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NEXT MEETING AUGUST 22

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Club to consider lottery issue

This fall South Carolinians will consider the issue of a statewide lottery system on the November ballot. The need for a lottery was a major part of Governor Jim Hodges 1998 election platform. The moral implications and economic impact of a lottery are critical aspects of a debate that is going on right now all over the Palmetto State. The August 22nd meeting of our Club will give Rotarians a chance to hear and judge for ourselves the arguments for and against Governor Hodges Lottery proposal.

Speaking For, will be Kevin Geddings. This Wofford Grad is former Chief of Staff for the Governor and is an outspoken advocate for a lottery and its benefit to public education. Speaking Against will be Secretary of State Jim Miles. This Greenvillian will challenge the case for the lottery and advocate the need for its defeat in the coming election.

The format will allow each side to make a case for their position, counter argument, and then a window of time we be allowed for queries from the floor. The next meeting promises to be an important one, come prepared for some lively debate!

Family of Greenville Rotary

Roger Gill CEO of the University Center of Greenville presented the Center's future plans to the Spartanburg Rotary Club on August 8th.

Royce Carter was recently appointed by the Governor to serve as director of The Gift of Life Trust Fund, which promotes Organ and tissue donations statewide.

Also Royce was elected Vice Chairman of the Greenville County Planning Commission after appointment by the County Council.

Greenville Rotarians continued their longtime involvement in other notable civic endeavors with the following members participating as board members this past year for the 2000 United Way campaign. **Baxter Wynn** - Chairman, **Arnold Burnell** Palmetto Society Chairman and **David Ellison** Vice Chairman. **Mark Clary** and **Neil Rabon** also served as Cabinet members in the most successful drive ever.

Have you been excused?

Members who fail to sign an attendance card, do make-ups at other clubs or members who fail to report make-ups should contact Club Secretary Gene Hindman at 297-5557 for any correction. Members are reminded that 60% attendance is the requirement and expectation for every 6month period.

Let's help with Club's Poinsett gala

Expectations are building for the Club's black-tie January 9, 2001 gala Homecoming at the Poinsett Hotel. Committees are working to produce a video documenting our history and legacy of service to the Mountain City. The program will include fascinating details of Rotary people and personalities that make our club so special.

HOW YOU CAN HELP!

We need individual members or corporations to step up to the plate and help underwrite the costs of this special event. All of us now have an opportunity to become a sponsor of this event. A video and historical booklet will be presented to everyone in the Club. These will become part of future introductions and orientation to this Downtown club. Suggested sponsorships begin at \$1,000.

Will you help build our Legacy? Call **Ruud Veltman** (864 683-1326) or **John Redmond** (233-0763) or **Jack Cromartie** (234-0886).

LETTER OF THANKS from Zimbabwe Club

Former District Governor Sue Poss passed along a really nice note from a District Governor in Southern Africa for assistance our Club and District 7750 provided through the Rotary Matching grants program.

August 10, 2000

May I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the generous assistance you have given Mutare and Chipinge. You have been wonderful to us and I would be grateful

If you would convey on behalf of my Rotarians in District 9210 in general and the Mutare Rotarians in particular our appreciation to a part of the world that continues to be in dire need of help from the devastation of Cyclone Eline. We continue to provide many with temporary emergency shelter, food, medicines and clothing. This week, we are erecting the first 40 permanent housing units in the Chipinge area.

Sincerely,
PDG Eric Marques