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## Citadel president to speak February 26th

Major General John Southy Grinalds, president of The Citadel since 1997, will speak at the February 26th meeting of Greenville Rotary Club.

Major General Grinalds served abroad in the Mediterranean region, the Panama Canal Zone, Japan, Belgium, and for two tours of duty in Vietnam. He was awarded a Silver Star for heroism in combat. In Belgium, he was the Special Assistant to the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, working on negotiations between NATO and the French military. His outstanding service was recognized by French President Francois Mitterand, who inducted him into the Legion d'Honneur.

In 1989, Grinalds was promoted to Commanding General of the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, a position held until his retirement. In 1991, he became the headmaster of Woodberry Forest School in Woodberry Forest, Va.

He graduated with honors from West Point in 1959 and was the first cadet since 1814 to be commissioned directly into the U.S. Marine Corps. He continued his education as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University, earning bachelor's and master's degrees in geography and graduating with honors. At Harvard University, he earned a master's degree in business administration, graduating with distinction.



*Grinalds*

## Club honors three law officers

The Rotary Club of Greenville recognized three top law enforcement officers at its annual Law Day on February 12th. Law Day began in 1976 to honor the Greenville City Police "Officer of the Year." The club began honoring the outstanding sheriff's deputy in 1988, and in 2000 it started honoring a top federal agent.

Sergeant Terry Christy of the Greenville Police Department was named Police Officer of the Year. He has 25 years experience with the Greenville City Police Department, having served in Uniform Patrol, Detective Division, Field Training, Court Security and Warrant Bureau. Christy is currently supervisor in the Detective Division over the crimes against persons and crimes against property units. He has been the lead investigator on numerous high-profile cases as well as several capital murder trials.

Master Deputy Doug Kelly was named Greenville County Sheriff's Deputy of the Year. He has 15 years experience with the Greenville County Sheriff's Office. Kelly is credited with successfully leading many high-profile investigations in Greenville County, and specifically the local and nationwide manhunt for Michael Hilderbrand after the murder of his wife Sandra and their two children. Kelly also led the execution of a search warrant at a business owned by Hilderbrand, and after forcibly entering the business, investigators discovered Hilderbrand had constructed a bomb that had the potential to kill many people.

Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent Mark Poag was named Federal Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. He has 12 years experience with DEA. In 2001, Poag realized the culmination of a two-year Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Investigation into heroin trafficking in Greenville with the successful prosecution of 11 subjects.

Guest speaker was Paul LaCotti Jr., who came to Columbia, S.C., as the Assistant Special Agent in Charge of all FBI operations in South Carolina. In 2001, he was named the Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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## New Members Proposed

**Laura Smart Harrison**, Public Relations Manager, Professional Mortgage Company, under the classification of Mortgage Public Relations, sponsored by Joyce Smart and Tony Ryan.

**Randall M. "Randy" Harrison**, President, American Security, under the classification of Security Services, sponsored by Randy Bell and Lee Miller.

**James D. Stewart**, Senior Vice President-Commercial Relationship Manager, First Citizens Bank, under the classification of Commercial Relationship Banking, sponsored by Phillip Kilgore and Pat Currie.

Citizenship is the focus of an interactive CD-ROM in the "Coping with Life" series — a Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI) initiative — launched in January by British Prime Minister Tony Blair. He congratulated Rotarians "on their vision in producing such a valuable and relevant resource and, more importantly, for making it available free to schools."

## Prime Minister Blair launches educational Rotary CD-ROM

through to children, teachers, and parents in ways which would have been unthinkable when I was younger. This is clearly understood by Rotarians whose work helps local communities both here and abroad in so many ways."

The aim of the "Coping with Life" series is to provide a Rotary library of multimedia resources for every school in the United Kingdom and Ireland. RIBI's goal is to produce one CD a year, each tackling a different social issue — with the aim of supporting children, parents, and schools by providing information and advice on each subject area.

The citizenship CD-ROM is the third in the series, targeting primary and secondary school students, as well as their parents and teachers. The two earlier award-winning CD-ROMs focused on bullying and family change. Rotary clubs have distributed more than 50,000 CDs so far, reaching more than 6 million students, parents, and teachers. Issues to be addressed in future series include bereavement, crime, and racism.

The series is the brainchild of Rotarian Colin Sawyer, a retired teacher and founder of a multimedia company. "Rotary hopes that the citizenship CD-ROM will match the success of the other two in the series," he said. "Citizenship is an important subject area, as it affects our everyday lives, so much so that it has now become a fundamental part of the national curriculum."

## President's Corner

The first weekend in May traditionally is the District Conference for our Rotary District 7750. For more than a decade, the conference has been held at Springmaid Beach in Myrtle Beach.

I dare say that all Rotarians will never make it to an international convention. It is possible, however, for every Rotarian to make it to a District Conference — at least once or twice during a Rotary lifetime. It would be time well spent.

This year, District Governor Jim Futrell is trying to make it possible for every Rotarian to attend the District Conference. He is asking for Corporate Sponsorships to help reduce the cost of this annual week-end of Rotary education, fun and fellowship. The two \$500 corporate sponsorships have been sold, but he is seeking several dozen sponsorships at the \$300 level.

The corporate sponsor will be recognized in the District Conference program during the Saturday evening dinner, with a sign on the stage during the meetings and on the Rotary website. DG Jim needs to know the number of corporate sponsors by Friday, March 1st, so he can set the price for the District Conference.

You can contact our Rotary office at 235-2293 or me at 298-4321 for more details.

— Beth Padgett

## The Family of Rotary \_\_\_\_\_

**W**hile everyone was at the Law Day meeting at our club on February 12th, **Audrey Bettger** gave birth to John Leon Bettger IV. John IV weighed 10.4 lbs and is 22.5 inches tall. **John** and **Audrey** are both members of the Rotary Club of Greenville, and the proud father promises the parents will have a new Rotary member to introduce in about 30 years.

Four new members were inducted into the Rotary Club of Greenville at its February 12th meeting. The new members are **John Johns Jr.**, **Jeff Rogers**, **Phillip Shoopman** and **Rudi Witzel**.

**Club member Rush Wilson III** recently made a contribution to the Greenville Rotary Foundation in honor of his mother, Ruth Wilson.

**Reminder:** When submitting items for Health and Happiness to **John Redmond**, send them also to the *Greenville Rotarian* for publication. They may be sent to: *The Baptist Courier*, P.O. Box 2168, Greenville, S.C. 29602; Fax 232-8488; E-mail don@baptistcourier.com.

## World's first 'cyber club' is chartered

**O**n January 4th, a group of Rotarians from Colorado made history when Rotary International officially chartered the first Internet-based Rotary club in the world — Rotary e-Club One of District 5450.

RI President-elect Bhichai Rattakul recognized the historic "e-club" at a Quad District Foundation Dinner in Denver on January 18th, where many of the members met face-to-face for the first time.

In many ways, the first Rotary "cyber club" — with the theme "Service Above Self on the Internet" — is just like a traditional Rotary club. However, rather than a set meeting time and place, the club meets on the Internet, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The original idea for the club came out of the desire to reach out to those who, for a variety of legitimate reasons, cannot regularly attend meetings of a Rotary club that meets weekly at a physical location.

## RI President announces 'World Peace' events

**T**o encourage the fourth Object of Rotary — the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace — RI President Richard King has announced plans for three World Peace forums to be held in Jordan, Egypt, and Turkey in March.

The events include the RI Presidential World Peace Dinner in Amman, Jordan, with guests such as the U.S. ambassador to Jordan scheduled to attend; and the Presidential World Peace Conference, in Cairo, Egypt, where dignitaries such as Egypt's First Lady Suzanne Mubarak will join President King to address the topic of Rotary's role in promoting world peace.