

Soundings

August 10, 2006

Song Leader.....Bill Standen

Invocation.....John Jakes

♪ YOU'RE A GRAND OLD FLAG ♪

You're A Grand Old Flag,
You're a high flying flag,
And forever, in peace, may you wave;
You're the emblem of the land I love,
The home of the free and the brave.
Ev'ry heart beats true,
Under Red, White and Blue;
Where there's never a boast or brag;
But should auld acquaintance be forgot,
Keep your eye on the grand old flag.

**TODAY'S PROGRAM
ELIZABETH LAMKIN
HILTON HEAD REGIONAL
MEDICAL CENTER**

LAST CHANCE FOR MEMBER ROSTER UPDATES AND PICTURES

Today is your last chance to update your information in the Roster and/or have your picture taken. Please see Larry Sanders after the meeting if you need a new picture and be sure Linda has current address, telephone, AND e-mail information for you. The roster is used constantly by members to communicate with other members, so it's quality is measured by its accuracy. We do not provide the list to anyone outside the Club and it may not be used for sales purposes, so your information is protected. Please help us make this the valuable tool it can be for all of us. Send any corrections to Linda this week via e-mail at hhrotary@hargray.com, or by phone at 686-4100.

Upcoming

Programs

August 17.....Kim Abbott

Developing an Athletics Program at USCB

August 24.....Mary Socci

Unearthing the Secrets of Palmetto Bluff

August 31.....Greg Hunt

Mosquito in Beaufort County

Family of Rotary

Birthdays

Carole Howe.....August 11
Paul Walter.....August 11
Michael Fellows.....August 12
Jay Mullinax.....August 15

Anniversaries

Vic and Peggy Arrington.....August 10
Brian and Gloria Carmines.....August 16
Dave and Sue Crespan.....August 16

Club Anniversaries

Mike Jukofsky...28 Years.....August 15

PAUL HARRIS MATCHING POINT PROGRAM

Have you checked on your current Paul Harris status to see how close you are to earning a Paul Harris Fellow? Remember, new Fellows will be honored at a luncheon on September 22, in Columbia, by **Rotary International President Bill Boyd**. You still have time to take advantage of the Club matching your donation dollar for dollar to give you a Paul Harris Fellow. You must have your check into Linda by next week, August 17 so RI has time to process your donations. This is a rare opportunity to meet the leader of this great international organization and to do a valuable service to the Rotary Foundation.

ONE OF THE SURE THINGS IN LIFE— TAXES!!

Dr. Holley Ulbrich spoke on the topic *The Battle for the Property Tax: South Carolina and the Nation* and gave us many examples of ensuring a competitive revenue system for South Carolina. She said, “Today’s solutions create tomorrow’s problems”, and suggested that some of the solutions would be assessment caps, state-funded property tax relief and swapping sales tax for property tax. The problems are equity, adequacy, and efficiency. As always, there are two sides to every issue and each of the suggested methods of reducing property tax has its disadvantages. There are gains and losses at the individual school district levels, at the differing income levels, merchants are burdened, and services would be greatly strained. How much sales tax is too little and how much is too much is another problem in creating the sales tax verses property tax debate. So, where do we go from here? Ask your local politicians and legislators. It’s an election year; they’re listening! For more information of this subject, please visit www.strom.clemson.edu or www.sccounties.org.

Did you know? The roots of The Rotary Foundation reach back to 1917, when it was launched by a gift of just \$26.50!

Arch C. Klumph, known today as the father of the Foundation, first thought of creating an endowment while serving as the president of the Rotary Club of Cleveland, Ohio. In July 1917, the Rotary Club of Kansas City, Mo., donated \$26.50 to the Board of The International Association of Rotary Clubs in his honor. At Klumph's urging, the money was used to establish the Permanent Fund. By 1928, when it was renamed The Rotary Foundation, the fund had grown to \$5,000. But over the next few decades, despite initiatives such as Rotary Foundation Week and establishing a goal of \$2 million, the Foundation did not capture the attention and imagination of many Rotarians.

It was not until after the death of Paul Harris in 1947 that the Foundation really came into its own. By July 1948, inspired by the Paul Harris Memorial Fund, Rotarians around the world had contributed \$1.2 million. The Ambassadorial Scholarships Program, then called Paul Harris Fellowships, was launched, and at last our Foundation was on solid ground.

-Julie Bell-

“JUMP START JULY”
PRODUCTIVE AND FUN!

President Mary thanks all who participated in “Jump Start July,” the club's new venture into small group fellowships. And very special thanks to organizer Hank Noble and group hosts: Dean and Susan Roberts (fundraising), Ken and Lyn Raichle (community service), Hank and Sue Noble (past presidents), Vic and Peggy Arrington (international), and John and Carole Howe (fellowship).

By all accounts, everyone had a good time sharing libations, munchies and experiences in the more casual (non-meeting) settings. All of the great ideas that were generated are being referred to our standing committees for consideration. The interest groups are in no way intended to replace or subsume the roles of our recognized committees and leadership. They simply are a means of providing members an additional opportunity for fellowship and input into the club's planning process.

Tune in to next week's Soundings to see where we go from here with small group fellowships.

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