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**Please join us on Tuesday as we welcome David Wilkins, former U.S. Ambassador to Canada and former S.C. House Speaker, for our keynote address.**

## DAVID WILKINS TO ADDRESS CLUB

Ambassador David H. Wilkins is a Partner at Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP and chairs the Public Policy and International Law practice group.



On April 27, 2005, Mr. Wilkins was nominated by President George W. Bush to become the U.S. Ambassador to Canada and was confirmed unanimously by the U.S. Senate on May 26, 2005. On June 29, 2005, he became the 21st U.S. Ambassador to Canada.

During his tenure, Ambassador Wilkins helped to resolve some of the most high-profile issues between Canada and the U.S., including the decades-old softwood lumber dispute. Prior to his appointment as Ambassador, Mr. Wilkins practiced law for 34 years in Greenville, and has extensive experience in civil litigation and appellate practice.

Mr. Wilkins was elected to the S.C. House of Representatives in 1980 and served there for 25 years. He was the first Republican elected speaker of any legislative body in the South since the 1880s and retired as one of the longest serving speakers in the country. In 2001, he served as president of the National Speakers Association.

Mr. Wilkins was appointed by President Bush to the Board of Visitors to the United States Academy at West Point in 2002 and served for three years. He currently serves as a trustee on the Clemson University Board.

A native of Greenville, Ambassador Wilkins earned his undergraduate degree from Clemson University and his law degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law. He also served in the U.S. Army and U.S. Army Reserves.

The Ambassador has been married to Susan Wilkins for 37 years. They are the proud parents of two grown sons and two grandchildren. The Wilkins reside in Greenville.

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**WESTIN POINSETT HOTEL, GOLD BALLROOM**

## UPCOMING ROTARY PROGRAMS

April 28th 5:30pm social event in lieu of regular lunch meeting at Overlook Grill (beside Falls Park)

## HEALTH AND HAPPINESS HOUR

Monday, April 20, 2009

5:30-7:00

Blue Ridge Brewery- 217 North Main Street

Cash bar and complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

## WELCOME

We are pleased to announce that Jackie Drake has been hired as our new Club Administrator.

Jackie has many years of experience working as an Office Manager and Training Coordinator. Jackie comes to us highly recommended. Her computer and bookkeeping skills and high energy level will be an asset to the Club as we continue to evolve. Jackie will play a large role in our conversion to new accounting and membership software this Spring.

Please make a point to introduce yourself to Jackie at the next meeting and welcome her to our Club!

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