



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Rotarians –

While preparing for a recent meeting with Neil Rabon to discuss the transition into the next Rotary year, I was looking back through my self-assembled Rotary notebook and it hit me that we have really made some great strides during the past 11 months. While some of my goals and objectives were not completely met, I am happy to say we have certainly improved the Rotary Club of Greenville during the past year.

From new member recruitment to Rotary Foundation participation (and everything in between!), this Club has really stepped it up a notch! Operationally, we are better than ever and have accomplished some very important tasks that will improve our Club's future success. Space is too short and there are way too many people to thank individually, but I want you all to know that the "Rotarians" in our Club really make things happen and they understand what it takes to make this machine run. The dedication and effort of this membership is unbelievable! Each of you have made this year as smooth as it could be, and for that I am grateful. I bet there are a lot of Past Presidents out there that would agree with me when I say it truly takes a group effort to maintain the success we have enjoyed over the past 90+ years.

I am honored to have served as your President this year and hope I have met your expectations. More importantly, however, I hope that you are proud to be members of such an accomplished Rotary Club. Please continue to put Service Above Self and work hard to insure that our Rotary Club of Greenville continues to be the premier service club in the Carolinas. Thanks to everyone for your encouragement during the past year and I encourage everyone to support Neil in the upcoming service year.

Yours in Rotary,

Matt

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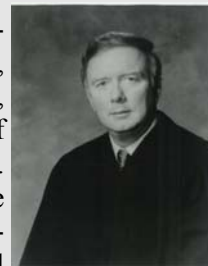
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Next Meeting: June 12, 2007

Westin Poinsett Hotel, Gold Room

JUDGE WILKINS TO DISCUSS THE DEATH PENALTY IN AMERICA

Chief Judge Billy Wilkins is a native of Greenville, South Carolina, a graduate of Davidson College, and a graduate of the University of South Carolina School of Law. He was Editor-in-Chief of the South Carolina Law Review, Captain of the South Carolina National Moot Court Team, and a member of the Order of Wig and Robe. During his senior year in law school, he was selected as the Outstanding Graduate of the Year.



He was appointed United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina on July 22, 1981. He was the first federal judge in the nation appointed by President Ronald Reagan. On October 29, 1985, President Reagan appointed him the first Chair of the United States Sentencing Commission and he served in that position until October of 1994. In addition to his duties on the Sentencing Commission, he continued to serve as a federal judge, and on June 16, 1986, he was appointed United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. In 1999 Chief Justice Rehnquist appointed Judge Wilkins Chair of the Committee on Criminal Law for the federal judiciary. Presently he serves as the Chief Judge of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, which means that he is the top federal judge in five states – South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, and Maryland.

Judge Wilkins has been involved in 96 individual death penalty cases in either his capacity as an attorney or as a judge.



BE SURE TO PRE-REGISTER FOR THE INSTALLATION OF MYLES GOLDEN JUNE 26TH



Please remember that our noon meeting on June 26th will be replaced by an evening banquet meeting at the Poinsett Hotel featuring the Installation of a Greenville Rotarian, Myles Golden, as District Governor for 2007-08. Active members will receive credit for their prepaid lunch, resulting in a cost for the evening banquet of \$20.00. Active Exempt Members and Guests/Spouses are \$35.00. Entrée choices are halibut, filet mignon, and vegetable napoleon.

Keynote address will be delivered by our member David Shi, President of Furman University

Please plan to attend and bring a guest to this event! You must pre-register and pay by contacting Vickie at the office. She will have registration forms at Tuesday's meeting. Let's have a big turnout for Myles!

ROTARY CLUB 2007-08 DUES INFORMATION

The Rotary Club Board of Directors has recently examined the budget for the upcoming 2007-08 service year. After carefully reviewing actual expenses from recent years and comparing it with expected needs for the upcoming Rotary year, the Board has proposed a 2007-08 budget with a revised dues structure. This recommended dues structure and the budget will require a club vote that will be held on July 10th, 2007.

The Board has approved a \$32.00 increase in club dues. Together with Rotary International and District dues, that brings the dues total of \$162.00. In recent years, the Club has absorbed the increases in District and International dues. Obviously, this is not a sustainable situation.

The cost of meals will remain \$360.00 for the year and donations are \$150.00. That brings the grand total to \$672.00. Service year dues are due at the beginning of the year in July. Checks are the preferred method of payment made payable to "The Rotary Club of Greenville".

***The reasonable man adapts himself to the world;
the unreasonable one persists in trying
to adapt the world to himself. Therefore, all progress
depends on unreasonable men.***

-George Bernard Shaw

UPDATE PERSONAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Just a reminder that any updates to the Rotary Directory pertaining to member contact information should be made so that the accurate information is printed in the published directory. You may update the information by going to the Rotary Website and logging into the secured area. You may also contact the Rotary office for assistance. Thank you!

BULLETIN DEADLINE NOTICE

**Articles for the July 5th bulletin
must be received no later than
Monday, June 18th.**

Please e-mail them to kcorvin@winning.com

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