

Greenville Rotarian

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Rotary Club of Greenville OUR NEXT MEETING

JOIN US AT THE WESTIN POINSETT HOTEL TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2014 AT NOON FEATURING OUR PROGRAM GREENVILLE COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR Next three meeting speakers

Teacher of the Year Dave Edwards Annual Fall Fellowship Outing



You do not want to miss meeting the top four finalists for Greenville County Teacher of the Year. Teachers have the most vital job affecting our country -- educating our children. Teachers are required to master their subject matter, have a passion for working with children (and the patience to do so), have the ability to communicate with parents (some of whom are overbearing and others who do not care), be able to grade mounds of papers and fill out tons of forms invented by bureaucrats. They must be able eat their lunch in less twenty minutes (often while monitoring students). They are only allowed to go to the restroom at certain times of the day. They may have to stand in the rain for bus duty. And they willingly perform all their duties for less pay than other professionals. Teaching is truly a calling. Rotary Club of Greenville is proud to sponsor Greenville County Schools' Teacher of the Year program.

The top four finalists will be recognized and receive an award from our club. Our members will be amazed at the talent and dedication these teachers bring into the classroom. They may also be surprised at how education has evolved in recent years. Students no longer sit in straight rows and listen to a teacher lecture. Teachers now instruct children on many different academic levels within the same class.

Our four finalists are an elementary school teacher, a special education middle school teacher, a high school math teacher and a high school band teacher. They have different reasons for entering the education field, but they represent the best in their profession. You will be amazed at their talent and dedication. Burke Royster, the Superintendent of Greenville County Schools will also be present.

INVITE A FUTURE ROTARIAN AS A GUEST -- \$19 Includes the program, meal, and parking Preregister your guest to save time at check-in

The Rotary Moment:

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.

As I have attended District events and National Rotary gatherings, I often hear fellow Rotarians talk about their "Rotary Moment." This is the time or event that puts being a Rotarian in perspective, and a time when being a Rotarian becomes significant and meaningful.

I hope each of our members have had one of these moments, or hopeful, a series of them. Maybe one of our speakers reached your heart in a special way. Maybe the lights went off as you read to a child at Read to Me. It could be that your Rotary Moment occurred during a meeting at one of our many committees and service opportunities. Rotary touches people in



many different ways, and the value of being in a large club is that it gives us the opportunity to provide these experiences in many different forms.

One of my Rotary Moments happened at Roper Mountain Holiday Lights a couple years ago. We had just started hosting Santa in Winter Wonderland. On this evening a car pulled up to the gate, and I was collecting the entrance fee, I mentioned to the little girl in the back that Santa Claus was on site.

"The REAL Santa?," she inquired rather untrustingly.

"Yes, of course," I replied. "The REAL Santa."

"Not the one I see at the mall, but the REAL Santa?," she continued in disbelief.

This exchange continued for a couple of minutes, when finally, I believe I had her convinced.

"YES!" she replied with an enthusiastic fist pump and a wide, white smile that pierced the night.

As they drove through the gate, she stood up through the moon roof, and as they disappeared into the night, I continued to hear,

"YES, YES, YES!", with matching, and highly synchronized fist pumps to go with her excitement.

This was one of my Rotary Moments. This was a time when I saw the value of the work that goes into being a Rotarian, and the value of the time and sweat that goes into staging Holiday Lights. The very brief exchange made it worth it.

We need your help. The most important part of being a Rotarian is "service above self." Every Rotarian should go beyond being just a "bi-monthly meeting attender" and serve this community. Through our community service we are making a difference in Greenville and the world. Roper Mountain Holiday Lights is our largest fundraiser, allowing us to support the many projects we do throughout Greenville.

Please join me on the mountain. We need help setting up on Saturdays and Sundays for the next several weeks. We need volunteers to be gate captains. We need folks to work in the evenings. We will need help breaking down the lights in January.

Step up. Join with us. Maybe you will have your Rotary Moment on the mountain like I did.

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No meeting at the Westin - October 28, 2014

REGISTER NOW or send your regrets that you cannot attend by clicking here.



LIVE ENTERTAINMENT - TONIGHT'S NOISE Tonight's Noise began their quest in 2012 as a hard working acoustic trio, specializing in super tight arrangements and flat out dastardly dynamics. Scouring the Southeast with their unique blend of original tunes and freshly presented classics, Tonight's Noise continues to build momentum as one of Upstate South Carolina's tightest and most surprising groups.

Member News

Kailash Khandke has been named Frederick W. Symmes Professor of Economics



Kailash Khandke has been named Frederick W. Symmes Professor of Economics in the Department of Economics at Furman University. Kailash is also Assistant Academic Dean for Study Away & International Education at Furman University. Kailash 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. The Symmes Chair was established at Furman in the late 1960s by the F. W. Symmes Foundation.

Fred Symmes joined the Rotary Club of Greenville in 1918, and he played a major part in the creation of YMCA Camp Greenville. Fred W. Symmes Chapel (also known as "Pretty Place" because of its amazing view) is one of the many buildings that make up YMCA Camp Greenville.

In 1954, three years before he died, Mr. Symmes created a plan for his sizable estate to continue benefiting Greenville County for years to come. At the suggestion of his good friends, R.E. Houston, Jr., F. Dean Rainey, W.W. McEachern and W. Gordon McCabe, he created the F.W. Symmes Foundation.



Mayor White honored member Virginia Uldrick during the unveiling of her statue at the Governor's School of the Arts and Humanities

Greenville Technical College is First SC Educational Institution to Win Governor's Quality Award

GREENVILLE, SC – Greenville Technical College has been named a South Carolina Governor's Quality Award Bronze Achiever, becoming the only educational institution in South Carolina to ever win at any level.

This award, sponsored and administered by the South Carolina Quality Forum, an affiliate of the South Carolina State Chamber of Commerce, is designed to promote performance excellence.

The award process is consistent with the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award process, depending upon a trained, volunteer board of examiners and judges who evaluate candidate organizations and recommend award recipients. Organizations submit a written application that includes a business overview and a description of the organization's quality management system. The application is first reviewed by individual examiners. As a team, these examiners reach a consensus evaluation of the application and may recommend a site visit. During site visits, examiners verify and clarify the information in the application. All award applicants receive a feedback report including strengths and areas for improvement.

There are four award levels. A Bronze Achiever award is given for progress worthy of recognition toward implementing Baldrige criteria. A Silver Achiever award indicates significant progress toward the criteria, while a Gold Achiever award indicates outstanding progress. A capstone award – the South Carolina Governor's Quality Award – goes to those organizations that demonstrate excellent performance through their quality management system based on the Baldrige Criteria.

Recipients at all levels will be recognized at this year's Governor's Quality Award Conference, to be held October 15, 2014 in Columbia, S.C.

"When we began using Baldrige criteria in 2012, we were aiming for service excellence through continuous improvement of our operations. Winning the Bronze Achiever award is an indication of how far we have come in a short time in our efforts to best serve our students and potential students," said Dr. Keith Miller, president of Greenville Technical College and member of our club. "This award will encourage us to continually improve our quality, a process that is transforming our organization."



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.

Know Someone Interested in Learning More about Rotary?

Register NOW for Discover Rotary -- Chamber of Commerce-Registration Required - October 01, 2014

or send your regrets that you cannot attend by <u>clicking here</u>.

The next Discover Rotary will be held Wednesday, October 1, 2014 from 7:30 AM till 8:30 AM at Greenville Chamber of Commerce. Our club will provide breakfast for the event.

This is an informational meeting for prospective Rotarians of the Rotary Club of Greenville by providing a complete overview of both Rotary International and our club. Invite your friends and colleagues who may be interested in joining the Rotary Club of Greenville for an informative meeting to discover what Rotary is all about, and how they can participate in the most active service club in Greenville.

<u>PLEASE DO NOT</u> add as a guest in the registration. You will only need to enter the name and email address in the spaces provided within the registration.

Thank you,

David Carfolite







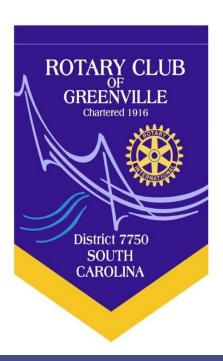
A dedicated team of volunteers came out for our first weekend of Holiday Lights set-up.

2014 Holiday Lights Display Set Up Workday Schedule

Saturday, September 20; 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM Sunday, September 21; 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM Sunday, September 28; 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM Saturday, October 4; 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM Sunday, October 5; 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM Sunday, October 12; 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM Saturday, October 18; 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM Sunday October 19; 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM Saturday, October 25; 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM Sunday, October 26; 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM Saturday, November 1; 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM Sunday, November 1; 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM Sunday, November 9; 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM Sunday, November 9; 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM Sunday, November 16; 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM Sunday, November 16; 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM Saturday, November 22: 8:30 AM to 12:30 P

Sunday, November 23; 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

WRAP UP!



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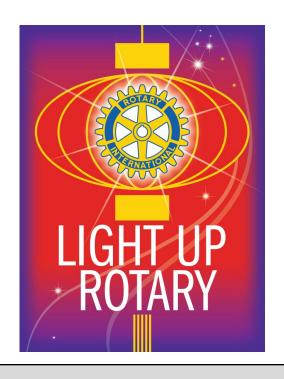
Welcome Proposed New Members

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Director of Development/Enrollment Greer Middle College Charter High School Sponsors: Scott Stephens and J.J. Puryear

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Member Calendar

Tuesday, September 23rd Rotary Club of Greenville meeting 12:00 Noon Westin Poinsett Hotel, Teacher of

the Year Program

Wednesday, October 1st Discover Rotary, Greenville Chamber of Commerce 7:30 am to 8:30 am

Tuesday October 7th New Member Orientation--Registration Required, Atrium of DataWorks building

(location of Rotary office) 5:00 pm

Tuesday, October 14th Rotary Club of Greenville meeting 12:00 Noon Westin Poinsett Hotel, Dave

Edwards, President GSP International Airport

Monday, October 20th Rotary Club of Greenville Health & Happiness Hour 5:30 Spice of India, 15 Market

Point Drive

Tuesday, October 28th Annual Fall Fellowship Outing, Certus Loft at Historic Huguenot Mill at the Peace

Center, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm--REGISTRATION REQUIRED