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President's Message

Thanks to our members, many volunteer hours have been contributed through club activities during September and October. Each dollar raised is important, and the payback is satisfaction from service to others. On November 17th, the Board will consider members' proposals for charitable gifts from our sponsorship funds. The request should be in writing submitted two weeks prior to the Board meeting to the Sponsorship Committee, chaired by Joe Hodson. Sponsorship requests will be considered again in February and in June.

The next phase of our year will focus on membership retention and recruitment activities. We are just asking the members to attend meetings and bring guests. The club's responsibilities are to provide quality meetings, welcome members and guests, and solicit feedback from all the membership. We have some good chances to introduce prospective members to the club over the next few meetings. Todd Lewis, the Program Chair, has expended some of his

personal clout to get Mr. Andy Thomas, Ms. Inez Tenenbaum, and Congressman Jim Clyburn as speakers and we would like for the club to respond with large turnouts for these meetings.

Our speaker this week noted that many South Carolinians are employed by companies with less than 100 employees and cited the need for a group purchasing arrangement for health insurance for these businesses. Health insurance cost is increasing past the point of a casual fringe benefit of employment. Employers are increasingly looking at employee cost sharing and cafeteria style coverage choices. A risk to the health-care system is that the responsibility for provision of health coverage is shifted from employers to employees.

Speakers & Events

October

27 Andy Thomas
Talk Show Host

November

- 1 Fall District Leadership Conference
- 2 Buddywalk for Downs Syndrome 2:00 @ Trinity
- 3 Deadline for Sponsorship Requests
- 10 Ms. Inez Tenenbaum State Superintendent of Education
- 17 Congressman Jim Clyburn



Membership Application First Posting

Ben Simons lives in Swansea with his wife Tracy. He enjoys hunting, fishing and working on their 100 year old house. He is sponsored by Chris Weston and conducts Commercial/ Residential Sales with

Bollin-Ligon Realtors. Address any comments to an officer or board member.

Sergeant @ Arms Report

42 Members and 4 guests attended and the \$74 Rollover Pot was LOST!~ By Mike Welch

Guests

Drayton Weston & Stuart Weston & Ben Simons (with application) guests of Chris Weston
Matt Hudson guest of Todd Lewis

Tommy

Business Meeting

- **Gettis Wood** ~ gave the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.
- **Travel Bag Raffle** ~ John Hedden donated the bag and a few members sold tickets (\$261 worth). The winner was Tammy Lowery who works with Reggie, which seems appropriate since Reggie sold a bunch of tickets.
- **Coaches Corner**~



Sterling Anderson reported that USC took one on the chin. USC couldn't sustain the rushing game (*with 0 yds.*) LSU converted 65% of their 3rd down attempts. Homecoming is next week against Vanderbilt, which should be more gratifying.

Neal Sutker lamented that The Tigers didn't make the big plays in last Thursday night's ESPN televised game against NC State. UNC is next week. Three sure-fire signs of Fall: Leaves will fall, The fair comes to town and Clemson beats USC.



New Member Induction

Linda Eisele, CEO for Children Unlimited became our newest member. She is sponsored by Dan Felker. She is very pleasant and someone

you need to get to know. Say hello at the next meeting.

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A **Membership Recruiting Dinner** is scheduled for January 26th. Be thinking about one or two prospects to invite who would be assets to our Club. We will give a brief presentation and the dinner will be free of charge for members who bring prospects.

We heard that **Marcus Crosswell** is engaged to be married. Of course, this could be a rumor.

Guest Speaker Frank Nepp gave a presentation concerning the function of Small Business Chamber of Commerce.

C. Tucker Weston Sertoman of the Year



This distinct honor is reserved for Sertomans who have given tirelessly to the Club for a number of years. We recognize and publicly thank our 2003 recipient, **Ben Plexico** for his leadership and service to our Club.

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