



# THE GREENVILLE ROTARIAN

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## Veltman recognized as Mills Fellow



***R**uud Veltman, center, was honored as a Mills Fellow at the March 27th meeting in recognition of his leadership in the celebration of Greenville Rotary's 85th anniversary. Veltman chaired the Rotary Heritage committee. With him are Club President Phillip Kilgore, who made the presentation, and Stan Ingram, representing the Greenville Endowment.*

## Coming April 10th: The Furman Singers

### Torchbearers sought for 2002 Olympics

The road to the Salt Lake 2002 Olympic games is open for nominations. Nominations, that is, to be a torchbearer on a relay route that will cover more than 13,500 miles. The torch relay starts in Atlanta on December 4, 2001, and finishes in Salt Lake City on February 8, 2002. Information for nominating a torchbearer is available from Roxanne Cromartie. "They are looking for people who inspire, people who epitomize what the Olympics stand for," she said.

Nominees must be 12 or older by December 4th. They must be nominated in an essay of at least 50 words, but no more than 100 words. The deadline for entries is May 15th. Nominations will be sent to one of approximately 100 regional judging panels.

For the Atlanta games in 1996, 22 torchbearers from the Greenville area were selected from 400 nominations.

### Mills Benefactors extend Rotary efforts

You can become a Mills Benefactor overnight or over time. With your contribution to the Rotary Foundation of Greenville, you make a gift that will extend Rotary efforts and programs in the Greenville community for years to come. And when your contributions reach \$1,000, you will be recognized as a Mills Benefactor.

You can make the commitment in the form of an outright gift, a pledge, or the donation of property. Gifts may also be made annually, monthly, or

over a period of years. For more information, contact Stan Ingram, who has challenged Rotarians to "fill up the Foundation." He said that the work of the Foundation "opens doors of opportunity for other people."

### District conference

The Rotary District 7750 Conference is set for May 4-6 at the Springmaid Beach Resort in Myrtle Beach. The conference offers Rotarians and their families numerous opportunities for learning and fellowship.

### Topics vary for new member luncheons

Make plans to attend the new member luncheons at the Ham House. The luncheons are held at noon on the first Monday of the month — unless it is a holiday, in which case the luncheon will be moved to the second Monday. Topics to be covered are as follows:

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|-----------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| May       | Ben Crider      | Roper Mountain Lights           |
| June      | Jim Blakely     | Rotary International Foundation |
|           | Stan Ingram     | Greenville Rotary Endowment     |
| July      | David Kerr      | Rotary Charities                |
|           | Caleb Freeman   | Grants Review                   |
| August    | Gary Schlansker | "Read To Me"                    |
|           | Rick Dreskin    | Science Fair                    |
| September | Nancy Whitworth | Club Scholarships               |
|           | Randy Bell      | Youth Exchange                  |

### International shipping benefits Upstate

Bernard Groseclose, president and CEO of the South Carolina State Ports Authority, told Rotarians that 133,000 employees work for 900 companies in the I-85 corridor that are engaged in international shipping.

Groseclose, speaking at the March 27th meeting, said the Charleston harbor is fourth in volume in the United States, ranking behind two ports in California — Los Angeles and Long Beach — and the New York/New Jersey port. Groseclose said the Charleston harbor is being deepened to increase its shipping capacity.

### Ukraine floods leave 35,000 homeless

More than 35,000 residents in Ukraine have been forced to flee their homes and some 200 villages have been completely submerged by floods resulting from recent heavy rains and snow throughout Eastern Europe. The governor of District 2230 is seeking international support to help these victims recover.

To assist in relief efforts, contributions can be made payable to "Rotary Polish Fund (Disaster Account)." All contributions for disaster relief are forwarded to the disaster relief account established by the district and are appropriated at the discretion of the district governor. For more information, contact District Governor Richard Kaszuba-Krzepicki (D-2230), 81-833 Sopot Struga 12, Poland. Telephone/fax: 48-58-55-02647; e-mail: cozz@polratok.com.pl.

## Wanted You to Know ...

You know how sometimes you do things because you think you are supposed to, and it ends up being something you are glad you did? That was me on March 20th.

Rick Dreskin, the Club's Science Fair Chair, called me about three weeks before and asked me to say a few words at the Science Fair Awards Ceremony. I agreed because our Club sponsors the Science Fair to the tune of \$5,000, and because I thought we should be represented.

Was I glad I went. These were not a bunch of egg-headed geniuses, but kids and grandkids just like ours. And they really put together some fine projects.

Experiences like this, as well as other things we do to help children (e.g. Rotary Readers, scholarships), bring it home to me how important our work is in this community. We have done them so long, they have become second nature and we tend to forget about them.

As our President-Elect Beth Padgett continues her preparation for the next Rotary year, I encourage you to consider the many things your Club does and to think about what you can do to help. Increase your involvement if you can. I am sure Beth will find out what I found out — our members know how to say "Yes!"

— Phillip Kilgore

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## The Family of Rotary

**Charlie and Midge Williams** are happy to announce the birth of their first grandchildren to their daughter Patty and son-in-law Jim Howard. Twin boys, Charles Randolph and Reid Mitchell were born on January 8, 2001.

Three new members were introduced at the March 27th meeting. They are **Carol Hallman, Hank Sitton, and Jan Cross.**

**Don Kirkland** is the author of "Making the Best of It," a profile of Greenville businessman and philanthropist Neb Cline. He is founder and president of the Cline Company. The book was published through North Greenville College, one of Cline's benefactors.

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

## Missing Persons Report

Members absent from the March 27th meeting: David Anthony, Ralph Bailey, Christina Ballew, Milton Bates, Kenneth Bauder, Douglas Bell, Tom Benston, Gerry Benston, Marco Bottari, Gordon Bray, John Brearley, Johnny Mac Brown, Andrew Cajka, Jim Casteel, Lang Cheves, Scott Christopher, Phillip Conner, Dean Crain, David Currie, Christopher Doyle, Jeanet Dreskin, Marcia Duncan, Mel Duncan, Charles Eldridge Jr., Bob E. Ellis, David Ellison, Caleb Freeman, Harold Gallivan, Frank Gibbes, Fred Gilmer Jr., Fred Gilmer III, Gil Gilreath, Myles Golden, Mason Goldsmith, Will Gowan, Roger Gower, Terry Graves, David Grumbine, John Hardaway, Alan Harkey, Ted Hendry, Jay Hewitt, Richard Hewitt, Neel Hipp, Alvin Hotz, Archie Huff, Scott Hull, Bill Jackson, Kevin Jones, Bill B. Jones, Tom Latham, Eddie Lathan, Billy Long, John Lummus, Rip Major, Tuck McAfee, Scott McClelland, Brad Medcalf, Charlie Mickel, Van Moore, Bob Morris, Bill Newell, Jimmy Orders, Ray Orvin, Lee C. Palms, Joel Patterson, Thomas Piper, Carter Poe, Mark Ratchford, Karen Rogers, Jim Rumrill, Roy Seaver, Kevin Short, Matt Shouse, Wade Shugart, Bob Simonet, Lee Sims, Joyce Smart-Buchanan, Des Smith, Sam Smith, Deb Sofield, Lewis Terry, Kyle Thomas, Harry Thompson, Fay Towell, Anne Turner, John Uprichard, Roger R.R. Varin, Don Vaughan, Bubba Watts, Dave Weekes, Joe Wells, Charlie Williams, Douglas Wilson, Rush Wilson Jr., Fred Wood, James Woodside.

*Members and visiting Rotarians totaled: 223*