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Christmas Tree music scholarships awarded

Eight students have been named recipients of Singing Christmas Tree music scholarships. All the students performed in past productions of the Christmas Tree sponsored by Greenville Rotary Club.

At left are Rotarians Glen Adkins and John Reynolds. At right are Gary Robinson, director of the Greenville County Youth Orchestra, and Jane Stelling, choral director at Wade Hampton High School — both of whom were directors for the Singing Christmas Tree. Recipients from left, back row, are Stephanie Black, Lee University; Christen Lance, Brevard College; Evans Robinson Jr., Erskine College; and Elliott Smith, Furman University. From left, front row, are Katie Straker, Furman University; Elsa Siegel, Furman University; Elizabeth Martin, Clemson University; and Amanda Miller, University of Cincinnati.

Neugent paints picture of health care

A leader in health care has painted with a “broad brush” a landscape of things to come in his field, and all of it does not make for a pretty picture.

Dick Neugent, CEO for the Bon Secours St. Francis Health System, said providing health care in the years ahead will be “demanding and challenging” and will require “discernment.”

He pointed to a shortage of nurses that will reach 400,000 nationwide by 2020, with vacancies in other critical areas as well. He said there is a “growing dissatisfaction” among physicians who are “not happy with the quality of care they are able to provide.”

The United States spends more on health care than most countries — some 14 percent of the GNP — but ranks only 37th worldwide in performance.

Neugent said lifestyle choices — smoking, drinking, overeating, etc. — are “driving the cost of health care upward.” By 2002, he said, 50 percent of the country’s hospitals will have “negative operating margins.”

On the other hand, an “explosion in technology” is leading to new drugs and procedures, including “smart” operating rooms and ICUs for the future.

He also said more data will be available to the “new patient” through the Internet.

DeMint will address August 28th meeting

Fourth District Congressman Jim DeMint will speak at the August 28th meeting of Greenville Rotary Club.

DeMint was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1998. Prompted by what he called “the erosion of freedom by the expansion of government,” DeMint campaigned for the House under the banner of “Bring Freedom Home.” He was re-elected to Congress in 2000.

DeMint and his wife, Debbie, have four children and live in Greenville.

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Club members gave a Rotary send-off to Karen Guth, ambassadorial scholar for District 7750 who will study in Scotland. She was presented at the August 14th meeting by Club President Beth Padgett.

Ambassadorial Scholar off to Scotland

Karen Guth was recognized on August 14th as the District 7750 Ambassadorial Scholar for this year. Karen will represent our club, our district and Rotary International this school year as she heads off for a year at the University of Glasgow in Scotland.

Our club has actively participated in the Ambassadorial Scholarship Program for decades. This is an international education program for ambassadors of goodwill. These scholarships are awarded, in Karen’s case, for one academic year of study abroad. This program is the world’s largest privately funded international scholarship program.

The Ambassadorial Scholarship Program supports the mission of the Rotary Foundation to further international understanding and world peace. These students increase their awareness of and respect for other cultures. They learn firsthand about the Rotary ideal of “Service Above Self.” And most of them go on to dedicate their professional lives to helping other people in their communities and the world.

Karen recently graduated from Furman University with a major in religion. She is a graduate of Travelers Rest High School. Her father, Jim Guth, is a professor of political science at Furman University and her mother, Cydelle, teaches at Duncan Chapel Elementary School.

President’s Corner

I used to cringe when I heard other Rotarians talk, usually in a disparaging way, about “part-time clubs.” What they mean, of course, is that clubs such as ours that meet twice a month, as opposed to weekly, aren’t “full-time Rotary Clubs” such as their club is.

I cringe no more, and I certainly don’t make excuses for our club being lucky enough to meet twice a month instead of weekly. (By the way, we have this much-envied status because we were chartered before 1922 when Rotary International began requiring weekly meetings.)

I’ve visited most clubs in our county. I have a very high opinion of many of these clubs. But I’ve never seen another club pack the content into their “one hour” that we do into ours.

The “meeting” part of our meeting starts right at 12:30 p.m. In fact, I rang the bell about three minutes early on August 14th because of the heavy agenda. And it takes quite a bit of scheduling (and a little praying) to end the meeting by 1:30.

We have started publicizing that, for our club, lunch begins at noon and the meeting begins at 12:30 p.m. So are we a “part-time club”? Not in my book!

— Beth Padgett

The Family of Rotary _____

Ten new members were introduced to the Family of Rotary in recent weeks.

Presented at the King dinner on July 25th were **Bland Burkhardt, Gary Caldwell, Dawn Davidson, Carl Friedholm, Judy Hardison, William Herlong, and Eric Steele.**

Introduced at the August 14th meeting were **Welch Bostick, Ron McKinney, and Darrell Shipman.**

Elizabeth Lyons attended the Rotary International Membership Development Conference August 10-12 in Toronto, Canada.

The meeting focused on Rotary's Global Quest of "one new member every month with a net gain of five in every club throughout the world."

It was pointed out that if every club met the goal, the net gain to Rotary would be 150,000 new members.

She also learned that, although every Rotarian has the responsibility of inviting others to join, only 10 percent do.

In recent years, Rotary International has lost \$8 million in revenue, due to a 4 percent decrease in membership.

New Members Proposed _____

Mark Cooter, Tax Manager, Elliott Davis Company, under the classification of Tax/Financial Planner, sponsored by John Cooter and Jacob Lowery.

Richard "Rick" Furman Hewitt Jr., Manager, Elliott Davis Company, under the classification of CPA/Accounting, sponsored by Richard Hewitt and Jay Hewitt.

Fred W. Suggs Jr., Attorney/Shareholder, Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak and Stewart, under the classification of Attorney-Labor and Employment, sponsored by Phillip Kilgore and Gray Geddie.

Carla Whitlock, Sales Coordinator, Elliott Davis Company, under the classification of Sales Coordinator, sponsored by Elizabeth Lyons and Frank Kolb.

Stanley Melton, Corps Officer, The Salvation Army, under the classification of Religious Organizations, sponsored by Ben Crider and Frank Kolb.

Worth remembering

Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world.