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Rotary Calendar

February 16, 2010
Col. Ben Wham

February 23, 2010
Harris Pastides, USC

March 3, 2010
TBD

March 10, 2010
Mike Veeck,
Charleston River Dogs

Expand Your Mind with ACLU

February 9, 2010: Andy Brack introduced our speaker: Victoria Middleton from the ACLU. Andy mentioned that she was working on such issues at requiring all voters to have a photo ID to present at a voting station prior to their being able to cast a vote. The ACLU is very opposed to this.



Victoria Middleton

Victoria began by asking the question: What does the ACLU stand for? Her response was that it stood for conserving principles underlying our democracy. She said that they want to expand a lively debate in SC. She spent 20 years overseas. She told the story about when she returned from serving in Finland and took her family on a tour of Washington, DC. While at the National Archives she saw the Declaration of Independence and noted what a strong and vital document it is.

She spoke of the rights of individuals, their speech, religion, and other freedoms. She spoke about the ACLU's desire to maintain the rights of minorities of all kinds... they defend issues or minorities such as: the Ku Klux Klan, Nazi's, Rush Limbaugh, Ollie North, and the Roman Catholic Church. They defend rights that are really important to all individuals.

The ACLU began defending conscientious objectors in WWII. On war and terror, they defend Habeas Corpus (can't indefinitely hold a suspect without charging them of a criminal offence). She cited many, many cases over the years that they have defended.

1987: ACLU vs. Rotary, re: inclusion of women in the club.

1993: Helping Shannon Faulkner in her attempt to become the first female cadet at the Citadel.

Currently, they are looking into the over-incarcerations of criminals (too many criminals for minimal crimes such as drug charges that she said should NOT require jail time). She said that too many children (under 17) are being sent to juvenile detention. She said that the ACLU is attempting to keep outside intruders from entering schools. She's concerned about the right to privacy in our state and the government's ability to store our personal data.

She told the story about her conversation with a 97 year old member of the ACLU, a former corporate counsel for TWA, asking him what his priorities were. He stated that there were two. 1. The First Amendment; 2. Women's reproductive freedom which he saw as an individual freedom that should not be taken away.

Local issue: Discrimination on race or sexual orientation for employment.

The Question was asked: How does the ACLU decide to take a specific case? She cited several steps they take ranging from equality issues to privacy issues to personal freedom.

Submitted by Bill Christian, Keyway Committee

In other business. . .

Colleen Moring gave the invocation and led us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*. **Teal Van Saun** introduced *visiting Rotarians & guests*. **Andy Brack** introduced our guest, Victoria Middleton with the ACLU.

President's Corner



President Kyra:

Looking Ahead

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.

District Conference

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. If you would like to attend, please let Carroll know and she will register you for the conference.

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Announcements

Paul Harris Fellows :

President Kyra recognized the following members with Paul Harris Fellows for their contributions to our club and to the Rotary Foundation - **Angel Postell, Rhett Dunaway, and Barbara Kelly-Duncan. Bill Prewitt** was recognized with a Paul Harris Fellow + 1.



Barbara Kelly-Duncan, Bill Prewitt, Angel Postell, Rhett Dunaway

Support Our Clothing Drive:

The Education Committee is continuing to collect clothing for our parents from our two education partners. – Jane Simmons and Mitchell Elementary. Please support this project by bringing any gently worn clothing to Rotary.

Follow Rotary's World Peace Scholar:

Keely Robinson, who is the RI World Peace Scholar sponsored by our club, has a set up a blog to keep our members abreast of her studies and work while she is abroad. Her blog is entitled Way South of the Border at:

www.waysouthoftheborder.blogspot.com

She would like all club members to be able to read this while she is away studying and hopes you will send any comments and suggestions as she progresses with her work and studies.

Aeronautical Institute of Research:

The Rotary Club of Charleston Aeronautical Institute of Research steering committee has decided that our name should be Carolina-AIR to depict representation of the entire state in an attempt to include all South Carolina Aviation Cluster companies and supporting organizations. The group is currently meeting periodically to further "Refine the Vision". If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please contact **Paul Welborn** at 843.566.9884.

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 adopt ducks. Our club has committed to adopting 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 asked to make a contribution of \$110 on their invoices for the Duck Drop Fundraiser. \$110 allows each member to adopt 11 ducks. Members can choose to keep the ducks for themselves or give them up for adoption.

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

Silver Spoon Award:

Merrill Wish was presented with the Silver Spoon this week for his letters and attention to membership & Rotary.



Merrill Wish & Kyra

Member Information:

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

Helping in the Haiti Disaster:

Many of you have inquired about how our clubs can help with the tragic situation in Haiti. Alan received e-mails from his fellow DG in that area, and to say circumstances are dire is a massive understatement. Our district is setting up a fund for Haiti Relief as part of the overall Rotary response. If our club or individual Rotarians would like to participate, please send your checks payable to District 7770 to District Treasurer Ed Dowaschinski at PO Box 7137, Hilton Head Island, SC 29938 and mark it for Haiti Disaster Relief. Our District will probably send \$150,000 to \$200,000 worth of goods down to Haiti in the next 2 days, but it will cost us close to \$50,000 to do so. The \$50,000 will get the goodwill on the ground where the needy will actually benefit and they will do so while the need is still there. Without it, we would have \$200,000 sitting in a warehouse. A point to remember! Goods in a warehouse while they rebuild the port or arrange for shipping after commercial shipping opens will be too late for anybody..... *Let's keep them in our prayers and*

Birthdays

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

Attendance

Feb. 9, 2010
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Members Absent

- Anderson, T., Anderson, A., Anderson, I., Berlin, Bleecker, Boyd, Brown, E., Bullard, Burt, Cantey, Chapman, Coker, Crowe, Dallis, Dopp, Dukes, Echols, Edwards, England, Fimian, Fishburne, Forbes, Gaillard, Barnes Gailliard, Gilbert, Gill, Ginn, Green, D., Green, R., Greene, G., Ham, Hawkins, Holz, Hood, Husser, Jenkins, Johnson, A., Johnson, B., Kaiser, Kerrigan, Kramer, Krawcheck, Laurens, Lawrence, Leibowitz, Livingston, Lucash, Lucy, Lyles, Mandell, McCormack, McGinley, McKelvey, McMaster, Mills, Morris, V., Murdy, Pate, Peters, Ravenel, Riley, A., Rosa, Rosen, Siegel, Smith, L., Smith, M., Sommer-Kresse, Standard, Stevens, Strickland, Sullivan, Sullivan, Sumner, Thomas, L., Trawick, Ustin, von Werssowetz, Weldon, Wilson, Yarborough, Zucker

Out of Town Make Ups:

None

Wellness Tip of the Week:

9 Easy Ways To Reduce Fatigue:

To help ensure sound sleep, establish a consistent bedtime routine like a hot bath or shower, music, or perhaps a warm decaffeinated drink -- anything to help you relax.

<http://reduce-fatigue.rotarywellness.info>

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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