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Furman president Shi to speak Feb. 24

David Shi, president of Furman University since 1994 and member of our club, will speak at the February 24 meeting of Greenville Rotary.

A 1973 Furman graduate, Shi joined the university administration in 1993 as vice president for academic affairs and dean. He came to Furman from Davidson College, where he taught for 17 years and also served as chair of the history department from 1987 to 1992. A native of Atlanta, he earned M.A. and Ph.D. degrees at the University of Virginia.



Shi

He is the author of several books, two of which were nominated for the Pulitzer Prize, and is also co-author of a college history textbook.

Shi writes regular bi-weekly columns for *The Greenville News*, many of which have been published in other newspapers around the nation.

He was named *Greenville (S.C.) Magazine's* Business Person of the Year in 2003. That same year, he and his wife Susan received the Whitney M. Young, Jr. Humanitarian Award, the highest honor given by the Urban League of the Upstate, and were also named among Greenville's "Top 25 Leaders" in a community poll conducted by *The Greenville News*.

Shi was voted the 1994 Administrator of the Year by the Association of Furman Students, and has been active in community service as a board member of several area organizations.

He and his wife have two children, Jason and Jessica.

Club honors law enforcement officers

Three law enforcement officers were honored at the February 10 Law Day program at the Rotary Club of Greenville.

Greenville County Sheriff's Deputy Andrew Wamsley, Greenville Police Lt. Keith Crocker and Deputy U.S. Marshal Johnson Bond received Rotary's Officer of the Year Award during a ceremony this week.

Crocker, a 20-year veteran officer, commands the city's SWAT Team and is credited with helping end a hostage situation at McDonald's in 2000.

Deputy Wamsley, a two-year veteran with the Sheriff's Office, arrested nearly 200 people in 2003, cleared 474 cases and recovered \$165,123 in stolen property. He also risked his life in saving a woman who tried killing herself by running into traffic on Interstate 85 last year.

Bond, a former Greenville police officer who joined the U.S. Marshals nine years ago, was the driving force behind the Operation Intercept Fugitive Task Force for the Greenville office. The task force has worked with the sheriff's department to make 109 arrests since June 2003. Forty of the offenders had committed crimes against children.

The Greenville Rotary Club started honoring a police officer of the year in 1976, a deputy in 1988 and a federal law enforcement agent in 2000. It is recognition well deserved for some of the toughest work in our community.

The Family of Rotary _____

Gladys Jennings, wife of **Harold Jennings**, reported that he was unable to attend the February 10 Law Day program due to his hospitalization at Greenville Memorial.

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Mentorship: Priceless

By Terry Weaver, President

How about giving away something of which you have plenty to give, but is virtually unavailable for sale? The opportunity of mentorship is indeed “Service above Self.” In fact, “priceless.”

Our Career Day program is coming up on March 9. We currently have more interested students than we have willing Rotarians. This is an opportunity to make a lasting difference in the life of a person you don't know — yet. You would be amazed at the interest of high school students in the American workplace. They are searching for values, attitudes and concepts that will stay with them throughout their future careers.

You and your business can host a student for just one morning (and lunch at Rotary) and provide an insight that can't be taught in the classroom or bought from any source. Give it a try. Call or e-mail Trey Pennington, Career Day chairman, today — 235-6848 or trey@hiddentreasure.org.

You'll be glad you did.

RI scholar shares 'success story'

Club member and Furman professor Judy Bainbridge received the following e-mail from Hank Southgate, a 2003 Furman graduate who was named Rotary International's Ambassadorial Scholar to Germany in 2003:

“I just wanted to share a quick little success story with you that might serve as a tale for the club in Greenville as well as other prospective 'Furmanites.'

“A little while ago, an algebra teacher in Fort Mill contacted me, informing me she wanted to set up contact with a German algebra teacher in Tuebingen, swap teaching methods, get her students to start up a pen pal program, and so on... After putting together a letter and sending it out to about 10 schools in the area, I eventually heard back from one very excited teacher in a nearby town.

“This teacher wants to go even further with the project, and has plans to start up an exchange student program.

“I just received an e-mail from the U.S. teacher informing me that she and the German teacher have been in contact several times now and are laying the groundwork for said exchange program.

“I'll keep you informed on any other important developments, but I just thought you might like to know.

“Thanks as always for helping me get here.”

Missing Persons Report

The following members missed the meeting of February 10 **without a makeup reported by press time:** Don Beckie, Al Bell, Mark Berry, Jim Blakely, Andrew Bolen, Scott Boswell, Doug Bowling, Gordon Bray, Brodie Bricker, Johnny Mack Brown, Diane Cagle, Fred Carpenter, Subodh Choudhary, Dan Christie, Ben Dillard, Kara Dullea, Bill Easterday, Mark Eley, Betty Ellis, Bobby Floyd, Lewis Freeman, Mills Gallivan, Frank Gibbes, Roger Gill, Fred Gilmer, Gil Gilreath, Jane Goolsby, Roger Gower, Bill Harner, Randy Harrison, Greg Hart, Matt Hawley, Ted Hendry, William Herlong, Jay Hewitt, Neel Hipp, Bob Howard, Mike Jaskwich, Don Kirkland, Bob Knight, Todd Korahais, Bill Kutz, Pauline Lasher, Bessie Lee, Woody Long, Colin Martin, Charlie Mickel, Mel Miles, Bill Misiaveg, Tony Moncini, Bob Morris, Ray Orvin, Lee Palms, Richard Rabb, Ray Ramage, Louis Redmond, John Reynolds, Frank Richards, Ravi Sastry, Chuck Saylor, Caroline Schroder, Kevin Short, Wade Shugart, Cara Sisson, Joyce Smart, Laura Smart, David Smith, Jane Sosebee, Eric Steele, Kelly Sullivan, Michael Summers, David Taylor, Suzanne Thaler, Joe Valitchka, Brad Van Meter, Don Vaughan, Ruud Veltman, Gill Walker, Geoff Wasserman, Dave Waters, Bubba Watts, Chuck Welch, Carla Whitlock, Bill Whitney, Charles Williams, Dan Wood, Ann Wright, Bill Wylie, Richard Young.

New Members Proposed _____

Proposed for membership at the February 17 board meeting of the Rotary Club of Greenville was **Kristie Bohm**, Director of Public Relations, Henderson Advertising, under the classification of Public Relations,

sponsored by J.J. Puryear and Terry Weaver.

Any objections to proposed new members must be filed with the Rotary office within 10 days of this notice.