

Greenville Rotarian

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JOIN US AT THE WESTIN POINSETT HOTEL TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2015 AT NOON

FEATURING
THAD TURNIPSEED
Director of Recruiting and External Affairs
Clemson University

Thad Turnipseed is in his first year as director of recruiting & external affairs. Turnipseed works closely with Dabo Swinney, Jeff Scott, and the rest of the staff in terms of the organization of all recruiting activities.

Turnipseed came to Clemson after spending the previous 11 years at Alabama, where he started as director of capital projects, designing and overseeing over \$200 million in athletic projects. Some of these projects included two endzone expansions and a \$40 million improvement to the football facility. He ended his career at Alabama as the associate athletic director for special projects while serving as Head Coach Nick Saban's director of football external affairs.

Turnipseed earned a B.A. degree from Alabama in political science in 1995, with a double minor in geology and general business. He was a member of the football team from 1990-92 and became a student assistant from 1993-95 after an injury. He and Swinney were both members of Alabama's 1992 National Championship team.

Prior to joining the staff at Alabama, Turnipseed was a project manager at Beaver Construction from 1995-97 as well as owner of Calvary Construction and Calvary Flooring from 1997-03. Turnipseed is married to the former Melissa Nix. The couple has three daughters, Mallory, Marian, and Marlee, and a son, Lee.

INVITE A FUTURE ROTARIAN AS A GUEST -- \$20 Includes the program, meal, and parking Preregister your guest to save time at check-in

Message from the President

Service Above Self

In the fall of 1915, after successfully hosting the first Southern Textile Exposition, a group of businessmen decided to create an organization with the idea of business leadership working together with a common cause, giving their time and service to the community to build a better Greenville. They had heard of Rotary and decided to start a new club. On March 1, 1916 the Rotary Club of Greenville was born and from then on the membership has embraced service projects that benefit the local area and contribute to significant needs throughout the world. Today, we support numerous service projects through a committee structure and these committees need help. As we approach our centennial year, we need the membership to make a renewed commitment to "Service Above Self". If you are interested in helping with any of these projects, please contact the committee chair(s) listed below.

Early Act First Knight: EAFK is a character education program that teaches students why they need to build good character through regular, ten-minute lessons. With Rotary's Four Way Test at its core, the EAFK curriculum uses age-appropriate lesson plans that begin with the first day of Kindergarten and progress daily through the last day of 8th grade. EAFK was the first program of its kind within the Greenville County School District. CONTACT: Sonny Surkin (sonny.surkin@gmail.com

<u>Rotary Grants:</u> Through Rotary Grants, the Rotary Club of Greenville and Rotary Charities provide grants up to \$15,000 a year to make a difference in the Greenville community in one or more of Rotary International's Six Areas of Focus. CONTACT: Walter Kivett (walter.kivett@gmail.com)

Rotary "Service Above Self" Scholarship: The Rotary Club of Greenville awards the Service Above Self Scholarship, a renewable grant of up to \$5,000 per year for 4 years, to a Greenville County graduating high school senior with exceptional community service and academic performance. CONTACT: Dee Kivett (deekivett@bellsouth.net)

<u>Money Smart:</u> The Rotary Club of Greenville established Money Smart with a mission to empower our community with the basic tools necessary to take control of their financial situation. CONTACT: Cory Patterson (cpatterson@hsblawfirm.com)

Read to Me: The Rotary Club of Greenville started "Read-to-Me" Program in 1995. In 2014 the club had approximately 50 Rotarians reading aloud to children at 10 sites in Greenville. The newest site is Frazee Dream Center. Greenville Rotarians read to approximately 450 children each week. CONTACT: Katherine Helt (kathrynhelt@gmail.com)

<u>Greenville Literacy:</u> The Rotary Club of Greenville is a member of the Rotary Partnership for Literacy. The partnership is a coalition of Rotary Clubs working together to provide technology for teaching, GED Scholarships, and Rotarians as tutors for the Greenville Literacy Association. CONTACT: Lynn Mann (<u>rlmann@greenville.k12.sc.us</u>)

International Service: Plan, publicize, execute and evaluate the club's support of and participation in International Projects sponsored by our club. Specific goals for this year include a trip to Haiti, continued support for the Hoe Down for Haiti fundraiser, an exchange program involving physicians from China who will visit GHS, and a water project in Honduras. CONTACT Brian Moore (bmoore@niccachemical.com) or Sunny Handa (sunnyhand@financialguide.com)

<u>CART (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust):</u> Plan, publicize, execute and evaluate the Club's support of CART. Goals for this year include raising awareness within the Club about dementia and forming a relationship with the Alzheimers Association, in order to help support the Association's efforts. CONTACT: Neerja Arya (neerjamd@aol.com) or Beverly James (bjames@greenvillelibrary.org)

<u>Veteran Mentors</u>: Identify veterans in the Upstate that have challenges, assign mentors that are experienced in the areas of concern, help them address their challenges, and ultimately help them find a renewed sense of purpose and become self-sufficient. CONTACT: Ron Demonet (Ron.Demonet@gmail.com) or Charlie Hall (chall@upstatewarriorsolutions.org)

In addition to these wonderful programs, Rotary Club of Greenville supports an annual Career Day, Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, Teacher of the Year Recognition Day as well as providing support for Rotary Youth Leadership (RYLA), the Greenville Rotaract Club, Rotaract at Greenville Tech, and the Greenville High Interact Club.

Don Koonce President

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Photo's from Fall Fellowship Outing













Nominations for Officers and Directors in the Rotary Club of Greenville for 2016-17 are now open.

According to Article 3 of the Bylaws of the Rotary Club of Greenville, at least one month prior to the Annual Meeting on December 8, 2015, we begin the process of electing leaders for 2016-2017. The President for 2016-2017 will be Stephanie Lewis who is serving as President-Elect during 2015-2016. Scott Stephens will serve at Secretary during 2015-2016 and will serve at President-Elect during 2016-2017.

Nominations are being requested for the following positions of leadership:

Secretary - The secretary works closely with the club administrator in keeping records, reporting changes in attendance to the board, reviewing minutes, preparing the club directory, and performing other duties that pertain to the office of secretary. For succession planning, it is expected that the secretary would serve as president-elect the following year and as president after that if approved by the nominations committee.

Five Directors – Directors serve a term of two years on the Rotary Club of Greenville Board of Directors and provide leadership for the Rotary areas of service and committees of the club.

Please consider who would would like to lead the club into our second century.

Downtown Rotaract Event

All Young Rotarians (ages 40 and under) are invited to the Downtown Rotaract Club's guest bartending night at Nose Dive on Thursday, November 12 from 6pm – 8pm. Rotaract members will be serving as guest bartenders. All tips and a portion of the proceeds will support the Rotaract Club's annual fundraiser to support a local charity. The Downtown Rotaract Club is made up of young professionals that meet once a month who, like us, also believe in service above self. This club is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Greenville. We look forward to seeing all of our Young Rotarians out at Nose Dive on November 12 for some fun!



Be a gift to the world

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.



Partners In Agriculture



Rotary Trip to Haiti February 15-20, 2016

Rotary, in conjunction with Partners in Agriculture, has accomplished amazing outcomes in the Central Plateau of Haiti. However, there is much more to be done. Join us on a visit to observe projects completed and projects yet to be undertaken. See first-hand the life changing effects in the communities made possible by the Partners in Agriculture farms and gardens in Corporant and the Family Assistance Program. Visit CFFL, the Centre de Formation Fritz Lafontant, a state of the art vocational school located in the most impoverished part of Haiti. You will also meet fellow Rotarians who have supported the Global Grants program of The Rotary Foundation for many years.



Monday, 2/15/2016	Fly into Haiti and travel to Cange, about 3 hours north of Port au Prince
Tuesday, 2/16/2016	Visit CFFL vocational school
Wednesday, 2/17/2016	Visit three farms and surrounding villages (Family Assistance sites)
Thursday, 2/18/2016	Visit coffee plantation. Meet with the Rotary Club of Mirebalais 5:00 p.m.
Friday, 2/19/2016	Meet with students at CFFL and present Rotary organization. Travel to Port au
	Prince and stay overnight at the Montana Hotel.
Saturday, 2/20/2016	Explore Port au Prince - Fly home mid-afternoon.

Cost is \$1,250 per person, payable to Rotary 7750 Charities. \$800 is due by December 15, 2015, and the remainder due by January 30, 2016.

This includes:

- Round trip airfare from Greenville
- Ground transportation
- Accommodations

Excludes:

Incidentals, souvenirs, etc.

Checks payable to: Rotary 7750 Charities Mail to:

Charles Warne 15 Sirrine Drive Greenville, SC 29605

To register or for more information, contact Charles Warne: charleswarne11@gmail.com

864.901.5125

Holiday Lights Set-Up Schedule

2015 Display Set Up Workday Schedule

Saturday, November 7; 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Sunday, November 8; 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Sunday, November 15; 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Saturday, November 21: 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Sunday, November 22; 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

WRAP UP!

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday - 8:30 am to 3:00 pm Friday - Closed

Rotaract Club Fundraiser Thursday, November 12 6-8 pm Nose Dive 116 S. Main St. Greenville, SC 29601



Tuesday, November 10th Rotary Club of Greenville Meeting, 12:00 Noon, Westin Poinsett Hotel, Thad Turnipseed, Clemson Director of Recruiting and External Affairs Monday, November 16th Health and Happiness Hour, Chuy's on Woodruff Road 5:30pm to 7:30pm Tuesday, December 1st New Member Orientation, 5:00pm, The Poinsett Club--Registration Required