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7750 Assembly big draw at Tech

More than 200 Rotarians — with about a dozen of them signing in from the Greenville Rotary Club — participated in one of the largest District 7750 assemblies in recent memory on April 13th at Greenville Technical College.

Highlights of the meeting — which aimed at preparing leaders for the upcoming Rotary year — included the selection of the District Governor-Elect nominee, Bill Boyd of the McCormick County Club, and the approval of a 2002-2003 budget of \$76,975 that raised dues by \$1 per member.

District Governor Jim Futrell presided over the session. Successors to

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Greenville
Rotary's
George Fletcher
with District
7750 Ambassado-
rial Scholar Iryna
Kharchenko, who
is from the
Ukraine and has
attended Lander
University in
Greenwood.



Rotarians to hear about 'First Steps'

Lewis Smoak, of the law firm of Ogletree Deakins Nash Smoak Land Stewart, will speak to Rotarians on the subject of "First Steps" at the April 23rd meeting. The program also will feature a presentation by the Group Study Exchange team from Hong Kong. The meeting will be held in the Gold Room at the Westin Poinsett Hotel.

Veterans: The club wants you

Greenville Rotary Club soon will launch a new project to continue and further the spirit of patriotism in our community that was demonstrated during the September 11th crisis.

As part of the project, "Patriotic Pride," Greenville Rotary wants to identify our club's veterans and branches of military service. This information should be sent to Roxanne Cromartie, 41 Stillwood Drive, Greenville, 29607, fax 467-3535.

'Salute education' with time, money

The annual Salute to Education dinner, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Greenville, is scheduled for May 16th at the Palmetto Expo Center.

Greenville Rotary is responsible for providing ushers, and according to Neil Rabon, two more volunteers are needed to serve from 6-7:30 p.m.

Additionally, our club hopes to raise approximately \$1,000 from individuals or companies to offset the cost of the banquet and to provide plaques for valedictorians and honored students from Greenville County high schools. Any Rotarians interested in volunteering as ushers or in contributing to the event should contact Neil at nrabon@alrlaw.net or 271-2594, or contact the club office at 235-2293.

Club members interested in attending the dinner should contact Neil by May 2 about the availability of tickets.

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*D*istrict Governor Jim Futrell, right, with Bill Boyd, the District Governor-Elect Nominee.

7750 Assembly big draw at Tech

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Futrell will be Bruce Baker of the Pleasantburg Club in Greenville, Ed Hamilton of the Clemson Club, and Boyd. The assembly also named former District Governor Sue Poss of the Greenville East Club as a delegate to the Council on Legislation and George Rogers of the Clemson Club a delegate to the Zone Nominating Committee.

District Facilitator Frank Lee talked with Rotarians about the need among all the clubs to improve effectiveness, or, as he put it, "to get more done and to have more fun."

Giving out some practical advice for improving club life among Rotarians, Lee cautioned Rotarians not to "criticize, condemn or complain," but rather to "give honest and sincere appreciation" to others.

He also called for Rotarians to become "genuinely interested" in others, calling other Rotarians by name and really listening to them. "You should talk in terms of the other person's interests," he said, "and make that other person feel important — but do it sincerely."

The District's Ambassadorial Scholar, Iryna Kharchenko, told Rotarians she now has two homes — her own country of the Ukraine and Greenwood, South Carolina, where she has attended Lander University. She completes her two years as an Ambassadorial Scholar in June.

"You have shown me what it means to be human, to help everybody who needs it," she said to Rotarians. Kharchenko, a business major at Lander, concluded by saying, "Thanks for believing in me and for helping me. You have made a change in my life and a difference in the lives of many people."

Three rounds of breakout sessions designed for training capped the assembly, whose theme was "Sow the Seeds of Love."

President's Corner

Happy Golden Anniversary to two of our Greenville Rotary Club members: Bill Raines and Hewlett Sullivan. Bill and Hewlett are celebrating their 50th anniversary as members of this Rotary Club.

Both men became members of our Rotary Club in April 1952. They joined Rotary when the Cold War was really heating up, when the Korean War was being fought halfway around the world and when polio was still such a dreaded disease that the mere mention of it made American mothers and fathers tremble. And when, I might add, I was two and a half years away from being born!

It's rare for any Rotary Club to have a member celebrate a Golden Rotary Anniversary. I think you would have to search far and wide to find a club that has two members celebrating their 50th in the same month.

Hewlett and Bill have had outstanding attendance for decades. They are both Paul Harris Fellows. And they both have children in Rotary. Kelly Sullivan is a member of our club, and Bill's daughter, Pam Porter, is a charter member of the Golden Strip Breakfast Club.

So Happy Rotary Anniversary, Hewlett and Bill! You add to the richness and depth of the Rotary Club of Greenville!

— Beth Padgett

The Family of Rotary _____

New members introduced at the April 9th meeting were **Ann Clark, Randy Harrison** and **Jim Stewart**.

For those who enjoy making up meetings at the **North Greenville Club**, it now meets Wednesdays rather than Fridays.

Work is moving along for the new **Rotary directory**. If you want to update your photo, or if you don't yet have one, then mark May 14th on your calendars, when photos will be made before and after the meeting. See **Vickie** at the meeting to get on the sign-up sheet.

When did you become a **Rotarian**? No, not the year that you became a member of the **Rotary Club of Greenville**, but the year that you really became active, giving your time and other resources to services provided through Rotary International. That's the more accurate date for when you became a Rotarian. So again, the question: When did you become a Rotarian?

Don't forget the annual **District 7750 Conference** coming up May 3-5 at Springmaid Beach. The price is right, so plan to attend.

New Members Proposed _____

Charlie Champagne, Senior Recruiter, Spherion Professional Recruiting, under the classification of Recruiting, sponsored by Tuck McAfee and Frank Kolb.

Greg English, Commercial Law/Environmental Law Attorney, Wyche Burgess Freeman and Parham, under the classification of Commercial Law, sponsored by Surendra Jain and Beth Padgett.

Challin P. Logan, Assistant General Manager, Hampton Inn, under the classification of Hotels, sponsored by Frank Kolb and Beth Padgett.

For 'Health and Happiness' May 7th

Come with me to 'The Cazbah'

The next Health and Happiness Hour will be at "The Cazbah" at 16 West McBee Avenue on Tuesday night, May 7th, from 5-7 p.m. Admission is free, with appetizers provided — drinks are on your own. This will count as a make-up meeting. We would like a great turnout, so please try to come. It's a good chance to network and meet more of your fellow Rotarians in a casual atmosphere.

In the future, Health and Happiness Hour events will be held every other month on the first Tuesday evening of the month, the next one scheduled in July. Locations will be announced a month ahead. If you have any questions, please contact Kitty Allen at 232-1979 or e-mail her at kallen@crosscommercial.com.