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"THE PALMETTO," weekly bulletin of the Rotary Club of Sumter-Palmetto

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2007-2008
Rotary International Theme:
"Rotary Shares"

CURRENT CLUB MEMBERS: 52
MEMBERS PRESENT TODAY: 37

ABSENT ROTARIANS:

Grier Blackwelder, Nancy Cataldo, Danny Chandler, Chip Chase, Jay Davis, Eddie Donald, Sherill Holder, Doug Horne, Rick Levy, Deron McCormick, Bill Painter, Talmadge Tobias, Susan Trautsch, Chris Wiernicki

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Pete Watcher (until 10/1/07)

MAKE-UPS:

Nancy Cataldo, Sumter, 9/25; Gloria Bate-
man, 9/27, online

VISITING ROTARIANS:

Angus McDuffie, Sumter; Meree McAlister,
Sunrise

GUESTS:

Josh McGregor (Sam Crawford); Luke Hall
(Dave Evans); Darin Aldinger (Tony Wrobel);
Cornel Amarie, Kayla Skipper, Marcus
Abrams, Helen Rich (Club guests)

BIRTHDAYS:

Hugh Betchman, born October 8

ANNIVERSARIES: None

DOVE SHOOT ATTENDANCE:

Thanks to the following Club members who
attended the dove shoot: Hugh Betchman,
Randy Brown, Curtis Chandler, Sam Craw-
ford, Chuck Gibbs, Scott Kinder, Harold
Nixon, J Seth, C.J. Troyer, Vonda Turner,
Glynn Webster.

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

TODAY'S PROGRAM:

Today Tim Richards gave us some updates
on the US economy, which has grown every
quarter since the recession ended in No-
vember 2001. The S&P's earnings hit a re-
cord of eighteen consecutive quarters of
double digit growth. The current unemploy-
ment rate is lower than the average rate for
the 1960's thru the 90's. Although oil has hit
\$80 a barrel, it takes 50% less oil to produce
the same dollar of goods that were pro-
duced in 1977. Today, oil makes up 2% of
the cost of running a business; personnel
makes up 70%. As little as a 3% drop in oil
consumption would create an oil glut. A 60
year old has a 22 year life expectancy, so
saving for retirement and not running out of
money should be goals for everyone in the
work force. Did you know that 50% of
Americans haven't calculated how much
they'll need to retire? And 60% of today's
workers think their pensions will help, but
only 40% of them actually have pensions!

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS:

Today we met four of our scholarship award
winners: Cornel Amarie, who's a finance
major from Romania at USC Sumter; Kayla
Skipper, who's a sophomore at USC Sum-
ter; Marcus Abrams, who's in the Health Sci-
ences Program at Central Carolina; and
Helen Rich, who's also in the Health Sci-
ences program at Central Carolina.

SPECIAL ROTARY MONTHS:

September is "New Generations" month.

CART FUND MATCHING SPONSOR:

Thanks to Becton Dickinson/Jim Sanyi.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Tuesday, October 2, 2007

Sunrise Club's program is to be announced

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*The Sumter Club's program is Dickie
Brunson, Chief US Probation Officer*

Thursday, October 4, 2007

Greeters: Patty Wilson, Tim Richards

Program: Carl McIntosh

Speaker: Nicole Modeen, Rotary Cultural
Scholar

Sunshine: Rick Levy

Tuesday, October 9, 2007

Sunrise Club's program is Jimmy Noonan

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Sumter Club's program is classification talks

Thursday, October 11, 2007

Greeters: Hugh Betchman, Ken Young

Program: Murrell Smith

Speaker: To be announced

Sunshine: Phil Waynick

Tuesday, October 16, 2007

*The Sunrise Club's program is Keith Britton
on Leadership Sumter*

Tuesday, October 16, 2007

Sumter Club's program is to be announced

QUEEN OF SPADES:

No drawing was held today.

(Last week's drawing was 45 cards;
the pot was \$151.)