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At its September 11th meeting, Greenville Rotary Club observed its annual recognition of top teachers in the district. At left are Greg Fox, Greenville Senior High Academy, Teacher of the Year; Gloria Quave, Blythe Academy, 1st runner-up; Julie Hartman, Paris Elementary, 2nd runner-up; Melodie Barron, Mitchell Road Elementary, 3rd runner-up; and Rotarian Jason Elliott, judge for the competition. Story inside.

Inside: District Governor Futrell to pay visit September 25th

District 7750 Governor Jim Futrell, a member of the Rotary Club of Winnsboro, will be the guest speaker at our Rotary Club's September 25th meeting.

Governor Jim describes himself as "a country boy from Potecasi, N.C., who married a city girl from Wilmington." Jim's wife, Jo Ann, also will be a guest of our club at the next meeting.

District Governor to speak Sept. 25th

Jim has been a Rotarian for 26 years, in three separate Rotary Clubs. In the Rotary Club of Winnsboro, he has been Club Service Chairman, Secretary, Board Member and was President in 1998-1999. He served at the District Level as Lieutenant Governor in 1999-2000. He is a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow and a Rotary Foundation Benefactor.

A special meeting is planned for September 25th. Our club will induct several new members, and we will recognize several new Paul Harris Fellows.

Rotarians feel pain of terror attack victims

Thousands are feared dead in the United States cities of New York and Washington, D.C., as a result of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on September 11th. Rotarians have responded with an outpouring of condolences and offers of support to the victims of this tragedy.

Rotary International President Richard King has sent a special message to the victims of the attacks on behalf of all the world's Rotarians. "At this early stage, we do not yet know what losses our own Rotary family may have experienced, but I am quite certain that all Rotarians stand united in offering sympathy and support," he said. "These events demonstrate the importance of keeping our organization growing and thriving. Where Rotary exists, there is a greater chance for peace. By swelling the ranks of Rotarians dedicated to peace, we can further strengthen Rotary's mission to foster international understanding and goodwill."

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'Easy' decision for Fox to become teacher

For Greg Fox, "it was an easy decision." The Greenville Senior High Academy math teacher was talking about the commitment he made 10 years ago to become a teacher. His audience was the Greenville Rotary Club, where, on September 11th, he was recognized as Greenville County's Teacher of the Year.

Fox — who earned degrees from Furman University, Clemson University, and the University of South Carolina — asked Rotarians to recall the impact teachers had on them. "It's amazing," he said, "the difference a good teacher can make in the life of a young person." Praised for his commitment to teaching and his enthusiasm in the classroom, Fox, the son of a fourth grade teacher, said, "When you love what you do, it shows."



Fox accepts congratulations from Club President Beth.

He challenged Rotarians to "be a positive influence in education." He added, "Stay positive, because good things are happening in our schools."

Club President Beth Padgett said that the annual teacher recognition is "one of the most exciting programs Rotary does."

Time for 'Health and Happiness Hour'

Greenville Rotary's first "Health and Happiness Hour" is set for Soby's Lounge on Main Street on October 30th from 5 to 7 p.m. "We hope many of you can make it and check out our new, more casual meeting alternative," said Kitty Allen.

The meeting will have no formal agenda or speakers, but there will be volunteer opportunity sign-ups available. Admission and light snacks will be provided free. Members may order beverages and heavier appetizers on their own. Attendance credit will be given for this after-hours meeting.

President's Corner

I'm not sure a Rotary Club meeting can be more difficult to pull off than it was on September 11th. I certainly hope not. I had helped the newspaper put out an extremely rare "street extra" before rushing over to the Poinsett Hotel just minutes before the meeting started. The adrenaline and mad rush of an unprecedented morning deadline gave way to raw emotion the minute I started to speak.

Words cannot express how much I appreciated each of you who made it to the meeting. Sociologists sometimes refer to civic groups such as the one we belong to as the "little platoons" of our society. We organize ourselves simply so we can enjoy each other's fellowship and make our society better through our service to others. At times, such as Tuesday the 11th, we're also reminded that our "little platoons" give us some refuge from the storm.

I also want to offer a special thank you to the Westin Poinsett Hotel. We had guaranteed 245 lunches for what should have been a well-attended meeting. We had 193 people for the meeting. The Poinsett Hotel could have made us pay for 52 uneaten meals. They didn't, and for that, we all owe them an expression of gratitude.

— Beth Padgett

The Family of Rotary _____

When making plans for the Fall Outing on October 9th at Furman University, mark your calendar for the first “Health and Happiness Hour” on October 30th. **Jay Hewitt** says it is intended as a “couple of hours of socializing,” and **President Beth** thinks it will be an “excellent way for networking among Rotarians.” Also, it counts as a makeup, good for two weeks.

Last year, 47 Rotarians volunteered for the “**Read To Me**” program designed for many “at risk” children in our school system. As Rotary continues its involvement in this worthwhile effort, it is especially important for men to sign up as readers. The volunteers do more than read to the students. They interact with them, and many of these youngsters do not have wholesome role models in their lives.

Greenville Rotary Club welcomes three new family members. Introduced at the September 11th meeting were **Lee Cox, Randy Oliver and Joe Ramseur**.

New Members Proposed _____

Ann M. Clark, Sales Manager, Hyatt Regency Inc., under the classification of Hotel Sales, sponsored by Elizabeth Lyons and Frank Kolb.

Betty Parker Ellis, Owner, Communications Works, LLC, under the classification of Communications, sponsored by Terry Weaver and Beth Padgett.

John D. Hopkins, President, The Fieldstone Group, under the classification of Business and Public Affairs Consulting (former member in Aiken and Anderson), sponsored by Roland Knight and Phillip Kilgore.

John Kemp, Capital Campaign Director, Shannon Forest Christian School, under the classification of Fund Raising, sponsored by Glenn Adkins and John Puryear.

Robert R. “Dick” Stanley, self-employed interim hospital CEO, under the classification of Health Administration (total of 21 years previous Rotary membership), sponsored by Rick Dreskin and Frank Kolb.

Dr. Michael D. Summers, Vice President for Education, Greenville Technical College, under the classification of Education Administration, sponsored by Nelson Garrison and Lee Miller.

Dr. David A. “Dave” Waters, Orthodontist, Orthodontic Associates, PA, under the classification of Orthodontics, sponsored by Richard Hewitt and James Gaines.