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"Service above self"

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The work of Rotary, especially in the international community, will be spotlighted at the June 12th meeting. Mark Markanda, a member of Charlotte East Rotary Club and a former District Governor, will be the featured speaker.

Appropriately for a meeting emphasizing the Rotary International Foundation, a number of club members who have contributed to the RIF will be recognized as Paul Harris Fellows.

Spotlight on Rotary at June 12th meeting

Charlotte's Mark Markanda headlines program recognizing new Paul Harris Fellows

Visitors expected on June 12th include Harriett Skinner, Governor of District 7750, and former District Governors George Rogers and Sue Poss.

Markanda has perfect attendance for 25 years at his club and was its president in 1981-82. In 1985-86, he was governor of his district, which, in 1990, named a trophy in his honor to be presented to the outstanding Rotary Club with fewer than 51 members.

Markanda, a native of India, received the Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award for his support of international humanitarian and educational programs. He also was the recipient of Rotary International's highest honor, the Service Above Self Award. He is one of only eight Rotarians in the world to receive the International Service Award for Rotary's PolioPlus campaign. All members of his family are Paul Harris Fellows.

Brazil student visits

Paulo Valadao, an exchange student from Brazil, visited Greenville Rotary on May 22nd. He has been in Greenville since August 11, attends Mauldin High School, and will return to his home on July 10. He is shown with hosts Bill Engle and Cheri Becker, left, along with Randy Bell, youth exchange counselor for Greenville Rotary.



RI's King to pay visit to Greenville

Rick King, president of Rotary International for 2001-02, will visit Greenville July 25th for a reception and dinner at downtown's Hyatt Hotel. This replaces Greenville Rotary's July 24th meeting. Members will receive a \$10 credit toward dinner, which is \$20 per club member and \$30 for guests — payable only in advance.

Checks to Rotary Club of Greenville should be sent to P.O. Box 3537, Greenville 29608, by July 1. Before the deadline, the first 500 tickets will

go to Greenville Rotarians and to current officers, lieutenant governors and past governors of District 7750. After July 1, unsold tickets will be made available to Rotarians outside Greenville County. Seating for the event is limited to 650.

In addition to a speech by King, the program will include induction of new members and recognition of new Paul Harris Fellows, benefactors and major donors. The evening begins with a reception at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7. Business dress will be appropriate.

Harkey's 'Vision 2020' targets blindness

A Greenville Rotarian says that it will take a "global coalition" to eliminate avoidable blindness in the world.

Alan Harkey, who heads the Christian Blind Mission in Greenville, said that while his organization linked up with 700 ministry partners in 800 countries last year and reached some 9 million people, "it will take something much bigger" to get the job done.

Vision 2020 is his organization's strategy for halting avoidable blindness, and he expressed hope that Rotary would get involved in that effort. Harkey said the Vision 2020 movement is "spreading like a brush fire" and has the potential to make an impact on 100 million people by the year 2020.



After his speech to Rotary, Harkey, left, chats with Club member John Redmond.

"I want to see Rotary footnoted in history not only for defeating polio, but also avoidable blindness," he said. "Every minute of every day, someone in the world goes blind, and 85 percent of that blindness is avoidable."

Rotary Foundation started with \$26.50

In 1917, the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta created an "endowment fund for Rotary." A few months later, the endowment received its first contribution of \$26.50 from the Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri.

In 1928, when the endowment had grown to more than \$5,000, the fund was renamed "The Rotary Foundation." Two years later, the Foundation made its first grant of \$500 to help crippled children. The Paul Harris Memorial Fund, honoring Rotary's founder who died in 1947, was created to build the Foundation.

To date, contributions of more than \$1 billion have been made to the Rotary Foundation, and there are some 726,000 Paul Harris Fellows.

Wanted You to Know ...

At our next meeting, the Club will emphasize our relationship to the international community, and our commitment to world peace and understanding.

On June 12th, we will recognize a number of our own who have contributed generously to the Rotary International Foundation ("RIF"), and are now Paul Harris Fellows. We also will deliver a check for \$7,000 to RIF as this Club's contribution to current RI President Frank Devlyn's Avoidable Blindness initiative. And we will celebrate a banner year in fundraising for this Club's total contribution to RIF.

The significance of these achievements will be underscored by the lineup of visitors in attendance. Our District Governor Harriett Skinner will be joined by Past DG George Rogers, now our District 7750 RIF Chair; and Mark Markanda, Past Governor of District 7680, a member of Charlotte East Club and heavily involved in RIF activities in our region. Mr. Markanda will bring us an inspired message on how RIF funds are put to work.

I am sure we will walk away from our meeting on June 12th with a greater understanding of how our local efforts improve the quality of life for our neighbors continents away.

— Phillip Kilgore

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The Family of Rotary

Three new members of Greenville Rotary were introduced at the May 22nd meeting. They are **Beverly James, Lee Lewis and Brown Parkinson.**

During the week of June 4-8, **Rush Wilson** was playing in the 2001 World Championship of the International Golfing Fellowship of Rotary in Liverpool, England. Approximately 500 Rotarians from 30 countries were playing in the tournament. Rush seems to be getting in his rounds of golf. The week before playing in England, he and his son, **Rush Wilson III**, spent a week golfing in Ireland at five of the top courses in the world and driving 1,000 miles in one week — completely encompassing the island.

This issue of *The Greenville Rotarian* was mailed to 134 fewer Club members than the last edition. These Rotarians have expressed their preference to read the bulletin on-line. Of those responding to the questionnaire sent by Terry Weaver, 74 said they want to continue receiving the bulletin in the mail. Fifty-three did not respond to the survey.

MISSING PERSONS REPORT

Members absent from the May 22nd meeting: Carol Allison, Paul Aughtry, Ralph Bailey, Kenneth Bauder, Doug Bell, Thomas Benston, William Benston, Marco Bottari, Bruce Bowman, James Brehm, Johnny Mack Brown, Andrew Cajka, Lang Cheves, Subodh Choudhary, Scott Christopher, Gary Clark, Robert A.

Coleman, Dean Crain, Christopher Doyle, Marcia Duncan, Jason Elliott, George Fletcher, Allen Freeman, Caleb Freeman, Lewis Freeman, John Funderburk, James Gaines, Harold Gallivan, Charles Garrison, Roger Gill, Fred Gilmer Jr., Julias Gilreath, Mason Goldsmith, William Gowan, Terry Graves, William Haley, Robert Hampton, Darrell Harrison, Thomas Harvey, James Hewitt, Neel Hipp, Myron Howle, Archie Huff, Scott Hull, Stan Ingram, Michael Jaskwhich, Lambert Jordan, Jill Kintigh, Roland Knight, Edwin Lathan, Bessie Lee, Steven B. LeFevre, Woodrow Long, John Lummus, Barry Lynch, Sara Mansbach, John McCarroll, Scott McClelland, Brad Medcalf, Charles Mickel, Van Moore, Ray Orvin, John Puryear, Richard Rabb, Ray Ramage, Mark Ratchford, Niles Ray, William Robertson, Chris Rogers, Karen Rogers, Oz Rogers, Gary Schlansker, Vicki Sharif, Wade Shugart, Des Smith, Sam Smith, Roger Stone, Lyndon Stovall, Mark Taylor, Lewis Terry, Charles Thomas, Turner Ross III, Brad Van Meter, Don Vaughan, Michael Vincent, Edwin Watts, Joseph Wells, Doug Wilson, John Wofford, Ann Wright, Baxter Wynn. Total attendance: 229