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Hughes to discuss school construction

The school construction project will be the topic when Bob Hughes speaks to the Rotary Club of Greenville on April 22nd. A member of our club since 1980, he heads up the Hughes Development Corporation, which specializes in office and industrial buildings and parks, and neighborhood and community shopping centers.

Since 1999, Hughes has been a managing member of Institutional Resources, a joint venture formed to oversee the financing, planning and construction or reconstruction of 72 public schools in Greenville County with a price tag of \$800 million.

Hughes has been chairman of the Greater Greenville Chamber of Commerce, the Greenville County Transportation Committee and the Greenville Hospital System. He has been a trustee of Furman University and a member of the President's Advisory Board at Winthrop University.

An honor graduate of Duke University and the University of South Carolina Law School, Hughes was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1976. He is married to the former Helen Wilkerson Williams of Fort Mill. They have three children.

Health & Happiness Hour

Tuesday, May 6th, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Rene's Steakhouse, 318 South Main Street

Enjoy fellowship by the Peace Center on Rene's porch overlooking the Reedy River. Look for Elizabeth Lyons, who will take names and register folks. Beverages on your own, light snacks provided.

RI commends Downtown Club

Greenville Rotary Club recently received a letter from Glen Kinross, 2002-2003 chairman of the Rotary Foundation Trustees, RI, commending the Downtown Club for its generosity. He said, in part:

"It is my pleasure to congratulate your club for being one of the top three contributors to the Annual Programs Fund from your district in 2001-2002. The Trustees of The Rotary Foundation recognize your club's efforts and join me in thanking you for your generosity and dedication to the Foundation and its programs.

"The Annual Programs Fund is the cornerstone of The Rotary Foundation's giving efforts. The money raised by your club allows the Foundation to support the numerous humanitarian and educational programs, as well as an infinite number of other endeavors of international goodwill, that emerge each year through the work of The Rotary Foundation.

"Oh behalf of the Trustees, staff, and the many program recipients who you may never have the opportunity to meet, please accept our thanks for your support of The Rotary Foundation and its programs. I hope that your club will continue its strong support during this 2002-2003 Rotary year."

Grants committee accepting proposals

Greenville Rotary's Grants Review Committee is now accepting proposals for the current quarter. The committee has approximately \$10,000 available for distribution during the entire Rotary year. Grant proposals should be made to the committee's chairman, Bessie Lee, 187 Marshall Bridge Road, Greenville, 29605.

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Presidential Pondering —

Financial uncertainties have adversely affected the charitable giving in most all areas. The needs are greater than ever, partially because of the financial uncertainties. This creates a vicious cycle in which many innocent, responsible people are hurt.

Our contributions to The Rotary Foundation, PolioPlus, Hunger in Haiti, and other humanitarian causes are down at this point this year. We have until June 30 to reverse that situation. At the last meeting, I read a part of a citation from Rotary International's Chairman of The Rotary Foundation. It commended us for being one of the top three contributors in our district. Can we not do at least that well again this year?

Becoming a Paul Harris Fellow proves your concern for the needs of others. More importantly, it helps those who cannot help themselves. And your dollars contributed to this cause bring great benefits to many people of all ages around the world. If you are already a Paul Harris Fellow, there are many ways you can continue to contribute to this great cause. Don't forget, contributing to PolioPlus will help to eliminate polio from the face of the earth. I don't want this monster rearing its ugly head because we failed to take the last mile of the journey to eliminate it. And how can you forget those hungry children in Haiti.

If you can't contribute large sums, small sums can add up to make a real difference in the world. Let's put our club on the contributions map again this year so that others may reap the rewards.

— Nell Stewart

New members proposed, introduced

Two new members of Greenville Rotary have been proposed and two others have been introduced.

Approved for membership at the April 15th meeting of the board of directors of the Rotary Club of Greenville were **Stephen "Steve" Dale Loftis**, Sheriff, Greenville County Sheriff's Office, under the classification of County Law Enforcement, sponsored by Nell Stewart and Johnny Mack Brown; and **Richard "Rich" Witowski**, President, Sanford Rose Associates, under the classification of Executive Search, sponsored by Joe Valitchka and Ruud Veltman.

The new members are **Bill Genovese** and **Clark Gillespy**. They were introduced at the April 8th club meeting.

Shaw commended

Hal Shaw recently was commended by the Rotary Foundation for his work and contribution to Rotary's Avoidable Blindness program in 2001-2002.

Rotary in-service programs growing

In the third quarter of the Rotary year, Rotaract, Interact, and Rotary Community Corps (RCC) continued their steady growth and expansion into more and more countries. With almost a half million participants among them, Rotary's three partners-in-service programs are extending Rotary ideals and laying the foundations for future Rotary membership in virtually every corner of the world.

The number of Rotaract clubs sponsored by Rotary clubs grew by 96 in the past three months to a global total of 7,534, with an estimated membership of 173,282 in 155 countries. The number of Interact clubs climbed by 209 to 8,973 worldwide, with an estimated membership of 206,379 in 113 countries. Rotary Community Corps added 139 groups, raising their number to 5,110, with an estimated membership of 117,530 in 72 countries.

Briefly noted

At the April 8th meeting, Erin Jones, daughter-in-law of Dr. Bob Jones III, talked about cooperation among BJU's museum and gallery and the Greenville County museum and library to preserve the Coca-Cola building on College Street. She was pinch-hitting for her father-in-law, who helped conduct a funeral within the university's trustee family.

The CART collection, which aids Alzheimer's research, amounted to \$104.26 at the April 8th meeting. That is just shy of the club high of \$119 contributed on February 25th.

Club members looking for a convenient make-up meeting are reminded that the Greenville Breakfast Club meets on Fridays at Meadors Sandwich Shop on Main Street at 7 a.m. Cost of the buffet breakfast is \$8.