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Observations of a Deployer

February 16, 2010: **Jim Geffert** introduced our speaker, **Col. Benjamin Wham II**, who gave us an intimate soldiers eye view of what it is like to deploy to and live in Iraq and Afghanistan. A graduate of The Citadel, he holds a BS degree in Civil Engineering and is a part of team Charleston, a group of 7142 service personnel assigned to the Joint Base Charleston.



Col. Benjamin Wham

He has spent a tour in Iraq and one in Afghanistan but told us primarily about his time in Iraq starting with the long journey by C-17 aircraft, which is not as nice as commercial coach, but at least you can stretch your legs. His base was located SE of Bagdad and had two airstrips. Seen from the air, it is a virtual tent city. The tents are comfortable but the temperature inside in the daytime is 140 degrees! Nearby are 4000 year old antiquities such as a pyramid, the house of Abraham and the nearby Euphrates River. Immediately next to a tent was the test firing range with an image of Saddam as the target.

Rotary Calendar

February 23, 2010
Harris Pastides, USC

March 2, 2010
TBD

March 9, 2010
Mike Veeck,
Charleston River
Dogs

The good part is the comradeship of those with whom you serve, and the visits from celebrities who often took the names of the troops back to the USA and called the families. The bad would be the heat and finding bats in your tent. The strange is living through a three day sand storm during which everything looks yellow and the sand gets in your hair, eyes and mouth. It also seemed strange to get water from a hand pumped 100 year old well.



One of their proud accomplishments was the renovation of a school and getting the children back to classes. But the danger remains, with the ever present chance of coming upon a roadside bomb, which can be hidden in anything,

Reported by Fred Sales, Keyway Committee

In other business. . .

Frank Bullard gave the invocation and led us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*. **Fred Sales** introduced visiting *Rotarians & guests*. **Jim Geffert** introduced our guest, **Col. Ben Wham** with the Air Force, based in Charleston

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

Water Missions Report:

Molly Greene, wife of member **George Greene**, from WMI told us that 68 water systems are either operational in Haiti or on the way. The goal is provide water for 500,000 people. 97% of the funds collected for this drive have gone directly into the production of the water systems.

Support Our Clothing Drive:

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

Follow Rotary's World Peace Scholar on the Web:

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.

Member News:

With much regret, the board accepted resignations from the following members – **Al Steinberg** and **Alison Standard**. We will miss them and wish them all the best.

Our sincerest condolences to **Bill Scarborough** and his family on the recent death of his father. Please continue to keep them all in your thoughts and prayers.

Rotary Grant Applications Due:

The Rotary Club of Charleston Fund (RCCF) is accepting requests for grants. Interested organizations are required to submit a Letter of Inquiry and a complete grant application prior to March 1 to be considered. The application form and other details regarding the process can be found on our club's website – www.charleston-rotary.org.

Dues are Past Due:

As a reminder, dues are now past due. If you have not paid your January dues, please make an effort to do so as soon as possible.

Polio Day Proclamation:

This week is Polio Awareness Week and Governor Mark Sanford has declared February 23rd, 2010 Rotary Polio Eradication Day.



Molly Greene

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:

Past President Andy Brack was presented with the Silver Spoon this week for his continuing service to our Rotary Club



Andy Brack

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 chas-rot@comcast.net or Willis Cantey at willis@canteystechnology.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 thoughts.*

Wellness Tip of the Week:
Aqua Jogging
Want an exercise that promotes perfect posture, eliminates pounding on joints, and can be done whether you are a world-class triathlete or weekend warrior?
<http://aqua-jogging.rotarywellness.info>

Birthdays

February 24- Dennis Feinberg
Feb. 28 - Earl Walker

Attendance

Feb. 16, 2010
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Members Absent

Anderson, T., Atkins, Berlin, Brown, E., Burwell, Buxton, Clymer, Coker, Condon, Crowe, Dallis, DeBiasi, DiMaggio, Dowell, Dukes, G., Edwards, Elsassner, England, Fimian, Fishburne, Forbes, Gaillard, Barnes-Gailliard, Galos, Gasperson, Gilbert, Gill, Ginn, Green, D., Green, R., Greene, L., Greene, G., Ham, Hawkins, Holz, Hood, Husser, Johnson, A., Jones, Kaiser, Kelley-Duncan, Kerrigan, Kramer, Krawcheck, Laurens, Lawrence, Leibowitz, Livingston, Lucash, Lyles, Mandell, McGinley, McMaster, Medich, Mills, Moring, Moss, Oswald, Pate, Postell, Prewitt, Ravenel, Riley, J., Rosa, Saunders, Schaefer, Siegel, Smith, L., Stevens, Strickland, Sumner, Taylor, Van Rysselberge, Van Saun, von Werssowetz, Walker, Wilson, Witte, Zucker

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