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## **OCTOBER 12 MEETING—ANNUAL ROTARY OUTING!**

The upcoming Rotary Outing will be October 12th and the regular lunch meeting at the Poinsett Hotel will not take place on that day. Activities will include golf at 12:30, tennis at 2:30, social at 5:00, and dinner at 5:45. All activities will take place at Furman University and attendance at any event counts as credit for the weekly lunch meeting. Contact Barry Lynch at 232-2881 ext. 225 if you have any questions. You may RSVP all events to Vickie Pittman at [execsecretary@greenvillerotary.org](mailto:execsecretary@greenvillerotary.org) or at 235-2293.

### HEALTH AND HAPPINESS —

Our next **Health and Happiness Hour Reception** for the Rotary Club of Greenville will be held Monday October 18th from 5:30 pm until 7:00 pm at **The Italian Market & Grill** at 534 Woods Lake Road (off Haywood Road and behind Kinkos). All club members in the District are welcome to visit and this event will be considered a make-up meeting.

Bring a spouse/friend/prospective member for fun and networking. There will be a cash bar and complimentary appetizers provided by the Marriott.

Be sure to bring your business cards.

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT – Frank Kolb**

It is good to have the Mayor come to update us on the activities going on in the city. I am sure that the new Reedy River Bridge will be a great attraction for our city. I am also very hopeful that we can obtain a baseball team for the city as I believe it will greatly assist in the development of the Westside of Greenville. I am glad we live in such a thriving and dynamic area.

Our meeting on October 12 will be a special time of fellowship for our club. I urge each of you to attend and if you have any skills or no skills in golf and tennis, please engage in these activities. Also, I look forward to seeing each of you at the fellowship dinner at the pavilion on the Furman golf course.

Please remember that if you are able, your help will be greatly appreciated on the set-up of our Holiday Lights project. Most of the good things we are able to do to support our community happen as a result of this great fund-raising event. Without the active support and assistance of our Rotarians, this project could not happen.

My thanks to each of you for all that you do to support our club and our community.

**The Missing Persons Report that has appeared in past bulletins will be found on the Greenville rotary website in the future.**

**Did you know? You can make up meetings by e-mail. Go to our club website at [www.greenvillerotary.org](http://www.greenvillerotary.org) for instructions.**

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## LITERACY CENTER PREVIEW PARTY

### ROTARY FAMILY LITERACY CENTER PREVIEW PARTY

On Thursday afternoon, September 23, members of the Greenville Centennial Project Committee were busy hanging artwork, checking signage, revving up computers and finalizing arrangements in preparation for the Rotary Family Literacy Center Preview Party set to begin at 5:30 that evening.

The party was planned to say thank you to the project's major donors and to give them the first peek at the beautiful new center located at the YWCA on Augusta Street. The event was also an opportunity to thank the board members of the YWCA and the Greenville Literacy Association – the two organizations who partnered with the Rotary Clubs to make the project possible.

The Rotary Family Literacy Center is the chosen Centennial Project of six Greenville area Rotary Clubs: The Rotary Clubs of Greenville, Greenville East, Pleasantburg, Foothills, Greenville Evening, and Simpsonville.

About 75 guests attended the event. Through the generous support of BI-LO, Dahlias Florist, Gretchen's ABS Cakes and an anonymous donor, the group was treated to a beautiful buffet complemented by music performed by a chamber quartet from the Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities. *(Continued on page 4)*

## HOLIDAY LIGHTS

The Holiday Lights at Roper Mountain Science Center is a fun-filled annual event that also happens to be the largest fundraiser for our club. As such, it requires a lot of planning, resources, and willing hands to support. Our "big" workday is scheduled for October 16th. Come for only an hour or two if that's all the time you can commit as it takes several volunteers to make the day productive. Contact Mark Dullea at 676-9601 with questions. Also remember that we will need lots of volunteers to work the gate during the event, so please let us know what dates you can help!

Everyone had a chance to tour the new facility which features a computer lab, two classrooms and three private tutoring rooms. Guests also viewed the “drop in and play” area – a special feature of the Center which will provide quality child care for kids while their parents attend tutoring sessions. Our center is the only one in the area that will offer Literacy students a staffed child care center to leave their young children while they are learning to read or speak English.

During a break in the festivities, Project Chairman Matt Shouse welcomed Rotary District Governor Bill Boyd and thanked those in attendance for their generosity. “This is a significant achievement for this community. I thank each of you for your support. You made this project happen,” he said. Chairman Shouse noted that more than \$236,000 had been raised to build the facility, but added that another \$35,000 was needed to meet the capital budget. He said he was confident that these additional dollars would soon be raised.



With the doors of the Center set to open in the coming weeks, twelve students are now on the waiting list to begin classes. Nine Rotarians are trained to start work and more tutors are being recruited and trained to accommodate scheduling needs as the student list grows.

Those wishing to support the center by volunteering their time should contact Faye Towell. Those wishing to make a financial contribution should contact Jim Rumrill, Matt Shouse or the Rotary Office.

*Dist. Gov. Bill Boyd with Matt Shouse*

