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At May 28th meeting

Rotarian James to discuss new library

Beverly James, a member of our club and executive director of the Greenville County Library, will use a PowerPoint presentation as she speaks to Greenville Rotary about plans for the new main library at the May 28th meeting in the Gold Room at the Westin Poinsett Hotel.

It is expected that David Moore, a partner in the architectural firm of Craig, Gauden & Davis, also will participate in the program. David has led in some of Greenville's most prominent projects, including the new main library at Heritage Green and a new 1,000-car parking garage to be located in the heart of downtown Greenville.

Beverly is responsible for 12 facilities, approximately 180 staff, and a \$10.2 million budget. She works closely with the library board of trustees, the Friends of the Library, the Messineo Scholarship Committee, and was instrumental in the formation of The Alliance for Small Businesses and Non-Profit Organizations. In addition, she is overseeing an aggressive building program.

Most recently, ground was broken for a branch on the west side of Greenville and ribbon was cut on the new Kerry Ann Younts Culp Library in Fountain Inn.

A new 119,000-square-foot main library will open this coming October and will be named in honor of "Red" and Mary Hughes through a generous donation from their sons, Bob and Phil.



James



Moore

Rotary goes 'Red, White and Blue'

The Greenville Rotary Club rolled out its Patriotic Pride Project on May 14th with a display of American flags, patriotic music provided by the Governor's School Ensemble and a moving speech on patriotism from Greenville County School Superintendent Bill Harner. Club members who have served in the military also received special recognition. Baxter Wynn and Roxanne Cromartie co-chaired what started as the Flag Project Committee before it was officially named the Patriotic Pride Project.



Presentation of the colors was a highlight of the patriotic May 14th program.

American flags will be sold by the Greenville Rotary Club to promote the continuation, and further the spirit, of patriotism in our community that was demonstrated during the Sept. 11th attack on our nation. Proceeds from the project will guarantee an American flag in every classroom in Greenville County (currently 156 classrooms do not have flags). Proceeds also will be used to educate children in every third-grade classroom about the flag, patriotism and the importance of flying our flag. A booklet on the flag will be given to every third grader (approximately 5,000). Additional funds raised may be used for scholarships.

The flags are top quality, and the price for a flag kit is \$45. Rotarians are asked to purchase a minimum of two flags. Order forms will be available at the next several Rotary Club meetings, or the forms can be found on our website:

www.greenvillerotary.org. July 5th is the target date for the first display of the Patriotic Pride project in Greenville County.

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Furman student named Ambassadorial Scholar Special Rotary students recognized

Three very special "Rotary students" were recognized at the May 14th meeting.

Our Ambassadorial Scholar for next year will be Felice Ferguson, a double major in history and Spanish at Furman University. She is from Charleston, and she is planning to study for a Ph.D. in Black American history with an emphasis on trans-Atlantic connections among Africa, Latin America and the United States.

Later on the evening of May 14th, Felice was inducted into Furman's chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. Next year, she will attend the University of Vera Cruz in Mexico as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar.

As an important aside, our club's contributions to the Ro-



Above, Ambassadorial Scholar Felice Ferguson (center) with Dr. Judy Bainbridge, right, of Furman University and Club President Beth Padgett. At left, Rotary Exchange students Gabriela Cisneros and Kheli Fiadjoe.

tary Foundation help fund the Ambassadorial Scholar program, which is the largest private scholarship program in the world.

Our two Rotary Exchange students this year thanked the club for sponsoring their yearlong stay in the United States. This year's Exchange Students were Gabriela St. Martin Cisneros of Mexico and Kheli Fiadjoe of Togo, West Africa. Gaby has attended Eastside High School, and Kheli has attended the Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities.

"These are truly bright and engaging students who have represented our Rotary Club quite well this year," said President Beth Padgett.

President's Corner

John Korman's father and I walked out of the Palmetto Expo Center together after the annual Salute to Education banquet. John, a student at Riverside High School, couldn't make the banquet. He was in Kentucky for the International Science Fair.

"Your Rotary Club must do everything," Mr. Korman told me. Well, our club doesn't do everything, but it does quite a bit, especially when it comes to education.

Our Rotary Club sponsors the annual Salute to Education banquet. And we sponsor the School District Science Fair. And we co-sponsor the Teacher of the Year Award. And we co-sponsor Holiday Lights, raising money for our own Rotary Charities and for the Roper Mountain Science Fair. And we provide Rotary Readers in low-income schools, and supply books for many low-income children. And we provide thousands of dollars in college scholarships each year.

And now, we're sponsoring Patriotic Pride of Greenville County, a project designed to promote patriotism in our schools and our community, and to use the proceeds from the sale of American flags to buy flags for classrooms that don't have flags.

So no, our Rotary Club doesn't do everything. But I'm proud of what we do, and you should be, too.

— Beth Padgett

The Family of Rotary _____

New members introduced at the May 14th meeting were **Greg English** and **Julie Lisenby**.

May 18th will be "Picture Day" for Greenville Rotary. Directory pictures for new club members, and any others who want to update their photos, will be taken before and after the meeting.

The **Rotary office** has received notification of a makeup by one of our club members on May 16th. No name was included. Call Vickie at 235-2293 to get your deserved credit.

In our extended family, Rotarians from **South Carolina, North Carolina, and Georgia** announced this month that they have raised \$250,000 for Alzheimer's research at Johns Hopkins University. The grant is funded through the Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust (CART) Fund, a project that encourages Rotarians to donate their pocket change to help raise money for Alzheimer's research. Since its inception, approximately 35,000 Rotarians from 400 clubs in South Carolina, North Carolina, and Georgia have actively participated in the CART Fund.

New Members Proposed _____

Nancy Welch, Vice President and Director, Greenville TEC-Greer Campus, under the classification of Administration-Education, sponsored by Johnny Mack Brown and Nell Stewart.

Richard R. Lane, Assistant Vice President, Marsh, Inc., under the classification of Insurance-Client Executive, sponsored by Heyward Clarkson and John Bearden.

Salute our sponsors

A very special thank you for our sponsors who helped defray the expenses for this year's Salute to Education Banquet. Our Rotary Club, of course, was the major sponsor.

Other sponsors were Ashmore Leaphart & Rabon, LLC; Gallivan White & Boyd, PA; Gannett Foundation; Kemet Electronics Corporation; Ogletree Deakins Nash Smoak & Stewart, PC; Roger Gower, M.D., and Rush Wilson, LTC. The generous donations of the Rotary Club of Greenville and our other sponsors make it possible to honor Greenville County's outstanding students, teachers, staff members and schools with this annual banquet.

Increase in meal fees approved

At its May 14th meeting, the Rotary Club voted unanimously to raise the meal fees from \$11 to \$13 per meal effective January 2003, when a new two-year contract with the Westin Poinsett Hotel goes into effect.