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Guest speaker Betty Mabry chats with club member John Roberts after her Rotary speech on September 24th. His son, Wayne, is the chief archaeologist for the South Carolina Department of Transportation. Story inside.

Fall Outing set for Furman golf course

Greenville Rotary's annual Fall Outing is set for October 8th at the Furman University Golf Course on White Horse Road. The day's activities begin with golf at noon, followed by tennis at 2:30. Fellowship begins at 5:30, with dinner from 6-7 p.m.

Funds lacking for meeting needs of South Carolina's highway system

The South Carolina Department of Transportation doesn't have the money it needs to take care of all the needs related to the state's highway system, the top official of the SCDOT told Rotarians at the September 24th meeting.

Betty Mabry, executive director of the department since 1997, said it would take an added \$966 million for South Carolina's highway system — the lowest-funded in the nation — to be just "average."

Mabry said the 20-year outlook shows a shortfall in funding for every aspect of highway work, including such high priority items as upgrading and maintaining the state's system, which includes 42,000 miles of road, making it the fourth largest system in the country.

She pointed out that 60 percent of South Carolina's roads — most of them secondary roads — do not qualify for federal money, but it is on these roads that most highway fatalities take place, mostly caused by vehicles running off the road and hitting trees or other stationary objects.

Most of the SCDOT's money comes from the motor fuel user fee, which is 16 cents per gallon in South Carolina, with less than 13 cents of that going to the Department of Transportation.

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Rotary Mailbox

Greenville Rotary held its annual teacher recognition program on September 10th. The following letters are a response to this special event.

Recognition 'commendable and admirable'

To be selected as the teacher of the year is incredible. To be honored by an organization such as the Rotary Club makes me pinch myself. It's commendable and admirable that a group as influential as the Rotarians, choose to put "service above self." Thank you so much for the cash prize and mostly for caring and making a difference in the lives of so many children. If there's ever anything I can do to be of service to your group, please don't hesitate to call. Again, I applaud you for all that you do.

— Christina Hunter

Support 'positively highlights' teaching

What a special afternoon last Tuesday was. Your September 10th meeting's focus on the Teacher of the Year was not only an honor for the four of us attending, but also for all teachers. Your support of education positively highlights our profession in the community.

Thank you for the delicious meal, friendly words, and generous gift.

I've always felt proud to be a teacher, and it is especially heartwarming for me to be recognized and honored by your organization.

— Linda Jennings

Manning club to raffle Cessna

On October 12th, members of the Rotary Club of Manning will see their answer to a call from The Rotary Foundation to fulfill the promise to eradicate polio literally take to the skies.

The club plans to give away a Cessna 152 airplane in a raffle aimed at raising more than \$100,000 to contribute to the Foundation's polio eradication fundraising campaign to help fill a \$275 million funding gap. The campaign seeks \$80 million in cash and pledges during the period July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003.

Named the PolioPlane Project, the Manning club's fundraising effort has been taxiing along since July. Led by a six-member PolioPlus Committee, the club's 75 members have become a dedicated army of salespeople steadily working toward the target of selling 6,000 tickets at \$25 each.

The winning ticket will be announced at a free festival-type event at the Palmetto Air Plantation, a private airfield in Manning. If present at the drawing, the winner will receive a \$2,500 cash prize in addition to the Cessna, valued at about \$40,000. Some 1,500 participants are expected at the event, which will also mark the club's 75th anniversary.

Presidential Pondering

Polio could be just a handshake away! I have no medical training — except for the home remedies I got from my mother. This information is from the heart of a mother and grandmother to relay what I learned about the Rotary International project to eradicate polio.

At the RI convention in Barcelona, we heard from experts that polio has been eradicated in almost every part of the world. However, it does remain in 10 small areas. Success, you say. Not so, for we were told that as long as it remains a factor anywhere, it is just a handshake away from us here.

When I heard that polio could be brought back to us relatively easily from an infected area "with a handshake," I took notice. Our precious children and grandchildren could again be threatened by this terrible malady.

We can help ensure that polio is not devastating by meeting the goals of Rotary to raise funds to completely eradicate polio. When you hear in an upcoming meeting what you can do, remember polio could again be a reality here. Eliminate the possibility of its being only a "handshake away" from those we love and cherish.

— Nell Stewart

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— Frank Kolb, Acting Secretary
The Rotary Club of Greenville
October 1, 2002

The Family of Rotary

The next Rotary **Health and Happiness Hour** will be hosted by Elizabeth Lyons of the Palmetto Expo Center on Tuesday, November 5th from 5:30-7 p.m. It will be held in the Atrium (behind

the escalators) in the Woodside Conference Center located on Eisenhower Drive off South Pleasantburg. There is parking all around the conference center and signs to guide you.

Light appetizers will be served and drinks are on your own. This meeting counts as a make-up. Join us for the fellowship and to enjoy Greenville's beautiful conference facility.

Four new members were introduced at the September 24th meeting. The Family of Rotary welcomes **Brian DiMarco, Mark Eley, Tony Moncini and Richard Rowell.**

Roto for Charity supporters can now bring their corporate or personal checks for \$50 to the meeting and receive a card good for 10 \$5 plays. We can keep your card on file, if you wish, and punch it each time you play. Your cancelled check will be your receipt for your contribution to our local foundation.

Make a note in your handbooks of the **new fax number** for the Rotary office: 864-235-3328. It is also available on the "Contact Us" page of the club website.

And a Greenville welcome to the **Rotary Club of Dili**, newly independent East Timor's first. It was chartered on September 11, 2002, bringing the number of countries in the Rotary family to 164. David Boyce is the charter president of the 32-member club.