



# The Keyway

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## Rotary Calendar

September 8, 2009  
Marybeth Clark,  
Charleston Stage

September 11, 2009  
Day of Caring at  
James Simons

September 12, 2009  
Adopt a Highway

September 15, 2009  
DG Alan Walters

## “THE PROBATE COURT”

September 1, 2009 : The Honorable Irvin G. Condon, Charleston County Probate Court Judge, joined us today to educate Rotarians on the general role of the probate court, as well as, the Adult Drug Court that he resides over. Judge Condon explained the main functions of the Probate Court which encompass the broad topic often referred to as, **estate planning**. More specifically the court probates wills; appoints conservators and trustees to conservatorship trusts that have been set up for children and families; oversees Declarations of a Desire for a Natural Death; and Durable Power of Attorney and Health Care Power of Attorney documents. The court is also handles involuntary commitments and marriage licenses.



*Irvin G. Condon,  
Judge of Probate Court*

The court is committed to assisting in drug and alcohol incidents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The institution also administers The Adult Drug Court Program, that is charged with rehabbing addicts and helping them become valuable citizens in their communities. An individual who has pled guilty to drug related charges may elect to participate in the program. It requires court and treatment attendance every week and costs the individual \$25.00 each week. If the attendee is unable to pay the \$25 dollars toward their treatment, they must work it off in community service. The offender must attend two AA or NA meetings per week, and pay back all restitution that may be ordered with associated charges. He noted that this plan is much better than simply warehousing addicts as prisoners, many of those in the program have made progress and are productively employed.

The judge made sample forms available for all on the topics of Wills, Healthcare Power of Attorney, Declaration of a Desire for Natural Death, and Durable power of attorney. However, he emphasized that *one should not attempt to execute these forms from samples*. Professional assistance is vital.

When asked about new plans in Mexico and California to decriminalize minor drug offenses, he responded that those in the criminal justice system in South Carolina oppose the idea.

*Reported by Fred Sales, Keyway Committee*

### In other business. . .

**Elizabeth Wooten Burwell** gave the invocation and led us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*. **Beth Savage** introduced *visiting Rotarians & guests*. The *Community Minute* was hosted by **Kyra Morris**. **Rich Dukes** introduced our guest, **Irvin Condon, Judge of Probate**.

President's Corner



Like to Travel:

President Kyra is seeking a Rotarian to be a team leader for the cultural exchange to Brazil. Anyone interested in an all expense paid, month long trip to Brazil, please speak up!

President Kyra, shared a passage, reminding us that, like a snowflake that alone is weightless but in a collection of thousands can move a tree, each Rotarians adds to our collective effort that changes the world.

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?

Announcements:

Remember...

...our school partners, Jane Simmons Elementary and Mitchell Elementary have asked for donations of old sporting equipment, including tennis racquets, basketballs and footballs, as well as, musical instruments, game boards, gym equipment, computer and office equipment. They also need a refrigerator for staff use. If you have anything to donate, please bring it to an upcoming Rotary meeting or contact Lorraine Perry at 607-6511 or [lorperry62@yahoo.com](mailto:lorperry62@yahoo.com).

Chili Cook Off:

Start getting your Chili Cook-off teams together! The date of our Fall BBQ social has been set for Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm at the Rifle Club. This will be held in lieu of our regular meeting that day. Spouses and or a guest are invited. If you are interested in volunteering to help, please contact Dave Echols at [dave@riverdogs.com](mailto:dave@riverdogs.com)

Trident United Way Day of Caring:

Mark your calendars now to participate in our club's *Trident United Way Day of Caring* project on September 11. Our club will be volunteering at one of our school partners, Jane Simmons Elementary School.

New Rotary Club Member:

Mark President Kyra inducted **John Strickland** into our club. He is a past member of the Clemons Rotary club in North Carolina and will hold the classification of Banking/Investment. Congratulations to John and to **Tripp Wiles** who sponsored him.



John Strickland

Club Badge and Picture Board:

If you do not have a picture on the big board next to your name and badge, please see our club photographer, Fred Sales. He will take your picture and see that it is mounted on the board.

Next Week at Rotary:

Marybeth Clark with Charleston Stage company will join us as guest speaker this Tuesday.

Board Meeting:

The board of directors will meet at 11:00am this Tuesday,

**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 Club  
600 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

**Announcements (continued)**

**This Week's Silver Spoon Award goes to:**

**Dave Echols** for "stirring the pot for the upcoming Chile Cookoff"



**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](http://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 ....

**Wellness Tip of the Week:**  
Pricey Pumps.—No matter how high the prices at the pump climb, staying mobile shouldn't break your bank. In fact there are ways to save on fuel expenses. For some tips go to: <http://pricey-pumps.rotarywellness.info>

**Birthdays**

Sept. 10 – Richard von Werssowetz

Sept. 11 – Ellen Berlin

**Attendance Score Box  
September 1**

100

**Members Absent:**

Alterman, Anderson, T., Baldwin, Bryan, Bullard, Burt, Butts, Buxton, Cante, Chapman, Ciappa, Coe, Coker, Condon, Crowe, Dewey, DiLiegro, Dopp, Dowell, Dukes, G., Edwards, England, Fishburne, Fornes, Gailliard, Barnes Gailliard, Geffert, Gilbert, Gill, Ginn, Grau, Green, D., Green, R., Ham, Husser, Jackson, Johnson, A., Johnson, J., Kerrigan, Knowlton, Kramer, Krawcheck, Laurens, Lawrence, Leibowitz, Lucash, Lucy, Lyles, Mandell, McCormack, McGinley, Miller, Mitchell, Morris, V., Morse, Murdy, Pate, Pitts, Postell, Proctor, Ravel, Riley, Rosa, Saunders, Scott, Seguer, Smith, L., Sommer-Kresse, Standard, Stuhr, Sullivan, Tarleton, Taylor, Tecklenburg, Thomas, R., Van Rysselberge, Vaughan, von Werssowetz, Wertimer, Wilson, Wish, Zucker

**Out of Town Make-ups:**

None

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**Remember the 4-Way Test  
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