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Rotarian receives Order of Palmetto



Tom Barton, left, president of Greenville TEC and member of the Greenville Rotary Club since 1981, received the Order of the Palmetto at the January 14th Rotary meeting. Former Lieutenant Governor Nick Theodore made the presentation of South Carolina's highest civilian award. Theodore was introduced by Club President Nell Stewart. Barton, who took the helm at Greenville TEC in 1962, is the country's longest-serving college president.



Rotarian Jay Hewitt and Miss South Carolina Kelly McCorkle listen intently as Tom Barton received his Order of the Palmetto award at the January 14th meeting. Later, Jay introduced Kelly as the meeting's featured speaker.

Miss SC heaps praise on Greenville

Kelly McCorkle, the reigning Miss South Carolina, had high praise for her native city when she spoke to the Greenville Rotary Club on January 14th.

Kelly, a graduate of Eastside High School and North Greenville College, hailed Greenville as the "largest stone in my crown" for its influence on her personal and professional development.

She talked with Rotarians about learning disabilities, including her own struggles with dyslexia.

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New Members Proposed _____

Daniel H. Christie, Chief Financial Officer, Southern Sun Bio Systems, under the classification of Biotechnology, sponsored by Myles Golden and Terry Weaver.

Bobby O. Floyd, President and CEO, CarolinAir Cargo Carrier, Ltd., under the classification of Air Cargo Carrier, sponsored by Terry Weaver and Betty Ellis.

George Donald "Jerry" Gibbins, Founder and President, International Center for the Upstate, under the classification of International Cultural Promotions, (formerly a member of our club around 1980), sponsored by Max Cochran and Roger Varin.

Clark S. Gillespy, Principal-Fluor Global Location Strategies, Fluor Corp., under the classification of International Consultant, (member of Birmingham, Ala., club since 1993), sponsored by John Redmond and Bob Howard.

Jerry Gore, President and Owner, Remedy Intelligent Staffing, under the classification of Personnel Consultant/Employment Service, (member of Smyrna, Ga., club from 1975-1990), sponsored by Tom Hemans and Terry Weaver.

Jane Sosebee, Regional Director for Anderson, Greenville, Oconee, and Pickens Counties, BellSouth, under the classification of Telecommunications, sponsored by Charles Dalton and Sam Konduros.

Nathaniel Gaillard "Gill" Walker Jr., Pharmacist in Charge, CVS Pharmacy, 3300 Wade Hampton Blvd., Taylors, (former member of Spartanburg and Columbia clubs), under the classification of Pharmacist, sponsored by Dick Stanley and Fay Towell.

Gayland Witherspoon, Senior Staff Architect, McMillan Smith & Partners, under the classification of Architecture, sponsored by Allen Freeman and Mark Dullea.

Hincapie to speak on cycling Jan. 28

The popularity of the sport of cycling will be the topic when Rich Hincapie speaks to the Greenville Rotary Club on January 28th. He is team director for the Fairway Cycle Team, whose members have been successful in national competition.

Based in Greenville, the Fairway Cycling Team is dedicated to the promotion of cycling while trying to give something back to the community. Founded in 2001, it has already made a substantial impact within the cycling community, as well as in Greenville. The team is committed to cycling safety and has already given away more than 200 helmets throughout the season to ensure cycling safety.

Presidential Pondering _____

I read recently that we should write ourselves a letter to be received and read 10 years from now. In that letter, we should list things that are important to us at this time, as well as things that we expect to happen in the future.

If you had written such a letter 10 years ago, what would you be reading now? Would you be pleased with what you were doing at the time you wrote the letter, or would you wish you had different insight at that time? Would your life be different today because of that different insight a decade ago?

As you read your predictions for the future, would you find those predictions were accurate? Did the predictions affect how you have lived during the past 10 years?

Thinking about this made me reassess my priorities at this time. What am I doing that will be important as I look back 10 years from now? What am I working toward having accomplished when I read my letter in the year 2013? Many of the outcomes from my predictions for the future depend on my priorities at this time. We are never too old (or too young) to work on the accomplishments that have implications 10 years from now. Think about it!

— Nell Stewart

The Family of Rotary _____

New additions to the Family of Rotary are **Michael Bostick**, **Gene Gibbs** and **Caroline Schroder**, who were introduced at the January 14th meeting.

Mills Gallivan's law firm — Gallivan, White and Boyd — has announced plans to move its offices to One Liberty Square, which is the current home of First Union. **Mills** also has been recognized for exceptional service as president of the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys Association during 2002.

George Acker has been named board chairman for the Greater Greenville Chamber of Commerce.

Bland Burkhardt is now a principal in the firm of Goepper and Burkhardt LLC, specializing in investments, tax and financial planning.

Club officers **Frank Kolb**, **Nell Stewart** and **Philip Kilgore** were recently featured in the "City People" section of *The Greenville News*.

The whole Rotary family can add its "amen" to a statement by Tom Barton in accepting the Order of the Palmetto award: "What a great city we work in and for."

Rotarians included on 'The Lists'

Ten of the 50 most influential Greenvillians announced recently by the *Greenville Magazine* are members of the Downtown Club.

Of the 10, six of them — Bob Hughes, George Fletcher, Bill Harner, David Shi, Baxter Wynn and Tom Barton — were also on a Top 25 list compiled through a survey by *The Greenville News*.

The listing in the *Greenville Magazine* also included George Acker, Nancy Whitworth, Randy Oliver and Johnny Mack Brown.

Donor Advised Fund hits \$1 million

U.S. Rotarians continue to respond favorably to The Rotary Foundation Donor Advised Fund (DAF), which was established less than a year ago. In December 2002, the Foundation opened five new DAF accounts, bringing the total DAF contributions it has received to more than \$1 million. Two significant DAFs — the Robert and Elke Friedman Charitable Foundation and the Bernie and Jane Hoyt Fund — capture the spirit of generous giving that continues to inspire the flow of new gifts.

District 6440 Governor-elect Robert Friedman (Rotary Club of Northbrook, Ill.) and his wife Elke established a DAF account on December 5 with a substantial amount to support their district's Vocational Scholarship Fund.

"We had many more District 6440 vocational scholarship applicants last year than available scholarships," said the district governor-elect, explaining why they opened the account. "Setting up a DAF was simple and user-friendly. The DAF offers great flexibility to grant directly to educational institutions and enables District 6440 to fund 25 vocational scholarships (\$1,500 each) this year instead of the usual 15."