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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: 34

ABSENT ROTARIANS:

Will Andersen, Gloria Bateman, Nancy Cataldo, Danny Chandler, Chip Chase, Jay Davis, Sherill Holder, Henry Holland, Bill Painter, Ashley Pharr, Tim Richards, Jim Sanyi, Larry Scheele, Murrell Smith, Lou Warmoth, Glynn Webster, Chris Wiernicki, Earl Wilson, Tony Wrobel

MAKE-UPS:

Eddie Donald, 11/9, online; Sam Crawford, 11/27, Sunrise; Nancy Collura, 11/28, online

VISITING ROTARIANS:

Emily Edens, Summerton

GUESTS:

Rachel Wand (Grier Blackwelder); Eddie Drayton (Dave Evans); Neil Shorter, Eric Shytle (Deron McCormick)

BIRTHDAYS:

Chip Chase, born Dec. 10
C.J. Troyer, born Dec. 25
Lou Warmoth, born Dec. 26
Henry Holland, born Dec. 30
Earl Wilson, born Jan. 2

ANNIVERSARIES:

Eddie Donald, Dec. 18 (Club anniversary)
Earl Wilson, Dec. 19 (Club anniversary)
J & Tonia Seth, Dec. 20
Bob & Kathy Harris, Dec. 30
Eddie & Michelle Donald, Jan. 3

QUEEN OF SPADES:

No drawing was held this week.

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:

Jim Rex, State Education Superintendent, told us about the grassroots reforms he's trying to build support for in our state.

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE:

Dear Fellow Rotarians: This is a historic day for Rotary. It is our great pleasure to inform you of a new partnership between RI and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation that will provide a much needed \$200 million in support of our top goal of a polio-free world. The Gates Foundation has awarded the Rotary Foundation a challenge grant of \$100 million, which Rotary will match, dollar for dollar, over three years. This is the largest single grant ever given to a volunteer service organization and represents a tremendous validation of the approach and success of our PolioPlus program. This partnership comes at a critical juncture for the polio eradication initiative, which needs an infusion of funds to reach the eradication goal. For this reason, the initial \$100 million will be distributed by the Rotary Foundation through grants to the World Health Organization and UNICEF in direct support of polio immunization activities in 2008. Your participation in this effort is crucial to making it a success. The RI Board of Directors and Trustees of the Rotary Foundation have unanimously agreed to accept this challenge grant to ensure the success of the PolioPlus program. We feel confident that this extraordinary commitment from the Gates Foundation and Rotary will serve as a catalyst for further donations from others to help us realize the dream of a polio-free world. In 1985, we promised every child a world free from the threat of polio, and we are almost there. This funding agreement between Rotary and the Gates Foundation is a huge step forward, bringing us even closer to our goal. Success is our only option. Wilfrid J. Wilkinson, RI President and Robert S. Scott, Rotary Foundation Chairman.

SPECIAL ROTARY MONTHS:

November is “Rotary Foundation” month.

CART FUND MATCHING SPONSOR:

Thanks to Eye on Broad/Larry Scheele.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Thursday, December 6, 2007

No meeting today; Christmas Social tonight, 6:30-8:30 pm at the SUMTER CITY CENTER (next to the Opera House on N. Main St.), and guests are invited

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

The Sunrise Club has a Christmas program

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The Sumter Club's program is the Sumter High School Show Choir

Thursday, December 13, 2007

Charles McCreight, Jim Sanyi

Sunshine: Curt Ackerman

Program: Susan Trautsch

The First Baptist Church Master Bell Ringers will perform Christmas music

Thursday, December 20 & 27, 2007

No meetings—see you on January 3rd!

MESSAGE FROM CLUB PRESIDENT:

Thank you to Earl Wilson for providing and preparing the food for the Emmanuel Soup Kitchen, and thanks to Curtis Chandler, Dan Davis, Deron McCormick, Harold Nixon, Susan Trautsch & Patty Wilson for serving.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING:

A signup sheet is now available at the Sergeant-at-Arms desk; please help with this project on Friday, Dec. 14th, 9 am-6 pm at WalMart; contact Ashley Pharr for info.