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SCT's Robinson named Mills Fellow

The Downtown Rotary Club has honored the director of the Singing Christmas Tree by naming him a Mills Fellow. Gary Robinson, who has directed the SCT since 1992, was recognized at the March 13th meeting.

"Gary devoted hundreds of hours to each production, and his work inspired thousands of children during that time," said Club President Phillip Kilgore. "He was a tireless advocate and promoter of the Singing Christmas Tree." Before the first performance of the final production last December, Robinson told SCT chair Glen Adkins of plans to donate his professional honorarium to the Rotary Club of Greenville Foundation to support scholarships for young people who have performed with the Singing Christmas Tree.

"This final act of generosity was typical of Gary's dedication to the Singing Christmas Tree," Kilgore said.



President Phillip Kilgore recognizes Gary Robinson during the March 13th meeting. With him are his wife and club members Stan Ingram and Glen Adkins.

New members proposed

Larry Bonorato, General Manager, Bradshaw Chevrolet-Olds-Buick-Cadillac, under the classification of Past Service (Active), sponsored by Kenneth Bauder and Frank Kolb.

Kelle R. Corvin, Executive Vice President, Chippewa Aerospace, Inc., Aerospace (Active), sponsored by Deb Sofield and Nell Stewart.

Robert N.H. Hampton Jr., Owner/Realtor-Developer, The Hampton Company, Real Estate Development (Active), sponsored by Frank McGowan and Louis P. Batson Jr.

Lou Holtzner, Regional Sales Manager (Retired), Unilever/Lipton, Food Industry Management (Active), sponsored by Myles Golden and Frank Kolb.

Beverly James, Executive Director, Greenville County Library, Public Library (Active), sponsored by Nell Stewart and Phillip Kilgore.

LeRoy B. Lewis Jr., Sales and Service Account Manager, Duke Power Company, Past Service (Active), sponsored by George Acker and Baker Wyche III.

E. Brown Parkinson Jr., Attorney/Partner/Shareholder, Devlin and Parkinson, P.A.; Law Practice-Healthcare Law (Active), sponsored by Paul Grier and James Woodside.

David Robert Taylor, Sales Executive, Cliffs Community, Real Estate Sales-Residential (Active), sponsored by Royce Carter and Milton Shockley.

Jane W. Thomas, Executive Director, Greenville Literacy Association, Service Organizations-Literary (Active), sponsored by Bessie Lee and Jim Rumrill.

Oliver T. Rogers, Manager/Broker in Charge, Edward Jones Investments, Stock Brokerage (Active), sponsored by John E. Roberts and James W. Hayes.

Students 'shadow' Rotary members

Forty-two students representing Carolina, Greenville and Wade Hampton high schools took part in the Downtown Club's "shadowing" program on March 13th. The students spent a half day learning about the careers of their Rotary sponsors. This was the first time the club had held a Shadowing Day in several years. Here, club member Lee Sims is shown with his "shadow," Hope Brown, a student at Greenville High.



RI's Richard King sets ambitious agenda

Rotary International's theme for this current club year is "Create Awareness, Take Action." Incoming President Richard King has made the theme for his year of service, "Mankind Is Our Business."

District 7750 Rotarians, meeting at the District Assembly on March 17th at Presbyterian College in Clinton, heard a videotaped address from President-Elect King in which he articulated his ambitious goals for next year. Our world and our Greenville community will be a better place if we help Rotary International and Rick King meet these goals for 2001-02. However, we will all have to stretch a little more and reach a little higher.

Downtown Rotary has much to be proud of. Under President Phillip Kilgore's able and enthusiastic leadership, our club has made tremendous strides in membership development, community service, vocational outreach and international service.

At the District Assembly, Jim Futrell of the Winnsboro Club became District Governor for 2001-02, and Bruce Baker was recognized as the District Governor-Elect for 2001-02. Edward A. Hamilton of the Rotary Club of Clemson will serve as District Governor in 2003-04.

Also attending the March 17th District Assembly from our club were: Phillip Kilgore, President; Frank Kolb, Executive Secretary-Treasurer; Myles Golden, a District Lieutenant Governor; Surendra Jain, District Lieutenant Governor; Randy Bell; Jim Blakely; Ben Crider; Rhemar Lane; Jim Scott; Terry Weaver; and Todd Korahais.

Wanted You to Know ...

Among goals for this year was to act on the technology strategy adopted by the Board of Directors last year. A club our size needed to adopt a more efficient way of doing business. President Coleman Shouse appointed a Technology Committee, and the Board committed a significant amount of the Club's assets to make it happen.

Our "techies," chaired by Terry Weaver, include Chris Rogers, Gene Hindman, Frank Kolb, David Karr, and Randy Bell. Initiatives they took on included developing a new website; upgrading the Club's computers, software, and database; initiating communications through e-mail; transmitting the bulletin electronically; and recording meeting attendance by bar code scanning. By the end of this Rotary year, the Club will have achieved most of its objectives.

We still have a ways to go. Let Terry Weaver know of any suggestions you have (terryweaver@metaprise.com), and keep information current. Many members have not given us their e-mail addresses. Check our website (<http://www.greenvillerotary.org>) and contact the Rotary office (execsecretary@greenvillerotary.org) with any changes or additions.

And if you run into any of our techies, please tell them "THANKS!"

— Phillip Kilgore

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Ports Authority CEO to speak

Bernard Groseclose, president and CEO of the South Carolina State Ports Authority, will speak at the March 27th meeting.

He is a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College and the College of William and Mary. Before joining the Ports Authority in 1985, he spent six years with Rockwell International. The SCSPA operates facilities in Charleston, Georgetown and Port Royal.

The Family of Rotary

The family of Rotary continues to grow. At the March 13th meeting, the four latest members were introduced. They are: **Fred Carpenter, Lewis Freeman, Terry Graves, and Paul Landers.**

Gary Schlansker reports that 37 Rotarians volunteered for the “**Read to Me**” program during the 2000-2001 school year. The club offered to provide readers at seven sites during the academic year, and approximately 16 members have read more than once. Greenville Rotary also helped sponsor a reading event for home childcare providers, underwriting the purchase of books for the home-based sites. Schlansker hopes that a “greater core group” committed to reading four to six times will volunteer for the 2001-2002 school year.

The **Downtown Club** celebrated its 85th anniversary January 9th at its new meeting place, the Poinsett Hotel. Greenville Rotary is interested in feedback from members concerning the new venue. E-mail your opinions to the Executive Secretary at execsecretary@greenvillerotary.org.

Missing Persons Report

Members absent from the March 13th meeting:
Dave Anthony, Warren Arseneaux, Tina Ballew, Louis Batson III, Ken Bauder, John Bearden, Charlie Bell, Doug Bell, Gerry Benston, John Brearley, Johnny Mack Brown, Andy Cajka Jr., Subodh Choudhary, Gary Clark, Bob A. Coleman, Bob E. Coleman, Phil Conner, Dean Crain II, Roxanne Cromartie, Charles Dalton, Mel Duncan, Pat Duncan, Jason Elliott, Caleb Freeman, John Funderburk, Mills Gallivan, Nelson Garrison, Gray Geddie Jr., Frank Gibbes III, Wayne Godshall, Andy Goldsmith, Kirk Gollwitzer, Will Gowan Jr. Steve Graddick, Pat Grayson Jr., Tap Haley, John Hardaway III, Darrell Harrison, Tom Harvey, Ted Hendry, Whit Jordan Jr. Bill Kehl, Roland Knight, Bessie Lee, Bryan Little Jr., John Lummus, Scott Mace, Collin Mackie, “Rip” Major III, Alex Martin, John Mauldin, John McCarroll, Bill McCauley II, Brad Medcalf, Roger Meek, Charlie Mickel, Bill Newell, Wheeler Powell, Neil Rabon Jr., Mark Ratchford, Bill Robertson III, Karen Rogers, Wade Shugart III, Des Smith, Sam Smith III, Willie Smith Jr., Kirk Stone, Lyndon Stovall, Kelly Sullivan III, George E. Tate, Kyle Thomas, John R. Thomas, Rocky Thomason III, Fay Towell, Kristi Turner, Virginia Uldrick, John Uprichard, Mike Vincent, Charles Warne, Bubba Watts, Doug Wilson, Freddie Wilson.