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Rotary Club of Greenville

OUR NEXT MEETING



[Register Your Guests or Prospective Members NOW](#) for Rotary Club of Greenville Meeting-January 26, 2016

**JOIN US AT THE WESTIN POINSETT HOTEL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26TH AT NOON**

FEATURING

Rick Reames III, Director of the South Carolina Department of Revenue



Rick Reames III was appointed Director of the South Carolina Department of Revenue by Governor Nikki Haley on July 18, 2014 and unanimously confirmed by the South Carolina Senate on March 5, 2015. Reames has worked to reduce bureaucracy, streamline operations, and ensure fiscal responsibility and accountability of the state's tax dollars. He is committed to fair and consistent administration of the law to reduce the overall tax burden for the citizens of South Carolina.

A private-sector attorney for 15 years, Reames brings expertise in all matters of state and local taxes and strong business acumen to his position as the state's chief revenue officer. Reames has instituted strategic hiring practices to fill critical needs while simultaneously reducing duplicative and unnecessary positions. He has rebuilt a depleted legal team and significantly increased taxpayer

education and public awareness, directing a nearly 300% increase from the previous year in the Department's issuance of public policy guidance. This action reduces confusion over complicated government requirements, resolves legal ambiguities and makes it easier for taxpayers to comply with the law.

For the first time in agency history, Reames instituted a comprehensive measurement program to track key functions, evaluate performance, cut waste and achieve improvement. He has revamped the Department's organizational structure to maximize efficiency and productivity and slashed the turnaround time of several key agency functions from averages of three to five weeks to just three to five days. In addition, Reames has implemented a number of cost-saving strategies such as privatizing the processing of paper tax returns for an estimated savings of \$2 million over the next 10 years.

Reames has increased outreach efforts and collaboration with key stakeholders and created an internal culture that is service-focused and responsive to market needs. As a member of the South Carolina Department of Commerce's Coordinating Council for Economic Development and chair of the Enterprise Zone Committee, Reames is actively involved in attracting new business, retaining existing business and creating the necessary jobs to advance South Carolina. He is also a member of the Board of Economic Advisors responsible for setting state economic and fiscal policy.

Reames is a member of the Federation of Tax Administrators Board of Trustees and previously served as delegate to the South Carolina Bar House of Governors and as chair of both the Joint NC-SC Tax Conference and South Carolina Bar Association Tax Section. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from Wofford College, a Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina School of Law, and a Master of Laws in taxation from New York University School of Law. Reames is originally from Florence, SC, and currently resides in Columbia with his wife, Elizabeth, and their three 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

It's Time to Celebrate the Next One Hundred Years



The next few months should be quite exciting. In February we will begin to celebrate the rich legacy of our club. An elaborate exhibit will open on February 27 at the Upcountry History Museum telling the story of where this club has been and where it is going. The exhibit will examine the major projects that have made the club unique, including Textile Hall, Camp Sevier, the influenza epidemic, Camp Greenville, the Singing Christmas Tree and other key projects that have such an impact on Greenville. In addition to past accomplishments, the exhibit will explore some of the important projects that the club is involved with now and plans for the future, including Polio Plus, Haiti, Honduras, Literacy, Holiday Lights and other service projects that are making a difference here in Greenville and around the world. This exhibit will remain up until April and you will be seeing more about it in coming weeks.

On March 1, we will celebrate the day that the Rotary Club of Greenville began with a Centennial Gala at the TD Convention Center. That evening we will not only be celebrating one hundred years of service to the Greenville community but the beginning of the next one hundred years. The Atlanta club served as our sponsor in 1916 and the president of the Atlanta club will join us for this important meeting. We may also be visited by a few of the men who were responsible for starting this club and amazing Pete Hollis may show up to share a few of his favorite songs. This evening will also be the premiere of the new video "Our Legacy for Tomorrow," that will take us on a journey through our club's remarkable past and closely examine who we are now. Plus we may have a few surprises for you. This is an evening you really do not want to miss. This special event won't happen again for another one hundred years so make your reservations early. Invitations have been sent out with response cards. Fill them out and send them in, or register online. You will definitely enjoy this celebration.

On April 13, the Rotary Club of Greenville will host a Peace and Conflict Resolution seminar at Furman University as part of Furman's World Religious Symposium. This full day seminar will discuss possible ways to achieve peace throughout the World and will explore methods of resolving conflict in our daily lives. The guests speakers and panelists are world leaders in peace initiatives including Dr. Bawa Jain, Founding Secretary General of the World Council of Religious Leaders and Andrea Bartoli, Dean of the School of Diplomacy and International Relations at Seton Hall University. There will also be a special audience-engaged performance on conflict resolution by the Applied Theatre Center. This is one event you really do not want to miss.

Congratulations to all of us on what this club has accomplished in one hundred years and let's all gear up for the kick-off of the next one hundred years. Enjoy the celebrations coming up.

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

Don Koonce
President



Thank you
for the gifts
- Nicholas

Love Pool
New Sticks!
Yup!

Thanks for
the gifts.
- Robert

Perfect size
new pool
stick!
Awesome
Dawn

Thank you
for every thing
Brendon

Thank you so much
4 the presents
Syed

Thanks for the gift
I love it. - Garin M

Thank you for
the great individual gifts
Robert H.

Thank for giving
us a Christmas And
Adam

thanks
for the
gifts
- Zach

Thank you
for the gifts
I loved them
all. - Rob T.

Thanks for the
gifts
Tyler C

Thanks for gifts
They were awesome

Thanks for the
individual gifts
you donated.
- Ricky B.

Thanks for
the gifts. -
Austin

Thanks for all the
gifts & the luncheon
was excellent
- Caleb

THANK
YOU

For all you did for us for Christmas!

Generations

Transforming Lives Since 1991

Michael R.
Thank you..

Thank you
for the gifts
you got
us

Thank you
for buying
me all these
things - Mason

Thanks for
all the sup
plys

Pictures From Last Meeting



Paul Harris Fellow's, Jay Wilson, Rush Wilson, and Ruth Wilson



Greenville Mayor Knox White and President Don



At its first meeting in January 2016, Rotary Club of Greenville recognized Fred and Cathy Baus for significant contributions to its club with Honorary Paul Harris Fellowship Awards. Paul Harris founded Rotary International in 1905. The Paul Harris Fellowship is named for the Rotary International founder and is awarded to Rotarians who make contributions of \$1000 or more to the Rotary Foundation. On certain occasions, Honorary Paul Harris Fellowship Awards are given to non-Rotarians by Rotary Clubs to honor individuals who meet high professional and service standards set by Paul Harris. Don Koonce, President of the Rotary Club of Greenville, presented the honorary awards to Dr. and Ms. Baus.

Dr. Fred Baus wrote a children's book entitled, Oh! Those Holiday Lights, which is a fictional story about how Roper Mountain Holiday Lights came to be. The heart of the story is about the spirit of caring and sharing of the Greenville Community and the Rotary Club of Greenville. The book which is an 88-line poem features Roper, an ogre, who is lonely and sad.

Roper does not know how to behave, and he steals the holiday lights. The children of Greenville decide to reach out to Roper and share their holiday gifts with him, which is the true meaning of holiday celebrations. Roper returns the lights, and the story ends with the reader being told "...we still warm our hearts on cold dark winter nights when we tour Roper Mountain and see Roper's lights."

Cathy Baus appeared as Roper at Roper Mountain Holiday Lights on weekends, and she visited classrooms at child development centers in the Rotary Read to Me program where children were presented with copies of Oh! Those Holiday Lights. Hundreds of pictures were made with children and adults hugging Cathy dressed as Roper. Cathy had over 60 hours in the Roper costume by the end of the holiday season!

Congratulations to Fred and Cathy Baus upon receiving Honorary Paul Harris Fellowship Awards!





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
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Matt Shouse was elected to the 2016 Board of Directors for the Home Builders Association of Greenville

Welcome Proposed New Members

Elizabeth Bakker

Attorney

Haynesworth, Sinkler, Boyd, P.A.

Sponsors: Charles Sprinkle and Cory Patterson

Terrence Farrier

Owner/President/CEO

Consolidated and Personal Business Services

Sponsors: Max Cochran and Don Koonce

Camille Reams

Senior VP of Regional Market

Health Plans, Inc.

Sponsors: Bob Coleman and Jim Williams

Joyce Torricos

Client Relations Specialist

Flynn Wealth Management Group

Sponsors: Kirk Wilson



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.



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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

Sat Jan 23, 16	08:30AM - 12:30PM	Holiday Lights Tear Down
Sun Jan 24, 16	01:00PM - 5:00PM	Holiday Lights Tear Down
Tue Jan 26, 16	12:00PM - 1:30PM	Club Meeting - Rick Reames, SC Department of Revenue
Sat Jan 30, 16	08:30AM-12:30PM	Holiday Lights Tear Down
Sun Jan 31, 16	01:00PM - 5:00PM	Holiday Lights Tear Down
Sat Feb 06, 16	08:30AM - 12:30PM	Holiday Lights Tear Down