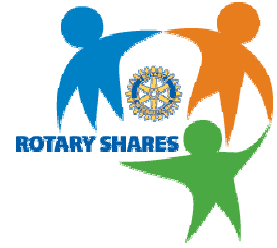




The Sumter Rotary Club

The Swan



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April 1, 2008

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Our speakers for today were Buddy Baker and John Rich of the COWASSEE Basin. COWASSEE Basin was formed in 2005 by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources with the following partners: Congaree Land Trust, Ducks Unlimited, Richland County Conservation Commission, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Friends of Congaree Swamp. COWASSEE is a focus area along the Congaree Wateree Santee Rivers with a commitment to conserve fragile landscapes in the Heart of South Carolina. They stated that the 24,000-acre Congaree National Park is the heart of the basin and is home to the largest old-growth bottomland hardwood forest remaining in the eastern United States.

Buddy and John said it is a voluntary collaboration to promote conservation. The partnership works with willing private landowners to promote stewardship using a variety of tools ranging from technical and financial assistance to conservation easements. They told us that the key for this initiative is to encourage the continuation of private ownership while ensuring long-term protection and enhancement of resource stewardship.

John said the primary tool is a conservation easement – which means the owner gives up their development or subdivision rights and get a tax deduction. He said the easements are tailored individually to each land owner driven from the landowner.

John shared a quote given by Governor Mark Sanford regarding COWASSEE Basin: "Encouraging private landowners to voluntarily practice resource conservation to enhance the quality of life in the midlands area will create a legacy of stewardship for future South Carolinians."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to the great response to our own March Madness, we may continue this program into April!

We will be working on the new Rotary Directory, so please update you information at the front table over the next couple of weeks!

UPCOMING MEETING

April 8, 2008

Chairman..... Don Dubose
Program..... Luiza Casimiro—Exchange Student
Sunshine..... Ronny Lowder
Greeter..... Cliff Goodwin
Reception..... John Britton & Eric Rush

April 15, 2008

Chairman..... Stephen Dinkins
Program..... Dr. Todd Warwick about Pain Management
Sunshine..... Wade Kolb Jr.
Greeter..... Ben Griffith
Reception..... Chip Bracalente & Jonathon Zimupleman

“A gentle hand may lead even an elephant by
a single hair.”
-Iranian Proverb

ON THE WEB
Rotary International:
www.rotary.org
District 7770:
www.rotary7770.org
Makeup: www.rotaryclubone.org

CART COUNT	
Today	\$ 73.81
Month to date	\$ 73.81
YTD Total	\$11,355.81
April Corporate Match:	
Mr. Phil Edwards	
http://www.cartfund.org/	

April CART Match
Thanks Mr. Phil Edwards!!!!!!

MEMBER AREA

ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Active Ordinary Club Members: 83
Attendance Goal: 80%
Attendance Today: 70
Make ups: 4
Attendance for Today: 72.15
Attendance for Year: 62.92%

MAKE UPS

<u>Make-Up</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Where</u>
Jeanie Crotts	2/28/08	Fireside Chat
Jack Osteen	2/19/08	Board Meeting
Rick Shaw	12/18/07	Board Meeting
Gene Weston Jr.	3/18/08	Board Meeting

WE MISSED YOU!!

Ballard, Beatson, Bethune, Black, Bowen, Brown, Crotts, Curtis, DeSollar, Douroux, Eldridge, Fienning, Floyd, Frasier, Griffith, Hardy, Holmes, Mims, Morton, Noonan, Osteen, Plamer, Reich, Richardson, Rush, Senter, Shaw, Taylor, Turner, Weston

GUESTS

*Charlie Shaw Christina McLaughlin
Courtney Foisey Katie Ardis
Roy Belser*



Member Anniversaries:

Member Birthdays:



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

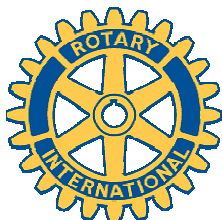
Visiting Rotarians

Nancy Cataldo Palmetto
Tim Murphy Palmetto



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Community Service	Jeanie Crotts*

*Elected Director

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