

Welcome To Rotary

Tuesday
August 26, 2014

Today's Program

Today's Song: God Bless America - Bob Tillotson

Today's Invocation: Jennifer Parker

Health & Happiness: Koger Bradford

Today's Program: Update on Common Core in SC
- Dr. Danny Varat

Last Week's Program

Senator Shane Martin gave us an update on the SC State Senate last week. He noted that the state budget that was approved last year was the largest ever, yet there was no increase in funding for education, the local government fund or school buses.

Upcoming Programs

Sept. 2 Songs from Hairspray (Play) - Deana Neibert

Sept. 9 **NO MEETING - ROTARY SOCIAL**
5:30 - 7:30 College Football Tailgating Party

Sept. 16 Israel - Trip Report and State of Affairs
- Byron McCane

Paul Harris Fellows

Greg Leitch and Gaines Mason (+1) were recognized for Paul Harris Fellowships last week.

FUN FACTS

Gaines Mason

I have served on many boards and helped raise money as campaign chairman for many organizations including United Ways and Arts Organizations across the state including Bamberg, Columbia, Hartsville, and Spartanburg. But got the best thrills out along with others of helping to found The Spartanburg Residential Development Corporation and serving as its treasurer for 12 years. We along with the other officers of the corporation got 8 banks to agree to make at least 3 loans a year to low and moderate income home buyers at favorable terms such as low down payments and below market interest rates. Each bank took its applications and approved their own loans. The borrower had to have a job with enough income to make the payment plus pay their other regular bills and payments. The total of this loan payment plus other loan payments could not exceed 37%/38% of gross monthly income. They had to have a good credit bureau report of good payment records. After 12 years, together we put over 250 families in homes. In 1957, I was voted the Most Valuable Player by my teammates on my high school football team as a Senior running back at Swansea High School. We lost only one game that year. I played baseball at Furman. In 1960, I lead the Southern Conference in stolen bases. It was a good year!

Greg Mack

Worked in five different school districts, the State Department of Education, and a short stint as Director of Finance for the City of Spartanburg. Retired Naval Reserve Commander - four years active and 18 in the drilling reserves, 22 total. Married since 1987 to Sharon Smith Mack, whom I met at age 10. Native of Saluda, SC. Two kids, both in college, one daughter, age 21, studying theatre at Montclair State University in New Jersey; one son, age 18, about to matriculate into Auburn University to study architecture. A poor golfer but play anyway; like baseball & football. USC Columbia alumnus, class of '81, attended both Clemson and USC, but degreed from USC.

Welcome New Members

Allen Smith - Chamber of Commerce
Jay Sinsley - Coldwell Banker Caine