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News sports editor Wright to speak

Bart Wright, sports editor of *The Greenville News*, will speak at the February 25th meeting of the Rotary Club of Greenville.

Wright, who grew up in Seattle, attended Western Washington University, where he majored in sociology and minored in psychology.



Wright

His first newspaper job was at a small, county weekly where he was a photographer, covered city council, "chased fire sirens" and wrote sports.

He accepted a job in Bellevue, Wash., and was named sports editor by Bill Prochnau, a *Washington Post* reporter who covered Vietnam and who told him sports directors and administrators would not always tell him the truth.

"He said, 'The minute you let them manage the truth as they see it is when you start to back away from being a journalist. Ask for simple things. Start with the truth.'"

Wright was a columnist for *The Oregonian* and at the *Tacoma News Tribune*, where he spent 15 years before returning to editing sports.

Prior to coming to Greenville, he worked for the *Miami Herald*. He said he didn't intend on writing a column at the *News*, but agreed to "at the request of my editors."

Need a make-up?

The next Health and Happiness Hours are scheduled for March 4th and April 1st, 5:30-7 p.m For more information, call Kitty Allen at 232-1979 or 201-3070, or e-mail her at kallen@crosscommercial.com.

Presidential Pondering

When budget difficulties arise, where are some of the first places many look to cut funds? Too often, it is places that serve those who need funds most but have the least voice in the budget process. No one wants their budget cut; all feel their services are most important. But when funds are limited, our legislators and councilmen must cut somewhere.

Who are those with great needs, but quiet voices to express those needs? One group is our children and young people, particularly those who have not learned behavior that will serve them well throughout their lives. What about children who have not learned to accept authority or control their actions? When they get into trouble the first time, who is there to help them understand the consequences of their attitudes and actions?

We need to explore ways of appropriately and effectively dealing with those children and young people who get into trouble the first time. Some may have parents who are overwhelmed with life and cannot seem to impart adequate knowledge and help to their children. Others have parents who may have the time but do not seem to know what to do with their children. A few may not really care. It is then that you and I can help. And it is in our best interests, if only for selfish reasons, to help.

These young folks are going to be involved in our future society, either as a contributor to it or a drain upon it. If we intervene now, we may be able to ensure they will contribute positively as adults. There are many opportunities to get involved. One way is our new Youth Court program, a cooperative effort between our club and The School District of Greenville County. We will give more details in a future bulletin. Begin to think now about how you can help to ensure a very bright future for all of us.

— Nell Stewart

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Officers honored at annual Law Day

In its largest-attended meeting of the year, the Rotary Club of Greenville honored a city, county and federal law enforcement officer for contributions to the security and quality of life in Upstate South Carolina.

Law Day began in 1976, when the Downtown Club honored the city "Police Officer of the Year." In 1988, the club also began recognizing an outstanding sheriff's deputy, and in 2000, the club began honoring a top federal agent.



Gardner

Detective Craig Gardner of the Greenville City Police Department was named his department's Rotary Officer of the Year. Gardner has served for 12 years with the city police, after having served several years as a reserve officer. Recent accomplishments include the successful investigation and prosecution of Malicious Damage cases involving graffiti in downtown Greenville. In 2001 and 2002, Gardner worked numerous stakeouts that led to the arrest and several sus-

pects in auto break-ins, armed robberies, grand larcenies and burglaries.

Sergeant Scott Wilson was named Rotary Officer of the Year from the Greenville County Sheriff's Office. He has served there for 14 years and has spent most of his career on the front lines of the Uniform Patrol Division. Wilson has been recognized as a competent leader and positive role model for the deputies that served with him and embodies the phrase, "Leading from the front." In 1999, Wilson was named Rifle Team leader within the SWAT team.



Wilson



Gilliam

Special Agent Earl Gilliam Jr. of the U.S. Secret Service was named the top Federal Law Enforcement Officer. He has served in law enforcement for 12 years, after having served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1988-1991. Gilliam began his career as a police officer in Union, and in 1999 he was hired as a special agent with the Secret Service. In 2001, he conducted a successful investigation that resulted in the federal prosecution of 20 subjects responsible for more than 300 counterfeit checks valued in excess of \$600,000. In 2002, he led the multi-agency investigation of Operation

Broken Vows that focused on fraudulent marriages and the creation of fraudulent identification documents used by Middle Eastern males to gain U.S. citizenship.

The Family of Rotary _____

Congratulations to **David Shi**, named by *Greenville* magazine as the Nelson Mullins Business Person of the Year. Among the magazine's five honorees was another Rotarian, **Virginia Uldrick**. David and his vice president for development, **Don Lineback**, also in our club, also are to be congratulated for their leadership in Furman University's successful fund-raising campaign, which reached its goal of \$200.5 million.

Congratulations are also in order for **Kelle Corvin**, whose daughter, Olivia Catherine Corvin, was born on February 3, and for **Chris Rogers** (and former Rotarian **Karen Rogers**) whose son, Bennett Robertson Rogers, was born on February 12.

Harold Jennings is recuperating at home following a two-week hospitalization at Greenville Memorial.

The Family of Rotary extends sympathy to **Bert Strange** in the loss of his mother, Henrietta Strange, on February 9.

New Members Proposed _____

Kara Dullea, Director of Public Relations, The Leslie Agency, under the classification of Public Relations, sponsored by John and Mark Dullea.

Richard Estrin, President, Partners for Success Inc., under the classification of Business Assessment, sponsored by Myles Golden and Bill Jackson.

Fred W. "Trey" Suggs Jr., Attorney, Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak and Stewart, under the classification of Attorney-General Practice, sponsored by Fred Suggs and Phillip Kilgore.