



The Keyway

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Rotary Calendar

- May 11, 2010**
 Recognizing Rotary Service Above Self Scholars
- May 18, 2010**
 Civil War Series with Dr. Nic Butler of Chas. County Library on Music during the Civil War
- May 25, 2010**
 Honoring Charleston County Teacher of Year & Honor Roll Guests

HEALTH CARE REFORMS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

David Dunlap, CEO of the Roper St Frances Hospital, spoke about Health Care Reform. The Roper system has 5000 employees in 90 locations in 7 counties. Locally, the company includes Roper Hospital, St. Frances in West Ashley and the soon to be completed hospital in Mt. Pleasant.



David Dunlap

While no one ever asks for the cheapest services when faced with a cancer operation, those same people will dub the hospital bill “outrageous”. The system is broken, but the opinions on how to fix it are varied. Currently, health care in SC is provided in three ways: 2.2 million people receive it by employer based plans, which came into being during WWII when employers could not raise wages so they offered health benefits instead; 1.2 million get government sponsored plans through Medicare, Medicaid, Tri-Care or VA [military retirees]; 178,000 people buy private plans in the market. This leaves 760,000 in SC with no coverage: 557,000 are working taxpayers who have no job benefits and cannot afford plans, 357,000 people at the poverty level and the remainder who are poor single folks without children who are not eligible for anything.

The final group are covered by the EMTALA act of 1986 by the Federal government which forbids hospitals to deny medical services to those in need. In the last year SC hospitals spent 1 billion dollars on those people who paid nothing for their care. This cost is simply passed on to the bills of those who do pay. In 1999 the premiums for those with work related plans cost about \$1500, with the employer share being \$4200. In 2009 the employee share had gone to \$3500 with the employer now paying \$9800 per policy. This astronomical escalation of costs is simply not sustainable. The system as we know it, though medically superior, is broken.

This brings us to the new Federal Health Care Law of 2010. First David discussed the myths, **which are false**; there will be no choice in providers, there will be death panels, illegal immigrants will get free health care, there will be federal funds for abortion, health care will be rationed, according to Mr. Dunlap the above statements are simply not correct. Here are the facts; coverage will not be denied due to pre-existing conditions; children can stay on parents' policy until age 26; no higher premiums based upon gender or past medical history; no annual or lifetime limits to coverage; ability to shop among private carriers for policies [no public option]; there is an individual mandate, i.e. all must participate and not just wait until sick to start paying for medical costs; tax credits for employers with small businesses; state's share of Medicaid paid for by the Federal government starting in 2014, with a declining assistance after 2016. There are other changes associated with the new plan for employers, physicians and patients. Employers will pay less for their share of an employees coverage,

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In other business. . .

Dan Ravenel gave the invocation and led us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*. **Digit Matheny** introduced visiting *Rotarians & guests*. **Jeremy Cook** introduced our speaker, David Dunlap of Roper St Frances Hospital.

President's Corner



President Kyra:

Upcoming Meetings:

Board Meeting:

May 11 at 11:00

Program Committee:

May 18 at 11:30

Membership Committee:

May 18 at 11:30

Education Committee:

May 18 at 1:30 PM

Veteran's Committee:

May 25 at 11:30 PM

Join a Committee, Get Involved:

The incoming board will hold their planning retreat on April 30th and will begin focusing on the upcoming Rotary year. If you are interested in serving as a chairperson of a committee or you are just interested in becoming part of a committee, please let Brian or a board member know. The board wants to get everyone involved in our club in the upcoming year!

The Four Way Test

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

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Announcements

Silver Spoon:

The Silver Spoon winner was **Jeremy Cook** for his service, especially on the Scholarship Committee. Thank you, Jeremy, for all you do!!



Pres. Kyra & Jeremy Cook

Proposed New Member

Name: **Angela Kirk**

Address: 1324 Telfair Way, Charleston, SC

Class.: Consultant/International Business

Sponsor: Andy Brack

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

Grant Presentations:

On behalf of our club and the Rotary Club of Charleston Fund, **Past President Mark Smith** presented grant checks to two local organizations this past Tuesday. Our club donated \$1,000 to the American Lung Association to cover the cost of 1-2 campers from low income families to attend Camp Puff 'n Stuff this summer. At this camp, campers learn how to control their asthma to reduce emergency room visits and absenteeism from school. Our club also donated \$1,500 to Carolina Youth Development for books that would benefit 50 children from North Charleston in the Freedom School program. Congratulations to both American Lung Association and Carolina Youth Development Center! We are pleased to support their efforts in our community.



Rebecca Downs (Am. Lung Assoc), Kate Lloyd (CYDC) and Mark Smith

Special Recognition:



Robert & Kyra Morris & AG Gene Pardee

Assistant District Governor Gene Pardee recognized **President Kyra** and her husband Rob as Rotary Bequest Society members. Members or couples can become Bequest Society members by completing a form committing \$10,000 or more in their estate plans. Members can also become a Rotary Benefactor by making the Permanent Fund a beneficiary in their estate plans or by donating \$1000 or more to the fund outright. If you want to learn more, go to www.rotary.org.

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

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hospitals should have less debt, doctors will be paid for performance not volume of tests, see an increase in volume, and receive less compensation on specialty care. Patients and tax payers should see an increase in the populations coverage and perhaps a tax increase down the road.

Mr. Dunlap's predictions There will be continuing evolving changes. Many people will still delay getting medical care when they need it. Mental Health care is still not receiving improvements in coverage. Doctors may receive less reimbursement per patient. Intermediate medical service personnel such as nurse practitioners and physicians assistants will increase in number.

Reported by Fred Sales, Keyway Committee

Program and Speakers Survey:

Bruce Murdy announced that the program committee for the upcoming year is already hard at work scheduling speakers for the year. A survey was distributed for members present to complete and return. If you were not at the meeting, the survey will also be sent via e-mail to the membership. Please take a few minutes to complete and return the survey. The committee would appreciate your input on the kinds of programs that interest our membership.

Visit Ambassadorial & Peace Scholar Blogs:

Both our Ambassadorial Scholar, Rachel Ward, and our RI World Peace Scholar, Keely Robinson, have set up blogs to keep our membership abreast of their studies and work while abroad. Be sure to visit often to read about their experiences.

Keely Robinson's blog entitled Way South of the Border at www.waysouthoftheborder.blogspot.com.

Rachel Ward's blog can be found at www.serendipitoussenderos.blogspot.com

Rotary Wine Appreciation Fellowship:

John Blecker has graciously offered his lovely oceanfront home on Isle of Palms (2500 Palm Blvd.) to do a Wine Tasting and PolioPlus Fund Raiser on Wednesday, May 19th from 6:30 - 8:30pm. The cost is \$25 for RWAFF members and \$30 non-members (All the wine and food will be donated. Therefore 100% of your contribution will go to Polio Eradication). Please contact President Kyra at kyra.morris@mfcplanners.com to ask questions and indicate your interest. This event is open to all Rotaries - and to all friends and family.

Wellness Tip:

Exercise & Baby Boomers

In January 2006, the first wave of America's 79 million baby boomers turned 60. Below, you'll find some exercise facts for the older adult

<http://exercise-baby-boomers.rotarywellness.info>

Birthdays

May 11 – David Cohen
May 12 – Michael Leibowitz

Attendance

April 27, 2010
114

Members Absent

Atkins, Bailey, Berlin, Boyd, Caldwell, Clement, Condon, Crowe, Dewey, Di Maggio, Dukes, R., Edwards, Elsasser, England, Fimian, Fishburne, Gailard, Barner Gailliard, Galos, Gasperson, Gill, Ginn, Green, D., Greene, L., Greene, G., Hall, Ham, Husser, Jackson, Johnson, A., Juliana, Kerrigan, Kopp, Krawcheck, Laurens, Leibowitz, Lyles, Mandell, McGinley, McMaster, Mitchell, Postell, Riley, A., Rosen, Saunders, Savage, Siegel, Smith, L., Strickland, Sullivan, Sweeny, Thomas, R., Van Rysselberge, Van Saun, von Werssowetz, Weldon, Wertimer, Wilson, Wish, Witte, Zucker

Out of Town Make-Ups:

Charles Kaiser – Weston, FL

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**Remember the 4-Way Test
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