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“THE PALMETTO,” weekly bulletin of the Rotary Club of Sumter–Palmetto

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Rotary International Theme:
“Rotary Shares”

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SPECIAL ROTARY MONTHS:

CART FUND MATCHING SPONSOR:

Thanks to Tim Murphy/
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CURRENT CLUB MEMBERS: 55

MEMBERS PRESENT TODAY: 35

ABSENT ROTARIANS:

Curt Ackerman, Will Andersen, Danny Chandler, Sam Crawford, Jay Davis, Dave Evans, Laurens Floyd, Sherill Holder, Lee Holloway, Doug Horne, Russell Hurst, Deron McCormick, Carl McIntosh, Tim Murphy, Bill Painter, Jim Sanyi, Murrell Smith, Susan Trautsch, C.J. Troyer

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Pete Watcher (until 10/1/07)

MAKE-UPS:

Glynn Webster, Sumter, 7/9

VISITING ROTARIANS:

None

GUESTS:

Gerald Harrison (Earl Wilson); Holly Branson (Club)

BIRTHDAYS:

Carl McIntosh, born July 26

ANNIVERSARIES:

Lou Warmoth, July 21 (Club anniversary)

Doug & Kathryn Horne, July 26

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

Phil Waynick has resigned from our Club.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS:

Last week, RI unofficially surpassed the \$100 million mark in annual giving for 2006-07. This is the first time The Rotary Foundation has ever reached this level of unrestricted support. RI has been named one of the top five NGOs for corporate partnership by the London Financial Times. RI was listed 5th in global rankings above such organizations as UNICEF and Habitat for Humanity. Organizations that ranked higher, including Lions International, showcased long-standing partnerships with corporations; for example, Lions has a 15-year link with Merck. Because RI's partnerships include only UN agencies and other non-profit organizations, RI's ranking should be considered exemplary.

TODAY'S PROGRAM:

Today, President Vonda told us about the RI convention she attended in Salt Lake City last month. She has asked that the following letter to our members be published here: “After sitting in on a Polio Plus meeting at the RI convention, I learned the following:

* \$540 million shortfall this year

* \$1.4 billion has been given so far from Congress

* 4 countries still have polio – Afghanistan, Pakistan, Northern India and 6 states in Nigeria

*\$1.2 billion is needed to eradicate polio and certify that it is eradicated; it takes 3 years after eradication to certify

I ask that all Club members read the following and be prepared to cast your vote 10 days after publication.”

‘We need your help. In order to reverse Enactment 07-231, we need 10% of the Club membership worldwide to oppose it. The Council on Legislation of RI met April 22-27 in Chicago. They considered 337 pieces of proposed legislation; among those adopted was Enactment 07-231. This Enactment expanded the number of members on the Nominating Committee for RI President from 17 to 34. The cost to RI of travel, lodging, meeting expense and translation will be very high. These 34 members will be coming from the 34 Zones around the world speaking many languages. All communication (written and verbal) will need to be translated. The candidates for RI President will have to be interviewed. The boardroom at RI Headquarters, which is equipped with translation capabilities and designed for this purpose, is not large enough to accommodate a meeting of this size. Therefore, a facility with all of this necessary translation technology will now have to be leased elsewhere, at a significant cost to each and every Rotarian. To rectify the situation, saving money that could be used for educational and humanitarian efforts, Clubs must formally disagree with the vote.’ *Our club has two votes which have to be submitted by August 17, 2007.*

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Thursday, July 19, 2007

Greeters: Nancy Cataldo, Deron McCormick

Program: Murrell Smith

Speaker: Legislative Update and Review

Sunshine: Jim Sanyi

Thursday, July 26, 2007

Greeters: Bill Painter, Tony Wrobel

Program: Nancy Cataldo

Speaker: Blood Donations and Disasters

Sunshine: Curtis Chandler

Thursday, August 2, 2007

Greeters: Chuck Gibbs, Patty Wilson

Program: Dan Davis

Speaker: To be announced

Sunshine: Philip Scarborough

Thursday, August 9, 2007

Greeters: Rick Levy, Lou Warmoth

Program: Vonda Turner

Speaker: District Governor Mary Martin

Sunshine: Hugh Betchman

Thursday, August 16, 2007

Greeters: Nancy Collura, Glynn Webster

Program: Bob Harris

Speaker: To be announced

Sunshine: J Seth

Thursday, August 23, 2007

Greeters: Russell Hurst, Tony Wrobel

Program: J Seth

Sunshine: Murrell Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Effective July 17th, the Sumter Club will begin meeting on TUESDAYS (instead of Mondays) at Sunset Country Club.

GOLF BALL CHALLENGE:

No one won this week; the pot was \$90.