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Rep. Graham to speak Nov. 27th

Lindsey Graham, the first Republican to represent the 3rd District of South Carolina in the United States House of Representatives since 1877, is scheduled to speak at the November 27th meeting of Greenville Rotary. His topic will be national security.



Graham

Elected to the House of Representatives in 1994, he is now serving his fourth term in Congress. He is a member of three House Committees, including Education and the Workforce, Judiciary, and Armed Services.

An Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm veteran, Graham had a distinguished legal career in the United States Air Force.

From 1989 until his election, he served as Base Staff Judge Advocate at McEntire Air National Guard Base in Eastover. He maintains his military status as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force Reserves.

Graham established a private law practice in 1988 and served as attorney for the town of Central and assistant attorney for Oconee County. His political career began in 1992 when he was elected to represent Oconee County's 2nd District in the South Carolina House of Representatives, where he served until his election to Congress in 1994.

**Next Health and Happiness Hour, December 11th
Downstairs lounge area of the Poinsett Club, 5-7 p.m.**

Feeding hungry children in Haiti

Imagine this: For 5 cents a day, you can provide a nourishing meal for a truly hungry person in the city of Cange in Haiti. For \$10, you can make sure that a horribly impoverished Haitian child has a hot meal each day before he or she begins school for an entire semester. For \$20, you can make sure that child has a much greater opportunity to learn for the entire school year because he or she never has to try to learn on an empty stomach.

Our Rotary District 7750 is sponsoring a program this year aimed at fighting hunger in Haiti. Children in Haiti have trouble learning because they often are hungry. In the city of Cange, most school children get only one meal a day — and that is at the end of the school day. Our Rotary District wants to help these children learn so they have a much better chance of escaping their country's abject poverty.

The Rotarians in the western half of South Carolina plan to raise the funds necessary to ensure that these children have a hot meal at the beginning of the school day, in addition to the meal they receive when school is over.

Past District Governor Sue Poss presented a compelling program at our November 13th meeting about the Hunger in Haiti project. The need is very real in Haiti, which is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. Our Rotary Club, and our Rotary District, can make a difference in the lives of so many young Haitians by making sure they have an extra meal a day.

Club President Beth Padgett said that while the District would like to raise \$10 from each Rotarian in our District, she is certain that some club members will want to give more than \$10.

Contributions can be sent to our Rotary office: Rotary Club of Greenville, P.O. Box 3537, Greenville, S.C. 29608, or they can be dropped in a special basket that will be available at the next few club meetings. Checks can be made to Rotary Charities, designated for Hunger in Haiti. Contributions are tax deductible.

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Letters to Rotary

Ambassadorial scholar arrives in Glasgow

Karen Guth, our Rotary Club's Ambassadorial Scholar, will spend a year studying at the University of Glasgow, Scotland. She sent the following on October 9th to club member Mike Jaskwich, who worked with the Ambassadorial Scholar Selection Committee last year.

"Just a quick note to let you know that I arrived in Glasgow safely and all is well. Two weekends ago, I attended the District 1230 Conference in Dundee, Scotland, and met the other scholars — from Japan, Germany, Taiwan, Kentucky, Georgia and Florida. I'm looking forward to speaking at my host club on the 23rd. Until then, classes are underway."

Meals on Wheels says thanks for contribution

Caleb Freeman of Rotary's Community Service, received the following from Dennis Brown, executive director of Meals on Wheels of Greenville, Inc.

"Speaking on behalf of Meals on Wheels and the more than 2,000 frail, elderly and incapacitated individuals we serve every year, I want to thank you for sharing.

"Your support to this mission is a godsend, and we are pleased to acknowledge your gift of \$1,000 for the purchase of Meals on Wheels coolers.

"We are privileged to live in a community as caring and loving as Greenville. Last year, we added more than 600 new meal recipients to our program, and, with your continued support, I am confident in the future."

Parent-Child Day December 26th

Make plans now for our special Parent-Child-Grandchild Day on Wednesday, December 26th at 12:30 p.m. at the Westin Poinsett Hotel. Our second meeting of December falls on Christmas Day. It would be hard to lure Rotarians to a meeting on that day, and it would be even more difficult to find someone willing to cook lunch for our club.

The Parent-Child Day has become a wonderful tradition with our club. It's when dads and moms and grandparents can introduce the next generation of Rotarians to our great service organization, and in a fun way, too.

Special Events Chair Kitty Allen has been hard at work creating a program that will appeal to wide-eyed children, regardless of their age. We won't have a regular meeting that day, but instead will have special entertainment.

Don't miss this year's Parent-Child-Grandchild Day. And please don't forget that this meeting will be on Wednesday, December 26th, with lunch served at 12 noon and the entertainment scheduled to begin at 12:30 p.m.

President's Corner

It might sound a little strange to a few people, but I enjoy working at Holiday Lights. I love taking up money at the gate, and I've even come to enjoy the work days leading to the opening of our annual fund-raiser.

Holiday Lights is where I've made new friends in our club and deepened my friendship with people I already knew. See, it's impossible to freeze your toes off at the gate on a December night and not bond with the three or four other people out there with you for four hours.

Holiday Lights is very important to our club from a financial standpoint. It's where we earn more than half of the money we allocate through Rotary Charities. And without Holiday Lights, our club could not make special one-time grants to worthwhile efforts in our community.

Frank Kolb and his committee have done a tremendous job this year planning for Holiday Lights. They still need the help of some club members, both to work the gates on some of the nights between Thanksgiving and December 30th, and to help take down the displays in January.

Here's one other way to support Holiday Lights: Take your family to see the lights and tell your friends and colleagues to go!

— Beth Padgett

New Members Proposed

Peggy Ann Brock, Architect, McMillan Smith Partners, Architects; under the classification of Architecture, sponsored by Kitty Allen and Mark Dullea.

John M. "Max" Cochran Jr., Product Manager, Louis P. Batson, Inc.; under the classification of Past Service, sponsored by Niles Ray and Glenn Batson.

John E. Johns Jr., Financial Consultant, Merrill Lynch; under the classification of Financial Consulting, sponsored by John Roberts and Mac Christopher.

Jeffrey S. Rogers, Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, Greenville; under the classification of Religions-Baptist, sponsored by Neil Rabon and Baxter Wynn.

Phillip W. Shoopman, President, Phillip W. Shoopman, P.E., and Delta Sierra Aviation, LLC; under the classification of Aviation, sponsored by Todd Korahais and Nell Stewart.

Rudi E. Witzel, General Manager, The Westin Poinsett Hotel; under the classification of Hotels, sponsored by Elizabeth Lyons and Frank Kolb.

Holiday at Peace

Here's an opportunity to enjoy a Christmas holiday concert, help our Rotary Club make a little money and bask in the fellowship of some fellow Greenville Rotarians. Oh, and purchasing a ticket through our Rotary Club and attending as a Rotarian also will count as a makeup for either of the December Rotary Club meetings.

Can't beat that, can you? The idea came from our club's own Bob Howard, who is executive director of the Greenville Symphony Orchestra. Bob has offered our Rotary Club a block of seats for the Holiday at Peace show at the Peace Concert Hall on Wednesday, December 19th. The orchestra will be playing some seasonal music, and the special guest will be soprano Karen Parks.

The tickets retail for \$22. The GSO will get \$10 of each ticket sold through our club, and our club gets the other \$12. The proceeds will go to Rotary Charities.

Bob sold some tickets at the November 13th meeting, and he will sell tickets at both the November 27th and the December 11th meetings.

This is a great deal! Bob correctly described it as a "win-win-win" situation!

Buy your tickets now, either from Bob at one of the next two club meetings or make your reservations through our Rotary office. Attending the event with other Greenville Rotarians obviously offers a great opportunity for fellowship, and that possibility allows us to count this as a makeup for one of the December club meetings.