

Soundings

August 23, 2007

Song Leader.....Barbara Clark
Pledge of Allegiance.....Sandee Brooks
Invocation.....Bob Onorato
Special Member Vote.....Sandee Brooks

♪ FOUR WAY TEST SONG ♪

Is it the truth; is it fair to all concerned?
Will it build good will and better friendships?
Will it be beneficial to all concerned?
That's the Rotary four way test!

Adopted many years ago
By Rotarians worldwide,
Some simple rules for dealing
With the people by your side.
A guide for life's decisions
No doubt one of the best.
Just 24 quite simple words... the four way test!

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(Repeat)

TODAY'S PROGRAM KIM STATLER BRINGING NEW BUSINESS TO GREATER BEAUFORT-HHI AREA

FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

Your Fellowship committee has not only planned a full schedule of wonderful fellowship events for this year, but has also created a colorful "refrigerator magnet" listing the complete schedule. If you have not already picked up your very own copy, please pick up the envelope with your name on it today at the table behind the podium.

Upcoming

Programs

August 30.....Norm Reeves
Building Blocks
September 6.....Mary Martin
District Governor

September 13.....Valerie Truesdale
Superintendent-Beaufort County Schools

Family of Rotary

Birthdays

Mark Haycock.....August 29
Beja Strum.....August 29

Anniversaries

Charles and Pat Perry.....August 28
Pat and Peggy Varley.....August 29

Looking Ahead

Harold's Country Club.....Sept. 8
Haunted Forest.....Oct. 19 and 20
Sunset Cruise.....Oct. 20

SPECIAL MEMBER VOTE ON
RI ENACTMENT 07-231

At the last meeting of the RI Council of Legislation, a bill was passed which doubled the size of the RI Nominating Committee from 17 to 34. While a seemingly simple ruling, post-meeting reflection by many Rotary officers and members have determined that it was passed in haste and should be rescinded. A motion has been made to rescind the piece of legislation. 10% of the clubs, world wide, need to approve the motion to have the question reopened for discussion. Our District Governor, Assistant Governor, and your Board of Directors have reviewed, discussed at length, and approved the motion, and have recommended that Club members also approve the motion. We will take a vote today and we ask for your support.

THE STORY OF A SUPER-STAR!!

Bernie Reidel began the program by telling the story of a genuine superstar. Laurent was one of the first graduates of University of South Carolina Beaufort's four year program. The remarkable thing is she completed the program in two and a half years and maintained a 4.0 grade point average. While attending college she also worked two jobs and earned a scholarship to pay for her education.

As a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar she attended the University of Sydney where she attained a Masters in Developmental Studies. The University of Sydney is one of the world's leading Universities and their program of Developmental Studies is a diverse and well rounded program that will allow Laurent to pursue many opportunities. Laurent spoke of her move to Australia, her search for housing and struggle to meet her financial needs. The lowest point was when her computer was stolen just before the semester was going to start.

Graduating from college in less than three years made Laurent one of the youngest Ambassadorial Scholars in Rotary history. Often Ambassadorial scholars are years or even decades older. Laurent had endeared herself to the Rotary members attending the program until she mentioned that some of her fellow ambassadorial scholars did not have any hair. With charm

and poise she recovered and won back the audience.

One of the responsibilities of an Ambassadorial Scholar is to speak to Rotary clubs and Laurent has spoken to nearly 70 Rotary Clubs in Bolivia, Australia and the United States. Laurent shared with us some of the experiences of attending so many Rotary meetings and passed around two scrap books of photos from her many visits. She also has one of the largest individual collections of Rotary Flags.

During the question and answer period Don Brashears noted that when Laurent worked for him, she had requested two weeks vacation. This was an unusual request since Laurent was working all the time. When asked about what she did on her vacation she said she had a good time and also got her realtor's license. Laurent truly is a superstar and great example of how a Rotary Scholarship can benefit Rotary, the student, and the people she will impact throughout her life.

Laurent's next challenge is to secure a job that will provide her not only a much needed income, but professional work experience that will augment the tremendous academic achievements she has attained. She would ultimately like to work at RI Headquarters for the Rotary Foundation, so is looking now for career opportunities which will prepare her for that goal. We're sure she'd welcome any recommendations our members may have.

-Paul Hattimer-

NEW PROPOSED MEMBERS

The following people have been proposed as new members, and are completing the requirements for induction into membership. If any members have objections, they must be submitted in writing to Denis Bonnett or Linda Neff by September 5th.

Grant Dybdahl—Proposed by Pat Carey
Banker with Atlantic Community Bank

Darrell Brooks—transferee from NC
Consumer products

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