

Greenville Rotarian

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JOIN US AT THE WESTIN POINSETT HOTEL TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2014 AT NOON OUR SPEAKER

AMBASSADOR DAVID WILKINS OUR TOPIC LEADERSHIP

Ambassador David H. Wilkins is a partner at Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP and chairs the Public Policy and International Law practice group.

Mr. Wilkins was elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives in 1980 and served there for 25 years. He served six years as chairman of the House Judiciary Committee and two years as speaker pro tem before being elected speaker, a post he held for 11 years.

In June of 2005, Mr. Wilkins was nominated by President George W. Bush to become the United States Ambassador to Canada. He proudly served in that role until January 20, 2009.

During his tenure, Ambassador Wilkins helped to resolve some of the highest profile issues between Canada and the United States, including the decades-old softwood lumber trade dispute. He is known on both sides of the border as an honest broker who worked for solutions on the toughest issues – energy, national security, the environment, trade and travel – impacting millions of citizens in both countries.

In 2010, Wilkins was tapped by Governor Nikki Haley to chair her government transition team and played a key role in helping her form her new administration.

Prior to his appointment as ambassador, Mr. Wilkins practiced law for 34 years in Greenville, South Carolina, and has extensive experience in civil litigation and appellate practice.

INVITE A FUTURE ROTARIAN AS A GUEST -- \$19 Includes the program, meal, and parking

President's Message

Dear Rotarians:

As this is my next-to-last message as president of the Rotary Club of Greenville, I want to use this platform to share a personal message. As a polio survivor, I feel that I have not given enough time to polio this year, an extremely critical initiative for Rotary. As a result, I want to end my year by devoting this message and the last minutes of my last meeting to End Polio Now.

Eradicating polio has been talked about a great deal by Rotarians at the Rotary International Convention in Australia! First, it was announced at the RI Convention that Rotary has set a Guinness World Record for the largest photo awareness campaign with The World's Biggest Commercial, "We're This Close." On October 24, 2012 (World Polio Day), more than 90,000 people from 170 countries – including over 150 celebrities – have uploaded photos of themselves showing that we're "this close" to eradicating polio. To date, there are about 102,170 images. Brazil tops the list with 45,078 photos. There are a few days left to participate in the World's Biggest



Commercial! You can **add your photo** (http://thisclose.endpolio.org/en) to the World's Biggest Commercial before it ends on June 30th. It is a fun and easy way to show your support for our work to end polio! Join me and other Rotarians in our club in showing support for ending polio by uploading your picture!

At the convention, John Hewko, General Secretary of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation, says that we are at a tipping point for realization of Rotary's dream of a polio free world. India has marked three years since its last case of wild polio on January 13, 2014, a landmark achievement for worldwide efforts to eradicate polio. Polio has been reduced by 99%. Bruce Aylward who heads the polio eradication program at the World Health Organization—the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI)—announced that, other than Pakistan, all remaining polio affected countries are on track to be polio free this year. Nigeria reduced the number of polio cases from 24 to 3 in the last twelve months. However, we still need to raise \$563 million for the End Polio Now end game.



So, speaking of a game, when Perry Tuttle spoke at our club meeting in December, he offered to sign a football to auction for polio. I decided to take him up on his offer. Then, I reached Coach Dabo Swinney's office to request his signature on the same ball. Below is a picture of Perry

Tuttle signing the football and of Dabo Swinney signing the football! The football will be auctioned by Jeremiah Dew on behalf of End Polio Now at our final Rotary Club of Greenville meeting on June 24th! If you are a fan of Clemson football or if you want to purchase a keepsake

for a family member or friend who is a Clemson fan-all for a good cause-please be prepared to bid on this football during the auction at the meeting on June 24th.

My wish for my last meeting as president of the Rotary Club of Greenville is to send you home laughing as JDew will imitate Bill Cosby and to be engaged in raising money for polio.

P.S. Your bid is tax deductible!

Judith S. Prince President



Highlights from May













The Object of Rotary

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

- FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- SECOND. 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;
- THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Meet Our New Members

CHARLES E. CRITE, JR.



Charles is a native South Carolinian who lives in Roebuck. He has a rich and diverse background. He currently serves as the Campus Administrator for Webster University's Greenville Metropolitan Campus, where he also teaches as an adjunct Business and Technology assistant professor. Prior to that, he served his country as a Marine for several years, worked for nine years as a Correctional Officer Supervisor, and has 20 years of experience in substance abuse treatment administration. He graduated from the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy and went on to earn several degrees, including a Doctor of Education in Higher Education/Adult Learning. He is a published writer and has received numerous professional awards and recognitions. Although he has only been a Rotarian for a few months, he has already assumed a leadership role, serving as Co-Chair for our club's Diversity Committee. In his free time, he enjoys running, working out and watching sports. If you really want to get to know Dr. Charles E.

Crite, Jr. you need to talk to him about DRAG RACING. A devoted fan who travels far and wide to attend races and other events, this is how he de-stresses and renews his spirit.

KAILASH KHANDKE



Kailash Khandke is the Assistant Academic Dean for Study Away and International Education at Furman University, a position he has held since July 2007. He joined the Furman faculty in 1995 and is a professor and faculty member in the Department of Economics and has a joint appointment with Furman's Department of Asian Studies. He holds a Ph.D. and Master's in economics from the University of California Davis. As the Assistant Academic Dean for Study Away and International Education, he administers the university's faculty-led study away programs and oversees the university's exchange and affiliate arrangements

with partner universities and providers. He works cooperatively with the Office of Admissions at Furman to identify, and recruit, academically qualified international students to Furman's campus. He is a member of the American Economic Association and the Association of International Education Administrators. Kailash has many publications, grant awards, and presentations. He has been an avid tennis player, but he is taking up golf. He has a daughter who attends Davidson College.

Members News

Lynn Mann received the School Support Employee of the Year Award at the 2014 Salute to Education ceremony for the Greenville County Schools. Lynn is program director at A. J. Whittenberg Elementary School of Engineering. The award was the result of Lynn's constantly creating initiatives to better the lives of students. She has implemented programs at A.J. Whittenberg that allow students to work side by side with GE Engineers and connect students to mentors from the business and engineering community.



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Monday - Thursday - 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Friday - 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Member Calendar

Tuesday, June 10th, Rotary Club of Greenville Meeting, 12:00 Noon Westin Poinsett, David Wilkins, Former U.S. Ambassador to Cananda

Monday, June 16th, Health and Happiness Event, 5:30pm to 7:30pm, Chuy's Mexican Food

Tuesday, June 24th, Rotary Club of Greenville meeting, 12:00 Noon Westin Poinsett, Anne Matthews, RI Vice President and Jeremiah Dew

ElizaPearl Philpot, 6th Grade Student at Northwest Middle School, spoke about the EarlyAct FirstKnight character education program which is being offered through the Rotary Club of Greenville. Below is the text of her presentation.

Top of the Day! My name is ElizaPearl Philpot. I am a 6th Grade Student at NWMS. I am so thankful to the Rotary Club and The Knights of the Guild for the Early Act First Knight program and what it has meant to my school, my community, and me. First of all the jousting event let the kids learn in a fun way outside of the class-room and taught me the meaning of courage. Courage is stepping up for what you believe and being willing to risk it all for something beyond your own personal wants and desires. Second, I feel it has taught kids the real meaning of words such as

Compassion, Confidence, Discipline, Friendliness, Honesty, Perseverance, Respect, Responsibility,

and perhaps most importantly the concept of being a Servant Leader. A Servant Leader asks the Greatest Question, <u>What can I do to help</u>? It is my Prayer that we all learn to ask that Great Question in whatever sphere of Leadership we occupy! Thank you for making it possible for our school to participate in this wonderful program. I know it has done and will do wonders for me our school and our Community. Blessed Day to You All!!!