

Soundings

October 25, 2007

Song Leader.....Barbara Clark
Pledge of Allegiance.....Sandee Brooks
Invocation.....Mike Petrilli

♪ WHEN ROTARIANS GO MARCHING IN ♪

Oh , when Rotarians go marching in,
Oh, when Rotarians go marching in,
Yes, I want to be in that number,
When Rotarians go marching in.

Oh, when we meet at Rotary,
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Yes, I want to be in that number,
When we meet at Rotary.

TODAY'S PROGRAM SUZIE SURKAMER 40TH ANNIVERSARY SC ARTS COMMISSION

Oyster Roast And/Or Sand Fencing Project!

Saturday, November 17th is our combined Family Community Service Project and Fellowship event...**Sand Fencing Project and Oyster Roast.** The Sand Fencing Community Project runs from 12:15-3:30 p.m. at Coligny Beach Park, where we will be erecting sand fences to help rebuild the dunes. Post hole digger devices are welcomed, but not necessarily needed as prerequisite for sign-up! Then, the Oyster Roast is at Shipyard Beach Club from 4:30-7:30. For only \$28, you can eat oysters, pulled pork BBQ, shrimp pinkie (shrimp, corn, sausage), cole slaw, baked beans, cookies, iced tea, beer, wine, or soft drinks. Sign up starts TODAY with Jill Foster! Do a community service, and get rewarded with great food, drink, and fellowship. It's great family fun for all.

NEW ROSTERS HERE

Remember to pick up your new Membership Roster, available at the Front Desk. Check your listing to be sure all is correct. Call Linda with changes.

Upcoming

Programs

November 1.....The Russians are Coming
Russian Open World Group
November 8.....James Wedgeworth
Local Real Estate Market

November 15.....Al Stokes
Waddel Mariculture

Family of Rotary

Birthdays
NONE

Anniversaries
NONE

Club Anniversaries

Charles Johnson.....19 years.....October 27

Looking Ahead

Rotary Food Drive.....November 15
Sand Fencing Project/Oyster Roast.....Nov. 17
Family Fun at Shipyard Beach Club
Bahamas Cruise.....December 6-10

NOVEMBER 1ST MEETING

On November 1st, our luncheon meeting will be held in the Grill Room of the Sea Pines Country Club (the room off to the left of the main entrance), rather than our regular space in the main dining room. This is due to a scheduling conflict with another group. However, to help mitigate our inconvenience and the potential parking issues, the Club will be providing **Valet Parking** for anyone who wants to use the service. Pull up to the main door, and you can walk right in without the hassle of finding a parking space. This should make it much easier than normal days for you to get to the meeting!! You'll want to be here to hear from our Open World visitors from Russia. It is always a very interesting program. Thanks to SPCC for making this accommodation for us.

DEEP WELL
WHAT A DIFFERENCE A BUILDING MAKES!

"My home is not a place, it is people." - Lois McMaster Bujold

In 1973, when Ms Charlotte Heinrichs embarked on the Deep Well Project, one wonders if she anticipated the incredible organization that would result. After hard work cutting miles of bureaucratic red tape and exhibiting the sheer force required to get any organization off the ground, it has moved far beyond plumbing the depths of the Island's soil in search of the pure aquifer. From clean water for the health and growth of the community's children to modern efforts to provide food, necessities and aid to the working poor, Deep Well has made its mark.



Last week we enjoyed a presentation from our very own Betsy Doughtie, Executive Director of the Deep Well Project. Betsy spoke about the accomplishments and history of Deep Well, and gave particular emphasis to the success and satisfaction brought about by the completion of the new Deep Well building and facility on Beach City Road which was built through our Club's fundraising efforts. "What a difference a building makes!"

When Rotary's fund raising for the new building was begun in 2001, it was apparent that this step was coming not a moment too soon. The older facility was cramped and severely affected by the elements. This limited not only storage space and access, but also hindered Deep Well's ability to fully serve the community. Finally, after over three years of planning, preparation and construction, a first class facility began to operate. The Deep Well project, begun so long ago, was once again operating at full capacity and providing even more opportunities to help needy Island families.

As Betsy spoke on Thursday, she recapped the history and mission of the Deep Well Project. Many Rotarians already familiar and with a long history of volunteering for Deep Well were reminded of the tremendous effort it has taken over the years. New members and visitors as well as those who may not have had the opportunity to experience the Project received an excellent thumbnail sketch of an Island institution and refuge of hope for the working poor.

"A hand up, not a hand out." The mission of the Deep Well Project is one where members of the community work together to help those seeking the help. Deep Well strives to help those who wish to help themselves. It is very conscious of breaking cycles of need, and providing timely help to fill a gap where needed. By doing this, Deep Well places tools in the hands of those it helps, providing much more than temporary money, food or clothing.

Deep Well's outreach programs provide:

- Food for the hungry.
- Stopgap assistance with rent, water, utility bills
- Household furnishings for families who suffer catastrophic loss or who are without funds
- Transportation to clinics and governmental offices for those unable to arrange their own
- Septic systems and home repairs/renovations to low-income islanders, through its Livable Housing initiative
- Medicine, clothing, child care and school supplies for Island children in need through its Children's Program

How can we help? Deep Well is always in need of volunteers, supplies and support. Furniture, clothing, canned goods – all items that we use and need in daily life are necessary to continue the project. Hilton Head Rotary and its members have played a vital role in Deep Well in years past, and will certainly do its part to continue making such a noble undertaking a success.

ROTARY FOOD DRIVE FOR DEEP WELL

November 15th is our annual food drive to replenish the shelves at Deep Well's Food Closet in time for the holidays. Put a reminder on your calendar to bring canned and dry food to the meeting, to be collected by Frank Soule. If you have questions, you can reach Frank at 681-7273.

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