

Soundings

September 27, 2007

Song Leader.....Barbara Clark
Pledge of Allegiance.....Sandee Brooks
Invocation.....Tom Trout

♪ SING ROTARIANS ♪

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

All together, It's fair weather
Always on the dot.
Shout the praises of your club,
Give it all you've go-o-o-t.
Sing Rotarians, Sing Rotarians
Cheer up and be gay.
Sing Rotarians, sing, sing, sing
And smile all day.

TODAY'S PROGRAM NEW MEMBERS ON PARADE GETTING TO KNOW YOU

SAILING INTO THE SUNSET

The October fellowship event, a sunset cruise, is happening on Saturday, October 20th. Boarding starts at 4:30 pm on the "Holiday" at Shelter Cove Marina. It will depart promptly at 5:00 pm and return at 7:00 pm. Adult beverages and finger foods will be served. Cost is \$20.00 pp. Pay by check (preferably) or have it billed. Attendance is limited, so sign up early. Sign-up today. You may also contact Linda at the Rotary office or call Bill Bratt @ 681-6300.

Upcoming

Programs

October 4.....Cast of "The Full Monty"
Arts Center of Coastal Carolina
October 11.....Carolyn Vanagel

Concours d'Elegance & Motoring Festival
October 18.....Betsy Doughtie
What a Difference a Building Makes!

Family of Rotary

Birthdays

Tom Taylor.....September 30

Anniversaries

Mark and Becky Adelman.....September 28

Linda and Glenn Neff.....September 29

Steve and Eileen Clark.....October 1

Club Anniversaries

Lisa Laudermilch.....2 Years.....September 29

Julie Bell.....3 Years.....September 30

Michael Putich.....3 Years.....September 30

Joe Nahman.....9 Years.....October 1

Looking Ahead

Haunted Forest.....Oct. 19 and 20

Sunset Cruise.....Oct. 20

Planting Sea Oats/Oyster Roast...November 17

Family Fun at Shipyard Beach Club

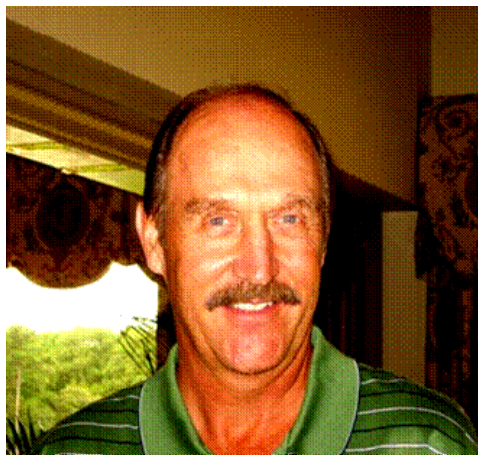
ROTARIANS ON THE MEND

A number of our members have recently been ill or had surgery. We're pleased to report that the following folks are on the mend—but might still like your good wishes: Howard Davis, Howard Farmer, Michael Eibling, Blake Hampton, and Jim Wasson. If you are aware of any member who is ill or hospitalized please contact Sonja Friedman or Linda in the Rotary office so we can send Club greetings.

STAN SMITH SERVES AN ACE!!

Ward Kirby began the program by telling us about Stan's many accomplishments on and off the tennis court. Stan was the 1971 U.S. Open Champion, 1972 Wimbledon Champion, and winner of 39 singles titles. He was on the Davis Cup team for 10 years, was ranked number One in the US, number One in the world and he is a member of the Tennis Hall of Fame. Stan Smith and his partner own and operate the Smith-Stearn Tennis Academy. Stan gives back to the community, serving as Chairman of the Boys and Girls Club.

As a young college player at University of Southern California, Stan had four goals: be a member of the United States Davis Cup Team, win Wimbledon, be the best player in the United States and the best player in the world. In 1971 he was on the brink of one of those goals playing in the Wimbledon finals. Leading in the final match he began to think of his eventual victory, what he



would say at the champion's banquet and what song would be the champion's song. Unfortunately he lost the match to John Newcomb, and had to wait until he won in 1972 to make his comments at the champion's banquet.

Charles Fraser saw the potential of tennis and saw Stan Smith as an excellent representative of Sea Pines, and in 1971 made Stan the resort's touring pro. Tennis at Sea Pines started with 8 courts grew to 30 courts and now has 23 courts. Plans are underway for a new Tennis Pro Shop.

Stan shared more than memories; he gave us an insider's look at this year's U.S. Open. Total attendance at this year's event was 715,000. The playing surface at the U.S. Open is a great equalizer and both clay court and hard court players can find success at the Open.

We are in an era where we are probably witnessing the greatest player ever to play the game; Roger Federer. Roger is a favorite of many "old school" players because he hits a traditional one hand backhand. He just hits it better than anyone ever has. Stan has come to know Roger and says that he is as fine a gentleman as he is a player. We are also witnessing one of the games greatest rivalries - Nadal vs Federer. Roger Federer won \$1.4 million and a million dollar bonus for the US Open. When Stan won, he won \$20,000.

The level of competition in both men's and women's tennis has risen over the years and it is increasingly difficult for a young player to make it on the professional tour. Stan commented on the trend of ever taller and stronger athletes who are now playing tennis. He also mentioned that fewer and fewer are going on to College.

Stan spoke with pride of his wife of 36 years and his four children. He is also very proud of his work with the Boys and Girls Club and their facility on Gumtree Road. Thank you Stan for a very entertaining program and for all that you have done for the Sea Pines Community.

-Paul Hattimer-

A NOTE FROM BEJA STRUM

Beja Strum has moved away from our area, and has thus found it necessary to resign from our Club. She sends this message to all of her Rotary friends: "I would like you to know how honored and privileged I have felt through the last 12 years to have been a part of our group, to get to know so many of you, and to have served with you. I love the Hilton Head Rotary. It has been an enormous part of what became my identity, my self esteem and my growth as a person. I will forever be grateful for the wonderful experiences I have had, be it fashion shows, bell ringing, Heritage, parties, chatting at the luncheons, eating some bad food at Port Royal, eating good food at Sea Pines, but most importantly, the amazing gift of friendship and support so many people offered me from Rotary. I will miss everyone so much. Thank you, thank you, thank you".

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