

Rotary



Club of Hilton Head Island

Soundings May 6, 2020

SOUNDINGS GOES VIRAL

NEWS AND QUARANTINE UPLIFTS

INVOCATION FROM MARY-STUART ALDERMAN

“I’m just looking forward to when things get back to normal.”

It’s a common phrase in today’s conversation.

I’ve even heard prayers requesting God to hurry up and return our lives to normal.

Truth is, I’ve entertained this idea myself. Especially during moments I’m feeling particularly vulnerable.

These desires rise from the part of our human nature that craves comfort and few things are more comforting than normal.

Let’s pause for a moment. Is this really what we hope for?

Do we really want to return to the normal where we silently ached for change?

It wasn’t too long ago that we wished for space to slow down and breathe.

We asked for time to build and strengthen important relationships.

We hoped for a moment to take a walk and fill our lungs with fresh air.

We yearned for the margin to nurture our creative side.

I find myself craving a different sort of conversation. A different kind of prayer.

One that sounds like: “I’m eager to see how this experience will make us better.”

What if, years from now, this was the time we individually and collectively decided that slow is the right speed, relationships are a priority, health is paramount, and creativity is our nature?

Things have changed. What will we do with it?

We can do better than normal.

CLUB NEWS

This week’s meeting – We have virtual meetings scheduled for every Thursday, via ZOOM. They begin at NOON and end no later than 1pm. This week we’ll hear from Town Manager Steve Riley who will do a brief update on what and why the Town is doing to help stem the spread and increase the recovery of COVID-19 on Hilton Head. Secondly, we will hear from Dr. Mary Berge, a Rotarian in Johnstown, PA. She is a Psychologist and talks about how to de-stress during COVID-19. She has talked to many Rotary Clubs, via ZOOM. Sandee Brooks has heard her presentation and found it very helpful,

Club Meeting

Hilton Head Island
Meets at Sea Pines Country Club
30 Governors Rd
Hilton Head Island, SC 29928
Time: Thursday at 12:30 PM

Speakers

Events

No Events found

Birthdays

Dan Daniels
May 12th

Karen S. Cully
May 12th

Richard E. Day
May 13th

James Y. Robinson, Jr.
May 14th

Daniel J. Sinkiewicz
May 15th

Scott J. Hamlin
May 16th

Mark T. O’Neil Jr.
May 18th

Peter R. Cooper
May 20th

Beryl LaMotte
May 22nd

Paul F. Sundstrom
May 23rd

Teresa M. Brashears
May 24th

Jean K. Vahey
May 29th

Larry M. Sanders
May 29th

Bob Hilton
June 1st

Joseph W. Black
June 3rd

Philip P. Gustafson
June 6th

Tricia B. Lynch
June 6th

James G. Haley
June 7th

L. Joseph Player
June 9th

Mary E. Noonan
June 10th

interesting, and very worthy of being on our program schedule. This will be a very timely and elucidating program from both speakers. There may also be time for some club business discussion and happy dollars (those virtual dollars never hurt your bank account!) Contact Joe Chappell if you have any trouble.

FUTURE WEEKLY MEETINGS

We are quite certain that we will not be holding any “live” meetings in the month of May, but have some optimism that we can have at least our last meeting of the Rotary year live at SPCC. Our Board meeting, via ZOOM will be on May 18, at which time a number of decisions will be made:

- Can we meet live by the end of June?
- Can we offer both a live meeting and a streaming one at the same time so members have options to attend based on their level of comfort?
- Will the Country Club allow us to meet without charging us for our 80 person minimum? Will they be OK with just serving us “deli” style sandwich, hamburger, hot dog type lunches? We know many of our members would prefer this type of meal more often anyway.
- How will we adjust member funds which were paid for May – and maybe even June lunches?

Stay tuned for the results.

PACKING DAY FOR RISE AGAINST HUNGER

At this point in time, the packing activity has been rescheduled for July 18. I believe there will still be a location on HHI and one in Bluffton and you can participate at whichever one is more convenient for you. More details on what that will entail as the date gets closer. It can be a family affair, or invite friends, relatives, neighbors to help fill thousands of boxes of food to go to those who don't have enough to even get through the day.

FROM STEVE STEELE

We at Coastal Home have started through the month of May a giveback to our community. AS 1 We Give Back!

With every sale, we are donating a percentage of the total sale to the Community Foundation of the Low Country.

Our store will give a check at the end of month to the Community Foundation designated for Hilton Head Rotary's Charitable Programs Fund which the Rotary Club can choose to help any organization in our area who needs it the most.

If any other company owned or staffed by Rotarians would like join in, please contact Steve at steve@coastalhomehhi.com.

UPDATE ON DEEP WELL FUND RAISER FROM RON FARSETTI

Sources of Funds:

Rotarians Direct Check/CC- \$12,050.00, Rotarians via face book- \$3,235.00

Ski Club Direct Check/CC-\$2,753.00, Ski Club via face book-\$1,600.00

HHI/Bluffton/Out of state family & Friends Direct Check/CC \$1,400, via face book \$2,335.00

Robert J. Metzger CPA
June 11th

Wedding Anniversaries

James G. Haley
May 12th

Michael John Marks
May 14th

Glenn Stanford
May 18th

Martin K. Pauls
May 18th

Paul F. Sundstrom
May 19th

Michael G. Murphy
May 25th

John L. Wilson
May 25th

Sandee L. Brooks
June 1st

David Ames
June 3rd

Theodore M. Gregg, Jr.
June 4th

James Y. Robinson, Jr.
June 5th

Paul R. Walter
June 7th

Hugh P. O' Kane
June 9th

Karen S. Cully
June 10th

Years of Service

Bertin M. Stuckart
04-22-1993
28 Years

Nathaniel Brown Palmer Jones
05-01-1997
24 Years

Robert M. Lee
05-01-2008
13 Years

David Ruckno
05-06-2010
11 Years

Joan Simpson Player
05-05-2016
5 Years

Patrick J. Murphy
04-20-2017
4 Years

Edwina G. Sanders
04-25-2019
2 Years

Loula Land Ph.D.
04-25-2019
2 Years

Club Leaders



Robert E. Eberly III
President

Town Council members \$2,100.00

Matching Funds \$2,250.00

Rotary Club of HHI & District match \$5,000.00 (Funds that would have been used for Happy Feet and Safety Town)

TOTAL FROM ROTARY \$20,285.00

TOTAL FROM OTHER SOURCES \$12,438.00

TOTAL RAISED IN THIS PROJECT IN ONE MONTH (APRIL) = \$32,723.00

*Note, From Director Sandy Gillis at Deep Well: The funds raised here are equal to 3.5 months of Pantry Food or 74 Families Rent Payments.

A gift/donation to Deep Well serves our community in this horrible time of need with people out of work, family members ill, and bills to pay when no income is available. Not a penny of this money raised will go to any administrative expenses. It will used entirely to help our community.

Many thanks and congratulations to Ron and Sharon Farsetti for conceiving the idea, being the Number 1 cheerleaders to inspire people (especially non-Rotarians) to donate to this great organization in their time of need.

ADDRESS TO SEND CARDS TO JOAN GRAYSON

Joan's surgery went well, and she's now recuperating at

Encompass Health Care

107 Seagrass Station Road (off of 170 in Bluffton)

Bluffton, SC 29910

Her phone at the facility is: 843-836-8418. I am sure she would love some cards, and if you live close by, so visits from her fellow Rotarians.

VIRTUAL HAPPY DOLLARS\$\$\$

These happy dollars are just "virtual" dollars = nothing out of your pockets. If, however, you are so inclined to turn your happiness into real dollars, I suggest you direct them toward our Farsetti/Rotary Deep Well Fund Raiser and send them directly to Deep Well at 80 Capital Drive, HHI, SC 29926.

Donice Krepps – I have \$15 happy dollars that the RBC Heritage Golf Tournament will actually be played in June. I live on the 15th hole, and will get to see all those great players back doing what they love to do and what I love to watch. (Hey Donice, would you like some company to share your happiness???)

Clyde Dickey – Clyde is happy to have qualified for his 10 running of the postponed Boston Marathon on September 14th. His story – "I ran 9 straight Boston Marathons from 2011 to 2019. In attempting to qualify for #10 last year by running 8 marathons around the country, I earned one BQ (Boston Qualifier). However, my BQ time missed the cutoff by 36 seconds, since thousands more apply than can be accepted, due to runner field limitations. I turned my attention instead to running the 2020 Boston Marathon for charity. It's my honor to be accepted and resume training to run for the



R. Dean Roberts
President - Elect



Mary M. Briggs
Vice President



Joseph Chappell
Secretary



John C. Boretti
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Membership Chair
Club Director / Board Member



Robert J. DeValentino
International Service Chair
Club Director / Board Member



Clyde Dickey
Club Director / Board Member
Club Programs Chair



Brenda Dooley
Club Director / Board Member
Vocational Service Chair



Mario Incorvaia
Club Director / Board Member
Community Service Chair



Joan Simpson Player
Club Director / Board Member
Club Public Image Chair



Dawoud O. Stevenson
Club Director / Board Member
Club Foundation Chair



Beverly A. Maloney
Sergeant-at-Arms



Sheila C. Duffy
Club Director / Board Member
Youth Services Chair



Larry M. Sanders
iPast President



Linda Neff
Club Executive Secretary

Massachusetts General Hospital Emergency Response Team. Go Clyde!!

Linda Neff is happy because our 13 year old grand daughter who lives in Bellevue Washington has suddenly found happiness in communicating with us in imaginative ways – and often. First, we were entertained by her showing us all the tricks she has taught their new puppy and discussions with Papa about his helping her learn to bake bread. This last week, she called and gave us a 40 minute piano recital. She's working on a repertoire lasting about an hour that she can use to play in nursing homes. How far she's come since she started lessons at age 6! And how thrilling to be building up a greater relationship with her when we can see her so seldom. She's done this all on her own with no prodding from parents.

Pati McGuinness - . I had unexpected happy dollars today. My former Deacon from St Francis on HHI and then St Gregory out here and his wife who are clients of mine even though they now live in Charleston emailed today to check up. Not 10 seconds after I hit send wishing them God's Blessing my Deacon from St Gregory's called to check on me as they were doing with all parishioners today. God is Good!

Mario Incorvaia - Happy to have such a great friend and ally in Joe Chappell. Monday night HHSO successfully launched a new livestream concert series at SoundWaves. Joe spearheaded the technical side of HHSO's live broadcast of the Fabulous Equinox Orchestra concert to a nationwide streaming audience of more than 3400 views!

Mary-Stuart Alderman - I'll offer two virtual Happy Dollars to celebrate that my sister and brother-in-law left HHI on Saturday and arrived back home in Scotia, NY safely Monday evening! ??

Larry and Eddie Sanders - Happy Happy Happy on Sunday from 3 to 5 pm, Eddie and I were able to share distance space under a tent with PDG David Tirard/Susan, PDG Sandee Brooks/Mike Rambo at PP Karen Cully/Grant at their home. What a wonderful time we had with fellow Rotarians. And Cadee Grace and Joy the new kid on the block in the Cully household.?

Ted Gregg – I'm happy because I found latex gloves finally at Walmart on HHI in the Pharmacy Section, Aisle 9 on the end cap. (Editor: These are truly strange times when we can get excited and happy about finding latex gloves and toilet paper on the store shelves. Still searching for the TP!)



[Dot Jeger](#)
Assistant Governor

