



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Rotarians,

Saturday, January 26 is the date for the next Rotary District 7750 Assembly, to be held at the Carolina Center beginning about 8:30 and going through lunch. Assemblies are big deals in the Rotary world, and are a time for planning and fellowship within the District organization. It is an opportunity for clubs to update each other on what's happening in their respective worlds, and for the District leadership to focus on the effectiveness of the various efforts that are on-going in Rotary.

One of the areas of focus this year and certainly in our District is membership, attracting and retaining it. While we enjoy a particular status due to the size of our club, it is an ever present challenge to get new folks in and involve them in the life of our club so that they stay. We know that we are effective in part due to the size of our club, and while the club leadership is not desirous of trying to "get bigger" we do need to maintain and that requires new members. (One R.I. goal is for each club to have a net gain in membership, we may need as many as 50 new members to have a net gain of one.)

So, be aware of the need to keep our applicant pool full, and consider registering for the Assembly next weekend. If you wish to attend, the club will pay for your registration. It will be informative and quite enjoyable. And you may find another way to be of service that you had not yet considered.

Thanks for your Service above Self!

Neil

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

January 22, 2008

11:15 a.m.

Symphony Building Office

(two doors South from the Poinsett Hotel)

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Next Meeting: January 22, 2008

WESTIN POINSETT HOTEL, GOLD ROOM

TWO SONS OF ATLANTA: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AND FORMER GEORGIA GOVERNOR LESTER MADDOX



Reverend Baxter Wynn, Minister of Pastoral Care and Community Relations at Greenville First Baptist Church will give an interesting and informative speech examining the early life of two leaders of the civil rights struggle in the 1960s. Baxter will give

all of us insight into two Atlanta sons that grew up 4 miles apart and how each of their early life experiences shaped them into the men they became and the sides they took in the Civil Rights struggle of the 1950s and 1960s. On one side, Martin Luther King, Jr. and the other, Governor Lester Maddox. For anyone who has not heard Baxter speak, this will certainly be an entertaining and poignant look at the history of the modern South.

PROGRAM NOTE

Invitations have been extended to the three Democratic Presidential Candidates and as of publication, no confirmation had been made. However, if one or more confirm, they will be the featured speaker(s) Tuesday and a bulletin addendum will be issued to members immediately.



**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
JANUARY 21, 2008**

“Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred. We must ever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence. Again and again we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force.”

-Reverend Martin
Luther King, Jr.



**VOLUNTEER TAX
COUNSELORS NEEDED**

United Way has formed a task force to expand VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) sites in Greenville County. The objective of this IRS sponsored service is to offer **free** tax return preparation for low income individuals, who may be eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). The EITC is a tax refund, for eligible working taxpayers, over their calculated tax liability (if any). Volunteers must be willing to commit to 4-8 hours per week, nights or Saturdays. Basic computer and basic tax return preparation experience is required. Volunteer receptionists are also needed at each site to assist with sign-in and appointments. Training, computer, printer and IRS software are provided. If you care interested please contact Welch Bostick @ 288-8278 or email welch618@bellsouth.net. You may also contact Claire Winkler @ 242-4845 or email claire.winkler@charter.net.

PROPOSED NEW MEMBERS

JAMES MOON

Director, Western Carolina District
Muscular Dystrophy Association
(MDA)

Classification: Non-Profit Agency
Sponsors: Bob Morris and Neil Rabon
Former Member of the Charleston
Breakfast Club from 2000-2001

D. SCOTT STEPHENS

Restaurant Owner, Camille's Sidewalk
Café

Classification: Restaurant Owner
Sponsors: Wilson Nelson and John
Redmond
Former member of the Anderson Club
2001-2004

JEREMY STRICKLER

Financial Consultant, Raymond James
Classification: Financial Consultant
Sponsors: Fred Suggs Jr. and Paul
Wetzel

**Be sure to Vote
in the upcoming primaries!**

Republican Primary: January 19th, 2008
Democratic Primary: January 25th, 2008

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