



# THE GREENVILLE ROTARIAN

*"Service above self"*

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## Bell to speak on Civil War sub Hunley

George Bell, a Greenville businessman and member of the board of directors of the Friends of the Hunley Inc., will make a presentation about the famous Civil War submarine at the March 13th meeting.

The program, which will involve slides and video, will bring club members up-to-date on what the raising of the Hunley has revealed and what is likely to be discovered. The Friends of the Hunley is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping the submarine complete its historic journey home and provide a proper burial for the crew. The Hunley is one of the most sought-after artifacts in the history of naval warfare. It sank in 1864 just outside Charleston Harbor.

Attending the March 13th meeting will be a number of high school students who will be "shadowing" members of Downtown Rotary. In the shadowing program, the young people spend half a day alongside professionals in careers the students are interested in pursuing.



*The Hunley is raised after 136 years on the ocean floor.*

## An open letter to the Club President

Happy greetings from Denia, Spain. By way of my personal coordinator (my mother), I received the note you sent, and the best way to reply is via e-mail. Isn't that true for everything? I'm only an e-mail address away from home, and it makes all the difference when you're a couple of time zones

By **Kristin McSwain** away. I hope your club has received my previous correspondence about how my exchange year has been progressing. I have had the extraordinary luck to be placed with a magnificent family in an ideal region of Spain. The Rotarians here are most generous, and I have made friends from all over the world, inside and outside of the program.

My return date is scheduled for the 30th of May. I would have stayed a little bit longer, but my brother is getting married the second weekend in June. After being away for so long, it becomes unmistakably clear that family priorities exceed all else. Upon my return home, I look forward to sharing my year with the Downtown Club — there are so many interesting stories to tell and pictures to show. More than that, I will want to express my deep appreciation to Rotary, because the support network that you have with this program is what sets it apart from the others.

Again, thank you for your note. My best wishes to you. I will see you soon.

*(Editor's Note: Kristin is an Ambassadorial Scholar from Greenville who is participating in the Rotary Exchange program.)*

## Ham House hosts new member luncheons

All new members of the Downtown Rotary Club are encouraged to attend new member luncheons scheduled for the first Monday of each month at noon at Tommy's Country Ham House. The club has grown rapidly this past year. The new member luncheon creates the opportunity to gather and fellowship with other recent inductees, and to gain from a monthly presentation made about one of the key club service projects or other topics, such as the Rotary Foundation. Attendance counts as a make-up of a missed regular meeting. It might be wise to arrive a few minutes before noon to beat the crowd.

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## District Assembly to be held in Clinton

The Rotary District 7750 Assembly will be Saturday, March 17, at Presbyterian College in Clinton. Registration and a continental breakfast will be from 8-8:45 a.m. Cost is \$10 per person.

The opening session begins at 8:45 a.m. and will include the business meeting, remarks concerning the year ahead by District Governor-Elect Jim Futrell, and a special presentation by District Facilitator Frank Lee.

Participants will have an opportunity to attend two breakout sessions before the assembly concludes at 12 noon.

Topics for training include The Rotary Foundation, Group Study Ex-

change, Youth Exchange, Secretaries/Treasurers, Interact/Rotaract, CART and RYLA, Membership Development, Retention and Extension, Vocational Service, Internet Communications and World Community Service.

All Rotarians are invited to attend and participate in the District Assembly, but incoming officers and board members are especially encouraged to take part.

Downtown Rotary Club President-Elect Beth Padgett is hoping for a good showing from our club at the District Assembly. She encourages all board members and committee chairmen to attend this important training session.

## Four new members introduced

The Downtown Rotary Club welcomed four new members at its February 27th meeting.

Bruce Bowman was introduced by Randy Bell. Bruce lived in Detroit for a number of years and worked 34 years for Ford Motor Co. in the manufacturing division. He moved to Greenville last July. He has degrees from Western Kentucky and the University of Louisville. His hobbies are golf, hiking and outdoor activities.

Marcus DelGato was introduced by Frank Kolb. Marcus is general branch manager of Thyssen Dover Elevator. He is single and graduated from Florida State University.

Crawford Long was introduced by Bruce McPherson. Crawford is a third-generation Rotarian. He graduated from Christ Church Episcopal School and Georgetown University, with a degree in theology and a minor in international relations. He is e-business developer and strategist at Brains On Fire.

Tim Sellers was introduced by Frank McGowan. Suffice it to say, Tim has had a long, interesting and most varied life. He is originally from Charlotte, has extensive communication experience, and works as data support manager for NewSouth Communications.

## Wanted You to Know ...

I continue to be impressed with the work of the Program Committee this year. The Committee has produced quality programs week after week. With all the things requiring my attention in the operation of the Club, this is one aspect of the Club which seems to have happened effortlessly. But I know this is not so, because I have seen firsthand the work of the Committee.

Chaired by Jim Scott, Committee members include Don Koonce, Nancy Whitworth, David Shi, Ken Bauder, Mac Walters, and Vardry Ramseur. They have met several times and have kept in almost weekly contact by e-mail since the start of July. As a result of their efforts, we have had well-renowned speakers and informative and stimulating programs. The lineup for this spring is more of the same: George Bell on the Hunley; Bernard Groseclose, Chairman of the South Carolina Ports Authority; the Furman Singers; and a debate on school vouchers. Wow!

When we first started this year, a key objective was to increase the value of a Rotary Club membership. For its part, the Program Committee has delivered. If you see these fellow Club members, please thank them for their efforts.

— Phillip Kilgore

## The Family of Rotary

**Joyce Smart-Buchanan** was recently appointed by Gov. Jim Hodges to chair the Consumer Affairs Advisory Board on Credit, which helps bring consumer issues to the attention of state officials.

**Arnold Burrell**, who has gotten considerable press coverage in recent weeks, will retire from BellSouth at the end of this month after a long, distinguished career. As can be seen by his tireless appearance, Arnold is easing into retirement.

**Bessie Lee** also has retired from the Greenville Literacy Association.

**James Woodside** soon will have surgery at Johns Hopkins University Hospital after he was diagnosed with a malignancy.

**Frank Kolb**, who began serving as secretary-treasurer last month, was elected secretary-treasurer of our Rotary Club for next year, 2001-2002.

In the absence of Holiday Lights Chairman Ben Crider, Frank Kolb presented this extremely good news to our club: **Roper Mountain Holiday Lights** grossed a little more than \$100,000 during the 2000 holiday season. After the bills were paid, the project netted \$56,000. That sum will be divided evenly between our Rotary Club and Roper Mountain Science Center.

### Missing Persons Report

Absent from the February 27th meeting: George Acker, Warren Arseneaux, Ralph Bailey, Tina Ballew, Louis Batson III, Charlie Bell, Tom Bentson Jr., Gerry Bets on, Marco Bottari, Johnny Mack Brown, Tim Brown, Andy Cajka Jr., Jim Casteel, Lang Cheves Jr., Subodh Choudhary, Scott Christopher, Mark Clary, Phil Conner, Dean Crain II, Ben Crider Jr., Pat Currie, Bob Dannals, Chris Doyle, Marcia Duncan, Charles Eldridge Jr., Jason Elliott, Dave Ellison, Jim Gaines, Nelson Garrison, Frank Gibbes III, Andy Goldsmith, Paul Goldsmith, Will Gowan Jr., David Guthrie Jr., Tap Haley, Alan Harkey, Tom Harvey, Bob Howard, Bob Hughes, Bill Jackson, Neil Jones, Bill Kehl, Doug Kelly, Rick Knight, Randy Kowalksi, Ed Lathan Jr., Charlie LeGrand, Charles Little Jr., Scott McClelland, Bill Newell, Ray Orvin Jr., David Ott, Joel Patterson III, Tom Piper, Ray Ramage Jr., Frank Richards Jr., Jim Rumrill, Hal Shaw Jr., David Shi, Kevin Short, Coleman Shouse, Wade Shugart III, Scot Singletary, Joyce Smart-Buchanan, Des Smith, Sam Smith III, Willie Smith Jr., Deb Sofield, Bob Stillwell, Lyndon Stovall, George E. Tate, Lewis Terry Jr., Kyle Thomas, Rocky Thomason III, Ted Thompson, Ross Turner III, Virginia Uldrick, Terry Weaver, Doug Wilson, Freddie Wilson, Rush Wilson III, Skip Young Jr.