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Howard next Rotary club speaker

Jerry Howard, president and CEO of Greenville Area Development Corporation for the past two years, will speak at the June 10 meeting of the Rotary Club of Greenville.

He formerly was director of the Anderson County Office of Economic Development for four years. He also has been industrial manager and vice president for economic development at the Greenville Chamber of Commerce and an associate planner with the Greenville County Planning Commission. A native of Greenville, he graduated from Clemson University. He and his wife Jeannie have two daughters, Kelly and Kristen.

Southgate Ambassadorial Scholar

Hank Southgate has been named Rotary International's Ambassadorial Scholar. He was introduced to the club at the May 27 meeting.

A native of Charleston, Hank graduated summa cum laude from Furman University, where he majored in German and philosophy. He was editor of the *Dialectic*, the university's opinion journal, head of the Inter-Arts Council, and a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. He will marry Andrea Sorrow, also a Furman alum, on June 7. He will study at the University of Tuebingen in Germany next year and plans eventually to teach at the university level.



Rep. DeMint gives Rotary its 'dues'

And delivers speech on Iraq and the economy

The first thing Fourth District Congressman Jim DeMint delivered at the May 27 meeting of Greenville Rotary Club was not his speech, but a check.

DeMint, who has been a member of the Downtown Club since 1985, said he had received several notices reminding him to pay his Rotary dues. Having settled that account, he spoke of America's "unique world view" that puts the accent on freedom and democracy, which is different from what he termed the "U.N. view" where some member countries have "dictators for leaders."

He said that in the wake of 9/11, Americans are finding it hard to accept the fact that our nation is vulnerable to terrorist attacks. As a result, DeMint said the United States has found itself in the "dreadful situation" of having to be "pre-emptive," determining our enemies and stopping them before they hurt us. "We had no choice but to do what we did in Iraq," he said.

One benefit of America's action against Iraq, he said, is that "other nations now know that we will do what we say we will do," adding, "and some nations understand only power."

"By doing what we needed to do," he continued, "we put ourselves in a better position to keep the peace."

On economic issues, DeMint said there now is "a little more predictability for investors" in what he called an "amazing free enterprise system" in which competition leads to choices that serve the best interests of American citizens.

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Club praised as 'light in community'

The Rotary Club of Greenville recently received a letter praising it as a "light in our community." President Nell Stewart read the letter from Mary Berry at the May 27 meeting.

In her letter, Berry said, "I want to thank your organization for all of the ways it supports education in Greenville. I recently attended the Salute to Education, and it was such a lovely, uplifting event. I wish that all teachers could have been there and seen and heard all the good things that were going on. I was so impressed with all the students.

"Of course, I know this event is just one of the many ways that Rotary supports our community. Thanks, too, for your interest and hard work for the Holiday Lights and the science activities, and for sponsoring Teacher of the Year. You do so many good things. May your organization continue to be a light in our community."

Rotary fighting hunger in Haiti

In the summer of 2001, District 7750 began a three-year project aimed at supplying school children in Cange, Haiti, with a second meal a day. That's right, a second meal.

The project is called "Feeding Hungry Children in Haiti." The Rotary Club of Greenville contributed \$3,000 to the project in 2001-02, with the money coming from a number of individual donations, the profits from our partnership with Holiday at Peace, and a contribution made by the board from Rotary Charities.

Fund-raising was so successful that District 7750 officials did not start pushing for additional funds until a month or so ago. President Nell Stewart informed the board of the need to raise additional funds. On behalf of the club, the board voted in May to round up the club's share of the 2002 Holiday at Peace profits to \$1,000 and contribute this to the Haiti project. Still, more donations are needed from individual Rotarians to help this worthwhile project succeed.

Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. The Upstate Episcopal Diocese adopted the city of Cange several years ago, and has helped build a school, a hospital and other facilities. School children had been provided with one meal a day — the only meal eaten by most children — until Rotarians agreed to provide a second meal a day. District 7750 is able to provide that second meal to hundreds of children for only \$20,000 or so a year.

Greenville Rotarians can send funds directly to the Rotary office at P.O. Box 3537, Greenville, S.C. 29608, or they can give Vickie Pittman a check or money at the next club meeting.

Presidential Pondering

Plato said, "The life that is not examined is not worth living."

After reading that a number of times recently, I decided it was pointing me to self-examination. It has been good for me, and I hope you will indulge in the same challenge.

One part of my challenge was to look at my life from various points of view: as a mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, friend, worker, co-worker, volunteer, and so on. If I look deeply inside, I find a desire to have an impact on others and in my world. Have I? If I ask those who see me in these roles, how would they respond? Am I loyal? Am I dependable? Am I a person of integrity? Am I willing to do the task before me, large or small? Am I being effective in the efforts to make changes? Am I spending my time wisely? Am I happy with my life?

There are so many opportunities for all us. No matter what our interest or expertise, there is a challenge for each of us. Take a look inside your innermost being and evaluate your happiness factor — with what you are doing and with your own being.

— Nell Stewart

The Family of Rotary _____

Gerry Benston is home after undergoing surgery on May 6 followed by a week's stay in the hospital.

Coleman Shouse and **Bob Hughes** were finalists for Ernst and Young's Entrepreneur of the Year Award for 2003.

Bill Harner played the part of a Bavarian baron in the Little Theater's production of "The Sound of Music."

George Fletcher has been named chairman of the Western Carolina Regional Sewer Authority.

Rush Wilson III is a member of the board of directors for the Better Business Bureau of Upstate South Carolina.

Kitty Allen received the 2002 Top Producer Award from Cross Commercial Properties. Kitty also has a new grandson, Joe Thomas Allen, born May 21.

Manoj Jain has been designated one of *Greenville Magazine's* "Best and Brightest" in the 35-and-under category.

CART donations for Alzheimer's research amounted to \$71.57 at the May 27 meeting, for a total of \$670.62.

Magazine hails Rotary's PolioPlus

An article in the May 12 issue of *Fortune* magazine said that "the gang that comics joke about (that's Rotary) is kayoing a killer disease" — and that disease is polio.

The article pointed out that Rotary has pumped more than \$500 million into its PolioPlus campaign while gathering billions more from partners such as the World Health Organization, UNICEF, the Centers for Disease Control and the Gates Foundation.

Writer Carol Loomis said in her article that the seven countries where polio still exists must pass several tests before they can be considered free of polio, adding that "Rotarians would love to see some of the seven graduate by 2005, the organization's 100th birthday."

Her articles praised the efforts of the 30,000 Rotary clubs worldwide to eradicate the disease, noting that the job is "not quite done" as long as polio continues to exist in Afghanistan, Egypt, India, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan and Somalia.

"In case you're wondering," Loomis said in the *Fortune* article, "the U.S. has been polio-free since 1993."

Yearbook information update

Publication of the new yearbook is drawing near. Check all your personal information and make sure there have been no changes since the last one was printed. If you do have changes, forward them to the Rotary office as soon as possible: phone 235-2293, e-mail execsecretary@greenvillerotary.org