

# Sea Island Rotary

Beaufort, South Carolina



June 2, 2009

**SERVICE Above Self**

Today's Meeting: John Williams, editor of the *Island News* will discuss the local news market

This week's drawing jackpot is \$292.

Ed Saxon donates this week's door prize.

## FROM PRESIDENT CHRIS

Thank you so much to Ed Duryea for his presentation to the club last week. Ed shared the news of his recent trip to Nigeria to assist Rotary International in our continued fight to eradicate Polio worldwide. While I was not able to attend, I have heard from many and the response was overwhelmingly positive. Thanks to Ed for all you do, not only for our Club, but for what you do in your church, and for what you do in our community.

I'd like to also thank Past President Jerry for pinch hitting on extremely short notice last week. The Baker family returned from our Memorial Day Weekend visit to see family in Southwest Georgia with more than memories of a good time. We all returned with the flu!

Chris Baker, 2008-2009 Sea Island Rotary President

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Melissa Williams	June 3	Birthday
Kim Williams	June 8	Birthday
Woody Oakley	June 8	Anniversary

## Upcoming Events and Speakers

June 9	Roland Gardner, Beaufort-Jasper Comprehensive Health
June 16	William Wynn, Beaufort County EOC
June 23	Vocational Award Presentation
June 26	6:30 pm Installation Banquet at Dataw

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



*President*  
Chris Baker

*President-Elect*  
Marc Fisher

*Secretary*  
Randy Wall

*Treasurer*  
Kathy Bundy

*Sergeant-at-Arms*  
Ray Harvey



May 26 - Rebecca Bass welcomes new member Bridget Gutzmer at her induction

## Blood Drive Dates

The Lowcountry Community Blood Center has provided the following Saturday dates for the 2009 Blood Drives. The location for all is in front of Belk at Cross Creek from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

June 20

August 15

October 10

December 12

## RI President's Message - May 2009

In all regional Rotary magazines this month, you will find a new edition of Global Outlook. It takes a close look at the problem of child survival, and what Rotarians are doing about it. I hope that you will be inspired by the accounts of what your fellow Rotarians are accomplishing- and motivated to expand your own club's work against child mortality.

When I first chose Make Dreams Real as my theme and asked Rotarians to focus on reducing the rate of child mortality, I was confident that we would be able to make a real difference. I knew that the same areas that are critical for saving children's lives - water, health and hunger, and literacy - are the areas in which Rotary service excels. And I knew that Rotarians are overwhelmingly the kind of people who would be inspired to work toward this goal.

Still, the way that Rotarians have responded has exceeded even my own hopes. Our club and district projects are saving lives, one at a time, with determination and with success. And as we all work together to eliminate polio, we know that we are saving lives for generations to come.

In the months since Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge was announced, I have had many opportunities to explain to Rotarians just why it is vital that we work to bring so much new funding to the polio eradication effort in so short a time. The answer, put simply, is that we are at a critical, and I believe final, stage in the campaign. Only four polio-endemic countries remain: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan. All present obstacles to the eradication effort, such as war, unreliable infrastructure, difficult terrain, poor sanitation, and high birthrates. In India's Uttar Pradesh alone, 500,000 children are born every month. And in this region, the usual number of vaccine doses required to confer immunity - six - must be doubled. Why? Because the children there are exposed to so many different viruses and carry so many different bacteria, all of which "compete" with the oral polio vaccine.

To wipe out polio in these final four countries will take a coordinated effort of intensity and strength, requiring the support and participation of many individuals and organizations. We in Rotary have been part of the polio eradication effort from the beginning, and we are committed to seeing it through to the end. In this way, we know that we will Make Dreams Real - not only in this Rotary year but for generations to come.

Dong Kurn (D.K.) Lee  
President, Rotary International