

# Soundings

February 22, 2007

Song Leader.....Bill Standen  
Pledge of Allegiance.....Mary Noonan  
Invocation.....Mary-Stuart Alderman

## ♪ AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL ♪

O beautiful for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain.  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain.  
America! America!  
God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea.

### **TODAY'S PROGRAM JIM COLLETT LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARD DAY**

#### MARCH INTO SPRING

A Prize to Joe Nahman, the ONLY member who caught the slip of the fingers in last week's Soundings announcing the The March Into Spring Fashion Show fundraiser venue as the **Crowne Royal** Resort. We agreed it sounded like a nice place to go, but the management of the **Crown Plaza** might not be so happy about the switch. So.... Yes, members, buy your tickets TODAY....and some for your special friends and family.. And March into Spring at the **Crowne Plaza** next week. The food will be great, the fashions terrific, prizes galore...and all for our Rotary charities. We may have capped the Well, but the needs in our community continue and deserve our support. Lunch tickets for Club members are only \$25; general admission tickets are \$40. Please do your part to support our Rotary Charities.

#### Upcoming

##### Programs

March 1.....March into Spring Fashion Show  
Fund Raiser at **Crowne Plaza**

**NOTE: THIS IS OUR REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING. THERE WILL BE NO MEETING AT SEA PINES CC**

March 8.....Tami Bream  
Gift of Life Host Families

March 15.....Sandee Brooks  
Rotary Committee Fair

## **Family of Rotary**

### **Birthdays**

Tom Henz.....February 27  
Ted Gregg.....February 28  
Joe Nahman.....February 28

### **Anniversaries**

Maynard and Marianne Barker.....February 23

### **Club Anniversaries**

Maynard Barker	40 Years	February 22
Robbie Nichols	11 Years	February 22
John Snodgrass	11 Years	February 22
Bill Mottle	8 years	February 25
Paul Walter	4 years	February 27
Tom Trout	5 years	February 28
Ron Tuttle	5 years	February 28

### **Future Events—Save the Date**

March Into Spring Fashion Benefit..... March 1  
District Conference.....March 23 & 24  
Celebrate 40 Years of Our Club.....April 26  
Cooks and Books Literacy Project.....April 29  
Pass Christian Hands-On Project .....May

## **THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

Thanks to your generous filling of the hat last week, the Club collected \$1015 toward our Exchange Student's trip across the US. If you missed the hat, see Mary this week as we have another \$800 to go to meet the expenses.

## **FOCUS ON THE FUTURE**

Vice President, Mike Petrilli started by acknowledging and thanking the Long Range Planning Committee (LRCP) Members, Hugh O'Kane, Hank Noble, Gloria Shoemaker, Virginia Heinsch, Dan Gafgen, Jill Foster, Ted Gregg, Vic Arrington, Mary-Stuart Alderman, and George Flathmann.



Mike said our meeting format will have some minor changes but the emphasis will still be on Social Time, Rotary Business, Information and Enjoyment. For more time for all of these activities the Rotary Club will check with Sea Pines Country Club about opening the buffet at 12:00. Weekly programs will continue to emphasize quality, diversity and member input. The weekly programs are an opportunity for informative programs that promote doing business with fellow Rotarians.

One of the most ambitious aspects of the Long Range Plan is the target to have 200 total members in five years. This may

not seem to be a difficult challenge except for the fact that the club has normal attrition of approximately 15 to 20 members every year. The club will need to add 30 to 40 new members every year for the next five years. Mike challenged us all to think of who we will sponsor as new members in the next five years.

The Plan calls for a variety of quality social events to promote fellowship. Mike asked that we support our committee and understand that the committee will present a range of events at different price points. Youth programs will maintain their high level of importance to the club. In addition to the Interact Programs at the high schools, the club will explore a Rotaract Program for college level students and a Rotary Youth Leadership Camp.

Another of the salient points of the LRP was that as a club we have contributed a great deal to International Programs but we have not traveled to promote Rotary and understanding between different nations. Mike asked "is your passport ready??" The club will sustain its efforts to provide host families. It's a large commitment to be a host family; you are responsible for the child that enters as a stranger but becomes a member of the family.

Fund raising will always be an ongoing function of the Rotary Club. 2006 was a record fund raising year and the club's recent successes allows for the exploration of our own Club Foundation to sustain our philanthropic work in the community. Mike further commented on the networking opportunities that are provided by the Club. Networking is not done by using the roster to solicit business but rather by the one on one contact that each meeting, social event and fund raising event affords.

The LRCP gives the club an A plus for Rotary Foundation donations. We have several large donors, Bequest Society and Paul Harris Society members. We have also had great success with our Major Projects such as our commitment to Deep Well. There are many needs in the community and over one hundred non-profit organizations in the community that could benefit from the volunteer efforts and fundraising of our Club

Mike concluded his informative and inspiring program by addressing the minor changes in organization of the club and the process in which the Long Range Plan will be used and reviewed each year. *-Paul Hattimer-*

### **HANDS-ON KATRINA RELIEF PROJECT**

Mr. D.H. Short from the Rotary Club in Pass Christian has notified us that the park that our Katrina Relief dollars has helped build is nearly completed, and it's soon time for our Hands-On project to finish the last minute beautification and Handicap access. We expect the time-frame to be around the first weekend in May. Mr. Short is hoping to attend our District conference and will have a time and place (TBA) to meet with all potential volunteers there to get them acclimated to the project needs . Watch for more details

### **PAUL HARRIS MATCHING POINT PROGRAM**

We have been informed that our District has over 50,000 Recognition points it is encouraging Clubs to use to help members reach their first or multiple Paul Harris Fellows. On a first come/first served basis, all Clubs in our District can take points and award them to members when the member makes a NEW contribution of up to \$1000. Is it time for your next Paul Harris Fellow?? Time is limited on this offer, so see Denis Bonnett to find out what your contribution needs to be to take advantage of this program.

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