



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Rotarians,

This week's program, Career Day, is a wonderful opportunity for all members to place service to our youth above self. Sharing your work with a local student can provide a positive role model for that student that may not be realized for years to come!

I want to thank all members who are unselfishly sharing their work day. Thanks also to Trey Pennington and his committee for putting together such a great program. Technology is our future, and it is so wonderful to see such organizations as the GSA Technology Council keeping technology front and center in our region's economic development efforts.

I want to take a moment to also remind the club to register for the District Conference. As we are hosting this in Greenville this year, it would be wonderful to have a huge club turn out! The dates are May 2-5 in downtown Greenville. Since our District Governor is Myles Golden, I urge all of you to do all you can to attend part or all of this conference to support our own club's District Governor.

Sincerely,

Neil

Word for the Day

Peripatetic: *One who walks from place to place. A follower of Aristotle and Aristotilean thought.*

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

March 25, 2008

11:15 a.m.

Symphony Building Office

(two doors South from the Poinsett Hotel)

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WESTIN POINSETT HOTEL, GOLD ROOM

CAREER DAY SPEAKER

**PHIL YANOV, FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR
OF GSA TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL**

Phil Yanov is the Founder and Executive Director of the GSA Technology Council. He writes and speaks about technology on the radio, in newspapers, and on the web.



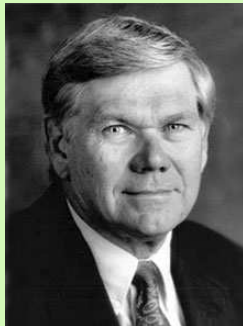
He co-hosts the Your Day Radio Show Technology call-in which is heard across SC on the ETV Radio system. He is a peripatetic, writer, blogger, podcaster, and occasional video caster. In these venues and at the invitation of corporate clients, he directs the personal use of technology and performance enhancing strategies for technology professionals.

He can be found on the web at www.philyanov.com.

Check out his blog at <http://blog.thinkhammer.com>



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS



HOW ROTARY IS HELPING JOHNNY (AND JENNY) READ

Left: John Corcoran achieved professional success without being able to read and write. After 48 years, he learned to read, and is now working to end illiteracy in North America through his California, USA, based foundation.

Photo courtesy of John Corcoran

John Corcoran prayed a lot when he was in Catholic grade school: "I used to pray, 'Dear God, when it comes my turn, please let me be able to read the words.'"

Suffering from an undiagnosed learning disability, Corcoran sat in the back row, called the "dumb row." But he was athletic and good in math. So Corcoran charmed, lied, cheated, and even bought his way through high school and college, eventually becoming a teacher and successful real estate investor. All without ever learning to read and write. It wasn't until he was 48 that he learned to read through a community learning center.

Now, through the John Corcoran Foundation, based in Oceanside, California, USA, he works to end illiteracy in North America. And he's even gone on to write two books, including a best-selling memoir, *The Teacher Who Couldn't Read*.

Read the full article at http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/080303_news_Whenwordsfail.aspx

District Conference May 2-4 Register Today!



GRANTS COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES GRANT APPLICATION SCHEDULE

The Rotary Grants Committee is accepting applications from local non-profit organizations for grants up to \$5,000. An application can be found on the club's Web site under Forms. Send the applications to our grants chairman Beth Padgett, at: Beth Padgett, The Greenville News, P.O. Box 1688, Greenville, SC 29602, or give them to Vickie Pittman at a Rotary meeting.

Applications due March 17th!

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