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What's Beyond the Headlines?

October 13, 2009: Today, we had the pleasure of being addressed by our Solicitor, for the 9th circuit, Scarlett Wilson. Scarlett was born and raised in Hemingway, South Carolina, attended Clemson University and continued on to attain her law degree at The University of South Carolina School of Law. Upon completing her education, Ms. Wilson clerked for a judge and went on to work for the US Attorney's office. In 2001, Scarlett was appointed as interim solicitor to the 9th circuit and in 2008 was elected to her first full term in office.



During her short time in office, Scarlett says "Numbers are great. We lead the state in trial convictions, and total convictions and we have moved more murder trials than ever before!" That being said, Scarlett noted that she could spend all day on statistics but what, perhaps, would be more enlightening would be a "day in the life" so to speak, a bird's eye view into the daily challenges of our legal system. To illustrate, Ms. Wilson used the following example: In 2001 a case was investigated where a young woman was coming home from work, on the phone with a friend, when a gun was put to her head and a man began demanding money. The victim was then beaten with a gun, raped and dragged into the woods to die. The woman later awoke, made her way to her apartment and called for help. She gave a statement to the police, provided DNA samples and pictures to authorities, but there were no suspects! Fast forward, five years later a man is being released from prison for a separate crime, a DNA test was required and run through the system, he was a match. For a solicitor this is a "slam dunk" case, you have a victim, a witness and good evidence, but when the state contacted the victim she "had moved on, she was engaged to be married, and was not willing to go to trial". Our solicitor contacted her parents, they begged that she not pressure their daughter who was "finally making progress, and was so fragile" as Scarlett said, "What do you do?" There are hard decisions to be made, in the end, after much negotiation, the solicitor's office made a deal sending the offender to jail for 15 years, and the potential to be committed for the rest of his life (because he is violent sexual predator). Scarlett pointed out that the news paper headline on this case may have read "solicitor makes deal with rapist for 15 years", but the other option was dragging this victim and her family through a trial that she did not think she could bare. Ms. Wilson, ask of us, as leaders to ask more questions, what else is there to the story? Scarlett also said "I recognize that I work for you, and I welcome individual (continued on page 2)

In other business. . .

Rob Dewey gave the invocation and led us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*. **Dyson Scott** introduced *visiting Rotarians & guests*. **Andy Brack** introduced our guest, **Scarlett Wilson**.

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President's Corner



President Kyra:

Presented the silver spoon award to **Richard Dowell** for his many years of leadership, heading up the Rotary Foundation. We currently lead the district in Foundation giving and have fully funded our Water Missions grant, Thanks Richard!



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?

questions, there are certainly conversations that I can have one on one with a citizen that I would not have with the press". The solicitor went on to explain that often times information is kept confidential to protect a case, it is most important to protect the case and preserve the right to appeal, and the state is much more likely to be affected by that than a defense attorney. During question and answer, Ms. Wilson briefly discussed the mayor's legislation in regards to searching prisoners on parole, she is in favor of the bill, the bill allows our officers to search prisoners who are serving the rest of their terms on our streets, and if they were in prison we could search their cell daily. Scarlett Wilson's office is working diligently to clean up our streets, but she must have the support of the community to do so!

Reported by Elizabeth Wooten Buwell, Keyway Committee

New Fundraiser Coming Soon:

Our fundraising committee has worked "behind the scenes" on a new big fundraiser for our club in the coming year. Our club will no longer be participating in Rotary Wheels, but will be partnering with the Red Cross and Charleston Riverdogs to host a ball drop at Joe Riley Stadium after a Riverdogs game in July. This will be a fun event similar to the Duck Race, but will involve foam balls being dropped into targets at the stadium. There will be sponsorship and volunteer opportunities, contact *Amy Riley* at riley.a@thomas-hutton.com

Don't Forget Our Schools:

Remember Our school partners, **James 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.

Chili Cook-Off - Get Hot:

Our Fall Social is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27th from 6pm-8pm at the Charleston Rifle Club. This will be held in lieu of our regular meeting that day. There is no charge for members, but spouses/guests are \$15.00. Members should RSVP to Carroll at chasrot@comcast.net or 971-4352 by Friday, October 23rd. Remember to get your team together for the Chili Cook-off ... we can't let Past President Andy Brack's team win again!

Contact a Member

Remember if you need contact information for any of our members, 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. If you have any questions, you can contact Carroll at chasrot@comcast.net or **Willis Cantey** at willis@canteytechnology.com

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

RCCF Money at Work:

On behalf of our club and the RCCF, Past President **Mark Smith** presented a check for \$2,000 to **Marybeth Dacey** and **Heather Griffin**, who were representing LifeManagement Center. Our club's donation will be used to address the need for reading intervention programs for at risk students by supporting several Reading Rewards programs in downtown Charleston middle schools. Congratulations to LifeManagement Center! We are pleased to support their efforts in our community.



Mary Beth Dacey (left) Heather Griffin (middle) of Life Management with Mark Smith

Our Members:

Our sincerest condolences go out to **Tom Waring** and his family – keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Alex Grimsley has been transferred on a temporary basis to the skilled nursing facility at Bishop Gadsden on James Island. He is in Room #304, Read Cloister. Please also keep him in your thoughts and prayers. We want to see him back at Rotary soon!

New Members:

President Kyra inducted two new members, **Derrick Sullivan** and **Matt McMaster**, into our club this past Tuesday. Derrick was sponsored by **Bucky Knowlton** and will hold the classification of Securities/Fund Management. **Lorraine Perry** sponsored Matt, who will hold the classification of Banking/Loan Officer. Congratulations and we welcome both of these members into Rotary.



Derrick Sullivan, left Matt McMaster, right

Birthdays

- Oct. 21 – Kathy Jones
- Oct. 22 – Jim Parker
- Oct. 23 – Brock Brockinton

Attendance October 6th

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- Alterman, Anderson, T., Anderson, I., Baldwin, Can- t-ey, Clement, L., Clymer, Coe, Coker, Condon, Crowe, Dukes, R., Echols, England, Fimian, Fishburne, Forbes, Gaillard, Galos, Gasperson, Gilbert, Gill, Ginn, Green, Green, Grose- close, Ham, Hawkins, Hood, Humphries, Husser, Jack- son, Ellen, Jenkins, Johnson, A., Johnson, B., Johnson, J., Kelley-Duncan, Kerrigan, Kramer, Krawcheck, Lau- rens, Lawrence, Leibowitz, Livingston, Lucash, Lyles, Mandell, McGinley, Mor- ing, Morris, V., Moss, Out- law, Pate, Peters, Postell, Riley, Rosa, Saboe, Siegel, Smith, L., Standard, Stuhr, Sullivan, Sumner, Taylor, Thomas, Trawick, Van Saun, von Werssowetz, Walker, Wertimer, Wish, Witte, Zucker

Out of Town Make-ups:

None

Wellness Tip of the Week:

Seven... The Dimensions of Total Wellness

The word "wellness" is generally defined as the process and end state of a quest for maximum human functioning that involves mind, body, and spirit.

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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