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"Service above self"

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CrimeStoppers to visit Rotary

Two volunteers with CrimeStoppers of Greenville will headline the next meeting of our club on January 22nd. Larry Teachey and Tony Lee plan to give a PowerPoint presentation on their work with the organization.

Teachey, who is a plant manager for General Electric, is board chairman for CrimeStoppers of Greenville. Lee, an investigator with the Sheriff's Office, is the group's coordinator.

CrimeStoppers raises money to provide rewards for information leading to the arrest of a criminal or the solution for a crime. The organization also gives educational programs in schools.

The January 22nd meeting will be held in the Gold Room, upstairs from our normal meeting area. Lunch will not be served before 12 o'clock.



Rotary's 'share' to feed hungry

Club member Bob Howard, executive director of the Greenville Symphony, presents a check for \$1,008 to President Beth Padgett at the January 8th meeting. Greenville Rotary sold 84 tickets for Holiday at Peace, receiving \$12 per ticket. The money will go for the club's project of feeding the hungry in Haiti.

Scholarships for the college-bound

Do you know any bright and deserving high school seniors (other than your own children or grandchildren, of course) who need a helping hand to afford college?

Greenville Rotary Club can help, with its renewable \$1,000 scholarships to college-bound students in public or private schools in Greenville.

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of financial need, academic achievement and school/community service. Seven scholarships will be awarded.

Applications must be postmarked no later than April 1. Winners will be announced by May 1. Guidance counselors in all Greenville schools have applications available. For additional information, contact Judy Bainbridge, 294-2222.

Letter to Rotarians

Response 'excellent' for donations of canned goods and books

I wanted to thank everyone who brought canned goods and childrens' books to the last two meetings. The response was excellent, as we collected two grocery carts full of canned goods and two boxes of books. Special recognition goes to Stanley Melton of the Salvation Army and Nelson Garrison with the "Read to Me" Committee, who helped me to pull it off.

Also, kudos to those who helped me to transport the items, including Gary Caldwell, Dan McNamara and Rush Wilson. It was amazing what a big difference we can make with small, collective acts of kindness. What a great way to start the New Year. My thanks to all.

— Kitty Allen

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Duke Power a partner in progress

Managing risk is done on a daily basis at Duke Power, a company executive said, but those activities were "stepped up" following the September 11th attack on America.

The events of 9-11 "changed the definition of normal," E.O. Ferrell, senior vice president for Duke Power, told Rotarians at the January 8th meeting, adding, "and four months later, we are still on a heightened alert."

At the Oconee plant, Ferrell said the number of security personnel today is greater than the total number of employees when the facility opened in 1973.

Ferrell noted Duke Power's "long and successful partnership with the Greenville business community" as the largest taxpayer in the Upstate. "Duke Power," he pointed out, "has proved itself to be a good citizen."

He called attention to Duke Power's recognition of its responsibility to the greater Greenville community, particularly through its involvement in blood donations, contributions to the United Way, the Governor's School for the Arts, and the Greenville Symphony.

He said Duke Power remains "heavily involved" in supporting the economic development of the greater Greenville area.



Ferrell

Rotary pin good for conversation

The other day, I attended a business meeting at Erskine Seminary. As usual, I wore my Rotary pin. The chairman of our group of counselors — also a Rotarian, who lives in Chester — noticed my pin, and we struck up a conversation about our clubs. When I told him where I was a member, the first thing he said was a name: "George Mackey Grimball." He knew about our club — and the late George Mackey. Another in our group of advisors — not a Rotarian — asked about my pin. It gave me an opportunity to tell him about Paul Harris and the service organization he founded.

Your Rotary pin can be an opener for a conversation that will go toward building goodwill and friendship. Wear it each day — and especially to all Rotary meetings.

— Don Kirkland

President's Corner

When you sit down for lunch in March, April or the first half of May, think of this: Because of your efforts through the Rotary Club of Greenville, 800 children in Cange, Haiti, also are eating a nutritious meal.

Our club raised \$3,002 for "Feeding Hungry Children in Haiti," the District 7750 project to give 800 children in Cange their second meal of the day. About 750 of the children attend school. Learning had been difficult because the students had been getting their only meal after the school day concluded. Another 50 children a day have been treated in Cange medical facilities for malnourishment.

District 7750 made a commitment this year to feed each child a second meal. We are using a special dehydrated soup that costs 5 cents per serving.

The \$3,002 from our club came from: \$1,144 from club member donations, \$750 donated on behalf of the club from Rotary Charities, \$1,008 from the Greenville Symphony Orchestra for our "Holiday at Peace" sales, and a \$100 grant from Gannett Foundation.

I was excited about this project from the first time I heard about it in early May at District Conference. Thank you for making this a success. And 800 Haitian children thank you, too.

— Beth Padgett

The Family of Rotary _____

'Shadowing Day' makes return

Greenville Rotary will reinstate "Shadowing Day" on March 12th in cooperation with the Greenville County School District. It gives high school students a chance to view professionals on the job and explore their possible interest in a similar career.

The day will begin at 8:30 a.m. and extend through the Rotary meeting, where the students will be guests. To learn more about the project and to sign up, contact Roger Stone, 255-4999, e-mail Rstone@MinoritySales.com.

New members introduced

Three new members — **Dick Stanley, Dave Waters and Kelly Wood** — were introduced at the January 8th meeting of Greenville Rotary.

Kelly was introduced by her husband, Dan, also a club member. They became the fifth couple to join Greenville Rotary. The first couple was Art and Jeanet Dreskin. They were followed by Chris and Karen Rogers, Jack and Roxanne Cromartie, and John and Audrey Bettger.

New Members Proposed _____

William Harner, Superintendent, School District of Greenville County, under the classification of Education, sponsored by Nell Stewart and Beth Padgett.

Johnny Mack Brown, former Greenville County Sheriff, under the classification of Law Enforcement, sponsored by Nell Stewart and Sam Simmons.

Trey Pennington, Director of Development, Hidden Treasure, under the classification of Development, sponsored by Deb Sofield and Kelly Dixon.

Cara Sisson, Vice President-Development, Peace Center for the Performing Arts, under the classification of Fundraising, sponsored by Robert Howard and John Redmond.

Charles Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Encompass Financial, under the classification of Financial Officer, sponsored by Bob Hughes and Todd Korahais.

Rotary Gridiron Classic aids charities

For the fourth consecutive year, Florida's top college football players will take on the rest of the country's top players at the Rotary Gridiron Classic in Florida's Citrus Bowl stadium in Orlando on January 26th. RI President Richard King will sing the National Anthem to kick off the all-star game.

Proceeds from the game will go to the Buoniconti Fund, the national fundraising arm of the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis; the Florida Citrus Sports Foundation; and the Rotary Foundation. Since 1999, more than \$1 million in game proceeds has been donated to charity.