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## Siegfried to address security in S.C.

Security initiatives in South Carolina will be the topic of Greenville Rotary Club's August 27th meeting.

The speaker will be General Steve Siegfried, who is the state's Director of Homeland Security.

Siegfried, who retired from the Army in 1995 after a 34-year military career, assumed his current position through an executive order signed by Governor Jim Hodges in 2001.

He is South Carolina's liaison to the National Homeland Security Office in Washington, D.C., and chairman of the South Carolina Homeland Security Council.

Siegfried, a Vietnam veteran, rose to the rank of major general and from 1991-94 was commanding general of Fort Jackson in Columbia. After retirement from the

Army, he worked for South Carolina Electric and Gas as a leader developer. In 1998, he co-founded The Leadership Academy, Inc., a firm offering a full range of consulting and training services to management.

Siegfried is a member of the Midlands Technical College Foundation Board. He is also on the board of trustees for the Veterans Trust Fund of South Carolina, and state president for the Association of the United States Army.

He was awarded the Order of the Palmetto in 1995, and in 1997 the Army's Order of Saint Maurice.

Siegfried is a graduate of the University of Alabama, where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees. He is a native of Elizabeth City, N.C. He and his wife, Maggie, live at Lake Murray.



## Promotes Rotary's student exchange

**R**yan Labbe, right, was on hand for the August 13th meeting to promote the student exchange program of Rotary International. A Greenville native, he was a Rotary outbound student to Milan, Italy, in 1992. He credits Rotary with helping give direction to his life when, at the age of 17, he was chosen for the exchange program. For the past 10 years, Labbe, who received his degree from American University, has done independent entrepreneurial consulting in Washington, D.C. Speaking to the Rotarians, he expressed interest in returning to Greenville to continue his career. Here, he chats with club member Max Cochran.

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## Volunteers needed for Habitat project

**T**he Rotary clubs of Greenville County will build their second Habitat House beginning Thursday, September 5. After the pre-build kick-off that day, the build will run each Friday and Saturday, beginning with the September 6-7 weekend and lasting until Saturday, October 12.

Rotary volunteers are needed — from the experienced builder who can frame a house and install attic flooring, to the most inexperienced volunteer who can hold boards and paint walls.

The first weekend is devoted to the heaviest construction work, and the last weekend is devoted to landscaping and completing all remaining tasks.

This is a great opportunity to get to know Rotarians in the Downtown Club and Rotarians in other Greenville County clubs — all while undertaking a true community service.

The house will be at Saluda Bluffs off White Horse Road. Lunch and snacks will be provided on work days.

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Beth Padgett at [bpadgett@greenvillenews.com](mailto:bpadgett@greenvillenews.com) or fill out a volunteer sheet at the August 27 club meeting. Please list the day or days that you are willing to work and your approximate skill level. The days are divided into morning and afternoon shifts, beginning at 7:30 a.m. and running until about 5:30 p.m. Volunteers can work an entire day, a morning or afternoon shift or multiple days. Rotary volunteers also are allowed to bring their spouses or significant others and children older than 14 years old who are willing to work on the Habitat House.

As with all Rotary volunteer activities, participation in the Habitat build counts as a make-up for a missed meeting.

### *Into life of founder Paul Harris*

## 'My Road to Rotary' offers key insights

**P**aul Harris called the first Rotary club meeting in 1905, but the values and ideals that inspired his leadership of Rotary were instilled many years earlier during his boyhood in a small Vermont town. In his book, "My Road to Rotary," Harris chronicled the events that brought him from New England to Chicago — with stops along the way in many foreign ports — and eventually inspired him to bring a few men together for fellowship.

The only one of Harris's five books still in print, "My Road to Rotary" can serve as an excellent resource for clubs as they prepare for Rotary's centennial in 2005. Available in English only, the book (publication no. 922) may be ordered for \$9 from RI Publications Order Services at RI World Headquarters by phone: 847-866-4600 or fax: 847-866-3276, or via the online RI Catalog.

## Presidential Pondering

**C**ommunicate. Do we all communicate? Of course, we do. The real question is: "What do we communicate?" My specific concern is: "What are we communicating about Rotary?"

Daily, do we represent Rotary well to non-Rotarians? Are we excited about Rotary programs and transfer that excitement to others? Do family, friends, neighbors, and business associates know we are Rotarians? Do we exhibit "Service Above Self" in our Rotary activities and daily lives? If not, perhaps we do not truly understand what a real Rotarian is and what Rotary really does.

Who cannot be excited enough to spread the good news about Rotary's involvement in helping eradicate polio in the world? About feeding hungry children in Haiti? About Rotary's Youth Exchange Program? About Rotary Foundation projects? About research to try to eliminate Alzheimer's? About reading to children? About honoring teachers and students? About Holiday Lights at Roper Mountain Science Center? Oh, there is so much to be excited about as a Rotarian! Share that excitement.

— Nell Stewart

## N.C. Rotary club steps in to fund library shortfall

The 50-member Rotary Club of Eden, N.C., has come to the rescue of the local library after it was hit by massive cuts in the Rockingham County budget.

In early July, the club began a year-long effort to donate a new book each week to the Eden Public Library.

"We finance the books by taking up a collection at our weekly meetings," said Mark Jordan, president of the club. "It roughly works out if each person gives a dollar. If there's extra, then it goes to the next week."

Sue Williams, director of the Rockingham County Public Libraries, told Greensboro's *News & Record* newspaper, "We are really thrilled that the Rotary Club has decided to recognize the library this way and support us during this time when we are facing such severe budget conditions."

The Rotary Club buys the books from a list of suggested titles drawn up by the library board. Planned to run through June 2003, the book-buying program is the first of many projects the club is sponsoring during the current Rotary year to enrich the intellectual and cultural life of the city of Eden.

## New Members Proposed \_\_\_\_\_

**Brian A. DiMarco**, President, Fibersource, under the classification of Fiberoptic Component Manufacturing, sponsored by Bob Farris and Elizabeth Lyons.

**Mark Eley**, Assistant Vice President, Carolina First Bank, under the classification of Banking, sponsored by Robert A. Coleman and Nell Stewart.

**Sam J. Konduros**, President and CEO, Upstate Alliance, under the classification of Economic Development, sponsored by Charles Dalton and Todd Korahais.

**Tony Moncini**, Sales/Marketing Manager, The Source Group, under the classification of Marketing, sponsored by Jim Rumrill and Frank Kolb.

**Richard Rowell**, General Manager, The Commerce Club, under the classification of Private Clubs, sponsored by Chris Beard and Bob Howard.

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

The family of Rotary has grown by four. Introduced at the August 13th meeting were **Mark Berry, Kin Britton, Tom Piper** and **Gordon Williams**.

The next Rotary **Health & Happiness Hour** will be at the Phoenix Inn in the Palms Lounge on Tuesday, September 3rd, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Light appetizers will be provided, and drinks are on your own. The Phoenix Inn is located on Pleasantburg Drive near the downtown airport and Krispy Kreme donuts.

For more information, contact Kitty Allen at 232-1979.