



# THE GREENVILLE ROTARIAN

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## DG pays busy visit to Greenville Rotary

District 7750 Governor Jim Futrell recognized new Paul Harris Fellows and inducted new members during his visit to Greenville Rotary Club on September 25th. On September 24th, he had met with Rotary leaders for the annual club assembly.

Futrell, who is from Winnsboro, said that Greenville's was the 37th of 55 club visits he will officially make. He was accompanied by his wife, Jo Ann. The District Governor said Rotary ranks third among his life's priorities, behind his faith and his family.

He said of Rotarians, "Our love for our fellow man makes us do the things we do, and through the Rotary Foundation, we can serve through love in every part of the world."



*D*istrict Governor Jim Futrell inducts new members John Fort, right, and Naresh Kumar into Greenville Rotary.

## DG hails Matt Shouse as 'unsung hero'

District Governor Jim Futrell presented the District Governor's Service to Mankind Award to Greenville Rotarian Matt Shouse.

The District Governor asked all District 7750 presidents to recommend club members for this award, which he calls his "Unsung Hero Award."

Matt Shouse hit the ground running when he joined our club in January 1998. He has worked on Holiday Lights every year, and he joined the Holiday Lights Board. Matt currently is vice chairman of Holiday Lights and will chair that committee next year. He also has served as Sergeant-at-Arms.

Matt is married and is a new father. He has demonstrated that it's possible to balance family, church and civic activities. He is an active member of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church, and he serves on the BSUMC Administrative Board and as an usher.

Matt also is involved with the Greenville YMCA and serves on the Camp Opportunity Board. Last year, he was a loaned executive for the United Way of Greenville County, and he remains very involved in United Way.



*Past President Coleman Shouse accepts award for his son Matt from District Governor Jim Futrell.*

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## White Oaks to host fellowship outing

Greenville Rotary's annual fellowship outing is set for October 9th at White Oaks, the home of Furman president David Shi. Beginning at 5:30, prizes for the golf and tennis outings and door prizes will be presented, followed by the cookout. For a last-minute registration to play golf or tennis, call Kitty Allen at 232-1979.

### Letters

## Teacher appreciation highlight for district

I am writing on behalf of the School District of Greenville County to thank the Greenville Rotary Club for your generous donation to our Greenville County Teacher of the Year and three runners-up. We were delighted that you were able to increase the total amount this year. Needless to say, our teachers will make good use of the \$1,850 they were given.

Thank you also for hosting our teachers, Dr. Harner, and communications representatives at the presentation lunch on September 11th. This event is a highlight for us each year. A special thank you to Jason for his work as a judge this year. The Greenville Rotary Club has long been a sponsor of our Teacher of the Year program, and we are most grateful.

Oby Lyles

Executive Director of Communications  
School District of Greenville County

## Fortunate to have Rotary as partner

We are fortunate to have the Rotary Club as a community partner. I am grateful for your support and dedication to the teachers and children of Greenville County. You truly are making a difference in Greenville. May God continue to bless your efforts.

Melodie Barron

Mitchell Road Elementary

## Greenville teachers deeply committed

We hope you were able to see how deeply committed Greenville County teachers are to the job of providing high-quality education to each and every student we serve. We also hope we conveyed our gratitude to you for recognizing the importance of the work we do, and, more importantly, for your willingness to be a part of it.

Julie Hartman

Paris Elementary

## President's Corner

During his visit to our club, District Governor Jim Futrell briefly mentioned an exciting District 7750 project. It's a project that I also mentioned in my installation speech in early July, and it's one that I enthusiastically support.

The project is called "Feeding Hungry Children in Haiti." Our club will hear more about it in coming months, and at some point, each of you will be given an opportunity to make a difference in the life of a hungry child in Haiti.

Children in Haiti have trouble learning because they are often hungry. Our District 7750 is trying to make it possible for the children attending school in the city of Cange to have a second meal each day.

This is not a handout; it's a hand up. In our great country, we recognize that education is the key to improving one's life. We also know that hungry children have a hard time learning.

Our modest goal is to give these school children a second meal each day — one that occurs before the start of the school day. We can do this for about \$15,000, using a special, dehydrated food that is both nutritious and easy to ship.

Stay tuned, you will hear more about this exciting project soon.

— Beth Padgett

## The Family of Rotary

District Governor Jim Futrell recognized four Paul Harris Fellows during his visit to the Club on September 25th. President **Beth Padgett** was recognized as a First Level Multiple Paul Harris Fellow. Already a PHF, **Richard Wagner** surprised his wife **Shirley** by making her a Paul Harris Fellow. Also named Paul Harris Fellows were **Randy Bell** and **Don Kirkland**.

**Jay Hewitt** has a word for those Rotarians who are suffering "frustration over the lack of opportunities for socializing." His recommendation: Attend the Club's **Health and Happiness Hour**, starting October 30th, 5-7 p.m., at Soby's Lounge on Main Street. And if socializing alone doesn't do it for you, the H&H Hour also counts as a makeup for a missed meeting.

And finally, the District Governor shared with Rotarians his formula for a successful marriage: "I don't try to run her life, and I don't try to run my life." He says it has worked for him and his wife Jo Ann.

## Rotary gives to Meals on Wheels, Red Cross

Greenville Rotary Club has made donations of \$1,000 each to Meals on Wheels and the American Red Cross.

At the September 25th meeting, Club President Beth Padgett presented checks to Dennis Brown, executive director of Meals on Wheels, and Kim Eller, director of emergency service for the Greenville chapter of the American Red Cross. The Meals on Wheels gift will be used for the purchase of containers to carry the 1,503 meals delivered each day. The Red Cross check was for recovery efforts from the September 11th disaster.

The Rotary Club Board of Directors decided not to raise money through the club for relief efforts because many members have participated through their places of employment or worship. The board urges Greenville Rotarians to give generously to relief efforts through reputable organizations such as the Red Cross, United Way's September 11th Fund, or the Salvation Army.



*Dennis Brown accepts contribution from Beth Padgett.*