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*“Service above self”*

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## Harner to lead patriotic program

Club member Bill Harner, superintendent for the School District of Greenville County, will be the speaker at our May 14th meeting. His topic will be “Patriotic Pride,” and an ensemble from the Governor’s School for the Arts and Humanities will perform several patriotic songs.

The Greenville Rotary Club’s Patriotic Pride Committee also will honor the veterans in our club and unveil our newest project. The project involves promoting patriotism in our community and in our local schools.

Harner retired from the Army in 1998 as one of its top-rated lieutenant colonels. During his 20-year military career, he served as commander of the basic training battalion at Fort Jackson, S.C., the Army’s largest; chief of operations and secretary of the general staff at Fort Campbell, Ky., a 45,000-citizen military community; counselor, leadership instructor and aide to the superintendent at West Point; chief of the policy and strategy office of the U.S. Forces in Korea; and faculty member at West Point, teaching leadership and character development.



*Harner*

Harner’s military career accomplishments include leading a 150-member military task force that supported the 1996 U.S.-Korea Summit. He developed and coordinated the meetings between the Secretaries of State and Defense and the National Security Advisor with their Korean counterparts. Also, as chief of operations at Fort Campbell, Harner was responsible for budgeting, prioritizing resources and assigning requirements for 5,000 military personnel.

## Club to stay at Westin Poinsett Hotel

### *Meal fee increase vote*

President Beth Padgett announced at the April 23rd meeting that our club's board of directors had affirmed the members' desire to remain at the Westin Poinsett Hotel for another two years when the contract expires December 2002. In response to a survey, 162 members indicated a preference to stay at the Poinsett, 77 preferred returning to the Ramada Inn, and 53 expressed a desire to go to the Palmetto Expo Center.

President Beth announced that members will vote at the May 14th meeting to raise the meal fees from \$11 per lunch meeting to \$13 a meeting. The fee will include food, beverage, parking vouchers if needed, and a small surcharge to cover related expenses.



Zarmeen Taherbhai, above center, is the first recipient of the Mitchell Scholarship, named for Steve Mitchell, left, an active member of the Rotary Club of Pleasantburg and 1939 Furman alumnus who also chaired the District's Scholarship Committee for 37 years. Also pictured is club member Myles Golden, who helped create the Mitchell Scholarship. At left is Club President Beth Padgett with Simon Wong, who was the Group Study Exchange team leader from District 3450 in Hong Kong.

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## Kolb receives 'Four Avenues of Service'

Frank Kolb, our club's executive secretary-treasurer, has been named the recipient of the Four Avenues of Service Citation. He has distinguished himself in each of the four avenues of service. He previously has served as Membership Development Chair. In addition, he actively recruits new members, and has sponsored three new members in 2001-2002.

In the area of Vocational Service, Frank has chaired both our Teacher of the Year Committee (1999-2001) and our Salute to Education Committee (1999-2001).

Frank has worked with most of our Community Service projects, but he has played an outstanding leadership role in Holiday Lights, our largest fund-raiser that netted \$66,000 this past holiday season.

And in the area of International Service, Frank has coordinated our Bosnia Landmine project this year, has helped with our Hunger in Haiti project, and has assisted in promoting the Rotary Foundation and its good work.

In a letter last year nominating Frank Kolb for the Four Avenues of Service Citation for Individual Rotarians, Club President Beth Padgett wrote:

"It is with great pride that I nominate Frank Kolb for the Four Avenues of Service Citation. Frank has been a Rotarian and a member



Club President Beth Padgett presents the Four Avenues of Service Citation to Executive Secretary-Treasurer Frank Kolb at the April 23rd meeting.

of our club since 1994. As with any endeavor in his life, he is committed completely, and he is one of the hardest and most dedicated workers you will ever find. Frank is a delight to work with, and he is a truly outstanding Rotarian. He personifies the Four Avenues of Service, and he serves with distinction and enthusiasm in each of these Avenues."

## President's Corner

At the risk of plugging my own newspaper, I hope all of you had the opportunity to read the guest column by PDG Sue Poss on April 30th. She told of the amazingly generous estate gift of \$86,800 from Leila Goldsmith to an organization that fights polio. Mrs. Goldsmith's estate was finally settled this year. The \$86,800 went to Rotary International's PolioPlus campaign, and the gift was matched within six weeks by Rotarians in the Upstate.

Rotary International hopes to eradicate the devastating disease of polio by 2005, the 100th anniversary of our international service organization. To do that, Rotary hopes to raise \$80 million from Rotarians, and as PDG Sue wrote, our District 7750 will be expected to raise \$320,000.

Not to steal President-Elect Nell Stewart's thunder next year, but I sincerely hope we help our district — and Rotary International — meet this most worthwhile goal. When Rotary joined the fight against polio in the mid-1980s, it made a similar request of all districts and clubs. In 1988, our club made a gift of \$50,000 to PolioPlus.

We now have a role model in Leila Goldsmith, a poor, uneducated woman who, though not a Rotarian, knew the meaning of "Service Above Self."

— Beth Padgett

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

Work is currently underway on the new **yearbook**, and if you are a new member who still needs a picture — or an old member who needs an updated picture — see Vickie Pittman either before or after our May 14th meeting. Members who have not provided pictures — or those who have been inducted but have not paid club dues — will not be featured in the new yearbook. Vickie also needs to hear soon from all club members to confirm correct addresses and phone numbers.

The next **New Member Orientation** will be held at 7 p.m. on May 14th at Fay Towell's house, 15 East Tallulah Drive. New members also have an opportunity to meet in a relaxed atmosphere and learn about Rotary Committee activities and volunteer opportunities at the **New Member Luncheons**, held on the first Monday of each month at noon at the Ham House.

And another reminder from Vickie: **Future meetings** will be held in the **Gold Room** at the Poinsett Hotel until further notice.

## Faltering evening club needs help

The Greenville Rotary Club needs to provide at least three knowledgeable Rotarians to help with the faltering Evening Club. This is short-term committee work for experienced Rotarians who can attend some of the evening meetings, help impart knowledge of Rotary and provide encouragement to a provisional new club. Also, our own club's Lewis Freeman, who is the District Governor's representative in this effort, is having some health problems. Club President Beth Padgett has volunteered to help out beginning in mid-June after completion of the political primary season, but a couple of club members still are needed to help out in May, June, July, and probably August.

The Evening Club has yet to achieve charter status, primarily because it does not have the required 20 charter members. Lewis needs a small committee to help him, particularly to attend some of the meetings when he cannot be there. The point is to rub shoulders with these potential Rotarians, answer questions, spread enthusiasm, etc. If you have a few free evenings in the next couple of months to do some Rotary missionary work, please contact Beth Padgett.

## Foundation Dinner May 20th

The District Foundation Dinner will be Monday night, May 20th, at the Palmetto Expo Center. We hope to have a good group representing our club. The cost is \$30, and the club will pay for board members, officers and assistant governors. Spouses are welcome, but the club will not pick up their tab.

The deadline for reservations is May 13th. Contact Frank or Vickie by voice mail or e-mail if you plan to attend what promises to be a great evening.