



The Keyway

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Come Laugh with The Charleston Riverdogs

March 9, 2010: Dave Echols introduced Mike Veeck, Owner and President of the Charleston Riverdogs, as our guest speaker.

Mike began by telling several Rotary jokes and a few jokes about Club Rotarians that he knows. He then told several jokes and humorous stories about his days in Chicago.

His theme was that for the past 14 years he's been trying to make the people of Charleston laugh. He said that people love the sound of laughter. His goal is to try to make people laugh to bring them into the stadium to see ballgames.

Mr. Veeck's presentation was a series of unrelated stories and humorous experiences he has had in life, particularly revolving around his career in working with several baseball franchises.

Mr. Veeck stated that he has been in Charleston for 13 years now and that attendance at Riverdogs games has increased every year that he has been here.

Mr. Veeck stated that these are not the worst of times but the best of times. Before his father died he told him to "be happy." He said that he tries to share compassion and joy with others... that's what life is all about.

In the question/answer period, he was asked what it would take to go from a single A team to a double A team. His answer was that they would like to become a double A team, however, to obtain that status, the Riverdogs would have to maintain a 300,000 per year attendance record. Currently the attendance is at 280,000 annually.

Reported by: William K. Christian, III Keyway Committee



Michael Veeck, President of Charleston Riverdogs

Rotary Calendar

March 16, 2010
**Shelagh Gallagher,
Palmetto Scholars
Academy**

March 23, 2010
TBD

March 26—28, 2010
**District Conference in
Myrtle Beach**

March 27, 2010
Job Fair

March 30, 2010
**Dr. Allan Shao, Dean of
College of Charleston
School of Business**

In other business. . .

Johnny Stuhr gave the invocation and led us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*. **Past President Andy Brack** introduced visiting *Rotarians & guests*. **David Echols** introduced our guest, **Mike Veeck**, President of The Charleston Riverdogs.

President's Corner



President Kyra: 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.

Follow Rotary's World Peace Scholar:

Keely Robinson, who is the RI World Peace Scholar sponsored by our club, has 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.

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Announcements

Support Our Clothing Drive and Job Fair:

The Education Committee is sponsoring a job fair on March 27th. 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**

Rotary Duck Race:

With the Charity Duck Race scheduled for June 12 our club is "quacking up" its efforts to help individuals adopt ducks. Tom Clymer spoke to the club about the following this week:

- * Our club has been divided into 10 teams, each lead by a current or incoming board member, to attend various events to "Adopt Ducks." You will be hearing from your individual team captains to discuss your individual team's efforts. We look forward to some interesting competition amongst the teams!
- * Sponsors to date are Morris Financial Concepts, Wachovia, Knight Printing and McGuire & Co. CPA - Thank you for your support! We continue to seek sponsors, for questions contact either Amy Riley (riley.a@thomasandhutton.com) or Tom Clymer (tom.clymer@wachovia.com).
- * Thank you to each Rotarian who has generously sent in a contribution with their dues in support of this event. We will need to know for whose benefit you have adopted the ducks, thus please e-mail Leigh Schaefer (lschaefer@elliottdavis.com) these names. Those members who have adopted ducks will soon receive a reminder from Tom Clymer on this. If we haven't received a specific designation from you by May 1 we will assume it is your personal name.
- * As a participating club we will be assisting in preparing the ducks for the race (cleaning and re-tagging) beginning March 22. Look for more details forthcoming from Tom Clymer. We appreciate the members who have already expressed interest in assisting.

Silver Spoon:

President Kyra presented **Ken Caldwell** with this week's Silver Spoon Award for stepping in so graciously to take the clothes being brought in for the job fair to the Food Bank every week. The Food Bank is our "holding area" for the clothes until the event.



Ken Caldwell & President 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 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.

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

Member Updates:

With much regret the board accepted resignations from **Roger Hawkins, Philip Lawrence** and **John Rosa**. We will miss having them as members of our club and wish them all the best!

Please continue to keep **Conrad Zimmerman, Johnny Jordan, Alex Grimsley** and **Tony Holz** in your thoughts and prayers.

New Paul Harris Fellow Recognized:

Congratulations to **Bill Trawick**, who was recognized by President Kyra this past Tuesday with a Paul Harris Fellow. His generous contributions to the Rotary Foundation and to our club are much appreciated!



Bill Trawick

Proposed New Members:

Name: **William "Bill" A. Hall**
Address: Hall Chophouse, 434 King St., Chas., SC 29401
Class.: Restaurant/Management
Sponsor: Patterson Smith

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

Birthdays

- March 18 – Sue Sommer-Kresse
- March 19 – Andy Anderson
- March 21 – Leslie Fellabom
- March 22 – Jerry Nuss

Attendance

March 9, 2010
106

Members Absent

- Anderson, T., Anderson, I., Berlin, Brown, E., Bryan, Bullard, Burwell, Buxton, Cantey, Chapman, Coe, Condon, Crowe, Dewey, Edwards, Elsasser, Fimian, Fishburne, Gaillard, Geffert, Gilbert, Gill, Ginn, Green, D., Holz, Hood, Jenkins, Johnson, A., Juliana, Kerrigan, Kramer, Krawcheck, Lansu, Laurens, Lawrence, Leibowitz, Mandell, McGinley, Mills, Moring, Morse, Murdy, Pate, Peters, Postell, Riley, J., Saboe, Saunders, Seguer, Siegel, Smith, L., Strickland, Sumner, Tecklenberg, Thomas, Van Saun, von Werssowetz, Weldon, Wertimer, Wilson, Wish, Witte, Yarborough

Out of Town Make Ups:
None

Wellness Tip of the Week:

The Truth About Tobacco Use

In the U.S., about 440,000 people die a tobacco-related death every year.

<http://medical-billing.rotarywellness.info>

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**Remember the 4-Way Test
in all you do.**

WE'RE ON THE WEB:

WWW.CHARLESTON-ROTARY.ORG

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