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Educators Ray, Lingle to debate hot topic

Some believe that a state-funded school voucher program is one answer to the question, "How can we improve the quality of education in South Carolina?" Others are just as convinced that such a program would hurt public education in the Palmetto State. The subject of school vouchers and their potential impact on education is a hot topic among professional educators as well as the parents of school-aged children.

School vouchers

Two educators will bring the school voucher debate to Greenville Rotary's April 24th meeting. The speakers will be Dr. Jim Ray and Dr. Buddy Lingle.

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Ray became superintendent of Spartanburg School District 3 for the second time last April. Between those assignments, he served a year as deputy superintendent of the South Carolina Department of Education. He formerly was associate superintendent of the Kershaw County School District. Ray, who is a Rotarian, is president-elect of the South Carolina Association of School Superintendents.

Lingle is professor of pharmacology at the University of South Carolina and board chairman for the PACE Foundation of South Carolina. PACE is an acronym for Partners Advancing Choice in Education. The foundation solicits funds from private groups and individuals, and then provides scholarships for children in lower-income families to attend primary and secondary schools of their choice.

Rotary awards grants totaling \$5,800

Rotary grants totaling \$5,800 have been approved for three Greenville organizations. The grants were approved by Greenville Rotary's Board of Directors during their April 17th meeting at the Poinsett Club.

The Grants Committee, chaired by Caleb Freeman, had received seven applications for Rotary grants. Earlier, the board had awarded a \$1,900 grant to the Girl Scouts of the Old 96 Council for its "Project Calling All Colors."

At the April 17th meeting, the board awarded a \$2,000 matching grant to the Meyer Center for Special Children. The money will be used for equipment to develop the sensory skills of the children at the center, which serves more than 90 students annually. In 1999, the center became a Greenville County charter school.

The board awarded another matching grant of \$1,300 to the Greenville Literacy Association. It will go toward upgrading the language laboratory and purchasing instructional materials for the association's English as a Second Language program. The program is aimed primarily at the growing number of internationals coming to the Greenville area. Last year, approximately 500 community volunteers worked with more than 3,300 students.

Also approved by the directors was a \$2,500 grant for the Greenville school district's "Operation Respect: Don't Laugh at Me." Named for the song "Don't Laugh at Me," the nationwide project will be implemented by the district in an effort to eliminate ridicule, bullying, intolerance, and name-calling, and to help create a safer and more nurturing environment in Greenville classrooms.

Towell to host new member orientation

The next new member orientation will be held at 7:00 p.m. on April 24th at Fay Towell's house, 15 East Tallulah Drive. The orientation should be over by 8:15. All new members are urged to attend. Questions may be directed to Kirk Stone (255-4999) or Rush Wilson III (232-2761). And don't forget the new member luncheons scheduled for the first Monday of each month at Tommy's Country Ham House at noon.

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Argentinians learn Greenville culture

A Group Study Exchange (GSE) team from Argentina is visiting the Greenville area of District 7750 for the next four weeks. The team, representing various occupations, will learn about our culture. A group from South Carolina is visiting Argentina for a similar experience.

The GSE team is being hosted by the Greenville East and Greenville North Rotary Clubs. Greenville Rotary has received requests from the presidents of Greenville East and Greenville North for help in hosting the team. The schedule of events for the team is posted on a working calendar that is routinely updated on the district website at <http://www.rotary7750.org>.

Rotarians interested in helping with this group should contact Gary Davis, Greenville East, 232-5621, or Rob Hanley, Greenville North, 234-9470.

New members proposed

Judy Hardison, Sales Associate, Personnel Resources, LLC, under the classification of Personnel Consultant (Additional Active), sponsored by Fay Towell and Kelly Sullivan.

Jill R. Kintigh, Greenville County Treasurer, Greenville County Treasurer's Office, under the classification of County Treasurer (Active), sponsored by Mason Alexander and Randy Bell.

Naresh Kumar, Owner, India Palace Restaurant, under the classification of Indian Restaurant (Active), sponsored by Frank Kolb and Surendra Jain.

Ronald W. McKinney, City Attorney, City Hall, City of Greenville, under the classification of Municipal Government-Law Practice (Active), sponsored by Nell Stewart and Phillip Kilgore.

Donald L. Powell, Founder and President, Proquest, under the classification of Executive Search-Pharmaceutical, Medical Device, Biotech (Active), sponsored by Fay Towell and Candace Sommers.

Charles J. "Chuck" Saylor, Manufacturer's Representative, Duro-Last Roofing, Inc., under the classification of Roofing Systems Manufacturing (Active), sponsored by Nell Stewart and Frank Kolb.

Ruth Shuck, Co-Founder/Managing Director, First Base Ventures, under the classification of Business Incubation (Active), sponsored by Surendra Jain and Nell Stewart.

Linda Wentworth, Owner/President, Southeastern Dental, under the classification of Dentistry (Active), sponsored by Randy Bell and David Ott.

Wanted You to Know ...

It wasn't until about a year ago that I learned of the full extent to which our Club participates in international exchange activities. A Group Study Exchange (GSE) team from Argentina is visiting the Greenville area for four weeks. These young, non-Rotarians are visiting our part of the world and learning about our culture. A similar group from South Carolina is in Argentina. On April 16, I joined several local Rotarians at a supper with these exceptional people.

I have just endorsed and mailed applications for two extraordinary college students from Presbyterian College and Furman University who are seeking Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships to study abroad for a year. Our Club will sponsor them just as we sponsored Kristin McSwain, now studying in Spain.

Finally, Myles Golden is in the process of assisting the Rotary District 7750 Youth Exchange coordinator in placing several high school students from places like Brazil and Mexico. For years, Myles has done this for students like our current exchange student, Paolo Valadao of Brazil. And our members have hosted these remarkable young people for years.

Our Club plays an important role in promoting world peace and understanding. Call me if you want to get directly involved.

— Phillip Kilgore

The Family of Rotary

At the April 10th meeting, Greenville Rotary welcomed a former member back into the fold — **Milton Bates**. Other new members recognized at the meeting were **Oliver “Oz” Rogers**, **Vicki Sharis**, and **Brad Van Meter**.

The Rotary year ends in June, which means that work on the **2001-2002 yearbook** is already underway. Is there additional information that ought to appear with your name and picture? And speaking of pictures, would Rotarians recognize you at club meetings by your picture in the yearbook? If not, you may want to update your photo. New or corrected information, plus perhaps a new picture, should be sent as soon as possible to Vickie Pittman, administrative assistant for Greenville Rotary, P.O.Box 3537, Greenville, SC 29608, e-mail address execsecretary@greenvillerotary.org, phone 235-2293. Taking care of this promptly is a good way to “do my part when called upon,” which is one of the obligations of Rotarians.

MISSING PERSONS REPORT

Members absent from the April 10th meeting: George Acker, Bob Atkinson, Larry Ayers, Ken Bauder, Tom Benston, Gerry Benston, Bruce Bowman, John Brearley, Jim Brehm, Johnny Mack Brown, Tim Brown, Andy Cajka, Lang Cheves, Scott Christopher, Gary Clark, Dean Crain, David Currie, John DeJong, Mel Duncan, Bill Engle, Lewis Freeman, John Funderburk, Charles Garrison, Gray Geddie, Ted Gentry, Frank Gibbes, Roger Gill, Kirk Gollwitzer, Will Gowan, Paul Grier, Tap Haley, Alan Harkey, Darrell Harrison, Ted Hendry, Gene Hindman, Myron Howle, Scott Hull, Neil Jones, Rick Knight, Paul Landers, Bud Lawton, Don Lineback, Jacob Lowrey, John Lummus, Barry Lynch, Alex Martin, Tuck McAfee, Scott McClelland, Brad Medcalf, Roger Meek, David Merline Jr., Mel Miles, Van Moore, Bill Newell, Jimmy Orders, Ray Orvin, David Ott, Henry Parr, Joel Patterson, John Puryear, Ray Ramage, Niles Ray, Lewis Redmond, Bill Robertson, Chris Rogers, Karen Rogers, Tony Ryan, Kevin Short, Hank Sitton, Des Smith, Sam Smith, Kirk Stone, Roger Stone, Lynn Stovall, Hewlett Sullivan, John Taylor, Mark Taylor, Charles Thomas, Jane Thomas, John Thomas, Ross Turner, John Uprichard, Joe Valitchka, Mike Vincent, Fred Walker, Chuck Welch, Doug Wilson, John Wofford, Ann Wright, Baker Wyche, Baxter Wynn, Skip Young. Total attendance: 205.