

Rotary Club of Lexington

July 22, 2010

Today's Program

Dan Hennigan has Catherine Love, vice president of communications and planning with SCANA, as our guest speaker. Cathy's topic is "Tough Questions for SCE&G", and she will talk about why an electric rate increase was requested by SCE&G, a pilot Weather Normalization Adjustment program, and what SCE&G has done to tighten its belt.

Last Week, July 15

Ted Hoover had fellow member Jim Barfield tell us about his Rotary Friendship Exchange trip to England, which he and his wife, Linda, took in June. RI started the Friendship Exchange program in 1984, and currently over 80 RI districts participate. Jim attended several Rotary events while in England, and he discussed the differences between their meetings and ours. Jim talked about activities with the host families, and he told several stories about their experiences with the places and people they visited. The Barfields stayed in Peterborough, Northampton, and Loughborough, and he said the people were tremendous. An Exchange group from England will be here in September, and one more host family is needed.

Next Week, July 29

Jerry Howard will have Smokey Davis and Bill Banning of the Lexington County Council to talk about economic development.

Future Programs

August 5 District Governor Rick Moore
August 12 Frank Hutchins

August 19 Cynthia Hutchison
August 26 Perry Kimball

Invocation and Pledge

July 22 Bryn Sarvis
July 29 Ben Satcher

August 5 Clyde Smith
August 12 Brian Springer

Health and Happiness

July 22 Warren Herndon
July 29 Ken Lake

August 5 Bert Dooley
August 12 Bob Peeler

Birthdays and Anniversaries

July 22 Birthday - Baxter Donaldson's wife, Sally
July 23 Birthday - Roger Rucker
July 24 Birthday - Rhett Hook

Lake Murray Cruise

Tiffany Boyce has arranged for our club's members and invited guests to participate in a Lake Murray Cruise on Sunday, September 12, in conjunction with the visit of our Rotary Friendship Exchange guests from England who will be in our area for several days. The cruise will be on the Spirit of Lake Murray at a cost of \$50 per person, and is available to the first 100 people to sign up by contacting Tiffany at tiffanym@ascensionhospice.com. The three hour tour will include food and beverages.

Club News

...District 7770 Governor Rick Moore will be our special guest at our **club assembly** on Wednesday evening, August 4, at Bert Dooley's home, and will be our speaker on Thursday morning, August 5.

...The next **Adopt-a-Highway** workday is Saturday, August 28, 7:30 am, at Mount Horeb United Methodist Church on Old Cherokee Road. See Scott Faggart to volunteer your time.

...Baxter Donaldson announces the **20th Annual Lexington Rotary OktoberFest Golf Tournament featuring the Frank Mogan Cup** will be held Monday, September 20, at the Country Club of Lexington.

...Tiffany Boyce, David Perry, Brant Taylor, and Nicholas Pizzuti announce the **5th Annual Lexington Rotary Oyster Roast** will be Saturday, November 13, in Virginia Hylton Park. Entertainment will be provided by the Coastal Breeze Party Band. The committee is seeking sponsors for the event and club members to serve in various capacities.

...Remember to put your loose change in the **CART Fund** buckets to benefit Alzheimer's research.

...Mike Stacey's number was drawn in the **Queen of Hearts to Benefit PolioPlus** program, but the Queen was not drawn.

...Perry Kimball is chairing our club's new Bereavement and Illness committee. Please submit any news to Perry at 359-9481 or Paul Scott at (803) 522-1179.

New Polio Eradication Plan Launched

By Dan Nixon, Rotary International News

The World Health Organization and UNICEF cohosted a meeting with Rotary International and other stakeholders in Geneva on June 18 to launch the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) Strategic Plan in 2010-2012. The new plan comes at a critical time for the GPEI. Key endemic countries are witnessing historic gains against the disease. Nowhere is progress more evident than in Nigeria, which has reported just three cases in 2010 as of July 6 compared with 333 cases for the same period in 2009. India has reported 22 cases compared with 107 cases. Across Africa, 10 of the 15 previously polio-free countries reinfected in 2009 have stopped their outbreaks. In May, the World Health Assembly welcomed the new plan while expressing deep concern about the substantial funding gap over the next three years. The shortfall is a serious risk to ending polio and highlights the need for Rotary to reach its goal of raising \$200 million. WHO Director-General Margaret Chan called on the international funding community to stand tall for polio eradication. "The next three years, and especially the next 12 months, are critical to the polio eradication initiative and, by extension, the entire international public health agenda." An essential element of the plan is the bivalent oral polio vaccine, which is being used effectively against wild poliovirus types 1 and 3 in all four endemic countries: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan. (Type 2 poliovirus has been eradicated.) The plan also focuses on known polio migration routes, which have made outbreaks of the disease largely predictable. Aggressive synchronized immunization campaigns are now being used to help prevent and stop outbreaks. The partners of the GPEI are exploring every option to secure fresh funding and are managing existing cash flow to limit any threat to the eradication effort. The risk of not stopping polio in endemic countries was made clear when a large outbreak occurred in Tajikistan, caused by poliovirus that had spread from India in early 2010. The outbreak has paralyzed 334 children as of June 29. Tajikistan had been polio-free since 1997.