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Law Enforcement Day February 12th

Greenville Rotary Club will observe its annual Law Enforcement Day on February 12th.

At an event which attracts the largest attendance of the year at a regular meeting, the Club will pay tribute to law enforcement by recognizing the Greenville Police Officer of the Year, the Sheriff's Deputy of the Year, and the Federal Agent of the Year. The guest speaker for this special Rotary observance will be Robert Stewart, who is chief of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED).

Rotary supports Bosnia project

At the January 22nd meeting, Club President Beth Padgett presented a check for \$1,000 to Frank Taylor to support the Bosnia Landmine Project. Taylor, who has visited 32 Rotary clubs, is trying to raise a total of \$50,000 from Rotarians to support this humanitarian effort.



CrimeStoppers pays dollars for tips

Getting a reward for helping solve a crime can be as easy as calling 23-CRIME. That's the phone number for CrimeStoppers of Greenville.

"We'll ask you a lot of questions," said Tony Lee, the group's coordinator, "but never your name — and we don't trace the calls, either."

Lee, also an investigator with the Sheriff's Office, spoke to Greenville Rotary Club on January 22nd, joined by Larry Teachey, a plant manager for General Electric who also serves as board chairman of CrimeStoppers.

CrimeStoppers has received 15,000 such calls regarding crimes of all sorts. If the tips pan out, then the reward — anywhere from \$50 to \$1,000 — goes to the informant. "The people we deal with," Lee said, "are not normally members of Rotary. Most of them are people on the streets."

Lee said that since it began in 1983, CrimeStoppers has paid out \$150,000 in rewards — none of it from taxes. The organization's board, he said, has raised the money for the rewards and also determines how much is given to whom.

Lee said the success of CrimeStoppers has resulted from involvement by the community, cooperation from the media, and follow-up by law enforcement.

In 1991, Lee told Rotarians, Scholastic CrimeStoppers was launched in high schools and middle schools of Greenville County. It operates on the same premise as regular CrimeStoppers, but deals only with school crime — drugs, malicious damage, thefts, etc.

Lee said the maximum paid to Scholastic CrimeStoppers informants is usually \$50, "but most of the students don't want the rewards."

Teachey said that CrimeStoppers resulted from the efforts of "concerned citizens" and is motivated in its work by "a passion for this community."

CrimeStoppers as a national organization has been around since 1978, when it was founded in New Mexico.

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'Health and Happiness Hour' — try it

The Greenville Downtown Rotary Club has begun a new "Health and Happiness Hour" from 5-7 p.m. monthly during a weekday evening.

Beth Padgett and Frank Kolb came away from the "first Large Club Meeting" in Evanston, Ill., with the idea of holding an "after business hours reception" for large Rotary clubs, such as ours, as a way to get to know each other better.

With the formality and size of our normal bi-monthly luncheons, it is often difficult to speak to many people, other than those who sit beside you at the lunch table. The reception serves as a way to assist people in networking with each other more easily.

The reception format has no agenda to follow, just fellowship and fun. The cost of beverages is "on your own," but our club has co-sponsored the first several Health and Happiness Hours by helping the hosts provide appetizers.

Three Health and Happiness Hour receptions have been held so far, with good response. In November, we went to Soby's Restaurant; December, to The Poinsett Club; and January, to the Greenville Downtown Hyatt Regency. February's location will soon be announced. Attendance has averaged 50-60 people.

The reception counts as a make-up meeting for two weeks before and after the event, which is helpful to members who sometimes have difficulty attending the luncheon meetings.

No slackers are allowed at Health and Happiness Hour, which offers an opportunity to sign up volunteers for Rotary projects. Also, it's a forum for socializing with guests and recruiting prospective members.

This concept is still new for our club, and if you know ways to make

'Forms' page on web

The Rotary Club of Greenville has a new page on its website — "Forms."

Click on "Forms" in the navigator, and you'll find the Forms Library page, which currently includes application forms for Rotary membership and Rotary Scholarships. These forms can be opened and printed, then filled out and mailed or faxed to the Club office.

If you have additional forms that our members might find useful, e-mail them to: webmaster@greenvillerotary.org

it better, contact Kitty Allen (232-1979), or one of the other Health and Happiness committee members with ideas. Committee members include Mark Dullea, Collin Mackie, Jay Hewitt, Elizabeth Lyons, Jody Howard, Gary Caldwell, Judy Hardison, and Matt Shouse.

President's Corner

One of the goals for each Rotary Club this year is to encourage all members to wear their Rotary pins each and every business day. It's a worthwhile goal, and one that I'm personally trying to meet. Although I've got to admit, I still fall short a day or two a week. My excuse — and granted, it's a weak one — is that sometimes lapel pins don't fit naturally on a woman's outfit.

In the last bulletin, Don Kirkland provided a testimony that showed why we should all try to wear our Rotary pins. He had his on one day, and it was the trigger for a conversation with another person about Rotary.

From "The ABCs of Rotary" comes this information: "A wheel has been the symbol of Rotary since our earliest days. The first design was made by Chicago Rotarian Montague Bear, an engraver who drew a simple wagon wheel, with a few lines to show dust and motion. The wheel was said to illustrate 'Civilization and Movement.'"

Try wearing your Rotary pin, and not just to meetings. And if it turns out to be a conversation-starter, write a few lines about the experience and send them to Don Kirkland. We'll share your experience in the bulletin, too.

— Beth Padgett

The Family of Rotary _____

Don Kilgore has recently been elected as a trustee of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Three new club members were introduced at the January 22nd meeting. They are **Peggy Ann Brock, Heyward Clarkson, and Max Cochran.** Max formerly was a member of Greenville Rotary, from 1976-88.

Germans invite terror victims

In a demonstration of unity and solidarity with the families of victims of the September 11th events in New York City and Washington, D.C., German Rotarians are inviting a total of 50 young U.S. residents whose families were affected by the tragedies to spend three weeks in Germany beginning the second half of June.

The students, ages 16 to 19, will be selected and oriented by Rotary clubs and districts within the U.S. As in RI's Youth Exchange, the young visitors will be hosted by Rotary clubs all over Germany and live with host families.

The German Rotary clubs and districts will organize hosting duties.

Clubs roll out Olympic red carpet for visitors to 2002 Winter Games

Rotarians from around the world who are traveling to the 2002 Winter Olympics will have an opportunity to meet and mingle with their colleagues in Park City, Utah, this month as they enjoy the best that the city has to offer.

Because Park City is the venue for 26 medal events and more than 78 competitions — about 40 percent of the entire winter Olympic games — its two Rotary clubs have decided to host meetings and spotlight the presence of the clubs in some of the most active areas in town.

“Not many Rotarians are aware that this winter resort will play host to the games,” said Karen Nielsen, chair of International Service at the Rotary Club of Park City Sunrise. “There will be a lot of activity here, and so we thought it would be a great idea to inform visiting Rotarians that the two Park City Rotary clubs are excited to extend them an enthusiastic and warm welcome.” A kiosk staffed by local Rotarians will be located on the main floor at the Main Street Mall in Old Town Park City. Also, a hospitality suite will be available courtesy of the Norwegian Outdoor Club. Members of Park City and Park City Sunrise Rotary clubs will be on hand to answer questions, help with problems, and distribute literature.

On February 17th and 20th, members of Park City Sunrise Rotary Club will be selling food at a booth on Main Street under the Vendors' Alliance Hospitality Tent, with proceeds going to aid organizations in need.