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Service Above Self



Rotary Club of Greenville

OUR NEXT MEETING



Mayor Knox H. White
City of Greenville

**JOIN US AT THE WESTIN POINSETT HOTEL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016 AT NOON
FEATURING OUR PROGRAM
GREENVILLE MAYOR KNOX WHITE**

Knox White has served as Mayor of Greenville since December 1995. As Mayor he has the goal of making the city of Greenville “the most beautiful and livable city in America.” He has emphasized neighborhood revitalization, economic development, and transformational projects for downtown.

Key strategic projects include: removal of the Camperdown Bridge and creation of Falls Park, the restoration of the Poinsett Hotel and Court Street, new retail (Mast General Store), a downtown baseball stadium (Fluor Field), riverfront development and initiation of a bike and walking trail system (Swamp Rabbit Trail) throughout the City, public art initiatives along Main Street, record annexations, and a model infrastructure for Clemson ICAR.

Neighborhood initiatives include enhanced beautification efforts, traffic calming, sidewalk construction, support for neighborhood associations, reinvestment in neighborhood parks, master plans for commercial corridors, and attractive new housing in the city’s special emphasis neighborhoods.

Under the mayor’s leadership, the City maintains a “Triple A” (AAA) bond rating and enjoys a reputation for solving problems on an innovative and bipartisan basis.

A native of Greenville, and a graduate of Christ Church Episcopal School, Greenville High School, Wake Forest University and the University of South Carolina Law School. Knox White is a partner in the law firm of Haynsworth, Sinkler & Boyd, where he heads the firm’s immigration and customs practices. He is married to Marsha P. White and they have two children.

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

Our Legacy for Tomorrow!



Happy New Year everybody. About this time, one hundred years ago, four men – Capt. Ellison Smyth, Dave McCuen, Gib Slaughter and Edgeworth Blythe – had begun the planning process for the creation of what is now the Rotary Club of Greenville. After the success of the Southern Textile Exposition in 1915, they were committed to creating an organization that would bring the business community together with the purpose of giving time and resources for improving the life for all citizens. They had heard of an organization called Rotary that focused on service above self and discovered that the city of Atlanta had a Rotary Club. The four of them decided to visit the Atlanta club and were invited to Atlanta's Christmas party where they were treated royally. After returning to Greenville they began to put together a list of businessmen who would be the charter membership for the new Rotary Club of Greenville. Their first members included a cotton

mill president, an engineer and architect, an attorney, president of the Greenville Daily News, a banker and hotel owner, a jeweler, a druggist, the general secretary of the YMCA, an ice manufacturer, a printer and president of a cotton merchandising firm. It was an impressive group and on the first day of March 1916 they became an official member of the International Association of Rotary Clubs. These men were totally committed to service and the things they did were remarkable. They designed and built the WWI Camp Sevier, helped defeat the influenza epidemic in Greenville, built Camp Greenville for young boys, and were involved in many other service projects that helped make Greenville the great city it is today.

As we celebrate this Centennial year it is important to acknowledge the rich legacy that brought us to where we are today but it is most important that we understand where we need to go from here. This is a great club and we have done and are doing things that honor the spirit of Rotary. We currently have ten service programs plus programs that honor teachers and members of law enforcement, as well as, helping young high school students decide what they can accomplish in the future. Our club proudly supports Alzheimer's research, character building for teens, helping families manage their finances, reading to young children, and helping veterans and their families make their way safely and successfully in a civilian world. Our club also enthusiastically supports education, agriculture and clean water in countries like Haiti and Honduras. Our grants and scholarships have helped many young people move towards realizing their dreams for the future. All of this is impressive and much to be proud of but we need to look to the future and decide how we can make this club even stronger and more committed to service above self. Adding members to our club is important but leadership is the real goal we must focus on. We need more member involvement in projects and programs. Less than ten percent of our members serve on committees and far too few help with Holiday Lights which is our primary funding source that supports the club's service projects. If we are going to honor the legacy left by the members that came before us, we must develop an ambitious vision for the future. We have created the theme for this Centennial year "Our Legacy for Tomorrow!" which should focus on the next one hundred years starting on March 1, 2016.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Koonce".

Don Koonce
President



Teacher of the Year



2015 Teacher of the Year, Shiree Turner Fowler



Teacher of the Year. First Runner Up, Heather Steading



Teacher of the Year. Third Runner Up, Anne Matthews



Teacher of the Year. Second Runner Up, Kristin Danko

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.

Roper Mountain Holiday Lights



Christmas Meeting



President Don and Virginia Uldrick



Rotarian Brian Clark of the Generations Group Home



President Don, Virginia Uldrick, and Alumni for the Greenville Singing Christmas Tree



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

Member News



Our member, Jason Elliott, Chairman, Legislative Issues Committee for the Greenville Chamber of Commerce, moderating the Annual Chamber Legislative Breakfast on December 11, 2015.

Meet Our New Member



New Member, Jason Warren

GSA Business 2015 Readers Choice Awards Most Influential Leaders in the Upstate:



#3 – Bob Hughes



Dee Kivett



Keith Miller



#13 – Mike Riordan



Know someone who would make a great Rotarian?
 Invite them to pre-register to "Start off 2016 With the Rotary Club of Greenville" as we kick off our Centennial year with an update from the Mayor of Greenville. Prospective Rotarians that pre-register can attend this invitational meeting as guests of the Club free of charge.

Deadline to pre-register as a prospective Rotarian is Monday, January 11

Click [here](#) to pre-register.

The Greenville Rotarian

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Four Way Test

Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

Will it build **GOOD WILL**
 and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



Member Calendar

Tuesday, January 12th	Rotary Club of Greenville meeting, Westin Poinsett Hotel, 12:00 Noon, Mayor Knox White--Guests Pre-registration is highly encouraged
Wednesday, January 13th	Discover Rotary, 7:30AM, The Commerce Club
Monday, January 18th	Health and Happiness Hour, 5:30PM, 21 East Bar and Grill
Tuesday, January 12 th ,	Member Orientation, at 5:00 at The Poinsett Club New