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Lynn speaker for March 12th meeting

Louis Lynn, president of Enviro AgScience, will be the speaker for Rotary Vocational Day on March 12th. His topic will be "When I grow up, I want to be like you."

Enviro AgScience is one of the largest commercial landscape design, installation and maintenance firms in South Carolina. Customers include BMW, Hoffman LaRoche, Fluor, Mack Truck and Seabrook Island.

Lynn grew up near Florence. He received bachelor's and master's degrees from Clemson University, and a Ph.D. from the University of Maryland, all in horticulture. He started his career as a research scientist with Monsanto Chemical, living in Georgia, Missouri, New York and Indiana. He is a past president of the South Carolina Horticulture Society and has served as an adjunct professor at Clemson, Benedict, and USC.



Lynn

Lynn is involved in and supportive of education throughout South Carolina. He is vice chairman of the Clemson University Board of Trustees and also on the boards of the Governor's School for Math and Science and the Richland School District Two Foundation. He is chairman of the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce's Excellence in Education Council, and is on the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education Business Advisory Board. Lynn is also the current Vocational Day chairman for the Rotary Club of Spring Valley.

Grinalds serious about The Citadel

Major General John Southy Grinalds is a man of humor. "I'm not really here to talk about The Citadel," he said at the opening of his speech to Greenville Rotary Club on February 26th. "I'm here to make a recruiting pitch for the Marine Corps, and for those who sign up, the bus is out front to take you immediately to Parris Island."

But he turns serious when speaking of the institution he serves as president and the men and women who graduate there. "They think critically and have learned about leadership," he said. "The cadets have a responsibility not only for the welfare of themselves, but also for the other cadets."



Grinalds chats with Rotarians.

He said the cadets form a bond while at The Citadel that extends beyond graduation. In honor code upheld by the students, he said they "commit to each other that they will not lie, cheat or steal." By this standard, he said, the cadets gain a "respect for truth" that nurtures them into respected leaders.

He emphasized that The Citadel is not a military academy, that most students pursue civilian careers "in the broadest walks of the community."

President Grinalds said that applications at The Citadel are on the increase, running 20 percent ahead of last year. Today, the Corps of Cadets includes nearly 100 women at the formerly all-male school.

He said The Citadel is committed to preparing young men and women who "know their stuff, who are morally brave and willing to step forward, and who are totally selfless."

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Most Rotarians in District 7750 have an unprecedented opportunity to become a Paul Harris Fellow or a Multiple Level PHF. The Leila J. Goldsmith Estate left almost \$87,000 to the PolioPlus Program, and because of this most generous gift our District 7750 has earned PHF matching points (a point equals one dollar). This estate gift can be used to match dollar-for-dollar contributions for first-time Paul Harris Fellows and Multiple PHFs.

A gift of \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation makes a Rotarian a Paul Harris Fellow. Or, a Rotarian can make a gift of \$1,000 in either the name of another Rotarian or someone special in his or her life, and that honored person will become a Paul Harris Fellow.

To become PHFs
Rotarians have
'unprecedented
opportunity'

Here's how this special, one-time Special PHF Promotion will work. A Rotarian can make a gift for as little as \$100 or for a maximum of \$500. The program started about a week ago, and already District 7750 Rotarians have drawn down about \$5,000 of the matching points.

PDG George Rodgers is the District's Foundation Chairman, and he is coordinating this special program. Matching gifts should be sent to George Rodgers, 336 Woodland Way, Clemson, 29631. This matching gift is offered on a first-come basis, and gifts must be made by individuals. PDG George said that gifts can allow someone to "leave money in the bank" after earning their PHF or Multiple PHF. For example, a Rotarian might have \$600 in his or her Rotary Foundation Account. By sending a check for \$200 to PDG George, that Rotarian has become a PHF or Multiple PHF. But by sending a check for the maximum allowable \$500, that Rotarian has become a PHF or Multiple, and that Rotarian still has \$600 "in the Foundation Bank."

A statement showing the Rotarian's club, the name of the person to get the credit and the name of the club contact should accompany the checks. Jim Blakely is our club's Rotary Foundation Chairman, and either he, Frank Kolb or Vickie Pittman at our office could be the contact. Also, we hope to have a current statement within a few days that will show how much every Greenville Downtown Rotarian has in his or her Foundation Account.

"This truly is a great opportunity for every member of our club to become a PHF or a Multiple PHF," said Club President Beth Padgett. "I encourage each and every club member to take advantage of this wonderful special promotion."

President's Corner

Karen Guth would not be studying in Glasgow, Scotland, without it. Our club could not have helped fund an eye clinic in Kenya or a Rotary Public School in India without it. Our Rotary District 7750 would not be preparing to send a Group Study Exchange team to Hong Kong and then receive as guests a comparable GSE Team from Hong Kong without it.

The "it"? Your dollars to the Rotary Foundation. There are many ways that Rotarians put "Service Above Self." In our club and so many others, the fruits of our labor are most evident in reading programs to disadvantaged children, in youth leadership programs that help develop tomorrow's leaders and in vocational recognition programs that reward our hard-working public servants in teaching and law enforcement.

We reach out to the world through the Rotary Foundation. Right now, each Rotarian has an unprecedented opportunity to prove that "Mankind is our Business" not only at home but also in our global community.

By utilizing a most generous estate gift, every member of our club can become a Paul Harris Fellow or a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow for as little as \$500, and in many cases much less. You will hear more about this remarkable opportunity in coming weeks.

— Beth Padgett



Club secretary Frank Kolb presented a check for \$33,000 to Julie Fairchild, president of the Roper Mountain Science Center Association, at the Feb. 26 meeting. The other half of proceeds from the Holiday Lights project went to Rotary Charities.

The Family of Rotary —

Welcome, new members **Kim Bayne, Bob Behlke, Bill Edmonds** and **Susan Gaddy**.

The next Health & Happiness Hour is March 12 at East Court Grille from 5-7 pm. It counts as a make-up.

New member orientations are scheduled for March 26 and May 14, 7-8:15 p.m., at Fay Towell's house, 15 East Tallulah Drive.

Terry Weaver has been appointed to a three-year term on the Advisory Council for the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department at Kansas State University.

Where is home for Greenville Rotary?

Club members to be surveyed about meeting location

In a few days, Greenville Downtown Rotarians will be surveyed about their desires for a meeting location when the club's contract expires with the Westin Poinsett Hotel.

A Long-Range Committee chaired by Past President Coleman Shouse (and President-Elect Nell Stewart and President-Elect Nominee Terry Weaver) researched the facilities in the city that could accommodate a lunch club of the size of Greenville Downtown Rotary. Responding to the request were the Westin Poinsett Hotel, the Ramada Inn and the Palmetto Expo Center.

Details of the written proposals are being finalized. All club members soon will be surveyed by e-mail or by mail.

The survey will seek the consensus of the club on where it would like to meet based on a number of factors including accessibility of the location, availability of parking, price of the meal, quality of the meal and suitability of the meeting facilities.

The board will consider the results of this survey as it prepares a recommendation to bring back to the club for approval.

Please take this effort to understand the club's desires very seriously and respond promptly when you get the survey.