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Governor's School choir to perform



The Governor's School All School Choir will present a program of Christmas music for the Greenville Rotary Club December 10. The 103-voice choir is directed by fellow Rotarian Glen Adkins, an adjunct professor at the Governor's School and minister of music at Greenville's First Baptist Church. The accompanist for the choir is Susan Shipllett.

The program will include several selections that will be performed later in the month with the Greenville Symphony at the Holiday at Peace program December 17 and 18 at the Peace Center.

Pinckney: 'It's all about people caring'

The message, "It's all about people caring for people," was delivered to the Rotary Club of Greenville on November 26 by an executive who



Greenville Hospital's Frank Pinckney

knows — Frank Pinckney, president and CEO of the Greenville Hospital System.

"When things are at their worst in our community," he said, "we are committed to be at our best to serve you." Pinckney was guest speaker at a meeting also highlighted by the recognition of three Paul Harris Fellows and the nomination of Frank Kolb as club president for the 2003-2004 Rotary year.

Pinckney, whose career in health care spans nearly 40 years, said the future is filled with both challenges and demands for health care services, and he had praise for the Upstate's resources in that field. "We have access to some of the finest health care that exists anywhere," he said.

Pinckney said that 7,300 employees are necessary for providing proper health care at the system's five medical campuses in Simpsonville, Greer, North Greenville, Patewood and at the site on Grove Road.

The hospital CEO noted that a dairy farm once existed on the land now occupied by Greenville Memorial on Grove Road.

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Receiving recognition as Paul Harris Fellows were, from left, John Hopkins (a multiple PHF), Kirk Stone, and Paul Goldsmith.

The system, Pinckney pointed out, runs on an annual budget of more than a billion dollars, with \$1.8 million required to operate the hospitals for a single day.

Todd Korahais called on Rotarians to lend their support to efforts by the Rotary Foundation to raise \$80 million for the eradication of polio by 2005. Rotary's contributions to this cause, which have grown due to income from investments, are expected to exceed \$500 million by then. Additionally, Rotary's advocacy program aimed at both government and the private sector has resulted in more than \$1 billion in polio grants to poor nations.

Committee affirms Weaver, taps Kolb

The Nominating Committee — comprised of six past presidents, the club president and president-elect — met on November 18 and agreed on the nominations for officers and board directors for 2003-2004. At the club's November 26 meeting, immediate past president Beth Padgett presented the following nominations: President-elect: Frank Kolb; Secretary: Randy Bell; Treasurer: David Karr; five board directors to serve two-year terms: Matt Shouse, Elizabeth Lyons, Bob Atkinson, Baxter Wynn and Manoj Jain.

The club will vote at its December 10 meeting on these nominations for the club year 2003-2004. In keeping with club tradition and the rules of Rotary International, the president-elect serves as president the following year. The Nominating Committee reaffirmed the nomination of President-elect Terry Weaver to serve in 2003-2004.

Presidential Pondering

Some things are absolute, others are relative. The other day, I heard two rather wealthy individuals discussing how "tight" things are. They were giving some details about disappointment about returns on their investments. Among those consequences of the "tight" economy were their concerns about not being able to purchase (or not feeling comfortable purchasing) some of life's luxuries.

My thoughts turned to those who, in the best of times, find their economy very "tight," or almost non-existent. In times like these, how do those people survive? At this Christmas season especially, we need to consider those who are so unfortunate in our community. What can we as individuals do to make life more pleasant for them? There are, of course, many adults in this category; however, I think mostly of the children. They have no resources on which to lean, and Christmas for them may be just another dreary day. Think about those folks and what we can do to bring them some of the necessities and pleasures.

Regardless of the "tight" economy, we are blessed indeed. Share those blessings with the less fortunate — you will be more blessed than they.

— Nell Stewart

The Family of Rotary

Deb Sofield, president of Windsor Lewis Sofield, has been accepted into the National Speakers Association.

Sofield speaks nationwide on topics to empower women in business and politics. Recently, she was a keynote speaker for the Raymond James & Associates National Women's Conference held in Tampa, Fla.

The National Speakers Association (NSA) is the leading organization for experts who speak professionally. NSA's 4,000 members include experts in a variety of industries and disciplines, who reach audiences as trainers, educators, humorists, motivators, consultants, authors and more.

Milton Shockley, co-broker/owner of RE/MAX Realty Professionals, was elected to a three-year term to serve as a director for the National Association of Realtors at the annual meeting held November 11 in New Orleans. The National Association of Realtors is the largest trade association in the world, with 860,000 members. This will be Shockley's third term as a national director. He also serves as a director of the South Carolina Association of Realtors.

Banners, billboards for polio awareness

A few years ago, children in India started a practice that Brenda Cressey, a past governor of District 5240, California, and now its polio eradication fundraising campaign chair, has brought to the United States.

Meanwhile, some 250 billboards broadcasting Rotary's concern for children and its polio eradication effort are now on display in 31 states and 16 other countries worldwide.

India's National PolioPlus Committee had asked all Indian Rotary clubs to help children create a banner, not imagining that the finished product would be more than 30 miles long. Cressey started on a slightly smaller scale by asking only clubs in her district to sponsor a banner, but the project, "Banners to Banish Polio," was successful nonetheless.

"The children in India make banners, so making them here shows them that Americans are also trying to eradicate polio," says Jane McClenahan, one of the project organizers and president of the Rotary Club of Ojai West.

Six Rotary clubs sponsored the 22 banners created by elementary school classes, Interact clubs, and Girls and Boys Clubs.

Among the many places people are seeing the upbeat Rotary messages are on outdoor billboards along the roadside, on backlit indoor billboards at airports, on trains, buses, and transportation shelters, and even on 18-wheel trucks traveling the major highways.

Mary Margaret Fleming, originator of the project and past governor of District 5230, California, estimates that more than 75 million people have seen the Rotary billboards thus far.

Because many of the participating clubs and districts negotiated deeply discounted rates or were given free space, the cost for all placements totals less than \$38,000.