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## Downtown Rotary celebrates 'singular event' — 85 years of community service

On January 10th, our Rotary Club will celebrate a singular event in the life of any civic or service organization. We will mark — almost to the day — 85 years since the founding of our Club and 85 years of service to our community. A committee chaired by Ruud Veltman has been hard at

By work planning a gala event in the historic Gold Ballroom of the  
John newly restored Poinsett Hotel.

Redmond The evening will be filled with fun and fellowship, as we reflect on the vital role our Club and members have played in the life and development of Greenville. The festivities will begin with a social hour at 6:30 and dinner at 7:30.

The program includes a special message from a representative of the President of Rotary International, recognition of our longest membership members, and a video presentation of our Club's history telling the story of how Rotary has impacted our city and region. As this bulletin goes to press, only a few seats are still available. If you are interested in attending, contact Ruud Veltman immediately at 683-1326 or 292-3039.

Every couple attending the January 10th session will receive a copy of the video, to be presented at the January 23rd meeting. Parking will be available in the Poinsett garage directly behind the hotel. Be sure to park nearest the south end of the parking garage (toward the Peace Center) and enter the hotel from the lowest garage level. Check in at the registration table in the hotel to guarantee credit for attendance.

*(See "85 years" inside)*

The Downtown Rotary Club has plans for a new way of doing business. The Club has begun moving toward having most of its clerical and financial functions performed by an employee who will not be a member of the Club. As a result, the traditional Club Secretary/Treasurer functions will be greatly reduced in scope, leaving primarily executive oversight functions.

Board member Frank Kolb has agreed to manage the Club's transition to this new format. Among the objectives he will oversee will be the hiring of an administrative assistant/secretary, the leasing of appropriate office space, the identification of functions which may be assigned to the new employee, and the allocation of those duties. Over the next few weeks, Frank will be meeting with various Club members to accomplish these goals. "We need approximately 250-300 square feet of office space," Frank said. "If any members have or know about available space, they can contact me at 979-0364 or 843-6279."

"Thankfully," said President Phillip Kilgore, "Gene Hindman has agreed to assist in the transition, and we appreciate all his contributions and past service." Gene will remain through January, and will be available thereafter for consultation, as family responsibilities permit.

During this period, Gene and Frank will work with the new employee and implement the new structure. The goal is to complete the transition by the end of February or March.

"Operating a club our size has become very complicated," Phillip said. "We think this new approach will result in greater efficiency and value for our members. As with all the other changes, we appreciate the patience of our members."

## Rotarians in 'Top 50'

The December issue of *Greenville Magazine* ranked 12 members of Downtown Rotary Club among the 50 Most Influential Greenvillians.

Named to the select list were Gerald Seals, Tom Barton, Bob Hughes, Virginia Uldrick, Andy Cajka, George Fletcher, Deb Sofield, David Shi, Baxter Wynn, Arnold Burrell, Nancy Whitworth, and Beth Padgett.

The magazine said the annual listing has been "a catalyst" to encourage people and institutions to think more about leadership in Greenville.

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## Online *Rotarian* 'travels' to Germany

A Rotarian in Europe read his club bulletin before anybody in Greenville even received it in the mail. "I am in Germany," said John Bettger in a December 27 transmission, "and just opened my e-mail to find our new website. Great work."

"This is interesting and still fascinating to me," said Terry Weaver, who chairs the technology committee and bears responsibility for maintaining the website. "This e-communication is not about cost, it's about time, and the availability of information any time and any place."

The Downtown Club went online in September in response to a challenge by Rotary International President Frank Devlyn to use the Internet to link the clubs worldwide.

The ticket for entering the world of Rotary online is [www.greenvillerotary.org/Bulletins.htm](http://www.greenvillerotary.org/Bulletins.htm). "You may click on the bulletin date to view the current issue of *The Greenville Rotarian* or any past issues of your choice," Terry explained.

Terry said the Downtown Club has gathered 219 e-mail addresses for informing members of the bulletin's posting. "We're encouraging members to give us their e-mail addresses if they haven't already," he said.

The technology committee chairman also said the user name "greenville" and password "rotary" are required to enter the "members only section" of the website — with the reminder to use lower-case letters.

If you haven't already, send your e-mail addresses to [execsecretary@greenvillerotary.org](mailto:execsecretary@greenvillerotary.org).



## Members proposed

**Timothy T. Sellers**, Data Support Manager, New South Communications, under the classification of Data Management, (Active), sponsored by Frank McGowan and Nell Stewart.

**Douglas N. Kelly**, President, Greenville Jet Sales, under the classification of Aircraft Sales, (Active), sponsored by Coleman Shouse and Phillip Kilgore.

**C. Victor Pyle Jr.**, Retired Resident Judge, Thirteenth Judicial District, under the classification of Past Service, (Active), sponsored by Coleman Shouse and Phillip Kilgore.

The website is a window on the world of Rotary. It contains an updated membership roster for the Downtown Club, along with officers and committees, links with other clubs in the area, and information about District 7750 and Rotary International.

"Ultimately," Terry mentioned, "we would like to get away from the printed bulletin." In Don Lineback's case, consider the goal reached. "Thanks for going online," he said in a recent e-mail to the bulletin editor. "No need to send me any more printed bulletins."

## Celebrating 85 years of service

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We were the 205th Rotary Club, chartered by a group of business leaders from Atlanta in 1916. We have directly or indirectly started more than a dozen other Rotary Clubs across the Carolinas, and have contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars and volunteer leadership to help the poor and needy; the underprivileged; veterans of World War I, World War II, and the Korean and Vietnam conflicts; the War Bond effort; students studying here and abroad; Furman University; the YMCA; Camp Greenville; the original Textile Hall; the Community Chest (forerunner of the United Way); St. Francis Hospital; Red Cross headquarters; the Salvation Army boys and girls clubs; children's literacy; and school science fairs — to name a few of our historic concerns. We continue many of these traditions today, including honoring our community's best teachers and law enforcement officers each year.

Our legacy is clear. In 1916, our charter members began living our motto — Service Above Self. We can do no less.

## The Family of Rotary

The new Marine Environmental Health Research Laboratory in Charleston may carry the name of South Carolina's junior senator, but it bears the mark of **Scott Kilgore**. Scott, of the firm of Craig, Gauden and Davis, was the designer and supervising architect of the lab named for Senator Ernest F. Hollings on December 21st.

Operated by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the facility works in conjunction with the Medical University of South Carolina to explore the relationship of marine and human biology, and how each can benefit from such research.

**Terry Weaver** has been elected to the Working Group on Information Technology, as part of Furman University's Strategic Planning Task Force.

The task force will be developing strategies to guide Furman through 2004.

The "City People" section of the December 20th *Greenville News* carried feature articles on **Mack Whittle, Roy Phillips and Don Koonce**.

### Missing Persons Report

Absent from the last meeting: George Acker, Joe Adams, Wanda Adams, Carol Allison, Warren Arseneaux, Paul Aughtry Jr., Ralph Bailey Jr., Judith Bainbridge, Tom Barton Jr., Dreugh Batson, Glenn Batson, Louis Batson III, Ken Bauder, Chris Beard, Jim Blakely Jr., Marco Bottari, John Brearley, Jimmy Brehm, Doug Brown, Johnny Mack Brown, Tim Brown, Daryle Bush, Andy Cajka Jr., Royce Carter, Jim Casteel, Lang Cheves Jr., Subodh Choudhary, Scott Christopher, Gary Clark, Mark Clary, Bob E. Coleman, Phil Conner, Penny Cooper, John Cooter, Dean Crain II, Pat Currie, Bob Dannals, Jim DeMint, Kelly Dixon, Tom Donn, Marcia Duncan, Mel Duncan, Pat Duncan, Charles Eldridge Jr., Jason Elliott, Bob E. Ellis, George Fletcher, Jimmy Forbes III, David Fortson, Allen L. Freeman, Caleb Freeman, John Funderburk, Mills Gallivan, Nelson Garrison, Ted Gentry, Frank Gibbes III, Roger Gill, Gil Gilreath Jr., Wayne Godshall, Andy Goldsmith, Paul Goldsmith, Kirk Gollwitzer, Will Gowan Jr., Roger Gower, Steve Graddick, Pat Grayson Jr., Paul Grier, Allen Grumbine, David Guthrie Jr., Alan Harkey, Darrell Harrison, Tom Harvey, Tom Hemans II, Richard Hewitt, Al Hotz Jr., Jody Howard, Bob Howard, John Huebner, A.V. Huff Jr., Bob Hughes Jr., Scott Hull, Stan Ingram Jr., Surendra Jain, Andre Jamar, Mike Jaskwich, Matthew K. Johnson, Willie Johnson, Kevin Jones, Bill Kehl, Worth Kiger, Scott Kilgore, Rick Knight Jr., Roland Knight, Don Koonce, Bill Kutz Jr., Frank Landgraaf, Bud Lawton, Steve LeFevre, Wallace Lightsey, Harrell Ligon, Billy Long Jr., Woody Long Jr., Jacob Lowrey III, John Lummus, Barry Lynch, Elizabeth Lyons, Scott Mace, Brown Mahon Jr., Bob Mahon Jr., "Rip" Major III, Charles Major Jr., Sara Mansbach, Alex Martin, Colin Martin, John Mauldin, John McCarroll, Bill McCauley II, Scott McClelland, Bobby McLain Jr., David Merline Jr., Charlie Mickel, Mel Miles Jr., Bill Millen, Bill Newell, Jimmy Orders III, Ray Orvin Jr., Lee Palms, Jim Parham Jr., Henry Parr Jr., Sudhir Patel, Tom Patrick, Joel Patterson III, Roy Phillips III, Walt Phillips Jr., Roddy Piper Jr., Tom Piper, J.J. Puryear, Ray Ramage Jr., Vardry Ramseur, Mark Ratchford, Niles Ray, Buddy Reynolds, Jim Robbins, Chris Rogers, Tony Ryan, Gary Schlansker, Gerald Seals, Hal Shaw Jr., Kevin Short, Matt Shouse, Wade Shugart III, Sam Simmons, Scot Singletary, Joyce Smart-Buchanan, Des Smith, Sam Smith III, Willie Smith Jr., Candace Sommer, Bob Stillwell, Roger Stone, Lyndon Stovall, John Taylor Jr., Mark Taylor, Kyle Thomas, Ted Thompson, Ross Turner III, Virginia Uldrick, John Uprichard, Joe Valitchka, Roger Varin, Roger R.R. Varin, Mike Vincent, Bubba Watts, David Weekes, Chuck Welch, Bill Whitney, Nancy Whitworth, Jim Williams, Doug Wilson, Fred Wood, Baker Wyche III, Baxter Wynn.

*Members and visiting Rotarians totaled 114. An accurate figure for other guests was not available.*

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