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Burrell champions education referendum

The chairman of the “Better Schools Now” support group for education has challenged Greenvillians to “take our education system to world class, just like everything else we do.”

Arnold Burrell, a member of Greenville Rotary and recently retired from BellSouth, spoke at the May 8th club meeting. He endorsed the May 19th referendum that would allow a tax increase to improve education. Uses for the additional money would include pay raises for teachers, attracting and keeping good teachers, and books for libraries.

“We must pay more if we are to attract and retain the best teachers,” Burrell said.

He said the average age of all school library collections in Greenville County is 23 years, science collections 25 years, history collections 29 years, and reference collections 20 years.

“Our children,” he said, “are using books and materials that don’t mention the space shuttle, advances in genetic research, Ronald Reagan, or the breakup of the Soviet Union. The only wireless communication they have read about is a five-pound walkie-talkie, yet many of them have mobile phones.”

As for criticism of the proposed tax increase, Burrell said, “If progressive leaders and visionaries had listened to naysayers in the past, we would still be using the downtown airport instead of GSP, Main Street would be a ghost town with boarded-up storefronts, and we would not have the Peace Center or the Bi-Lo Center.”

He concluded, “This referendum is not about the past. It is about the future — the future of our children.”

Totaling \$28,000

Area students receive Rotary scholarships

Greenville Rotary Club has given college scholarships totaling \$28,000 to seven high school graduates.

The seven were selected from among 64 applicants for the scholarships, each providing \$1,000 per year for four years.

The recipients had demonstrated financial need and averaged SAT scores of 1,310. Four were ranked number one in their high school classes. Two were second, and one graduated fifth.

The students, their high schools, and the colleges and universities they will attend are: Maggie Rose Eisenhower Pierson, Travelers Rest, Notre Dame; Rebecca Anne Carne, Hillcrest, Furman; Michael Hatch, J.L. Mann, Duke; Sydney Ann Pesavento, Wade Hampton,

Clemson; Matt Mabus, Greer, Clemson; Amber Krystina Allen, Carolina, Clemson; and Heather Michele George, Woodmont, Shorter.

Holiday events perform well

Two annual Greenville Rotary events — one of them a finale — performed well in 2000.

The curtain came down on the traditional Singing Christmas Tree in December.

Total income from the Christmas Tree was \$31,589, of which \$15,830 came from donations by members.

After expenses of \$13,275, the performance turned a profit of \$18,313.

The Roper Mountain Holiday Lights project brought in a total of \$101,529. After expenses of \$30,419, the net income from the event was \$71,110.

Bulletin survey

So far, Greenville Rotarians favor discontinuing mailing the paper bulletin by a 2-to-1 margin.

Asked whether the Club should continue mailing *The Greenville Rotarian*, 120 members said “no” and 60 said “yes.” At press time, 80 members still had not responded.

Harkey to share vision with Rotary

Alan Harkey is a Rotarian on a mission. As president of Christian Blind Mission International (CBMI-USA), he wants to eliminate avoidable blindness in the world by the year 2020. In fact, CBMI’s historic global initiative is called Vision 2020.

Harkey, a member of our Club since 1993, will share his vision with Greenville Rotary on May 22nd.

Vision 2020 is backed by the World Health Organization and dozens of other health groups worldwide. It is expected that this project will have an impact on nearly 100 million people during the next few years.

Harkey came to his present position in 1993. He is responsible for guiding all phases of CBMI’s operations and strategic development in the United States. CBMI is the largest Christian organization serving the world’s blind and disabled.

Before joining CBMI, Harkey spent more than 10 years in the Florida Senate and the U.S. Congress. He and his wife Janet are parents of David and Christopher.

New members proposed

Welch McNair Bostick Jr., Senior Vice President-Human Resources/Operations, Belk Inc., under the classification of Retail-Department Stores/Human Resources (Active), sponsored by Phillip Kilgore and Gray Geddie.

Leland H. Cox Jr., Headmaster, Christ Church Episcopal School, under the classification of Independent Private Schools (Active), past member for 10 years in Hartsville Rotary Club, sponsored by James Rumrill and Julius Gilreath Jr.

Dawn Davidson, Catering/ Sales Manager, Hyatt Regency of Greenville, under the classification of Hotel Sales (Active), sponsored by Bill Whitney and Frank Kolb.

Carl N. Friedholm, Chief Technology Officer, Profitlab Inc., under the classification of Telecommunications (Active), sponsored by Glyn Finch and Bill Jones.

William D. Herlong, Partner, Nelson, Mullins, Riley and Scarborough, under the classification of Internet/Computer Law (Active), sponsored by George Fletcher and Neil Jones.

Daniel T. McNamara, President/Owner, Metro Reprographic Services, under the classification of Reprographic Services (Active), sponsored by Jim Scott and James Heinz.

Wanted You to Know ...

Few of my “duties” this year have brought me more pride and pleasure than representing the Club, and you, at the Salute to Education Banquet on May 10, 2001. This is the major annual awards dinner for the Greenville School District, attended by 800 of Greenville’s finest students, parents and educators. On this occasion, the District honors outstanding achievement among its students, teachers and staff. Our Club is the primary sponsor, joined by several businesses and associations.

When you are sending in your check for Rotary Charities, or when you are standing at the gate on Roper Mountain collecting money in the rain or with the temperature at 25 degrees, it may be easy to lose sight of why we do what we do. I can assure you that your efforts this year went to a great cause last week. It is so important to recognize excellence in education.

As the Club’s representative, I had the privilege of acquainting those in attendance with our commitment to improving the quality of education in Greenville. I mentioned our academic and music scholarships, our grants to education agencies, Science Fair, Shadowing, Teacher of the Year, Youth Exchange, Roper Mountain Science Center, Read-to-Me, and on and on and on. You should be proud to be a Rotarian. I certainly am.

— Phillip Kilgore

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The Family of Rotary

Charles Major and his wife Peggy became grandparents for the third time on March 30th. Caroline Quinn Fleming was born to Cory and Eve Fleming of Beaufort.

Paul Grier and his wife Susan are pleased (okay, thrilled) to share the news that their daughter, Davida Elizabeth, was placed with them for adoption on April 30th.

Three new members of Greenville Rotary — **Brian Bergmann, Jill Kintigh,** and **David Taylor** — were introduced at the May 8th meeting.

Note to new members: If you have joined the Club since the beginning of the year and do not have a lapel pin, contact Vickie at the Rotary office. By the way, the new pins are larger than the old ones.

Do you have news for **The Family of Rotary?** Yes? Then send it to the bulletin at don@baptistcourier.com, call 232-8736, fax 232-8488, or mail to P.O. Box 2168, Greenville 29602.

MISSING PERSONS REPORT

Absent from the May 8th meeting: George Acker, David Anthony, Ralph Bailey, Judith Bainbridge, Doug Bell, Thomas Benston, William Benston, Audrey Bettger, John Bettger, Marco Bottari, James Brehm, Douglas Brown, Johnny Mack Brown, Timothy Brown, Andrew Cajka, Scott Christopher, Mark Clary, Phillip Conner, Jan Cross, David Currie, Richard Dreskin, Melton Duncan, William Easterday, Jason Elliott, Glyn Finch, David Fortson, John Funderburk, H. Gallivan, J. Gentry, Wayne Godshall, William Gowan, Steven Graddick, Paul Grier, John Hardaway, Darrell Harrison, James Hewitt, Richard Hewitt, Lou Holtzner, Jody Howard, John Huebner, Archie Huff, W. Hull, Kevin Jones, Donald Koonce, Paul Landers, Bessie Lee, Steven B. LeFevre, Charles LeGrand, Charles Little, William Long, John Lummus, John Mace, Charles Major, Sara Mansbach, Colin Martin, John Mauldin, Tuck McAfee, Scott McClelland, Robert McLain, Allen McSween, Charles Mickel, James Miles, Van Moore, Ray Orvin, David Ott, Lee C. Palms, Sudhir Patel, Thomas Patrick, W. Patterson, Walter Phillips, Raymond Ramage, Vardry Ramseur, Karen Rogers, James Rumrill, Wade Shugart, Sam Simmons, Joyce Smart-Buchanan, Sam Smith, Deb Sofield, Robert Stillwell, Kirk Stone, Lynn Stovall, John Taylor, Charles Thomas, John Uprichard, Joseph Valitchka, Brad Van Meter, Don Vaughan, Ruud Veltman, Michael Vincent, David Weekes, Joseph Wells, Jim Williams, Douglas Wilson, Ann Wright, Baker Wyche, Baxter Wynn. Total attendance: 223