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The University of South Carolina; Where Business and Education Intersect

February 23, 2010: Harris Pastides, President of the University of South Carolina, addressed our club today, and shared with us the most recent updates from the University of South Carolina and his thoughts about where the institution is headed and how it effects leaders in business.

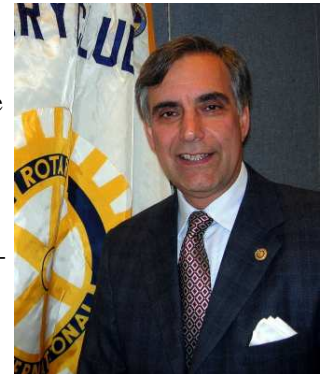
Just a year ago Pastides was quoted saying “it’s the best of times, it’s the worst of times” yesterday he laughed, saying “I don’t know why I said the best of times”. USC has experienced \$75 million in cuts from state appropriations and there are more on the horizon, estimated to be another 20%. Reductions drop state funding to half of what it was just 20 months ago when Pastides became President, and only 10% of the entire budget is funded by the state. The University President quipped “in the beginning these institutions were state supported, then state assisted and soon they will just be state located”. The frustration is evident and real as the institution struggles with the best way to cope with diminishing funds, and there are multiple schools of thought on how to proceed.

Pastides addressed the South Carolina Assembly seeking a compromise of sorts, offering to keep tuition as low as possible (especially for state residents) in exchange for a commitment to increase funding to a level comparable with other southern, state supported schools, when the economy recovers. No promises have been made. That being said USC remains open, research is under way and in the presidents words “the student are our pillar”. Gamecocks raised \$140,000 in a dance marathon for children’s health, and thousands of dollars for Haiti hosting a battle of the bands competition, in addition to spirit and character the average SAT score for admission into the University of South Carolina Honors College is 1420. The school was named #32 in Top Value Education by Kiplingers, and would have been closer to the top; the schools holding the first, second, and third position boast tuitions of less than half of USC’s and that is directly related to the large amount of state funds those institutions receive.

The circumstances above bring the University to a cross roads, even the trustees are divided on which way to proceed. Some believe that with less money from the state the school must do less. For example: if faculty cannot be replaced then fewer student should be admitted, another option increase tuition to offset the lack of state monies (calculations estimate that tuition would have to be increased 60% to make up the difference), or increase out of state admissions (leaving fewer spots for South Carolinians). The opposition says “don’t do that”, the University has been providing public education since 1805 before the states of New York or Massachusetts, yet we need more education. USC’s eight campuses will educate 43,400 people this year, 40% if in state students attend Carolina, but still, only 25% of adults in our state have a college degree. Pastides agrees with the second group, and has allocated \$1,000,000 from athletics to academics these funds will be used to aid dedicated students in paying tuition that would otherwise be forced to withdraw.

Pastides will remain focused on the total student and the total education. A profitable work place starts with an educated work force.

Reported by Elizabeth Wooten Burwell, Keyway Committee



Harris Pastides

In other business. . .

Earl Walker gave the invocation and led us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*. **Bill Christian** introduced visiting *Rotarians & guests*. **Dan Ravenel** introduced our guest, **Harris Pastides**, President of The University of South Carolina.

President's Corner



President Kyra:

Rotary Grants

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.

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:

Teacher of the Month:

On behalf of our club and the Education Committee, **Tom Sweeny**, recognized Melissa Black as our February Teacher of the Month from Mitchell Elementary School. We appreciate her effort to improve student achievement in our community.



Nancy McGinley, Melissa Black, Dirk Bedford, Tom Sweeny

Support Our Clothing Drive and Job Fair:

The Education Committee is sponsoring a job fair. They will provide training for interview skills, how to dress, and how to fill out applications. CARTA will be there helping people with the routes to potential jobs. Employers will be represented. A nursery will be provided, and a simple breakfast and lunch will be served. **We need your help to make this a success. If you're an employer, or know a potential employer, please get involved. If you have good business clothes to donate, these are still needed. If you can volunteer and want to know more about how to help contact Stephanie Wilson @ sygwilson@gmail.com**

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.

Rotary Duck Race:

We have ducks – cute little ducks that need adopting. Our Duck's foster parents are Tom Clymer @ tom.clymer@wachovia.com 843-727-1069; Hilton Smith @ hsmith3@eastbaycompany.com; and Amy Riley @ riley.a@thomas-hutton.com. They will help you adopt your special duck and get it to a good home. Leigh Schaefer @ lshaefer@elliottdavis.com is the Adoption Administrator. She will make sure everything goes smoothly.

Polio Proclamation:

South Carolina has a direct connection to the eradication of polio: Dr. Albert Sabin, who discovered the oral polio vaccine worked from 1974-1982 as a Research Professor at the [Medical University of South Carolina](http://www.medicaluniversityofsouthcarolina.edu). Sabin Street is named in Dr. Sabin's honor. We want to do something else to bring Rotary's valiant efforts for the Polio fight to the public's attention. If anyone has any ideas, please contact Jodie-Beth Galos @ Jodiebeth@jbgalos.com or Patterson Smith @ pattersonsmithco@aol.com.

Rotary Foundation - Give the gift that truly gives back :

A group of very generous Rotarians in our district have donated a total of **50,000+** Foundation Recognition points to a district pool to be used to match individual contributions of at least **\$100**. The contributions can be designated to either the **Annual Programs Fund (APF)** or to **Polio**. As of today, **32** Rotarians from **13** clubs have used **13,230** points to become a PHF/Multiple PHF, to make someone else a PHF, or to move closer to becoming a PHF/Multiple PHF. This means that an additional **\$13,230** has been contributed to help our Foundation do good in the world. Contact Andy Anderson @ aainsser@aol.com or Kyra Morris @ Kyra.Morris@MFCPlanners.com to learn more.

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

Paul Harris Fellows:

Congratulations to **Peter Lucash** and **Nancy McGinley** for becoming Paul Harris Fellows. Thank you for your dedication to Rotary.

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

Welcome New Members:

We welcomed two new members into our club this past Tuesday – **Wendy Kopp** and **Anthony Juliana**. Wendy was sponsored by **Lorraine Perry**, but introduced by **Past President Andy Brack** in Lorraine's absence. She will hold the classification of Securities/Fund Management. **Bill Prewitt** sponsored Anthony Juliana, who will hold the classification of Eleemosynary/Executive. We congratulate both of these new members on becoming a part of Rotary.



Andy Brack, Wendy Kopp, Anthony Juliana, Bill Prewitt

PROPOSED NEW MEMBERS:

Name: **Conrad Festa**
Address: PO Box 1746, Folly Beach, SC 29439
Class.: Educ/Consulting
Sponsor: Kyra Morris

Name: **Mark G. Danes**
Address: The Citadel, 171 Moultrie St., Chas., SC 29409
Class.: Educ/Military College
Sponsor: Robin Freer

Any comments regarding proposed new member may be directed to the board of directors in writing.

Member News:

Please keep **Johnny Jordan** in your thoughts and prayers as he awaits lung surgery.

Wellness Tip of the Week:
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Proceed With Caution: Annuities come in many shapes and sizes. They can be quite beneficial if purchased for the right reasons.
<http://annuities-caution.rotarywellness.info>

Birthdays

- March 2 – Kathleen Forbes
- March 5 – Tom Waring
- March 6 – Steve Coe
- March 7 – Russell Rosen

Attendance

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Members Absent

- Alterman, Anderson, T., Anderson, A., Berlin, Bryan, Burt, Butts, Chapman, Crowe, Dallis, Dewey, Dukes, Dukes, Edwards, Elsasser, England, Fimian, Fishburne, Forbes, Gaillard, Gasperson, Gill, Ginn, Green, D., Green, R., Greene, G., Greene, L., Groseclose, Ham, Hawkins, Holz, Hood, Husser, Jervey, Johnson, A., Kelley-Duncan, Kramer, Krawcheck, Laurens, Lawrence, Leibowitz, Livingston, Lucy, Mandell, Mills, Moring, Pate, Peters, Postell, Riley, A., Rosa, Saunders, Seguer, Siegel, Smith, L, Smith, P., Sommer-Kresse, Sullivan, D., Sullivan, S., Taylor, Van Rysselberge, Van Saun, von Wersowetz, Wertimer, Wilson, Yarborough, 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