

Mentors needed for Shadowing Day

As a part of its vocational service activities, the Rotary Club of Greenville sponsors an annual Vocational Shadowing Day, in an effort to help young people better understand the requirements of a particular job or career. High school students are paired with Rotarians and will follow — or “shadow”— their mentors for half a day to gain some insight into what is involved in a typical workday.

On March 11, students will arrive at selected workplaces at 8:30 a.m. (they are responsible for their own transportation), and will accompany their mentors to the Rotary Club meeting that day. The students will then return to school around 2 p.m.

At least 65 volunteers from a wide cross-section of occupations are needed for this project. Interested members should contact Carol Hallman by phone at 220-7231 or by e-mail at challman@shareesc.org for further information. Also available is a sign-up form that can be downloaded from the club’s website (<http://www.GreenvilleRotary.org/Files/RotaryVocationalShadowingDay.pdf> or <http://www.GreenvilleRotary.org/Files/RotaryVocationalShadowingDay.doc>) and can be faxed to Carol at 295-6151.

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Law Enforcement Day February 11



The Rotary Club of Greenville will observe its annual Law Enforcement Day on February 11th.

Carol Allison, the local agent-in-charge of the FBI, chairs this year’s law enforcement program.

The highlight of the day will be Rotary’s recognition of the federal, county, and city officers of the year.

Various officials involved in law enforcement will attend the meeting as guests of the Downtown Club. Usually, attendance for Law Enforcement Day is higher than any at other Rotary program.

Good questions

Adopted by Rotary in 1943, The 4-Way Test has been translated into more than a hundred languages and published in thousands of ways. It asks the following four questions of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Mark your calendars for the next Health and Happiness Hour, Tuesday, March 4th, 5:30-7 p.m. at Soby’s on South Main Street. An area will be roped off for us in the front bar. Join your fellow club members for networking and fellowship. It counts as a make-up and is a lot of fun to boot! Beverages and food are on your own. We hope to see you there.

Cyclist seeks 'European flair' here

Cycling is big in Europe, especially in Belgium, and a local leader in the sport wants to bring some of that "European flair" to Greenville and to the state of South Carolina.

Speaking at the January 28th meeting of the Greenville Rotary Club, Rich Hincapie pointed to the Fairway Cycling Team as a good illustration of the sport's potential in the area, noting the team's rise from little more than club standing to world championship status.

Hincapie, who has been a devotee of the sport for the past 23 years, starting when he was nine years old, said that cycling events here would give South Carolina an opportunity to "showcase" the cities that serve as starting and finishing points for races as well as "the roads in between."

The cycling enthusiast, who is a native of Colombia, South America, said Greenville is ideally suited for the sport. "Greenville is close to the mountains and generally has mild winters," he said. "So the terrain is good for training, and there aren't many days when you can't go out cycling."

Hincapie said that the story of world class cyclist Lance Armstrong's battle with cancer has brought much positive attention to the sport in recent years. For Hincapie, cycling has given him a chance to "see the world." Now he wants to bring at least some of that world to South Carolina — and to Greenville.

Game helps charities ... and Rotary

The 2003 Rotary Gridiron Classic College All-Star Game was held January 25 in Orlando. In its fifth year, the game pits Florida's top collegiate football players against some of the best players in the nation. Proceeds go to the Buoniconti Fund, the Florida Citrus Sports Foundation, and The Rotary Foundation. Since 1999, more than \$1 million in proceeds have been donated.

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Presidential Pondering

How do you evaluate people when the need to evaluate is evident? By their stature in the community? By their size? By their gender? By the color of their hair (or whether they have hair)? By their educational accomplishments? By the way they dress? By their age? By their position in the business world? How?

I heard a man once say that he did not trust anyone with any responsibility if they were overweight. (Guess who is overweight now!) Thinking that was a strange way to evaluate an individual, I gave some thought to my own way of evaluating a person.

Too often we look at the externals to make those necessary decisions about one's ability. In so doing, we overlook a vast number of qualities that are far more important. Would that we could see into a person's thoughts and into the heart. How dedicated is the person to the task that needs to be done? Do they really want to do the job, or just get recognition for having been asked? Are they really compassionate about the issue involved? Is their mind set on doing the very best job possible? Do they have the ability to accomplish good results?

These factors are far more important than external qualities, whatever they are. Think about it: How do *you* evaluate people? And just as importantly, how do others evaluate *you*?

— Nell Stewart

The Family of Rotary

The Family of Rotary grew by two at the January 28th meeting. Introduced were new members **Jim Sheets** and **Bob Yax**. Club member **Phillip Shoopman** was recently elected Chairman of the Greenville County Planning Commission.

George Fletcher and **Phillip Shoopman** have been appointed to the Greenville County Air Quality Steering Committee. This committee was established to make recommendations to County Council in an effort to prevent the region from becoming labeled as "non-attainment." This label could significantly encumber economic development in Greenville County.

Welch Bostick recently retired from Belk Inc., after working with the company for 38 years. He says his future plans include focusing on improving his fishing skills and lowering his golf handicap.

The next **new member orientation** is scheduled for February 25th at the home of Fay Towell, 15 East Tallulah Drive. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. and end at 8:15. All new members are expected to attend. Please call Kirk Stone at 255-4999 if you have any questions.