

Rotary Club of Lexington

Rotary Awareness Month

January 26, 2012

Today's Program

John Bozard has a representative from the SC Adjutant General's Office as our guest speaker. The Adjutant General administers the affairs of the South Carolina Army and Air National Guard, the Emergency Management Division, the State Guard, Youth Challenge, and Americorp.

Last Week, January 19

Tiffany Boyce introduced Mike Biediger and Dr. Jeff Travis as our guest speakers. Mike is the President and CEO of Lexington Medical Center and Jeff is the new Cardiac Surgeon for LMC. Also in attendance was Barbara Willm, who is the Vice President of Community Relations for LMC. Mike talked about LMC's facilities throughout the county. He said the hospital has a total medical staff of about 600 physicians and has 35 physician practices in the county. LMC is the 7th largest hospital in SC. In 2011, the hospital had over 18,000 admissions, about 20,000 surgeries, almost 97,000 ER visits, and 136,000 patients at its urgent care centers. The process to receive approval for open-heart surgery took ten years, and was approved in June 2010. Dr. Jeff Travis was selected as LMC's first Cardiac Surgeon after a detailed preparation and recruiting process. Jeff was born and raised in North Augusta, and includes Clemson, the USC School of Medicine, and Wake Forest in his education path. Prior to coming to LMC, Jeff has been practicing in Columbus, GA since 2005. He said cardiovascular disease is the #1 killer in the US and the world. Jeff expects to treat his first case at LMC in late March/early April, and estimates 50-100 cases in the 1st year.

Next Week, February 2

Ted Hoover will have Rev. Jimmy Jones as our guest speaker. Jimmy is the founder and president of Christ Central Ministries. Jimmy will talk about the Chris Myers' Children's Home in Lexington and its mission.

Future Programs

February 9 Stan Dawsey
February 16 Brant Taylor

February 23 Warren Herndon
March 1 Gary Deese

Invocation and Pledge

January 26 Donnie Myers
February 2 David Perry

February 9 Bob Peeler
February 16 Brad Pitts

Health and Happiness

January 26 Warren Herndon
February 2 Ken Lake

February 9 Sam McGregor
February 16 Fred Holbrook

Birthdays and Anniversaries

January 31 Anniversary - Scott and Sandra Faggart

February 1 Birthday - Ken Lake's wife, Shirley

Student Guests

Our guests from White Knoll High School are Luke Sox and Karli Roberts. Luke's parents are Cheryl and Tim Sox, and he plans to major in Biology or Pre-Med at Clemson, USC, or the College of Charleston. Karli's parents are Rick and Angie Roberts and Tammy Roberts, and she plans to major in Pre-Med or Biology at USC.

Our guest from Lexington High School is Lee Reams, whose parents are Byron and Pam Reams. Lee plans to major in Computer Engineering at Georgia Tech.

Our guests from Lexington Technology Center are Austin Waller and Wallace Weiss. Austin's parents are Robert Waller and Jo Dennis, and he plans to major in Accounting at USC. Wallace's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Weiss, and he plans to major in Civil Engineering at Clemson.

Club News

...Pandra Lemrow is chairing our club's **Sistercare project** again this February. Items from a "Wish List" or money may be contributed. For more information about Sistercare, the website is www.sistercare.com.

...Larry Howell announced that The Rotary Foundation has **matching points** available for members who want to complete their next Paul Harris Fellow award. Plus, our club has matching points available also.

...Pandra Lemrow and Jimmy Metts of our club's scholarship committee are seeking input on what future direction our **scholarship program** should take.

...Al Edens announces the next **Adopt-a-Highway** work day is Saturday, February 18, 7:30 a.m., at Mount Horeb United Methodist Church on Old Cherokee Road.

...Remember to support the **CART Fund** buckets to benefit Alzheimer's research.

...Melissa Rawl's number was drawn in the **Queen of Hearts** drawing, but the Queen was not drawn.

...John Bozard invites all members and guests to the **USO South Carolina Fundraiser** next Tuesday evening, January 31, at the Columbia Marriott Hotel, 1200 Hampton Street, Columbia. The guest speaker is Sloan Gibson, President of USO World.

Rotary Events

- Saturday, February 25 - **Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)** in Charleston, SC.
- Friday, March 2 through Saturday, March 3 - **President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS)** at the Myrtle Beach Marriott.
- Friday, March 23 through Sunday, March 25, 2012 - **District 7770 Conference** at the Hilton Head Marriott
- Thursday, April 26, 2012 - **District 7770 Assembly** at the Alice Drive Baptist Church in Sumter, SC.
- Sunday, May 6 through Wednesday, May 9, 2012 - **International Convention** in Bangkok, Thailand.