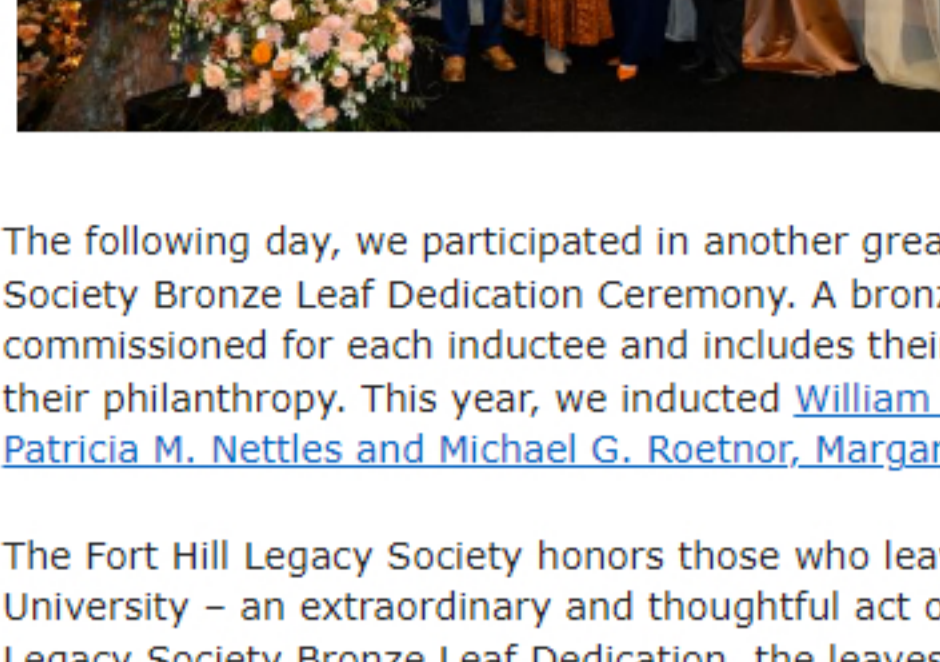


Greetings from Tiger Town!

Author Melody Beattie said, "Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow."

During this season of thankfulness and giving, these words hold a special meaning. Clemson University was established by a great act of philanthropy. It stands on that foundation, and the time, talent and treasure we give today will create the Clemson of tomorrow. We are grateful for everything those of yesterday, today and tomorrow have and will do for the betterment of our incredible University.

It began with one man – one plan. And every November, we come together to recognize and celebrate those who have followed our founder's footsteps through thoughtful and purposeful generosity – those who are establishing plans today that will impact future generations. These are members of our Clemson Legacy Society – who have remembered Clemson in their gift and estate planning. Last week, we recognized them for their commitment to future generations during the annual Clemson Legacy Society Dinner. Here, we celebrated and inducted the newest members into this esteemed society and presented them with a framed copy of Thomas Green Clemson's last will and testament. It is a special evening, and we hope you will take a few moments to watch this recap of the evening here.



The following day, we participated in another great tradition, the Fort Hill Legacy Society Bronze Leaf Dedication Ceremony. A bronzed leaf is personally commissioned for each inductee and includes their signatures and a description of their philanthropy. This year, we inducted [William "Bill" C. Nettles, Jr. '55, '59](#) and [Patricia M. Nettles and Michael G. Roetnor, Margaret Roetnor and Phyllis Roetnor](#).

The Fort Hill Legacy Society honors those who leave \$1 million or more to Clemson University – an extraordinary and thoughtful act of generosity. During the Fort Hill Legacy Society Bronze Leaf Dedication, the leaves for the Nettles and the Roetnors were placed under the Second Century Oak, which stands at Fort Hill on the historic site of the University's first Board of Trustees meeting.

Please watch [this video](#) recapping the special ceremony and [read more about the newest members of the Fort Hill Legacy Society](#) below.

William "Bill" C. Nettles, Jr. '55, '59 and Patricia M. Nettles: William "Bill" C. Nettles, Jr. is remembered by many as a true "Renaissance man." He left a profound impact at Clemson University through endowments to provide scholarships and program support for plant and environmental sciences, entomology, University Libraries and the South Carolina Botanical Gardens. The Nettles family also supported the University through gifts to the Calhoun Lecture Series, Clemson University Tiger Band, the Brooks Center for the Performing Arts, Scholarships for Scholars, and the Class of 1955 Reunion Fund. Bill Nettles was a leader in helping raise the funds to establish the beloved '55 Exchange, home of Clemson's delicious ice cream. Every aspect of the '55 Exchange has felt the touch of the Nettles family's legacy of dedication, loyal service and transformational philanthropy.

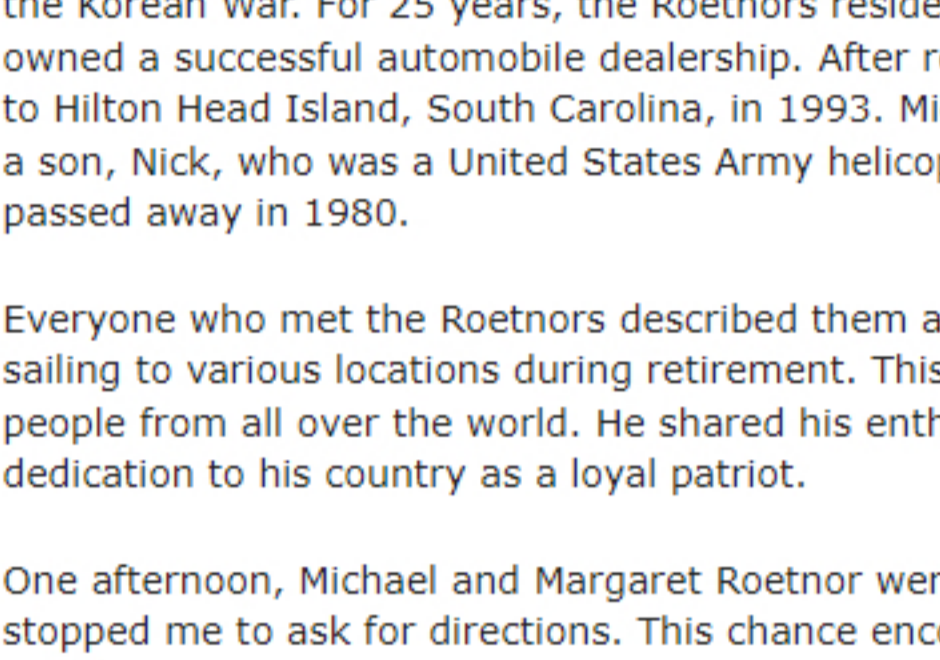
Nettles had a fierce intellect with a profound knowledge of culture and nature. He graduated from Clemson University with a B.S. in agricultural chemistry and M.S. in entomology. Nettles served in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1958 to 1960 and earned his doctorate in toxicology from Rutgers University in 1962. For over 32 years, he worked as a research entomologist/toxicologist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in Louisiana and Texas.

Nettles' wife, Patricia "Pat" Maguire, graduated from the University of Texas-Austin with a mathematics degree and then received an accounting degree from Louisiana State University. They shared 37 years together traveling the world, experiencing different cultures and enjoying their passion for nature. Sadly, Pat passed away in 2004.

Beyond academics and career pursuits, Nettles had a deep desire to leave the world a better place and dedicated himself to improving the lives of those around him.

After retiring in 1994, Bill Nettles returned to the Clemson area and settled in Salem, South Carolina. He served on the Patrons Council of the Calhoun Lecture Series at Clemson University and was recognized by the University with membership in the 1889 Society and Clemson Legacy Society. Nettles married Jean Grace McGonigal in 2006, and they enjoyed a wonderful life together. He passed away in December of 2017.

The Nettles' love and immense generosity was a light that warmed and brightened the Clemson community, and through his posthumous support, Bill Nettles will impact and inspire generations in perpetuity.



Michael G. Roetnor, Margaret Roetnor and Phyllis Roetnor: Michael G. Roetnor was born and spent most of his life on the coast of southern California. He graduated from California State University in 1951. Following graduation, he entered the United States Air Force and flew the B29 bomber during the Korean War. For 25 years, the Roetnors resided in Los Angeles, where Michael owned a successful automobile dealership. After retirement, the couple relocated to Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, in 1993. Michael and Margaret Roetnor had a son, Nick, who was a United States Army helicopter pilot. Nick Roetnor sadly passed away in 1980.

Everyone who met the Roetnors described them as kind and loving. They enjoyed sailing to various locations during retirement. This passion introduced Michael to people from all over the world. He shared his enthusiasm for golf and his love and dedication to his country as a loyal patriot.

One afternoon, Michael and Margaret Roetnor were driving through Clemson; they stopped me to ask for directions. This chance encounter launched a long and rewarding relationship for Clemson University and for me and my husband with the Roetnors.

After Margaret passed away, Michael found love again with Phyllis "PJ" Roetnor. They came back to campus often which gave Michael Roetnor the chance to walk around campus and talk with students. He met several ROTC leaders, including Col. Sandy Edge and Captain Onan. After much thought, Michael agreed to pledge a significant estate commitment that would yield more than \$1.5 million to create an endowed grant-in-aid in honor of Margaret Roetnor, who passed in 1996, and Phyllis Roetnor, his second wife.

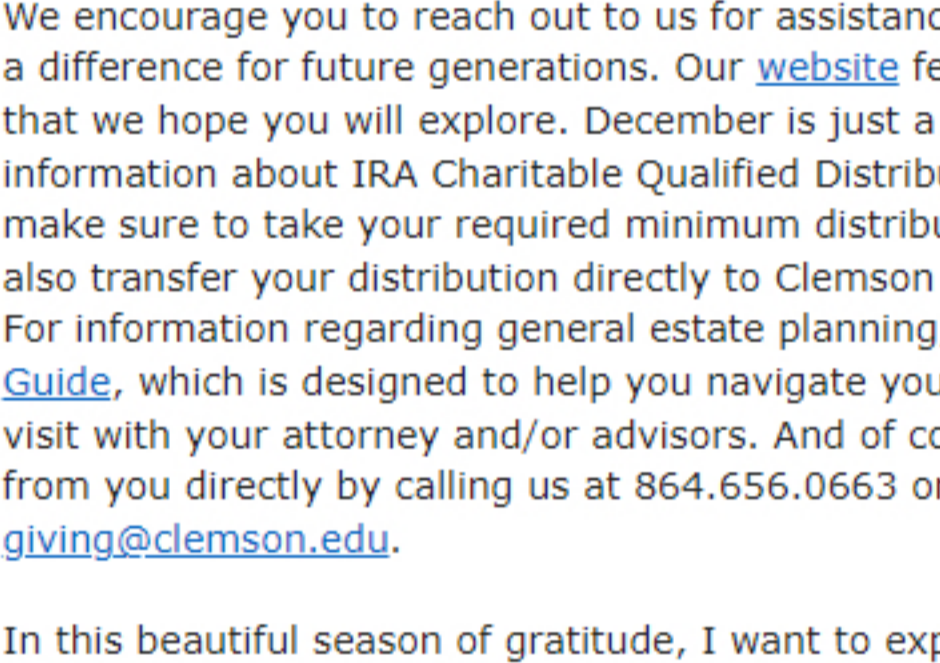
The Roetnors left a legacy to inspire and prepare ROTC cadets for military service. Clemson Army and Air Force ROTC cadets carry a rich tradition of the historic Clemson Corps of Cadets. Clemson University's Army and Air Force ROTC programs are recognized among the best in the country. Talented young students serve our great nation in every corner of the globe as the future leaders of our armed forces. Through their patriotic duty, the distinguished and selfless service of the Clemson Corps of Cadets will be kept alive and thrive with this extraordinary investment in their future.

The legacy of the Roetnors will be carried forward by the cadets of today and tomorrow, and the legacy of Bill and Pat Nettles will be carried forward by future generations of Clemson students. Those impacted are individuals who these selfless donors never met but who will feel the direct impact of their thoughtful generosity.

Clemson University is forever grateful to the Roetnors and the Nettles for their unwavering commitment and thoughtful generosity.



During this year's Clemson Legacy Society Dinner, we had the privilege of hearing from one of our newest Clemson Legacy Society members, Ernest Haynes '97, President of Sonoco Metal Packaging. He spoke to the group about "time." He talked about how we spend our time, what we spend our time doing, and to what end that time serves – how that time matters. He emphasized the importance of how the people who came before us spent their time. Because that's what made Clemson the University we love today. Ernest described how he and his family will continue to spend their time, talents, treasures and investments with our great Institution. By doing so, he is confident that he can have the same impact on future generations – people he will never meet – that previous generations have had on him. "I want them to feel the same way I felt when I first came to this campus," Ernest said. "Clemson was home to me then, just like she is home to me now."



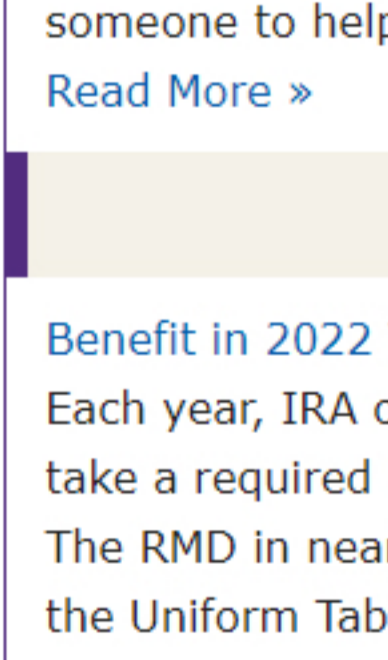
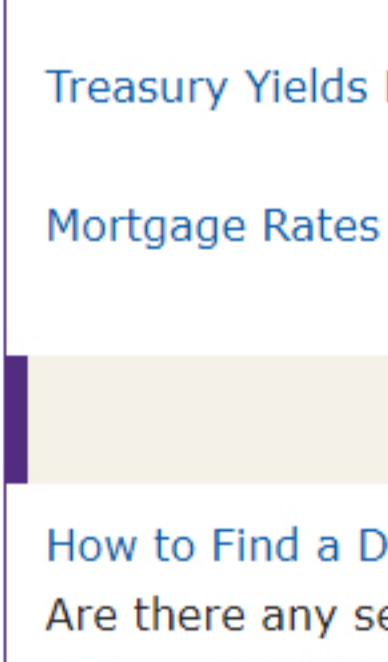
Planning today for the progression and enhancement of Clemson's future is a true mark of selfless generosity. Ernest and his fellow legacy society members represent this selfless generosity, for they will never see the results of their philanthropy; however, they are confident their impact will be felt. It will be a legacy worth leaving and have a ripple effect on future generations. Please consider how your gifts, both today and tomorrow, can shape and enhance the Clemson Experience.

We encourage you to reach out to us for assistance in deciding how you can make a difference for future generations. Our [website](#) features useful online resources that we hope you will explore. December is just a few days away, and you can find information about IRA Charitable Qualified Distribution (QCD) benefits [here](#). Please make sure to take your required minimum distributions to avoid penalty. You may also transfer your distribution directly to Clemson and not recognize it as income. For information regarding general estate planning, please download our [free Wills Guide](#), which is designed to help you navigate your thoughts and plans before you visit with your attorney and/or advisors. And of course, we always enjoy hearing from you directly by calling us at 864.656.0663 or emailing us at giving@clemson.edu.

In this beautiful season of gratitude, I want to express my deep appreciation and sincere thanks to each of you. I hope you and your family enjoyed a happy, healthy and beautiful Thanksgiving. The holidays are ahead, and we hope you enjoy great fellowship and food with your family and friends.

GO Tigers!

Gratefully yours,



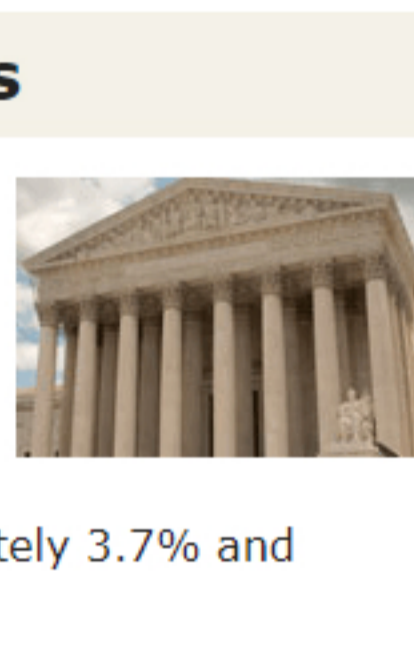
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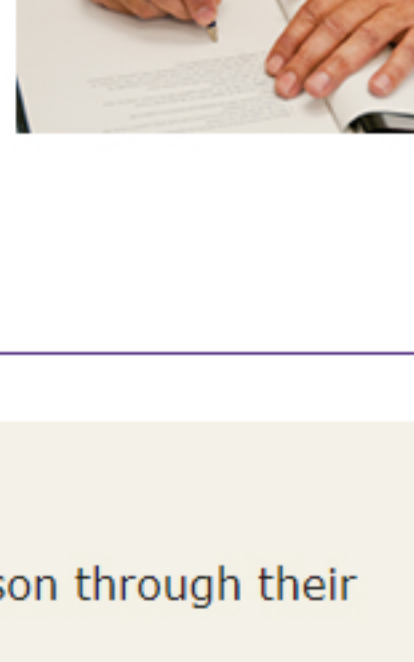


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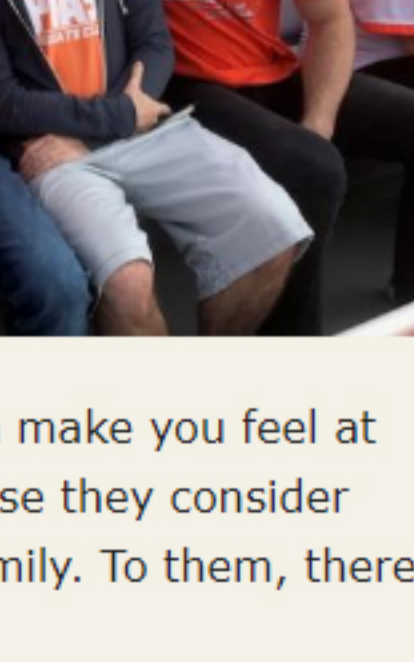


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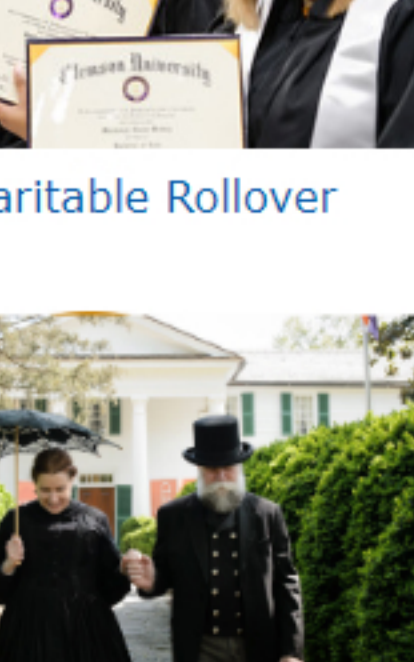


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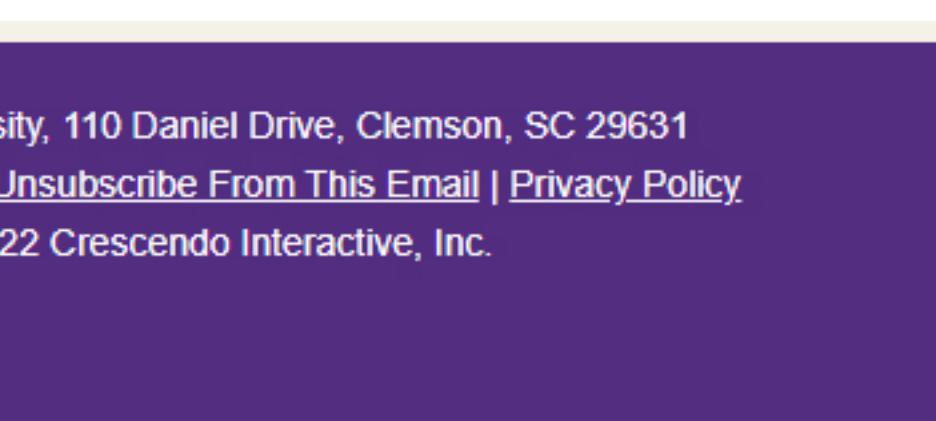


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When Charles '84 and Rhonda Cooper enter a room, it lights up. Their zest for life and love of Clemson is palpable. Within a few minutes of meeting them, you feel like you have known them for years. Charles and Rhonda make you feel at "home" — like you are with family. That is because they consider you as a part of their family — their Clemson Family. To them, there is no stronger or greater bond!



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