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Rotary Club of Greenville OUR NEXT MEETING

Join us at the Westin Poinsett Hotel
Tuesday, April 10 at 12:00; Business Begins at 12:15



LITERACY DAY

Jermaine Whirl Greenville Technical College

Dr. Jermaine Whirl, Vice President for Learning and Workforce Development at Greenville Technical College (GTC), will address the Club during the Literacy Day meeting on April 10th.

With GTC since October 2016, Whirl previously served as Vice President of Economic Development and Corporate Training. A South Carolina native, he began his post-secondary education at Trident Technical College, earned a Bachelor's Degree at Winthrop University, a Master's Degree at Charleston Southern University, a second Master's Degree at Armstrong State University, and a Doctorate in Organizational Leadership at Valdosta State University.

Dr. Whirl came to GTC from Gwinnett Technical College in Georgia where he served for two years as Dean of the School of Business and the School of Art & Design. Prior to that, he worked for Georgia Southern University as a Visiting Instructor of Management and as Special Assistant to the Chair. Academically, he's served as a Dean of Adult Education, Dean of Academic Affairs, Visiting Professor of Business, and assistant Professor of Business Economics. Within economic development, he's worked to craft memorandums of association (MOAs) and memorandums of understanding (MOUs) with the U.S. Military and Goodwill of The Coastal Empire and North Georgia, while supporting training efforts for a host of private sector companies during his tenure in Georgia.

INVITE A FUTURE ROTARIAN AS A GUEST -- \$21

Includes a delicious lunch, an inspiring program, and free parking.
Pre-register your guest to save time at check-in.

President's Message

Thoughts from President Scott Stephens



A Conversation With a Friend

I had a great conversation with an old friend yesterday. We talked about business, family, religion and politics. Out of the blue he stated, "You know, I've thought about all the stories you've told me about what your Rotary Club is doing in the community and I think I want to join Rotary."

I hate to say it, but I was a little surprised. Not the fact that he would want to become a Rotarian, but because I've never really made a "hard sell" of Rotary to him. On occasion we've talked about Rotary club projects in the community and some of the speakers we've had. He's come to a couple of our meetings, but I've never gotten the feeling that he could fit Rotary into his schedule.

So, I asked him why he decided to join now. "Simple," he said, "When I've come to a meeting I've always been greeted warmly, and I think it's great that Rotary invests in other people's lives....like the kids who receive the scholarships for college. I want to be around leaders who make a difference in people's lives and the folks at the Rotary Club do that."

It's amazing to me how every day conversation and a simple invitation can inspire another person to get involved in a great cause.

Rotary is a great cause. This past year we have invested a number of volunteer hours back into the community! For instance:

- Teacher Appreciation Activities – 61 volunteer hours
- Roper Mountain Holiday Lights – 2022 volunteer hours
- International Projects – 118 volunteer hours
- Veteran Mentor Project – 125 volunteer hours
- Law Enforcement Appreciation – 18 volunteer hours
- Read to Me – 588 volunteer hours
- Early Act First Knight – 66 volunteer hours
- Career Day – 105 volunteer hours.

After looking at this list, it's easy to see that we have many Rotarians who are investing their talents and time for the people of our community. Who wouldn't want to be associated with this kind of leader?

On May 22nd you will have a great opportunity to invite a friend to learn more about Rotary. We will be having a 'Spring Social' at the Westin Poinsett rather than our normal luncheon. Plan to come and have cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, then if you'd like to, you can break away with friends to a great restaurant for dinner. There's no charge for potential members and spouses or significant others are only \$10, but space is limited so make sure to register on DACdb today!

Rotary Club of Greenville is a great organization in which to be a member. I'm glad I spoke often about Rotary to my friend; he'll make a great Rotarian!

Scott Stephens
Scott Stephens, President

Service Above Self Scholarship

A Letter from Ellen Featherstone

A LETTER TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF GREENVILLE FROM ELLEN FEATHERSTONE, 2014 ROTARY “SERVICE ABOVE SELF” SCHOLAR

Dear Rotarians,

On Tuesday, April 10th, I will have the privilege of speaking one last time about my experience as a Rotary “Service Above Self” scholarship recipient. It has been such an honor to represent the Rotary Club of Greenville, and I look forward to sharing my final chapter at Clemson University with all of you. This scholarship has not only given me educational support but has allowed me to learn extensively about servant leadership. I have had the best mentors throughout my time at college, and I strive to serve as fully as all the Rotarians I’ve had the pleasure to meet.

During this meeting, I will also be sharing my plans after graduation. I have accepted a position as a Health Extension Volunteer with Peace Corps Malawi. After departing June 2nd, I will be serving for 27 months abroad. During this time I will be working under the President’s Malaria Initiative and the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief. I am thrilled to be able to serve in the global health sector, and I cannot wait to use my degree to help the community I will be living in.

While in Malawi, I will also have the opportunity to pursue secondary project endeavors in areas that I feel are of high need in my local community. These projects could range from a community garden, to a fisheries project, to a Girl Guides troop, to a grassroots soccer team, or even to hosting a women’s empowerment conference. These projects will likely have to be funded through grant applications and fundraising efforts. If any members of the Rotary of Greenville feel led to donate to my future projects, I will be accepting cash and check donations prior to my departure.

Thank you again for all of your support and for encouraging me to serve to my greatest capacity.

I look forward to seeing you soon,

Ellen Featherstone
2014 Rotary “Service Above Self” Scholarship Recipient

Service Above Self Scholarship

Please Join Us.

Join us in Celebrating Ellen Featherstone's Graduation!

Ellen Featherstone, our first Rotary "Service above Self" Scholarship recipient, will graduate from Clemson University on May 11th at 2:30 p.m. As Ellen will be going to Malawi for 27 months after graduation (see above letter), we want to provide her with funds for a special project or projects which she chooses for the Malawi village in which she will be working. Three-quarters of Malawians live below the international poverty line, surviving on less than \$1.25 per day. The funds will be presented to Ellen as a graduation gift to support her continued commitment to "Service above Self."

If you would like to contribute funds for a project, please be prepared to bring cash or a check to the Rotary Club of Greenville meeting on April 10th. (Tax deductions are not available.) Checks should be made payable to Ellen Featherstone with the wording "For Malawi project(s)" on the memo line. There will be a manila envelope on each table at the Rotary meeting in which to place your donation.

If you want to send a note to Ellen as she graduates and begins this "Service above Self" journey to Malawi, please address it to Ellen Featherstone, 9 Northbrook Way, Greenville, SC 29615.

Rotarians, this is your \$50 donation to the Rotary Scholarship Fund at work! You can take great pride in the contribution that you have made to Ellen Featherstone's life and continued service to humanity! Join in this celebration of Ellen's graduation from Clemson University!

Judith S. Prince
Member, Rotary Scholarship Committee
Past President, Rotary Club of Greenville

Fore! Time to Tee it Up!



The Rotary Club of Greenville - Rotary Charities Cup Golf and Tennis Tournament

Monday, May 21, 2018

HOLLY TREE COUNTRY CLUB

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Holly Tree Country Club's eighteen-hole golf course is laid out over rolling Foothills terrain. The course was designed by George Cobb and is a challenge from all sets of tees. The course plays 6,790 yards from the blue tees, 6,340 yards from the white tees, 5,901 yards from the grey tees, 5,01 yards from the gold tees, 5,184 yards from the red tees, and 4,812 from the black tees. Four beautiful lakes and Gilder Creek bring water into play on nine of the holes. The course features a double St. Andrews-style green serving holes 9 and 18. In addition to a driving range and putting green, Holly Tree Country Club also offers a separate chipping area and a short course practice area ideal for players of all ages and skill levels wishing to work on their game.

Format: Four Person Scramble

Monday May 21, 2018

9:30-11:30am Registration (practice facilities open and putting contest)

11:30am Shotgun Start
Box Lunch served!

After Play Reception & refreshments
Presentation of Awards
(Gross & Net Team
Winners, Closest to Pin
and Hole in One Prizes)

**Only the first 25 teams
will be accepted!**

Check your level of sponsorship

(Description of sponsorship levels on next page)

- \$5,000 Title Sponsor (8 players) \$200 Single Player
 \$3,000 Presenting Sponsor (4 players) \$150 Hole Sponsor
 \$700 Foursome (4 Players)
 \$500 Supporting Sponsor

Count Me In!

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

(Upon receipt of this registration we will send you a confirmation asking for players' names & Handicap/Average Score) The first 25 teams will be accepted.

Check enclosed (payable to Rotary Charities)

VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER

Expiration Date _____ / _____ (month/year)

Card#: _____

Signature: _____

TO REGISTER scan and email form to clubadmin@greenvillerotary.org or mail to: **Rotary Club of Greenville** – 728 N. Pleasantburg Dr. Greenville, SC 29607

Mark Your Calendar

CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 10	Rotary Club of Greenville Meeting, 12:00 noon, Westin Poinsett Hotel featuring Literacy Day
Tuesday, April 24	Discover Rotary, 11:00am, Westin Poinsett Hotel
Tuesday, April 24	Rotary Club of Greenville Meeting, 12:00 noon, Westin Poinsett Hotel
Tuesday, May 1	New Member Orientation, 5:30pm, Poinsett Club
Friday, May 18	All Club Conference, Hilton Charleston Convention Center
Monday, May 21	Rotary Centennial Cup Golf Tournament, Holly Tree Country Club



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.

Service Above Self

Early Act First Knight (EAFK) Update

Our Club partners with 2 schools in the area, Alexander Elementary School and Lead Academy, in the Early Act First Knight program.

In a recent report on the partnership, Jane Dyer explained, "Our first knighting ceremony was a few weeks ago and you can't imagine how excited the students were when the curtains were pulled back and they saw a real knight!!! "

Make plans to attend one of the knighting ceremonies; however, if you do plan to attend, contact Jane as schedules may change due to conflicts that arise within the schools.



Future Knighting ceremonies:

Alexander Elementary School
May 7, 1:15 PM

Lead Academy
May 11, 1:00 PM

The program still needs volunteers, so if you would like to be involved in this very rewarding endeavor, Jane will be happy to provide additional information.

Jane Dyer:
janddyer@hotmail.com



MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL FORM

Proposed Member’s Business/Professional Information:

Name: _____ Title or Occupation: _____

Business Name: _____ Website: _____

Business Phone: _____ Email: _____

Business Address: _____
Street/City/State/Zip Code

Industry: _____ If not currently employed, are you: Retired
In Transition
Other

If retired or in transition, list employer/title/occupation/industry at time of retirement/transition: _____

Proposed Member’s Personal Information:

Mailing Address: _____
Street/City/State/Zip Code

Cell Phone: _____ Cell Carrier: _____ Email: _____

Which address do you prefer? Personal Business Which Email address do you prefer? Personal Business

Place of Birth: _____ Date of Birth: _____
(Year will not be published in Directory)

Spouse/Partner’s Name: _____ Date of Anniversary: _____
(Year will not be published in Directory)

If a former Rotarian, list club(s) and date(s): _____

If a former Rotarian, were you? Sustaining Member Board Member Active Exempt
Paul Harris Fellow Club President Rotaract

Are you a veteran? Yes No

Please explain your community service background and interest in joining the Rotary Club of Greenville (attach page if necessary):

Please Attach Updated Resume, Bio, or Linked in Connection.

Statement to be signed by Proposed Member:

I understand that it will be my duty, if accepted for membership, to exemplify the Object of Rotary (please see attachment and/or back), in all my daily contacts and. I agree to abide by the Four-Way Test. I agree to pay an initiation fee of **\$150.00** (does not apply to former members or transferring Rotarians) upon acceptance of my membership, as well as annual dues, luncheon meal fees, scholarship fund and Rotary International Foundation contribution on a timely basis and in accordance with the bylaws of the Club; additional information on costs is provided on the attached/back. I hereby give permission to the Club to publish my business and personal information (excluding actual years of birth date and anniversary date) and photograph to the Club membership via newsletters, meetings, an online Directory and the annual hardcopy Yearbook.

X
Date

X
Proposed Member’s Signature

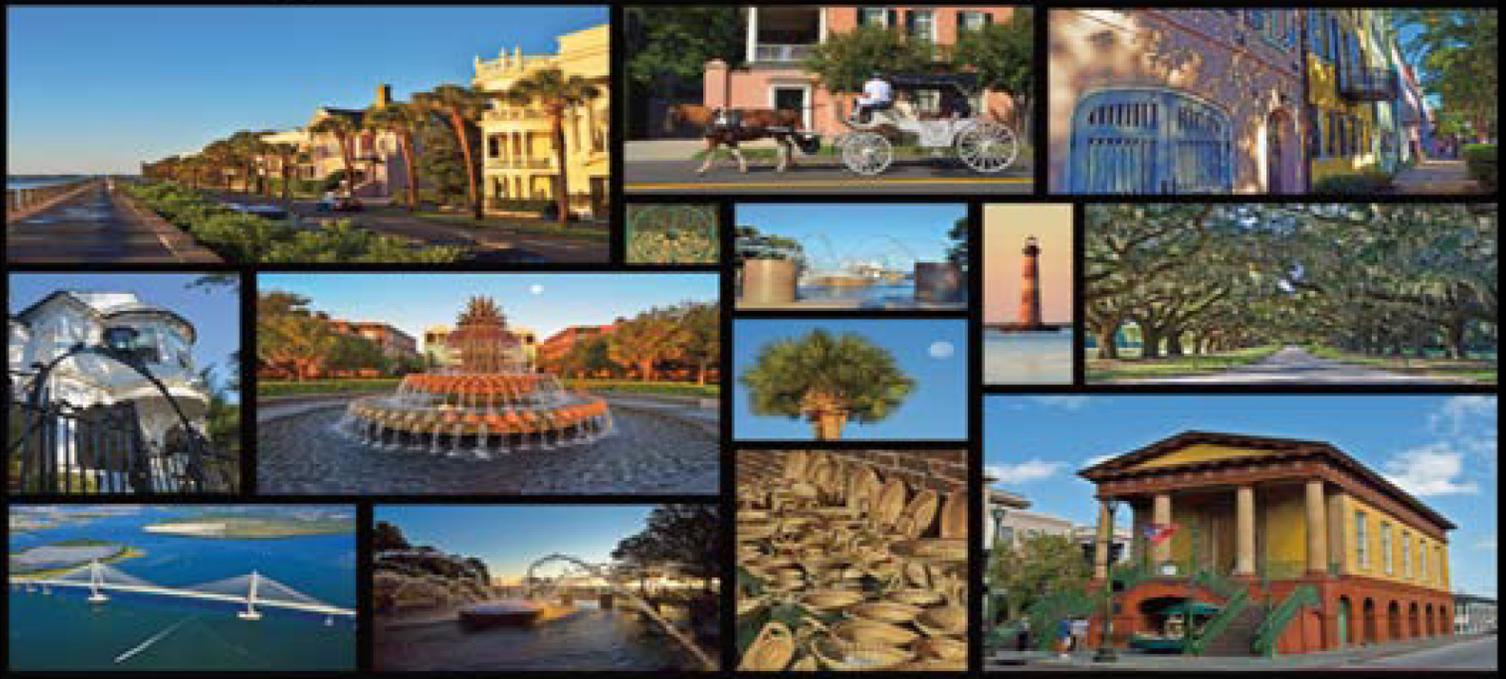
Proposed Member should keep all back-up of the application form for informational purposes and obtain all signatures before submitting

1st Sponsor Printed Name _____ 2nd Sponsor Printed Name _____

1st Sponsor Signature _____ 2nd Sponsor Signature _____

THE JOINT ALL CLUB CONFERENCE

MAY 18-20, 2018



Rotary Districts 7750 and 7680



Sponsors are needed to help defray the cost of the Conference.
[Click here for a sponsorship form.](#)

Embassy Suites by Hilton Charleston Convention Center 5055 International Blvd., North Charleston, SC

Mark your calendar to enjoy a wonderful Rotary experience among fellow Rotarians and friends in Charleston, known for its rich history, southern charm, unparalleled beauty, and its celebrated restaurant community.

We will have outstanding, interesting speakers from leadership at Rotary International and other speakers of distinction.

Join us for a fun weekend of good food, musical entertainment, and to share many Rotary accomplishments as well as free time to enjoy Charleston, voted the Number 1 city in the world and in the U.S./Canada in 2016 by Travel + Leisure.

This is a Rotary experience not to be missed that you will long remember as we seek the goal of **"Rotary: Making a Difference."**



[Watch a video](#) about the Charleston/Embassy Suites/ Convention Center



Of the things we think, say or do

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?**
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
- 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**

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