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The South Carolina Governor's School All-School Choir will present a program of Christmas music at the December 11th meeting of Rotary. The 96-member choir is under the direction of Rotarian Glen Adkins and is accompanied by Susan Shiplett. The choir is made up of all the music students of the Governor's School, both

## All-School Choir brings Christmas program to Rotary

vocal and instrumental. They also will present their holiday program at First Baptist Church on Friday, December 7th, at 7:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary. At this concert, all of the Governor's School ensembles will be performing.

The All-School Choir also will be performing with the Greenville Symphony in the annual Holiday at Peace concert at the Peace Center December 18th and 19th. Rotarians can purchase tickets from Bob Howard for this concert, and \$12 of the ticket will be contributed to Rotary Charities. So be sure and purchase your tickets from Bob.

After the holiday portion of the program, the choir will perform "God Bless America" and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

*At December 26th meeting*

## Club to vote on officers, directors

The election of officers and directors will be on the agenda for the December 26th meeting of Greenville Rotary.

Terry Weaver has been nominated for the office of President-Elect for 2002-03. Nell Stewart will serve as President of the Club in 2002-03, succeeding Beth Padgett.

Nominated as Directors for 2002-04 are Charles Dalton, Scott Kilgore, Frank Kolb, Neil Rabon, and Jimmy Solesbee. Phillip Kilgore is Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

## January is Rotary Awareness Month

When will the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution enroll their first scholars? How many new members per club is the goal of Rotary's Global Quest? What was the first service project sponsored by your Rotary club?

In January, Rotarians focus on learning more about Rotary. An excellent place to start and to find answers to the first two questions above is RI's website. January is also a special time to promote Rotary within the community.

As RI President Rick King has emphasized, "The more Rotarians know about Rotary, the more likely they are to participate in their club's activities and remain active and involved members."

### A little 'H&H' for the holidays

Need a "makeup" for a missed meeting? Or maybe just some fellowship, Rotary style? If so, both are available at the next Health and Happiness Hour, Dec. 11th, downstairs pub of the Poinsett Club, 5-7 p.m.

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Congressman Lindsey Graham chats with Rotarian Walter Phillips after his speech to the Downtown Club.

## Representative Graham tells Rotarians **'Character of our warriors' will see U.S. through to victory**

Third District Congressman Lindsey Graham told Greenville Rotary Club members that the reason America's armed forces will win the war against terrorism is because of the "character of our warriors."

Speaking at the November 27th meeting, Graham also pointed to the youth of Americans involved in the war in Afghanistan, noting that most of the pilots are under 30 years old and the average age of the sailors on the carriers launching the fighter jets is 19. "Every war is fought by young people," he said.

For what he termed "complete victory," Graham said the United States and its allies must deal with Iraq and its president, Saddam Hussein, whose "fingerprints" are all over terrorist activities directed against America. "Saddam must go," he told Rotarians.

And after the fighting is over in Afghanistan, Graham said the United States cannot "walk away" from the task of rebuilding that country.

An upside of the current situation, he said, is that following the September 11th terrorist attack on America, there has been a "rebirth of what has made this country great."

The congressman also had words of praise for Rotarians, saying, "The Rotary Club is made up of people who give more than they take."

## President's Corner

I had the honor of accepting an award on November 27th on behalf of the Greenville Rotary Club. The award belongs to all of you who work to make this a truly outstanding Rotary Club that does great things for our local community and our global community.

Our Rotary Club was one of 11 not-for-profit organizations recognized by *Greenville Magazine* in its 2001 Community Showcase. Other organizations were: A Child's Haven, Alliance for Community Trust, Alliance for Quality Education, Goodwill Industries, Greenville Family Partnership, Hands on Greenville, Meals on Wheels, Safe Harbor, Senior Action and Upstate Forever.

I hate I had to miss our club meeting on November 27th, but I was more than willing to pick up this "Outstanding Service Award" for our club. The Greenville Rotary Club has been making a difference in our community for more than 85 years. We are a key player in public education, and this year alone, we have awarded about \$30,000 in academic and music scholarships. We also have sponsored Teacher of the Year, the Greenville County Science Fair, Read-to-Me, and now a new project, "Don't Laugh at Me."

I am proud to be a member of this Rotary Club. I hope all of you are, too.

— Beth Padgett

## The Family of Rotary

Three new members were inducted into the Rotary Club of Greenville on November 27th. The new members are **Michael Summers** and two former North Greenville Rotarians — **Fred Suggs** and **Paul Wickensimer**.

**Tim Sellars** is believed to be the only club member called to duty following the terrorist attacks of September 11th. Tim serves in the National Guard.

By November 27th, nine Rotarians had already volunteered for the **“Don’t Laugh at Me” project** aimed at tolerance and character-building in the public schools. A total of 51 volunteers are needed for the project involving grades 2-8. More volunteers are needed “quickly,” according to Ben Crider.

At the November 19th meeting of the Rotary Club of Clemson, the guest speaker was our club member, **Charles Dalton**. For a topic, he “minded his own business” — the Blue Ridge Electric Co-op Inc.

Don’t forget your contribution to **Hunger in Haiti**. The district hopes that each Rotarian will contribute at least \$10.

## Service draws members to U.S. club

When the Rotary Club of Lincoln, Neb., grew from 266 to 282 members last year, Rotarians listed a host of reasons, from the dynamism of their 91-year-old club — the 14th chartered in Rotary — to constant reaching out to new businesses.



*Jonathon Harrison with his Rotarian TeamMate, Bill Palmer, a past president of the Lincoln club.*

But all agree that a big lure is the club’s participation in TeamMates, a citywide mentoring program for “at promise” teenagers. Started in 1991 by then-University of Nebraska football coach Tom Osborne (now a U.S. Congressman), the program matches mentors with disadvantaged youth at local schools.

“I’m a big believer in TeamMates,” said postmaster Doug Emery, one of almost 70 club members who spend an hour a week during the school year in a one-on-one relationship with a student as a caring adult. “It’s a wonderful way to be involved in the community. It’s one of the main reasons I joined Rotary.”

Says Barbara Bartle, current president of the club that last year led District 5650 in growth for clubs with over 50 members: “There’s tremendous pride in our work with youth. We’re a club that listens to our members, and they support TeamMates. We build on that.”