

Rotary Club of Lexington

July 15, 2010

Today's Program

Ted Hoover has fellow member Jim Barfield to tell us about his Rotary Friendship Exchange trip to England.

Last Week, July 8

Wayne Stowe introduced Rhett Hook's guest speaker, Mike Biediger, President & CEO of Lexington Medical Center. Mike talked about Lexington Medical Center receiving approval from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) to perform open heart surgery and therapeutic cardiac catheterizations. Mike explained the state's Certificate of Need process and discussed the negotiation procedure, including an agreement with Providence Hospitals which allowed the CON to be approved. The new heart center will take about a year to set up.

Mike also talked about health care reform and how he believes it will affect our state's and nation's health care systems. He said universal health care has been discussed on the US since the 1930's and originated in Europe. Mike reviewed the history of health insurance as a workplace benefit, and when the federal government became involved in health care through Medicare and Medicaid, reimbursement shortages in these government programs were made up by increases in health insurance premiums. Most of the new reforms will take place in 2014, and SC will be a beneficiary state of the reform program. Mike discussed how the reforms will affect our state and gave a negative opinion on how the nation's health care system will be in ten years. He said LMC is in good condition now and is planning for what the future may hold.

Next Week, July 22

Dan Hennigan will have 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.

Future Programs

July 29 Jerry Howard

August 5 District Governor Rick Moore

August 12 Frank Hutchins

August 19 Cynthia Hutchison

Invocation and Pledge

July 15 Brad Pitts

July 22 Bryn Sarvis

July 29 Ben Satcher

August 5 Clyde Smith

Health and Happiness

July 15 Fred Holbrook

July 22 Warren Herndon

July 29 Ken Lake

August 5 Bert Dooley

Birthdays and Anniversaries

July 16 Birthday - Brady Porth's wife, Valerie

July 19 Anniversary - Frank and Sondra Hines

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

...Our thoughts and prayers are with Jim McElveen and family on the passing of Jim's wife, Sue.

...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 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.

...Gary Chambers' 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 new to Perry at 359-9481 or Paul Scott at (803) 522-1179.

...Our club's website is www.lexingtonrotaryclub.com. The four most recent club bulletins are posted on our website.

...Thanks to the folks at Pine Press for designing our new bulletin cover (front and back) for Rotary year 2010-2011. The back page can be changed at any time, so if any corrections need to be made, please contact Paul Scott.

Klinginsmith Asks Rotary Clubs To Get 'Bigger, Better and Bolder'

By Arnold R. Grah - Rotary International News

RI President Ray Klinginsmith asks Rotarians to apply the fundamental principles of cowboy logic, which are taking pride in your work, talking less and saying more, doing what has to be done, and remembering that some things just aren't for sale. I believe the way for Rotary to remain viable and vibrant in the next century is to help our clubs to be bigger, better and bolder," Klinginsmith said. "The clubs are the life and breath of Rotary. Therefore, it is clear to me that my job is to help the district governors to help the clubs. We can do it, and we will do it, if all of us follow the simple solution of cowboy logic."

Future Vision Pilot Is Launched

By Arnold R. Grah - Rotary International News

The Future Vision pilot, a three-year test of The Rotary Foundation's new, streamlined grant structure, is underway. The pilot officially began July 1, with 100 pilot districts that were selected from among hundreds of applicants in June 2009. The pilot districts will spend the next three years testing and helping to refine the Foundation's new grant model before all districts begin to participate in July 2013. "I believe that through Future Vision, we will be able to serve our communities, and the world, in better and more effective ways," said Glenn E. Estess, Sr., 2009-10 Foundation trustee chair. "We will do the very most with everything we have. We will be able to address the challenges, large and small, that present obstacles to peace - and dismantle those obstacles, one by one." Pilot districts were chosen after a careful and rigorous review process, designed to select a group of districts that would closely mirror the Rotary world. The 100 districts were required to make a firm, three-year commitment to the pilot and, before the launch, to appoint a district Rotary Foundation committee chair to serve for all three years. Pilot district governors-elect and Foundation committee chairs received special training during the 2010 International Assembly.

Two types of grants are provided for under the Future Vision Plan. Once a year, districts may apply for a block grant of up to 50 percent of their District Designated Fund. These district grants offer the flexibility to respond quickly to immediate needs or to plan projects with clubs locally or in other countries. Pilot districts may sponsor district grant projects with clubs in nonpilot districts. Global grants support large, sustainable activities that relate to one or more of the areas of focus. Clubs and districts can either create their own global grant-funded projects or sponsor packaged global grants that will be developed by the Foundation in cooperation with its strategic partners. The Trustees have approved a Rotary Foundation Global Grants World Fund budget of \$8 million for Future Vision pilot districts starting with the 2010-11 year. The 2010-11 Matching Grants World Fund budget is \$21.5 million.