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USC president to speak March 11th

Andrew Sorensen, 27th president of the University of South Carolina, will speak to the Rotary Club of Greenville March 11th. Before coming to USC, he was president of the University of Alabama and provost and vice president for academic affairs at the University of Florida.



Sorensen

Sorensen has also served as executive director of the AIDS Institute at The Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions and director of the School of Public Health at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. He has been a faculty member at Lincoln University, the University of Rochester, and Cornell University. He has also served as a visiting faculty member at the Harvard University School of Medicine and the University of Cambridge School of Medicine.

Author or editor of seven books and more than 100 articles, Sorensen has focused his work on health policy, health services research, and epidemiology. He holds a bachelor's degree in ethics and master's and doctoral degrees in medical sociology from Yale University. He also earned a B.A. in history from the University of Illinois and a master of public health degree from the University of Michigan.

Sorensen is a native of Pittsburgh. He and his wife, Donna Ingemie Sorensen, have been married for 34 years. They have two sons, Aaron and Ben. Sorensen also enjoys sailing, skiing, bicycling, and reading stories to his grandson, Art.

For minor league baseball in Greenville

Without new stadium, future bleak

“The future of baseball is not long for Greenville if we don’t get a new facility built,” *Greenville News* sports editor Bart Wright told Greenville Rotarians at the February 25th meeting. The Braves organization is obviously ready to sell, he said, and it is the only team that owns its minor league organizations.

“I predict that one of the first teams to go will be the Greenville Braves,” Wright added. “If this community decides not to build a new baseball stadium,” it soon will lose its minor league team. Wright speculated that if the Braves leave Greenville, the team will go to Columbia, Myrtle Beach or Charleston.

Wright’s speech to the Rotary Club coincided with his first anniversary with *The Greenville News*. He said he loved the community, so much so that he and his wife Debbie have bought a house and moved Wright’s elderly mother here from Seattle.

Contributions sought for PolioPlus

Todd Korahais, the club’s chairman for this year’s PolioPlus campaign, reminded club members that Rotary International is trying to raise the funds over the next three years to help wipe out polio in the few remaining spots in the world. Each Rotarian is asked to donate at least \$90 over the next three years.

No fooling. The next Health and Happiness Hour is scheduled for April 1st, 6-8 p.m., at Caesar’s Restaurant, at the front of McAlister @ University Center. If you have questions, call Kitty Allen at 232-1979.

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Holiday Lights smashing success

Holiday Lights, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Greenville and the Roper Mountain Science Center, had its best year ever, raising \$86,000, after expenses, that was split evenly between the two sponsoring organizations. 2002 Holiday Lights chairman Matt Shouse presented checks for \$43,000 to Rotary Club president Nell Stewart and a representative of Roper Mountain Science Center.

The per-night gate increased this year, from an average of 486 cars per night in 2001 to 493 in 2002. Shouse said two factors contributed to success: The fee was raised \$1, to \$6 per car, in 2002, and Frank Richards “had a heck of a year selling sponsorships.” For the first time in the 11-year history of Holiday Lights, the event had a primary sponsor, Cingular Wireless.

Rotary causes funded by Holiday Lights include Teacher of the Year, Salute to Education, the Rotary Exchange Student and numerous scholarships.



Enjoying the fellowship at the March 4th Health and Happiness Hour at Soby’s are Kitty Allen, Kevin Short, Terry Weaver, and Elizabeth Lyons. An average of 55 Rotarians attend the social gatherings, which also count as a make-up.

Help needed at science fair

The annual S.C. Upstate Science and Engineering Academic Competition will be held March 19th at the Pavilion Complex in Greenville.

“Rotary sponsors the science fair each year, and your help is needed,” said Julie Lisenby. “If you feel qualified to be a judge for the event, please contact me at jlznby@netscape.net, or call me at home at 235-4530.” Additional information about the competition can be found at the Roper Mountain website: www.ropermountain.org.

The level of skill required to be a judge is an elementary or high school understanding in any of the categories to be judged — biology, chemistry, engineering, environmental science, math/computer science, medicine and health, physics, and behavioral science.

Lillie Lewis

Statewide honor goes to Rotarian

Lillie Lewis, principal of Greenville’s Parker Academy and a member of the Rotary Club of Greenville, has been named the 2003 Middle Level Principal of the Year by the S.C. Association of School Administrators (SCASA).

Lewis will represent SCASA and the state in two National Middle Level Principal of the Year programs: the MetLife/National Association of Second School Principals (NASSP) program and the National Distinguished Principals/National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) program.

“Mrs. Lewis’ performance is matchless. She has motivated students to learn, and teachers to teach. Her incredibly high standards keep her staff and students eagerly striving to achieve them,” said Greenville County Superintendent Bill Harner, also a member of the Downtown Club.

Lewis will be honored twice as SCASA’s Middle Level Principal of the Year, at events in Washington, D.C., for both NASSP and NAESP.

The NASSP selects the National Middle Level Principal of the Year from among state winners.

Lewis has been a member of the Downtown Club since November 2002.

The Family of Rotary —

Three new members were introduced at the February 25th meeting: **Jerry Gore**, **Jane Sosebee** and **Gayland Witherspoon**.

Rush Wilson III is serving on the board of the Better Business Bureau of Upstate South Carolina.

Congratulations to **Welch Bostick Jr.** and his wife Sara Jane on the recent marriage of their son, Welch Bostick III, to Carmen Aracama.

Niles Ray is the Mid-Atlantic Region recipient of the Lifetime Community Service Award by Merrill Lynch.

Royce Carter has been elected chairman of the Gift of Life Trust Fund, which promotes organ and tissue donation. **Greg Hart** has been appointed to that board by Governor Sanford.

Our sympathy is extended to **Frank Kolb**, whose brother, a Vietnam veteran, died on February 6th.

Colin Martin recently visited the Rotary Club of Westminster, East London, England — where they serve beer at lunch.

In the last bulletin, proposed new member **Trey Suggs** was identified as an attorney with Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak and Stewart. Actually, he is with Gallivan, White and Boyd.

Rotary Read-to-Me opportunity

Rotarians have an additional opportunity to expand the reach and service of the club's Read-to-Me program.

Serenity Place, which provides a safe and nurturing environment to mothers and children suffering from broken homes due to the effects of alcohol and drug abuse, has asked the Rotary Club of Greenville to provide readers to the preschoolers in their program.

"Would you consider giving 30 minutes of your time — one time, once a week, or once a month?" asked Nelson Garrison, Read-to-Me chairman of the Downtown Club. "Or would you co-ordinate the readers for this site by serving as the captain for this location?"

Serenity Place is located just off Anderson Road, close to downtown. To volunteer or more more information, contact Garrison by phone at 233-7724, fax 678-5333, or e-mail ngarrison@joynercommercial.com.

Perfect Attendance July 1, 2002-February 28, 2003

Bob Atkinson, Dreugh Batson, Dan Christie, Betty Ellis, Glyn Finch, Bobby Floyd, Jerry Gibbins, Gene Gibbs, Myles Golden, Jerry Gore, Allen Grumbine, James Howard, Andre Jamar, Kinard Johnson, Don Kilgore, Phillip Kilgore, Jill Kintigh, Don Kirkland, Frank Kolb, Randy Kowalski, Frank Landgraff, Bessie Lee, Bryan Little, Woody Long, Elizabeth Lyons, Bruce McPherson, Beth Padgett, Jim Parham, Tom Patrick, Walt Phillips, Wheeler Powell, Bill Raines, John Redmond, John Roberts, Oz Rogers, Caroline Schroder, Jim Sheets, Jimmy Solesbee, Jane Sosebee, Nell Stewart, Gill Walker, Charles Warne, Paul Wickensimer, Terry Weaver, Nancy Welch, Sam White, Gayland Witherspoon, Bob Yax, and Skip Young.