

Soundings

May 31, 2007

Song Leader.....Barbara Clark
Pledge of Allegiance.....Mary Noonan
Invocation.....Charles Cauthen

♪ SING ROTARIANS ♪

Tune: On Wisconsin

Sing Rotarians, Sing Rotarians,
Sing with all your might.
Don't let troubles get you down,
Everything's all ri-i-i-ght.
Open up and send it out
Make those rafters ring.
Hey Rotarians, pitch right in,
And let's all sing!

TODAY'S PROGRAM HENDRIK SMIT CONNECTING THE DOTS: A LIFE

CELEBRATE PRESIDENT MARY!!

There are just 24 days until our grand celebration of our closing Rotary Year. And this is a party you can't afford to miss.....Why??? Because it's **FREE!!!! for all Rotary members. Yes, it's true...**Rotarians are **FREE**; spouses, guests, etc, are only \$35 each. Mark your calendar today. Sunday, June 24, at the Sea Pines Country Club. Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, and dancing to the Headliners will make for a wonderful evening in a beautiful place. We also have some exciting "twists" on this years' party. Sign-up sheets will be available starting **next** Thursday June 7th. See Julie Bell & Denny Nelson.

Upcoming

Programs

June 7.....History of the HHI Rotary Club
Mike Jukofsky
June 14.....Dr. Stephen Snyder NIH
National Success of Rotary CART Fund
June 21.....Cast of "A Chorus Line"
Arts Center of Coastal Carolina

Family of Rotary

Birthdays

Charlie Johnson.....May 31
Bob HiltonJune 1
Joe Black.....June 3

Anniversaries

Sandee Brooks and Mike Rambo.....June 1
Bob and Kim Busby.....June 2
Bill and Debbie Miles.....June 2
Ted and Maria Gregg.....June 4
Bill and Kim Bratt.....June 5
Jim and Carolyn Robinson.....June 5
George and Janice Rowan.....June 5
Mike and Beverly Petrilli.....June 6

Coming Events

End of the Year Party.....June 24

HANDS-ON IN PASS CHRISTIAN

Please pass on your thanks and appreciation for their great “service above self” to ***Sandee Brooks and her husband Mike Rambo, Denis Bonnett, Pat Carey, Steve Clark, and David Tirard.*** Ten hour days and many sore muscles went into our Hands-On work this past week in Pass Christian. Watch the pictures as you dine today to see what the great efforts of your Rotary team accomplished.

ABOUT THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



Past District Governor and Regional Rotary Foundation Chair, Dr. Anne Matthews gave an enlightening and inspiring presentation on The Rotary Foundation.

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty. The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation that is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world. In 2005-2006, District 7770 was the number one District in annual giving out of 529 worldwide Rotary Districts. Our club made a large contribution to that accomplishment.

The Foundation is our charity. It is our responsibility to help those who can't help themselves.

“People don’t care how much you know, until they know how much you care.” The Foundation is our vehicle to do good in the world. Where the Rotary Foundation goes so goes hope and so long as hope exists anything is possible.

The Foundation was created in 1917 by Rotary International's sixth president, Arch C. Klumph, as an endowment fund for Rotary "to do good in the world." It has grown from an initial contribution of \$26.50 to more than \$117.9 million contributed in 2004-05. Over the course of its history the Foundation has received contributions totaling more than \$1 billion.

This year The Foundation has three areas of emphasis. They are health and hunger, water management and literacy. The needs are clear by some of the sobering statistics shared by Anne. 13 million people will starve to death this year. 1 billion people in the world have no health care. 1.2 billion people do not have access to safe water. One half of the world's hospital beds are filled with patients with water borne diseases, while 25,000 die every day from contaminated water. Two thirds of the world's women are illiterate. Through The Foundation these issues are addressed.

An ongoing program of the Foundation is PolioPlus, which seeks to eradicate the poliovirus worldwide. Before eradication efforts began in 1988, polio paralyzed about 350,000 children annually. The incidence of polio has since declined by more than 99 percent. Rotary International is the spearheading member of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative and is the largest private sector donor. It has contributed more than \$600 million to the polio eradication activities in 122 countries.

Anne ended her presentation by reminding us that a world that is half starving, half sick and half illiterate will never be a world of peace. She encouraged us all to make The Rotary Foundation truly our charity by giving generously on a yearly basis. Strong support and involvement of Rotarians worldwide ensures a secure future for The Rotary Foundation as it continues its vital work for international understanding and world peace.

-Patricia Friedman

ARE YOU ON A COMMITTEE YET?

In living up to our Rotary motto of “Service Above Self”, this means not only doing service in the community, but doing service within the Club as well. You do that by serving on committees of interest to you. If you are one of our 21 new members this year, please explore the available opportunities and get involved in one or more areas that interest you. If you are a long-standing member, join a committee and invite a new member to join with you. There are still plenty of committees that can use your help. Your participation will not only help to get needed work done, but will offer you chances to make new friends as you work together.

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