

The Sumter Rotary Club

The Swan



Bulletin 89

July 29, 2008

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Today was Classification Talk day. Teresa Dillard, Philip Jackson, George Kosinski and Terry Horne gave us some background information on themselves.



Teresa is owner of Dillard Financial Solutions. Her classification is Financial Solutions.



Phillip is principal of Kingsbury Elementary School. His classification is Education, Elementary-Principal.



George is in charge of existing industry development with Sumter County. His classification is Industry/Business Development.



Terry is a tax attorney with the Horne Law Firm. His classification is Attorney-Tax.

We welcome all four of you to our club and hope you will find being a Rotarian to be a fulfilling and worthwhile endeavor.

Special Message from : Roger Ackerman

Over the past 12 plus years, you have heard me speak a number of times on CART. The first time was in October 1995 and I referred then to the "long goodbye" my family experienced with my dear, wonderful mother-in-law. Since then I have lost a number of dear friends to this horrific disease.

Up until now, I have been unable emotionally to describe for you what it is like personally to watch a loved one go through the horrors of this disease and its effect on our family and others who have had the same experience.

One of the first things one notices is the fear in the eyes of the victim as they start to realize they are losing their memory. Nearly everyone experiences moments of forgetfulness, as we age, but this is different. The experience of early Alzheimer's can be as simple as driving down a street you have been on hundreds of times and suddenly not know where you are. We can remember how stunned we were when Mother was in the early stages of AD and we were having dinner out. One of her favorite dishes was shrimp. We realized as we were deciding on what to order, she didn't know what shrimp was. You get the idea.

As the Alzheimer's progresses, the time comes when the family will get a feeling of total helplessness. The patient can no longer tell you if they are hungry, need to use the bathroom, have a sore throat, are in pain -- nothing. Then comes the time when they don't know who you are. You have no idea whether or not there are any thought processes they have, whether or not they feel "fear", or anything.

There is no question in my mind that Alzheimer's is the toughest disease a family has to deal with because of the inability to do anything in the later stages about it, except try to keep the patient comfortable. Communication is totally gone. None of us wants to be a burden to our love ones. Who would ever want to have their family to experience the trauma that comes from caring for you, if you should be so unfortunate to have this disease?

As the disease reaches its final stages, which can last as long as 4 or 5 years but usually is a much shorter period of time, one almost gets to a point where you pray your loved one can just go to sleep. The survivors have a difficult time trying to wipe out those final years from their memories and try to focus on the healthy person they once knew.

Recent studies of the baby boomer generation, which has now entered into their sixties, are not good. The number of victims predicted, just in America in the next 25 years, is staggering. Only through successful research can we change what is almost unimaginable. That is why your support of CART is so important. Thank you again for all you do.

Roger Ackerman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please keep Ross McKenzie in your thoughts and prayers. Ross had surgery recently and is recuperating.

REQUEST FOR ARTICLES: I am looking for articles to include in "The Swan." Roger Ackerman gave me a great suggestion for articles. He suggested everyone write about themselves. What do you do outside of work that involves "Service Above Self?" This can be a very brief article. We all would love to know more about you and what you do to make this world of ours a better place. Johnny Hilton then suggested that each Rotarian choose another Rotarian to write about. Both ideas sound great to me. Please email your articles to me at jimmy@jimmywood.com. I'd love to hear from all you. Thanks!!

UPCOMING MEETING

August 5, 2008

Chairman..... Tom Kuhn
Program..... **Roger Ackerman - CART Update**
Sunshine..... Jeanie Crotts
Greeter..... Ray Reich
Reception..... Eric Rush & Phil Jackson

August 12, 2008

Chairman..... Philip Jackson
Program..... **Paul Sorrels - Head Football Coach - SHS**
Sunshine..... Jay Cox
Greeter..... Jacque Richardson
Reception..... John Britton & Tim Hardee

Thought of the Day:

A fool gives full vent to anger, but the wise quietly holds it back. -
- Proverbs 29:11 (NRSV)

ON THE WEB

Rotary International:

www.rotary.org

District 7770:

www.rotary7770.org

Makeup: www.rotaryclubone.org

CART COUNT

Today	\$ 100.24
Month to date	\$ 514.73

YTD Total \$514.73

July Corporate Match:

H&R Block- Ron Morton

<http://www.cartfund.org/>

July CART Match

Thanks Ron Morton!!

MEMBER AREA

ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Active Ordinary Club Members: 80
Attendance Goal: 80%
Attendance Today: 63
Make ups: 2
Attendance for Today: 71.25%
Attendance for Year: 62.75%

MAKE UPS

<u>Make-Up</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Where</u>
Ben Griffith	7/15/08	Board Mtg.
Erik Whaley	7/22/08	Ad HOC



Member Anniversaries:

Angus McDuffie 8/2 33 yrs
Ross McKenzie 8/4 54 yrs

Member Birthdays

Ron Morton 7/31
Ellen Hill 8/2

Visiting Rotarian

Jim Barnard - Palmetto

GUESTS

Bentham Reid - Stephen Dinkins
Charlie Allen - Julian Frasier
John Hyatt - Tony Barwick
Steve Dillard - Teresa Dillard

YOU WERE MISSED!!

L. Bowen, Cook, Cox, DeSollar, Douroux, Griffith, Hardee, Hardy, Holler, Holmes, John Jackson, Kelley, Kinney, Kosinski, Miller, Morton, C. Richardson, L. Richardson, Senter, Smoak, Taylor, Whaley, White

NOTICE:

- Sunset Country Club recently notified the Sumter Rotary Club that food costs charged to our Club would be increased effective July 1, 2008. Since we received less than 30 days notice from Sunset Country Club, your Board decided to delay implementation of this food cost increase for Club Members until October 1, 2008, but to implement this food cost increase for Visitors immediately. Specific actions taken by your Board are as follows:
 - (1) Quarterly dues, paid in advance, for Active Ordinary members of our Club will increase from \$205 to \$220 per quarter (\$5 per month), effective with the October 1, 2008, billing.
 - (2) Meal costs for Active Excused (also called Senior Active Excused) members of our Club, paid at the sign-in table or in arrears quarterly, will remain at \$11.50 per meal consumed through the end of September, and will increase to \$13.00 per meal consumed effective October 1, 2008.
 - (3) Meal costs for all Visitors (Visiting Rotarians and Guest non-Rotarians), paid at the sign-in table or billed to a host member of our Rotary Club, will increase to \$13.00 per meal effective July 22, 2008. Meal costs for Visitors considered to be "Club Guests" will continue to be paid for by the Sumter Rotary Club.

Send all directory corrections to:

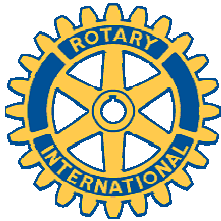
Travis McIntosh
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KMaxey@BBandT.com

- NEED A MEETING MAKE-UP? Now there are TWO locations for Rotary e-Club makeups - at www.rotaryclubone.org or www.recswusa.org. Click onto either website and follow the self-prompting instructions to perform your Rotary meeting make-up. It's quick (approximately 20 minutes), it's easy (right at your fingertips at home or office), and the only two things you really need to know are the date of the missed meeting at the Sumter Rotary Club for which you are making up, and the e-mail address of Secretary Jack Osteen (jack@theitem.com), so the make-up can be electronically reported to him. Helpful hint: even though these websites are supposed to report your make-up directly to Secretary Jack, it is recommended that you also send Jack a very brief e-mail reporting the date of the meeting you missed, the date of your make-up, the website where you made up. The Sumter Rotary Club needs your participation. Achieving 100% attendance is now easier than ever.

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www.sumterrotary.org



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Theme: "Rotary Shares"

2008-2009

OFFICERS

Les Carpenter
Ben Griffith
Britton Moseley
Jack Osteen
Shelly Lundberg
Travis McIntosh

AVENUE OF SERVICE DIRECTORS

Vocational Service	Erik Whaley*
Club Service	Jeanie Crotts*
International Service	Stephen Dinkins*
Community Service	Johnny Hilton*

*Elected Director

SUPPORT DIRECTORS

Special Projects	Mike Pompeo+
General Program Chair	Ron Smith+
Bulletin Editor	Jimmy Wood+
Past President Representative	Ben Griffith+

+Appointed Director