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“Service above self”

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Rotary vital to area agencies, Howard says

Jerry Howard was Rotary’s guest speaker June 10, citing a “large menu of services” available to the Greenville community through three agencies — the Chamber of Commerce, the Greenville Area Development Corporation and the 10-county Upstate Alliance.

Howard, who has been president and CEO of the GADC for the past two years, told Rotarians that economic development takes place at both professional and community levels and that without community involvement “we don’t have anything to offer” to prospective industries considering setting up business in the Greenville area.

He said the Chamber has the responsibility of “laying the groundwork for solid economic development,” while the GADC is the point of contact for bringing people “into the mix.” He said that through such devices as trade shows, the Upstate Alliance “creates new business opportunities” for the counties it serves. Howard said that economic development in the area “needs more public involvement” and then told Rotarians that “without your dollars and support” none of the three agencies he talked about could function.

CIS exec Smith to speak at June 24 meeting

Susi Smith, executive director of Communities In Schools (CIS) of Greenville, will speak at the June 24 meeting of the Greenville Rotary Club. Since 1993, she has been with CIS, founded in 1991 to assist schools in meeting the needs of underprivileged students. A former prevention specialist and case manager with the Piedmont Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse, Smith has worked in the non-profit arena for more than 20 years.

Exchange student praises Rotary 'spirit'

Returns to Brazil 'with good learning' from Greenville

Tiago Tassino, Greenville Rotary's exchange student, returns to Brazil in July after what he described as "a great year for me."

"So many people have helped me," he said at the June 10 meeting. "I have had all the support I needed during the whole time." Tiago said he would return to his native country "with the good learning" that he received in Greenville, where he attended Greenville and Mauldin high schools.

He had high praise for the "spirit of Rotary" and the club's efforts to make the community better.

New Members Proposed _____

Diane D. Cagle, Judge, Greenville County Chief Summary Court, under the classification of County Government, sponsored by Nell Stewart and Steve Loftis.

Matt Foster, President and CEO, Carolina Tel, under the classification of Telecommunication Service, sponsored by Bob Yax and Myles Golden.

William E. "Bill" Masters, President, Kinetixx Inc., under the classification of Investments, sponsored by George Fletcher and Terry Weaver.

Richard C. Young, Master Franchise Owner, Jani-King of Greenville-Spartanburg, under the classification of Janitorial Service, sponsored by Jim Scott and Sam White.

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Presidential Pondering _____

Where did the year go? It seems only a couple of short months ago that I was anticipating the presidency of the oldest and largest Rotary Club in South Carolina. What an awesome responsibility!

We have some of the most brilliant, caring, dedicated, influential, and involved people in Greenville in this Club. We have opportunities to accomplish great things in our community. It has been a real pleasure working with each of you who have been active in Rotary, as we attempted to make our community better.

Our many accomplishments include the Read To Me program. Many of our readers have been our male members, and that is very good because many of the children to whom we read have never seen a man with a book in his hands. We have honored outstanding teachers and students, and we have some of the best of both. We have given scholarships to worthy students because all of you worked hard to make the Roper Mountain Rotary Holiday Lights so financially successful. We helped to begin Youth Courts in two schools where more than 60 percent of specific crimes were processed, giving first-time offenders a second chance.

Space constraints prevent enumerating other accomplishments. Thank you so very much for allowing me to serve you this year. It has been a very rewarding experience with memories that I will cherish for years to come.

— Nell Stewart

More than 15,000 Rotarians and family members, representing 113 countries and 3,908 Rotary clubs — including the Rotary Club of Greenville, whose President-Elect Terry Weaver was in attendance — gathered in Brisbane, Australia, for the 94th RI Convention June 1-4.

RI's 94th Convention held June 1-4 in Brisbane, Australia

RI President Bhichai Rattakul set the tone for the four-day convention in his opening address, reflecting on the steadfast dedication of Rotarians in a year marked by global conflict and instability.

“Rather than be overwhelmed by the problems in our world, Rotarians are rising to the challenge, with a renewed sense of our mission,” said Rattakul.

On June 3, Rotarians were told that they have raised \$88,557,000 for “Fulfilling Our Promise: Eradicate Polio,” the 15-month polio eradication fundraising campaign (PEFC), which surpasses the \$80 million goal set in 2002, includes cash contributions, District Designated Funds, and pledges.

The Family of Rotary _____

Vardry Ramseur has been elected chairman of the Greenville Water System Commission, and **Phillip Kilgore** has been named, and formally sworn in, to serve the unexpired term of **Paul Aughtry**.

The Greenville Rotary Club welcomed **new member Randy Britton** at the May 27 meeting.

And a reminder about **Rotary yearbooks**: Submit any changes in your personal information as soon as possible to Vickie Pittman at the Rotary office, phone 235-2293, fax 235-3328, or e-mail execsecretary@greenvillerotary.org.

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.