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"Service above self"

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DeLoach speaker for Law Enforcement Day

Deke DeLoach, who retired from the Federal Bureau of Investigation after 28 years of service and who was offered the director's position twice following his retirement, will speak January 23rd as the Downtown Club gives its annual salute to law enforcement.



DeLoach

"When registering for the meeting," Kitty Allen reminded, "each member will pick up two parking coupons for garage parking. These should be attached to the dated ticket they receive at the entrance for expedient exiting after the meeting is over."

Kitty continued, "For law enforcement day, we will have a plated dinner and no buffet line. Members with special dietary requirements need to let us know at least three days in advance if possible."

The meeting will be held in the Poinsett Room, which is the front room on the lower level of the hotel. Meal service will begin at Noon.

DeLoach, a Georgia native, joined the FBI in 1942, but took a leave from 1944-46 to serve in the Navy. After that, he moved up the organizational ladder, serving as inspector, assistant director, and deputy director. He supervised some of the FBI's toughest cases and received commendations from two U.S. presidents.

After retiring from the FBI, he became vice president for corporate affairs at PepsiCo, Inc. He retired from PepsiCo in 1985.

DeLoach received four gold medals from the Freedoms Foundation for his civic involvement. He and his wife, Barbara, have seven children. They live at Hilton Head.

Birthday bash at Poinsett celebrates 85 years of service by Downtown Rotary Club



David Shi and his wife Susan chat with Don Kilgore.

its start at the fabled but defunct Ottaray Hotel at the other end of Main Street from the Poinsett — with 25 charter members.

Dignitaries attending the celebration included Glenn Estess of Birmingham, Ala., past vice president of Rotary International; Harriet Skinner of Aiken, governor of District 7750; and immediate past District Governor Sue Poss of Greenville, a member of the Greenville East Club.

Also recognized were Lucille Ward, widow of Jack Ward, who was club secretary from 1973-95, and Dot Grimball, whose late husband, George Mackey Grimball, was president of the club in 1981-82.

The Downtown Rotary Club staged a big birthday bash at the restored Poinsett Hotel on January 11th to honor its 85th year of putting service above self — and, as the icing on the cake, celebrated a homecoming to downtown Greenville, where it all began.

“Tonight,” said master of ceremonies David Shi, “represents the triumphant return to the Poinsett.” For the sake of history, he noted that the club had ended its previous relationship with the Poinsett “to protest an increase in the price of lunch to \$2.50,” adding, “And so, off to the Ramada we went.”

The first club in South Carolina, Downtown Rotary got

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As a special feature of the program, Rotarians and guests viewed a video, “Greenville Downtown Rotary: Celebrating 85 Years of Service,” produced by club member Don Koonce. The video, a review of the storied history of the first Rotary club in the Carolinas, ended with a reminder that “the light of the past is a beacon that guides future service.”

Club President Phillip Kilgore praised the work of Rotarians past and present in general, saying, “One thing we all have in common is a commitment to the principle of service above self.”

He expressed his hope that all attending the anniversary celebration would be encouraged by the ability of Downtown Rotary to “make a difference.” He said the club’s story is that of “ordinary people — just plain folks — motivated to do great things.”

Entertainers for the 85th anniversary celebration included the Herring Chamber Ensemble of the Greenville Chorale, led by Bingham Vick; The Bell Tower Boys, a men’s group from Furman; and club member J.J. Puryear, a ventriloquist. Another club member, Allen McSween, pastor of Fourth Presbyterian Church, gave the invocation. Ruud Veltman chaired the Rotary Heritage Dinner Committee.



Dignitaries included (l to r) Glenn Estess, Harriet Skinner, Ruud Veltman, Sue Poss, and Phillip Kilgore.

Wanted You to Know ...

Many thanks to all club members who participated in producing the “85 Years of Service” celebration on January 10, 2001. It was an extraordinary event, made possible by the teamwork of the committee, under Chair Ruud Veltman. A special thanks to Don Koonce and Judy Bainbridge, who produced the outstanding feature presentation. It was an evening we will long remember.

Another special thanks to Ben Crider and the Roper Mountain Holiday Lights Committee. The Holiday Lights project was flawless this year, and its financial performance met all expectations. And, importantly, the Committee has left things in great shape for next year’s project.

Finally, a personal thanks to all club members who have quietly gone about doing the business of the Club over the past six months. We have accomplished much through your efforts.

— Phillip Kilgore

The Family of Rotary

Six members of the Downtown Rotary Club were among the top 25 community leaders

recognized by *The Greenville News*. They were chosen by ballots mailed to more than 600 community leaders.

Profiles and biographies of the 25 appeared in a special section of *The Greenville News* on January 1st. Club members selected were Tom Barton, George Fletcher, Bob Hughes, David Shi, Virginia Uldrick, and Mack Whittle.

Luncheons for new club members and their sponsors are held on the first Monday of each month at Tommy's Country Ham House on Rutherford Street, starting at 12 o'clock. The purpose of the luncheons is to familiarize new members with the work of the various committees of the Downtown Club.

Perhaps you have news to share with the Family of Rotary. If so, report it to the Bulletin Editor by phone, 232-8736; fax, 232-8488; e-mail, don@baptistcourier.com; or U.S. mail, 100 Manly St., Greenville 29601.

Missing Persons Report

George Acker, Joe Adams, Wanda Adams, Glen Adkins, Carol Allison, Dave Anthony, Warren Arseneaux, Bob Atkinson, Paul Aughtry Jr., Larry Ayers, Ralph Bailey Jr., Tina Ballew, Tom Barton Jr., Dreugh Batson, Glenn Batson, Louis Batson III, Ken Bauder, Chris Beard, Doug Bell, Jim Blakely Jr., Maxcy Boineau, Marco Bottari, John Brearley, Jimmy Brehm, Doug Brown, Johnny Mack Brown, Tim Brown, John Bruner, Daryle Bush, Andy Cajka Jr., De Canaday, Lang Cheves Jr., Subodh Choudhary, Scott Christopher, Gary Clark, Phil Conner, Penny Cooper, Dean Crain II, Pat Currie, Bob Dannals, Jim DeMint, Tom Donn, Chris Doyle, Rick Dreskin, John Dullea, Mark Dullea, Marcia Duncan, Pat Duncan, J.K. Earle Jr., Bill Easterday, Eldridge Charles Jr., Bob E. Ellis, Dave Ellison, Bill Engle, Jimmy Forbes III, Allen L. Freeman, Caleb Freeman, John Funderburk, Harold Gallivan Jr., Nelson Garrison, Gray Geddie Jr., Ted Gentry, Frank Gibbes III, Roger Gill, Fred Gilmer III, Fred Gilmer Jr., Gil Gilreath Jr., Wayne Godshall, Andy Goldsmith, Kirk Gollwitzer, Will Gowan Jr., Roger Gower, Steve Graddick, Pat Grayson Jr., Paul Grier, David Guthrie Jr., Tap Haley, Alan Harkey, Darrell Harrison, Greg Hart, Tom Hemans II, Ted Hendry, Al Hotz Jr., Jody Howard, Gordon Howle, A.V. Huff Jr., Bob Hughes Jr., Scott Hull, Manoj Jain, Mike Jaskwhich, Matthew K. Johnson, Willie Johnson, Kevin Jones, Neil C. Jones, Bill B. Jones, Whit Jordan Jr., Worth Kiger, Rick Knight Jr., Bill Kutz Jr., Tom Latham Jr., Ed Lathan Jr., Bessie Lee, Steve LeFevre, Charlie LeGrand, Wallace Lightsey, Harrell Ligon, Dean Livingston Jr., Billy Long Jr., Jacob Lowrey III, John Lumms, Barry Lynch, Elizabeth Lyons, Scott Mace, Collin Mackie, Brown Mahon Jr., "Rip" Major III, Charles Major Jr., Alex Martin, John Mauldin, Tuck McAfee III, Bill McCauley II, Scott McClelland, Bobby McLain Jr., Brad Medcalf, Roger Meek, Charlie Mickel, Mel Miles Jr., Lee Miller III, Van Moore, Bill Newell, Jimmy Orders III, Brian O'Rourke, Ray Orvin Jr., David Ott, Lee Palms, Henry Parr Jr., Sudhir Patel, Joel Patterson III, Roy Phillips III, Arthur Phillips Jr., Roddy Piper Jr., Tom Piper, Ray Ramage Jr., Vardry Ramseur, Mark Ratchford, Louis Redmond, John Reynolds, Frank Richards Jr., Jim Robbins, Bill Robertson III, Tony Ryan, Gary Schlansker, Gerald Seals, Roy Seaver, Hal Shaw Jr., Kevin Short, Sam Simmons, Lee Sims, Scot Singletary, Des Smith, Sam Smith III, Willie Smith Jr., Deb Sofield, Candace Sommer, Bob Stillwell, Kirk Stone, Lyndon Stovall, Kelly Sullivan III, Meadors Tanner, John Taylor Jr., Mark Taylor, Kyle Thomas, John R. Thomas, Rocky Thomason III, Ted Thompson, Fay Towell, Kristi Turner, Ross Turner III, Virginia Uldrick, John Uprichard, Roger R.R. Varin, Mike Vincent, Bubba Watts, David Weekes, Bill Whitney, Doug Wilson, John Wofford, Fred Wood, James Woodside Jr., Ann Wright, Baker Wyche III, Baxter Wynn, Skip Young Jr.

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