



The Keyway

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SC Chamber of Commerce 2010 Competitiveness Agenda

January 12, 2010: Mr. Rawl became President and CEO of SC Chamber on Oct. 1, 2008. There are 6,500 member companies in the Chamber, 90% of which are small businesses. He opened his presentation by stating that “We are here to stir things up.” He used Kyra’s silver spoon as an object lesson. He said that there needs to be a greater amount of accountability in Columbia, making sure that legislators come to our point of view. Mr. Rawl stated that the most important issue in the state is JOBS, that more jobs need to be created because we have one of the highest unemployment rates in the country. Other states have better jobs, more sustainable and long term jobs than we do. The arrival of GE and Boeing offer a great chance to turn things around and move forward. Mr. Rawl had several ideas that he feels are crucial to promoting our state; “the real thing we must do is elect a Governor that is pro-business, one who goes to bed at night thinking about how to bring new jobs into the state. Additionally, “we need a more energetic Dept. of Commerce, to develop more jobs. We need to develop more comprehensive tax reform policies. This would primarily have a major impact on the growth of small businesses”.



Otis Rawl

In the speaker’s opinion we need more economic development in the state. We are in the bottom 10 of all the states in corporate class action lawsuits. There needs to be an expansion of our port. This is not just an issue for Charleston, but for the entire state economy. Stabilize the port! The Dept. of Commerce does not have enough resources to develop new jobs in the state. The cost of energy is also a concern in the state.

Other major issues that Rawl mentioned were; the quality of employees . Where are we going to get a skilled workforce? The State demand for jobs will increase by 16% in the next 20 years. The state unemployment rate is currently at 12.3%. A reform of the SC Employment Security Commission is needed. There is a strain on our economic system because so many people are unemployed and receiving unemployment benefits.

Healthcare was another area of concern Mr. Rawl discussed. SC healthcare costs are the second highest expenditures for businesses after payroll. 98% of medium and large employers provide healthcare for their employees, and 720,000 people are uninsured in the state of SC. SC cigarette tax is 7 cents per pack. The state needs to raise that by 50 cents a pack to help pay for healthcare, Rawl encourages that the cigarette tax will pass this year.

Rawl feels that government restructuring is another must. There has been a \$2 Billion reduction in state revenue in the past two years and more constitutional officers need to be eliminated. The state needs to jointly elect the Governor and Lt. Governor and our state expense forecasting models have been flawed and procedures need to be improved. Rawl said that we need to protect SC workers from the dangerous federal employee Free Choice Act, or, “Card Check.” One other major issue Mr. Rawl spoke briefly about was CAP and TRADE. Mr. Rawl stated that CAP and TRADE would mean corporations would either fail or move off shore. Many industries would move to other countries. This would be an enormous burden on our citizens.

Submitted by: Bill Christian, Keyway Committee

Rotary Calendar

Jan. 19, 2010

Dr. Ann Kulze—“Living within Your Genes”

Jan. 26, 2010

Brad Reed & Mike Dickerman of WMI on our club’s Peru Project

In other business. . .

Bill Prewitt gave the invocation and led us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*. **Jim Buxton** introduced *visiting Rotarians & guests*. **Charles Van Rysselberge** introduced our guest, **Otis Rawl**, President and CEO, State of South Carolina Chamber of Commerce. .

President's Corner**President Kyra****From the President:**

During her last six months as President, Kyra plans to focus on how our club can create more of a focus and sharing in a good way of our members' vocations. If you have any suggestions of how this might be done, please let her know.

Mark Your Calendars:

The District 7770 Conference will be held the weekend of March 25-March 28th at the Myrtle Beach Hilton. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about Rotary and meet fellow Rotarians from around the state. More details on registration, etc. to come.

The Keyway**Rotary Takes a Second Look at Boeing:**

The Rotary Club of Charleston has decided to take a second look at the Boeing-Air idea. You may recall seeing an article a few weeks back in the Charleston Mercury by local attorney, Robert "Bobby" Pearce, that hatched the Boeing, Aeronautical Institute of Research (Boeing-AIR) concept here in Charleston. The board believes this idea has merit and asked **Paul Welborn** to chair a group of club members interested in forming a grass roots task force to ultimately help stand up a real Boeing-AIR. If you are interested in joining with Paul in this endeavor, please contact him at 566.9884.

Education Committee—Support our clothes drive:

Lorraine Perry announced that at upcoming meetings the Education committee will have a "clothes" receptacle to collect clothes for our parents from our two education partners. – Jane Simmons and Mitchell Elementary. Please support this project by bringing any gently worn adult clothing to Rotary. The new year is great time to declutter!

Members asked to support the Duck Drop Fundraiser:

Our club is excited about the opportunity to partner with the Daniel Island Club in their Duck Drop Fundraiser this summer. This is our one big fundraiser of the coming year and we need everyone's support and help to sell ducks. Our club has committed to selling 5,000 ducks. Just as active members were asked to support Rotary Wheels last year by purchasing one \$110 ticket, which was charged on their dues invoice. Active members this year are being charged \$110 on their invoices for the Duck Drop Fundraiser. \$110 buys each member 11 ducks. Members can choose to keep the ducks for themselves or sell them.

Silver Spoon Award:

Went to **Patterson Smith** for arranging free transportation allowing students from Mitchell Elementary to take a field trip to the Charleston Museum. Way to go, Patterson!

Congratulations:

Congratulations to **Brian Johnson**, who was confirmed by the board this week as our next President serving the 2010-2011 Rotary year. Also, congratulations to **Patterson Smith**, who was elected President-Elect for the 2010-2011 Rotary year. We appreciate both of these gentlemen's desire and willingness to lead our club in the upcoming year.

Welcome New Member:

President Kyra inducted a new member into our club today – **Ken Caldwell**. Ken, who will hold the classification of Document/Management, was sponsored by President Kyra. We congratulate Ken on joining Rotary and welcome him into our club!

*Pres. Kyra & Patterson**Ken Caldwell & Pres. Kyra*

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

Rotary Gives Back:

On behalf of our club and the Rotary Club of Charleston Fund, **Past President Mark Smith** presented two checks this past Tuesday – \$1,500 to Gene Furchgott with Yo Art Project and \$1,500 to Paul Stoney with the Cannon Street YMCA. Our contribution to Yo Arts will be used on a 14-week course for 30 disadvantaged school children. The Cannon Street YMCA will use our contribution to paint an used school bus that will pick up and drop off youth in various neighborhoods. Congratulations to both Yo Arts and Cannon Street YMCA! We are pleased to support their efforts in our community.



L to R: Gene Furchgott, Paul Stoney, Mark Smith

Member Contact Information Reminder:

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

Member News:

With much regret, the board accepted resignations from **Bob Baldwin**, **Julee Johnson** and **Wayne Outlaw**. We will miss these Rotarians and wish them all the best. **Brent Boyd** and **Tony Holz** were approved for leave of absences. Please keep **Tony Holz**, who is undergoing open heart surgery this week, and **Fred Sales**, who had a shoulder replacement this past week, in your thoughts and prayers. Also, our thoughts continue to be with **Conrad Zimmerman** and **Alex Grimsley**.

Dues Invoices:

January dues invoices were distributed this past Tuesday. If you were not present, the invoice was mailed to you. Please be sure that payment is made promptly (within 30 days). As a special note, the optional contributions to the Rotary Foundation and the Rotary Club of Charleston Fund are listed on a separate invoice. This change is done for internal accounting purposes only. Members can still include payment for these contributions with their dues check.

Wellness Tip:

5 Tips To Conquer Your Commute

Whether it's a trip across town or an hour each way to work, endless commuting has become second nature to many working Americans.

<http://conquer-your-commute.rotarywellness.info>

Birthdays

- Jan. 19 – Robin Freer
- Jan. 19 – Anita Zucker

Attendance January 12, 2010

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Members Absent:

- Alterman, Anderson, T., Atkins, Berlin, Boyd, Cantey, Clement, L., Coe, Condon, Cook, Crowe, DiMaggio, Dowell, Edwards, England, Fishburne, Forbes, Gaillard, Barnes Gailiard, Gasperson, Gilbert, Gill, Green, D., Green, R., Greene, L., Ham, Hawkins, Holz, Hood, Jenkins, Jervey, Johnson, A., Jones, Kerrigan, Krawcheck, Lansu, Laurens, Lawrence, Leibowitz, Lyles, Mandell, McGinley, Medich, Mills, Mitchell, Morse, Murdy, Pate, Postell, Riley, Rosa, Saunders, Scott, Seguer, Siegel, Smith, L., Standard, Stevens, Sullivan, Sullivan, von Werssowetz, Walker, Zucker

Out of Town Make-ups:

None

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in all you do.**

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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