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Sanford

South Carolina Governor May 13 speaker at Rotary

Mark Sanford, who was sworn in as the 115th Governor of South Carolina on January 15, 2003, will speak to the Rotary Club of Greenville on May 13.

Prior to being elected as governor in November 2002, he lived on the coast of South Carolina with his wife Jenny and their four young sons, Marshall, Landon, Bolton and Blake. Sanford learned the themes of hard work and frugality with two brothers and a sister on a family farm near Beaufort. He graduated from high school there and then attended Furman University, where he received a BA in Business. He later received an MBA from the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business, and went on to work in real estate finance and investment in New York and Charleston.

Sanford served in the U.S. Congress for six years, before voluntarily stepping down to honor a personal commitment to limit his time in Washington. He had had no prior political experience, but had instead worked in business.

In Washington, Sanford was an advocate for the taxpayer. For his consistent efforts to limit government's growth, he was ranked #1 in the entire U.S. Congress in 1995, 1997 and 1999 by Citizens Against Government Waste. The National Taxpayers' Union rated him in the top 3 in Congress.

As Greenville builds, others watch

School districts from across the country have taken notice of the innovative school construction program in Greenville County that will allow more than 70 schools to be built or renovated in four years time for \$800 million, Greenville Rotarian Bob Hughes, a managing member of Institutional Resources, told the Greenville Rotary Club at its April 22 meeting.

InRe was one of the seven bidders that responded in 1999 when the Greenville County School District requested proposals for its construction program. Hughes said, "We had the best proposal. We were the low bidder on fees. We were the only proposal that didn't raise taxes dramatically."

In fact, Hughes said, the creative financing and construction approach adopted by InRe allows the school district to end the increase that was being seen in the district's construction budget.

In his presentation that included pictures at some of the schools where work has already begun, Hughes showed how the construction projects were not only making schools more attractive, but also more energy efficient and accommodating for students.

The Greenville County School District is the 67th largest in the nation and the largest in South Carolina. Under the rigid construction program in place here in earlier years, the school district would have never caught up with the demands for new or renovated schools, Hughes said. With the earlier approach, "the district got further behind."

In recent years, some schools were so overcrowded that they began serving lunch at 10:30 a.m. and had not served all the students until 2 p.m.

Also, more than 10,000 students were in permanent portables before the construction program began. A goal is to eliminate the need for these types of classrooms.

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Charter night for Rotary evening club

The Rotary Club of Greenville Evening held its charter night banquet April 21 at the Commerce Club. It is the 14th club sponsored by the Rotary Club of Greenville and the first in 42 years. The guest speaker was David Roper, one of Rotary's international directors. Participants in the charter event included, from left, Nell Stewart, president of the Rotary Club of Greenville; Roper; Pete Shallenberger, president of the new evening club; Bruce Baker, governor of District 7750 and a member of the Pleasantburg Club; and Lewis Freeman, a member of Greenville Rotary who played a leading role in the organization of the evening club, which has 20 charter members. The evening club held its first meeting at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on Roper Mountain Road and moved a couple of times before settling in at the Commerce Club, where it meets on Mondays.

Clubs started by The Rotary Club of Greenville:

Spartanburg — April 1, 1916

Anderson — June 1, 1917

Newberry — April 1, 1920

Union — April 30, 1923

Walhalla — Dec. 28, 1927

Seneca — March 14, 1928

Fountain Inn — Feb. 14, 1937

Easley — May 20, 1937

Greer-Lyman-Taylors —

(original charter) April 6, 1953

N. Greenville — Jan. 10, 1955

Greenville East — Jan. 17, 1956

Pleasantburg — May 30, 1961

Simpsonville — Sept. 14, 1961

Greenville Evening —

April 21, 2003

Presidential Pondering —

Frequently we hear about irresponsible or criminal acts by young people. Many fail to recognize that individuals between 12 and 24 are more often victims of violent crimes than any other age group. More are victims than troublemakers.

It is unfair to stereotype all youth as troublemakers. Besides those who cause problems, many teenagers are responsible, law-abiding, giving individuals who are assets to their communities. These negative attitudes and beliefs deprive our community of a real source of energy and rob young people of the opportunity to contribute as they become responsible adults.

In a national survey, 4 in 10 teens said they are engaged in volunteer community service; 4 in 10 said they help by being positive role models; and 1 in 5 said he or she makes a difference by helping others. Young people who make their schools and communities safer build positive connections between youth and community.

Give encouragement to some young person today.

— Nell Stewart

The Family of Rotary _____

The Rotary family expresses sympathy to **Bob Hughes** and his family in the death of Bob's father, Robert "Red" Hughes. The elder Hughes died April 23.

The next **New Member Orientation** will be held at Fay Towell's house, 15 East Tallulah, at 7 p.m. on May 27. It should be over by 8:15.

The **CART collection**, which aids Alzheimer's research, amounted to \$95.90 at the April 22nd meeting.

Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage:

- Development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.
- High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.
- Application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life.
- Advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

To strengthen polio efforts

RI, partners launch innovative program

An innovative financing program to help eradicate polio worldwide by 2005 was launched on April 29 when the World Bank approved a \$28 million loan for the purchase of oral polio vaccine in Nigeria, Africa's most polio-endemic country.

The World Bank, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Rotary International, and the United Nations Foundation — which together comprise the Investment Partnership for Polio — said they would move swiftly over the coming months to fund the immunization of children in other polio-endemic countries. A \$20 million loan for eradicating polio in Pakistan is scheduled to be approved in mid-May.

To fund the program, the partnership has established a trust fund with \$25 million from the Gates Foundation and \$25 million from RI and the UN Foundation. This \$50 million investment will buy down \$120-140 million in World Bank loans. In this way, developing countries can mobilize what ultimately becomes grant funding to eradicate polio worldwide.

"Never before has polio been more geographically contained, with 99 percent of cases found in Nigeria, Pakistan and India," said past RI president and incoming trustee chairman James Lacy.

The worldwide eradication campaign is now in its final stages. However, achieving the objective is severely threatened by the \$275 million shortfall in funding. Consequently, the partnership is calling on the wider international community to help meet the funding gap and therefore to deliver a polio-free world by 2005.