thought it important to bear in mind that Rotary is a voluntary organization, composed of people who are all themselves leaders. When addressing such an audience, I have never thought it fitting to exhort or demand. Every Rotary club is and must be autonomous: The leadership of Rotary International exists not to control, but to motivate and guide.

And so when we in Rotary speak about the importance of membership, I believe it of the utmost importance to bear in mind that the primary experience of Rotary, for the overwhelming majority of Rotarians, is of the club: of club meetings, club projects, and fellow club members.

When Paul Harris began the first Rotary club 104 years ago, he did not initially think of service. Instead, he had in mind a place where people of good character, intelligence, and morals could enjoy each other's fellowship and friendship. The service came later, as a natural outgrowth of the gathering of such people.

Every good Rotarian, every member who shares our core values, will make a club that much stronger, and that much more attractive for others to join. Unfortunately, it is also the case that bringing in the wrong person can have the opposite effect. Rotarians are and must be people of a certain caliber – people with the capacity to do great deeds, the sense to do them wisely, and the strength of character to do them honestly and well.

In the end, I believe that the best way to bring new members into Rotary is the way it has been done for generations: One member invites a carefully chosen friend, client, or colleague to a meeting and, if the match is a good one, proposes that individual for membership. This is the way that our clubs remain harmonious; it is the way that new clubs become old clubs, and new members become Rotarians for life.

The membership challenges that we face today are considerable, and in many ways new. There is no denying the difficulties posed by the current global financial situation. But in the words of Henry Ford, "If money is your hope for independence you will never have it. The only real security that a man will have in this world is a reserve of knowledge, experience, and ability." And as long as we all do our jobs well, and bring in new members carefully, this is a security we in Rotary will never lack.

John Kenny
President, Rotary International

Birthdays

Aug. 8—Jim Decker

Attendance Score Box

Unavailable

Members Absent:

Unavailable

Out of Town Make-ups:

None

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in all you do.**

WE'RE ON THE WEB:

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District Governor #7770: Alan Walters

Rotary International President: John Kenny

2009-2010 Officers & Committee Chairs

Kyra Morris, President
Brian Johnson, President-Elect
Tom Brown, Treasurer
Tommy Taylor, Secretary
Andy Brack, Past President
Robin Freer, Administration
Brian Johnson, Membership
Valerie Morris, Public Relations
Lorraine Perry, Education
Don Oswald, Service
Tom Clymer, Finance
Andy Anderson, International
Carroll Schweers, Executive Secretary

Robin Freer, Administration

David McCormack, Fellowship
Rhett Dunaway, Visiting Rotarians/Guests
Rob Dewey, Invocation
Ricky Bailey, Emblem
Herb McGuire, Sgt. At Arms
Lisa Thomas/Abby Saunders, By-Laws

Brian Johnson, Membership

Andy Brack, Rotary Information
Brian Johnson, New Members

Andy Brack/Brian Johnson, College of Knowledge
Andy Brack, Membership Development
Jermaine Husser, Nominating
Dave Echols/Abby Saunders, Special Events/Social

Valerie Morris, Public Relations

Rich Dukes, Program
Elizabeth Burwell, Keyway
Darby Siegel, PR/Magazine
Willis Cantey, Roster
Fred Sales, Historian/Club Photographer

Lorraine Perry, Education

Joan Ustin, Excellence in Education
Kathy Jones, Readers
Stephanie Wilson, Job Fair
, Buddy Sail
, Teacher of the Month
, Field Trips
, Weight Watchers, Yoga, Karate

Don Oswald, Service

Erin England, Salvation Army
Mary Peters, Senior Aging
Cooper Coker/Andy Anderson, Environment

Mary Ann Kohli, Wellness
Don Oswald, Vocational Service
, Service Above Self Scholars

Tom Clymer, Finance

Tom Brown, Budget
Mark Smith, RCCF
Hilton Smith/Amy Riley, Rotary Wheels

Andy Anderson, Foundation

Robert Miller, Annual Giving/Spec. Funds
John Bleecker, Ambassadorial Scholarships
Bill Prewitt, Group Study Exchange
John Tecklenburg, International Projects