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"Service above self"

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Downtown Club's generosity recognized



The Rotary Club of Greenville was recognized at the October 22 meeting for its contributions to the Rotary Foundation. Our club placed second to Spartanburg Rotary in District 7750. Here, District Governor Bruce Baker presents a banner to President Nell Stewart.

DG tells Rotarians: 'Just Do It'

The District Governor brought his "Just Do It" campaign to Greenville Rotary, challenging club members to "go out there and sow the seeds of love," which is Rotary's international theme.

Bruce Baker, speaking at the October 22 meeting, quoted from the New Testament book of James, saying that "a faith that doesn't result in good deeds is useless." He said his "Just Do It" slogan also grew out of a book he recommended — "Feel the Fear, and Do It Anyway," which points out that people are fearful in what they attempt because they are unsure of the outcome.



Baker

Baker gave a one-word characterization of Rotary: "Opportunity." He explained, "Rotary provides an opportunity to do many things that help and reach out to people, but it also affords the opportunity to be better people."

The District Governor, who said he was "impressed with many new things" that Greenville Rotary is doing, reiterated his concern over club

members he refers to as "RINOs" —that is, Rotarians In Name Only.

Noting that the Rotary Foundation is "the first thing that jumps into my mind when I think of Rotary," Baker praised the Greenville club's contributions to the Foundation, which rank second in District 7750. He presented an award to President Nell Stewart in recognition of that giving effort.

Concerning the international theme, Baker, a Presbyterian, said sowing seeds of love "fits everything we do in our daily lives."

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Konduros, Moore to speak Nov. 12

The topic of economic development will bring two speakers — Sam Konduros and John Moore — to Greenville Rotary Club's November 12 meeting.

Konduros was named president and CEO of the Upstate South Carolina Alliance in 2001. Moore is vice president for economic development for the Greater Greenville Chamber of Commerce.

Formerly, Konduros was director and general manager for Pine River Plastics Southeast Operations in Oconee County. In 2001, he received a South Carolina Ambassador for Economic Development Award and was named to the Clemson University Board of Visitors.

Moore, who has started two small businesses in South Carolina, joined the Chamber of Commerce staff a year ago to lead small business development initiatives. He formerly was involved in marketing with Kimberly-Clark and The Coca-Cola Company.

Rotary Mailbox

Rotary check helps fund teacher's Fulbright study

As one of the finalists for Greenville County Teacher of the Year, you provided me with a generous check. I wanted to thank you and tell you that I am using the money to help me finance my three-week Fulbright fellowship to study the educational system here in Japan. Thank you for your support of education in Greenville County.

— Debbie Cooke

Rotary saves lives in Bali tragedy

The normally idyllic Indonesian island of Bali is reeling from the impact of a car bomb that ripped through a nightclub on October 12, killing more than 180 people and injuring 300, mostly foreign tourists.

Members of the 10 Rotary clubs on the island scrambled alongside other volunteers to help with rescue efforts and to console families of victims and survivors. The Bali Blood Bank, which was renovated and equipped in 1999 through a multi-district WCS project supported with contributions from a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant, became the most valuable asset in frantic efforts to save lives after the attack.

"If it was not for the blood bank that you and Rotarians in District 6290 (in Ontario, Canada, and Michigan) helped to build, things could be a lot worse," said Freddy Subiyanto, a past District 3400 team leader.

Presidential Pondering

Why did you join Rotary? One very valid reason is clear in our motto: "Service above self."

I've noted this previously, you say? It is because I don't want any of you to miss that joy that comes from giving. Let's explore a few of the opportunities you have through Rotary to give ... and to get.

Just what does that motto mean to us? It means that Rotary offers us many opportunities to be of service. You can serve by contributing money to Rotary projects, the Rotary Foundation, our local Foundation, CART (research regarding Alzheimer's), the eradication of polio, Hunger in Haiti, eradication of land mines, and other international and local projects. You can gain personal pleasure by serving in the Read to Me program, hosting a Rotary Youth Exchange student, working on educational programs which are locally sponsored, and bringing in new club members. You can assist with the Holiday Lights to help fund our scholarships and other special programs.

Are you "signed up" for some service available through our Rotary Club? If not, you are missing a great opportunity to give ... and to get.

— Nell Stewart

The Family of Rotary

Congratulations and appreciation are due **Bob Hughes** and his family with the opening on October 7 of Greenville County's new library. The Hughes Library is named in honor of Bob's parents, Mary and "Red" Hughes.

Kitty Allen and husband Tim are expectant grandparents — with the arrival date set for May 19.

Fred Carpenter's son Tom has been promoted to legislative assistant in the office of Republican Congressman Todd Akin of Missouri.

Chuck Saylor will join the Greenville County school board after winning the open District 20 Taylors area seat.

Jill Kintigh won re-election as Greenville County treasurer following her victory in a special election in 2000 to fill an unexpired term.

Named to the list of Best Lawyers in America were **David Freeman, James Parham, Wallace Lightsey** and **Allen Grumbine**.

Johnny Mack Brown appeared recently as Judge Brandeis in a production of the play "Annie" at the Peace Center.

Paul Goldsmith has received the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award from the University of South Carolina.

Rotary president meets with Pope John

RI President Bhichai Rattakul met with Pope John Paul II and Italy's House Speaker Pierferdinando Casini on October 16. District 2080 Governor Filippo Maria Pirisi accompanied the RI president during the Italian leg of a European tour aimed at promoting Rotary's initiatives on peace and social development.

In his audiences with the pope and the house speaker, President Rattakul explained that each year Rotary spends some \$105 million to support humanitarian activities across the world. He also pointed out that the organization has committed \$493 million toward the efforts of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative to help immunize almost 2 billion children in the world against the polio virus.

In a related undertaking, Past District Governor Marco Randone gave an interview to Radio Vatican to discuss projects sponsored by Italian Rotarians. Among these were "From Jail to Society," a program to help former prison inmates integrate into society through vocational training and housing, and the Meta Sudans project, a Rotary-funded initiative to restore an ancient fountain located near the Coliseum in Rome.

Horn of Africa soon to be polio-free

With only two cases of polio to date this year in Ethiopia, Somalia, and Sudan, the Horn of Africa is extremely close to being polio-free, the World Health Organization (WHO) said in a recent press release.

According to the statement, quoted in a September 25 report by the UN-sponsored Integrated Regional Information Network (IRIN) news service, the two cases were recorded in Somalia.