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Rotarians to hear Pinckney Nov. 26

Frank Pinckney, president and CEO of Greenville Hospital System, will be the featured speaker at the November 26 meeting.

He joined Greenville Hospital System in 1963. Prior to being appointed president in 1991, he served as executive vice president of the Greenville Hospital System, senior vice president of acute services, and in various management positions within the hospital system.

Pinckney received his bachelor of science degree in business administration from The Citadel and has completed educational programs in health services administration at the University of Alabama and Duke University. He earned a master of science degree in business administration and health care finance from the University of South Carolina. He is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Pinckney currently serves on the board of directors for the Greenville Chamber of Commerce, the University Center of Greenville board of visitors, the Metropolitan Arts Council and the Clemson University president's advisory council. He is past chairman of the board of trustees of the South Carolina Hospital Association, and is a past member of the board of directors of the Greenville United Way, the Urban League and the South Carolina Joint Underwriters Association.

In 1998, Pinkney was awarded the Order of the Palmetto by the Governor of South Carolina.



Konduros tells Greenville Rotary Club

Power of I-85 corridor ‘enormous’

The collective message of the Upstate is “more powerful than that of any one county,” said Sam Konduros, president and CEO of the Upstate South Carolina Alliance. “The power of this I-85 corridor is enormous. Greenville is the centerpiece.”

Konduros and John Moore, the new vice president for economic development for the Greater Greenville Chamber of Commerce, spoke at the Greenville Rotary Club’s November 12 meeting on “Economic Development.” Two years ago, the Greenville-Upstate metro area was the largest

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— Sam Konduros

metro market in the United States without a marketing program, Konduros said. His organization was formed to address that shortcoming.

“We have a strong, focused market-

ing engine to get the message out. We are working to create the upstate brand,” Konduros said.

It’s more important than ever to market this area, especially given the tough economic times and the strong global competition, Konduros said, adding that 20,000 jobs have been lost in the organization’s 10-county region in the past 20 months.

Moore said the Chamber is a key player in promoting economic development. The Greenville Chamber has 2,300 members, with about 85 percent of them being small businesses, and of those, one-half having two employees or less. “Innovation is key” to the area’s success, Moore said. “We have some world-class research going on at Clemson University and the Greenville Hospital System.”

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Greenville Rotary Club will be celebrating Holiday at Peace again this holiday season, thanks to a generous offer for the second consecutive year from club member Bob Howard, also of the Greenville Symphony Orchestra.

December 18

Downtown Club to benefit from ‘Holiday at Peace’

The club has been offered a block of tickets for the Wednesday night performance at 7:30 on December 18. The \$25 price of the ticket with be split between the GSO and the Greenville Rotary Club.

Last year, our club used its share to help support the Hunger in Haiti project. Almost 100 Rotarians took advantage of this offer last year and had a great time at the GSO’s holiday performance. It’s a great way to get in the festive mood of the season.

Record attendance at Rotary UN Day

Annual tradition resumes after 9/11 cancellation

Resuming an annual tradition cancelled in 2001 by the events of September 11, a record 800 Rotarians and others attended Rotary UN Day at the United Nations in New York on November 9.

They heard RI President Bhichai Rattakul, once a delegate to the UN himself, and a bevy of other leaders underscore the importance of cooperation between Rotary clubs and United Nations agencies.

“Rotary has been a part of the UN from the very beginning,” President Rattakul told the crowd, noting that 49 Rotarian delegates helped draft the UN Charter in 1945, that the first president of the General Assembly was Rotarian Carlos Romulo of the Philippines, and that, even earlier, a Rotary-organized meeting in England in 1942 planted the seeds that led to the creation of the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

“It is my hope that this day will strengthen our resolve to ‘Sow the Seeds of Love’ throughout our troubled world by working with the various agencies of the United Nations,” the president told attendees. “Together, we will accomplish much more than either of us could hope to accomplish alone.”

David Malone, president of the International Peace Academy, spoke to the audience about the Security Council and Iraq on the day that the Council unanimously approved a resolution on Iraq. William Luers, chairman of the United Nations Association of the USA, highlighted UN challenges in 2002. Other speakers included representatives of the United Nations Population Fund and UNICEF.

Presidential Pondering

Election day is still fresh in the minds of many. Some were disappointed in the results, while others were elated. What concerns me most is that some do not take seriously their responsibility to choose public officials.

There are at least two kinds of voters who concern me: those who do not take the time to consider carefully the qualifications of candidates, and those who seem to consider casting a ballot to be very insignificant.

No, I am not thinking of people who disagree with me on a candidate’s qualifications, but of those who do not take the time to even know if the candidate has any qualifications. I am also thinking of those who do not consider voting to be very important.

Several people told me they did not know who the candidates were for some of the offices, so they voted for the most familiar name. And many did not even consider this privilege important enough to cast a vote.

Voting is a privilege and responsibility that we all should take very seriously. I am sure that all of us voted, and that we knew the qualifications of each person for whom we voted. (Didn’t we?) How can we, as Rotarians, impress this on all the people of our area?

— Nell Stewart

The Family of Rotary

Lillie Lewis, Mark Martin and **Bert Strange** were introduced on November 12 as Greenville Rotary Club's newest members.

Hats off to **Frank Landgraff**, whose Ronald McDonald House recently made a \$4,000 contribution to the South Carolina Children's Theatre, and to **Mills Gallivan**, whose law firm sponsored a Halloween party for underprivileged children.

Ted Gentry recently was the speaker at an employment law conference for the two Carolinas held in Asheville.

Congratulations to **Dave Merline** and **son David**, and **John Thomas** — all named to the list of Best Lawyers in America.

The next **Health and Happiness Hour** will be Tuesday, January 7, at 5:30 pm at the Poinsett Club. Downtown Rotarian **Warren Arceneaux** will again host our group in the bar on the main floor. We have been averaging approximately 50 members and guests for this fellowship. Why not take advantage of this opportunity to visit informally with your Rotary friends? And it would be a good way to start off the new year on the right foot.

What's happening in your life that would be good to share with the family of Rotary? Send your news to don@baptistcourier.com.

RI to stop disaster relief activities

At its November 2-8 meeting, the Rotary International Board voted to discontinue RI disaster relief activities, as of January 1, 2003. The Board encourages Rotarians to work through experienced international relief agencies in the event of a disaster.

As of January 1, RI will no longer issue notices of disaster requested by governors of affected districts, which allow Rotary clubs to contribute directly to the account set up by the affected district and districts to use up to \$10,000 of their SHARE district designated funds.

The directors recognized that Rotarians have a strong interest in disaster relief and, immediately following any major disaster, request information on how they can help. But they agreed that longstanding international relief agencies are far better equipped than district relief committees to allocate money quickly and appropriately to help victims in need.

Rotary aids effort to fight blindness

A collaborative effort between Rotary clubs and the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) is providing training to ophthalmologists from low-income countries, home to 90 percent of those afflicted by avoidable blindness. Modeled after the Rotary Foundation's Group Study Exchange program, the Guest Ophthalmologist program brings carefully selected ophthalmologists to the United States for two weeks of professional, educational, cultural, and social experiences.

Begun in 2000 in support of Vision 2020-The Right to Sight, a global initiative to eliminate avoidable blindness by the year 2020, the program recently completed its third round of annual visits.