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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: 53

MEMBERS PRESENT TODAY: 31

ABSENT ROTARIANS:

Will Andersen, Gloria Bateman, Hugh Betchman, Grier Blackwelder, Nancy Cataldo, Curtis Chandler, Dan Davis, Jay Davis, Eddie Donald, Dave Evans, Sherill Holder, Henry Holland, Deron McCormick, Carl McIntosh, Bill Painter, Tim Richards, Murrell Smith, Joe Sublette, Susan Trautsch, Chris Wiernicki, Tony Wrobel, Ken Young

MAKE-UPS:

Talmadge Tobias, online, 9/26; Glynn Webster, Kingstree, 10/1; Carl McIntosh, Sumter, 10/2

VISITING ROTARIANS:

None

GUESTS:

Scott Bell (Art Brabham); Lewis Hall (Dave Evans)

BIRTHDAYS:

Dave Evans, born October 14
Charles McCreight, both October 16
Bob Harris, born October 24

ANNIVERSARIES:

Dave Evans, October 15 (Club anniv.)
Glynn Webster, October 15 (Club anniv.)
Murrell & Macaulay Smith, October 16
Nancy Cataldo, October 19 (Club anniv.)
Tim Richards, October 19 (Club anniv.)
Grier Blackwelder, October 20 (Club anniv.)
Grier & Jo Blackwelder, October 22

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 we heard from Nicole Modeen, District 7770's Ambassadorial Scholarship recipient, who told us about opportunities that this award made possible for her. Nicole is currently a Senior majoring in International Studies at USC. She used her scholarship to study Arabic at the American University in Cairo this past spring. Egypt is a large country, about the combined size of Texas and California. However, its 80 million people are concentrated mostly in the Nile valley; over 20 million of them live in the city of Cairo. Nicole found prices low in Cairo, but she reminded us that on the local wage scale, prices are actually quite high. She had to learn valuable survival skills such as how to cross busy streets that lack sidewalks and lights and how to haggle in the markets. Rotarians in the Middle East welcomed her — Rotary clubs in Jordan and Israel made it possible for her to visit them during her trip. She also learned to scuba dive in the Red Sea. Nicole described her time in Egypt as a “life-changing experience.” She hopes to study Peace and Conflict Resolution in a master's degree program in the United Kingdom after she graduates from USC next spring.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

Welcome to *Ashley Pharr*, who was inducted into our Club today.

SPECIAL ROTARY MONTHS:

October is “Vocational Service” month.

CART FUND MATCHING SPONSOR:

Thanks to FTC/Doug Horne & Glynn Webster

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Tuesday, October 9, 2007

The Sunrise Club's program is Jimmy Noonan

Tuesday, October 9, 2007

The Sumter Club's program is classification talks

Thursday, October 11, 2007

Greeters: Hugh Betchman, Ken Young

Program: Murrell Smith

Speaker: To be announced

Sunshine: Rick Levy

Tuesday, October 16, 2007

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

Tuesday, October 16, 2007

The Sumter Club's program is Brian Horton, Sumter Fire Department

Thursday, October 18, 2007

Our Club will not meet today at lunchtime; instead, we'll have our fall social at Papa Joe's pond house at 6:30 pm; spouses and significant others are invited to enjoy a pig-pickin' and boiled peanuts with music by the Scape Ore Bluegrass Band; this is a great event to invite a potential Club member to join us!

QUEEN OF SPADES:

No drawing was held today.

(Last week's drawing was 44 cards; the pot was \$157.)