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Rotary also observes Shadowing Day March 11

USC president says 'ramp up' research

The president of the University of South Carolina told Rotarians on March 11 that the school must "ramp up" both the quality and the quantity of its research programs.

Andrew Sorensen, USC's 27th president, talked about the university's well-publicized campaign to become a top-flight research institution. He said that within the next 10 years, USC will add 5 million square feet of space dedicated to research. "By the fall of this year," he said, "we will begin construction of five research facilities that will provide a tenth of the total space planned for research."

Sorensen said that USC will rely less on state money and more on resources such as grants to achieve its goal as a leader in research. He said the university already has seen its allocations from the state drop by \$41 million with another \$20 million in cuts expected in July.

The USC president told the club how he visited all 46 South Carolina counties in the weeks following his arrival in Columbia — the trips taken in what he called the "Rooster Roadster." He said it took him and his staff eight trips, leaving Columbia at 6:30 in the morning, to complete the tour of South Carolina's cities and communities.

Attendance at the March 11 meeting was bolstered by the presence of 51 high school students from Greenville, who had participated during the morning in the club's annual "Vocational Shadowing Day." The students, who were teamed with 39 Rotarians from a variety of professional careers, represented five schools — Carolina High, Greenville TEC Charter High, Greenville High, J.L. Mann High and Southside High.

Caesar's at McAlister to host Health and Happiness

Mark Tuesday, April 1st (April Fool's Day), 5:30-7:30 p.m., for our next Health and Happiness Hour at Caesar's Restaurant at McAlister @ University Center. We will have the entire restaurant for ourselves. It will be sponsored by Cross Commercial Properties Inc., Caesar's Restaurant and *Greenville Magazine*. A cash bar will be available and light hors d'oeuvres will be served. Come by to network with your fellow Rotarians and receive a make-up credit.

The Family of Rotary

Two new members — **Dan Christie** and **Bobby Floyd** — were introduced at the March 11 meeting. Introduced at the February 25 meeting, but inadvertently omitted from the last bulletin, was new member **Gill Walker**.

Tom Hemans has expressed thanks for our club's generosity to CART on February 25th. The club contributed \$119 that day, which was an all-time record.

George Acker and **Bob Howard** have been elected to the board of the Commerce Club. **Bob** also spoke recently to the Greenville Evening and Pleasantburg clubs. Also on the speaking circuit was **Kinard Johnson**, who recently addressed Greenville East Rotarians.

Bill Harner was named Administrator of the Year by the Association of South Carolina School Librarians.

Paul Aughtry has been ill recently, hospitalized at St. Francis.

"Charter night" for the **Greenville Evening Rotary Club** is set for April 21st at the Commerce Club. This is the 14th club sponsored by Greenville Rotary, but the first since 1961. The next bulletin will contain more information on this special event.

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Presidential Pondering

The thought keeps haunting me about why we are willing to fight for our country. We have been having a "patriotic minute" at our Rotary meetings since 9/11. Someone said to me that we were going to cease this practice, and I just could not let it stop. Many have expressed their appreciation for this part of our meeting.

What is so great about our country? Why are the "patriotic minutes" so important to many in the Club? It's because it is the greatest country on this earth. We have so many wonderful assets. We have a great variety of beauty in landscapes. We have an outstanding history, with wonderful heroes to remember and emulate. We have terrific discoveries that have made our lives easier and more pleasant — and some that make us able to continue to live. We have freedom to be and do what we wish. We can praise or complain. We can vote or not vote. We can criticize or compliment our leaders. We can worship as we please — or not worship at all. And I could go on.

When I hear people complain about our country, I wonder why they don't move to the one that they think is better. At this particular time, we all need to don our most patriotic spirit and be cheerleaders for those who are willing to fight so that we might remain free.

It matters little, in this issue, whether you agree with the President and the actions being taken. It is critical that we all join hands and hearts and support those who are in harm's way so that you and I can retain the freedoms we enjoy — even the freedom of being a part of Rotary, of attending our Club meetings, and participating in our Club's projects, of being appreciative Americans!

— Nell Stewart

World Rotaract marks 35th anniversary

Rotaract clubs across the world recently celebrated the 35th anniversary of the first Rotaract club charter on March 13, 1968. From established Rotaract clubs, such as those in France, to clubs just being formed, like the one on Northwestern University's campus in Evanston, Ill., Rotaractors took this opportunity to spread the word about their clubs.

"Celebrating the 35th year of Rotaract demonstrates the quality of our organization," says Hervé Piglowski, Rotaract club member of Montpellier, France. "We have realized many important actions in the world; we have shown many times that we are partners with Rotary."

Today, there are more than 7,300 Rotaract clubs in 151 countries, with membership exceeding 169,000. Like the Rotary clubs that sponsor them, Rotaract clubs offer men and women ages 18-30 an opportunity for service, camaraderie, and professional development.

New Members Proposed

Randy Britton, District Manager, Duke Power, under the classification of Electric Light and Power Service, sponsored by Lee Lewis and Baker Wyche.

William "Bill" Genovese, Attorney, General Electric, under the classification of Attorney-Intellectual Properties, sponsored by Frank Landgraff and John Hardaway.

Philip B. Watson, Owner, Watson Business Development Company, under the classification of Business Development, sponsored by Myles Golden and Glen Adkins.

Rotarians help refugees in Zambia

Thanks to the efforts of Rotarians in the United States and southern Africa, hundreds of boxes of blankets, books, and baby formula donated by Chicago-area high school students will soon be in the hands of Angolans struggling for survival in a crowded refugee camp in Zambia. The project came about after Peter Fischbach, a chemistry teacher at Wheeling (Illinois) High School, visited the Nangweshi Refugee Camp last year.

Zambia has been striving to meet the survival needs of more than 250,000 persons who have been displaced by recent wars in neighboring countries. The strain on the country's resources has led to increased malnutrition and deteriorating health conditions.

The generous response from students and faculty was no surprise to Fischbach. "The kids have always been generous in the past, and I knew it would be fine." The difficult part, he discovered, was shipping the donations and making sure the goods reached their intended destination.