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Members and clubs responded to make 2016-17 an outstanding Rotary year

BY DG LANCE YOUNG

Thank you, Thank you and Thank
you!

Our Rotary year is fast coming to a close and I want to sincerely thank each Rotarian in District 7750 for your participation in club activities, for giving to the Rotary Foundation and celebrating its 100th year (Annual Fund, Endowment and PolioPlus), for bringing in new members, supporting the district Automated External Defibrillators (AED) program, starting new Rotaract and Interact Clubs and most importantly for Serving Humanity! You have made my responsibility as your District Governor extremely fun this year! You are ALL STARS Rotarians in my book!

Rotary joins leaders, exchanges ideas, and takes action. And that is exactly what you have done in your clubs. I started off the year by building on the Rotary theme: Rotary Serving Humanity and added through People, Pride and Passion. Each one of you carried out the expanded theme perfectly. We instituted a new award, Governors of Excellence pin. All a Rotarian had to do was participate in a Service Project, give to the Foundation and bring in a new member to their club. It was well received.

Celebrating D-7750's accomplishments this year is a must.

- We have updated our 5-year Strategic Plan.



Lance and Paul Harris

- We are refreshing our District website and it should go live by the end of August.
- We tried some new approaches to membership growth through Membership Grants—where the district would pay for potential members if the club had an intentional membership drive, 'Bring a Friend to Rotary' drive in the months of August and April, as well as worked with clubs through the Grow Rotary Action Team. Our current membership is up by 64 members as of 29 May. Let's end the year strong!
- Our Rotary Foundation giving is climbing in our district. So far, our PolioPlus giving is at \$120,721.39k and two more checks are at RI to be entered (\$8K from the April Polio

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THROUGH MAY 31, WE ARE UP 63 MEMBERS FOR 2016-17.

STRENGTHEN YOUR CLUB

Update - Membership Grants – The home stretch

BY JOHN KIMBELL

The District 7750 Membership Grant season is in full swing and moving to the finish line over the next few weeks. The grant objective was to promote strong growth of clubs in this Rotary year ending June 30, 2017. It was also designed to foster awareness and application of best practices and a discipline of applying intentional and strong follow up strategies. A few clubs have completed and reported their events.

A good example is Rotary Club of Rock Hill. Membership Chair Mary Edgecomb reported that 8 prospects attended their April event, and two are already members. They have five others as strong prospects over the next 3 months to one year.

Lauri SoJourney shared that they had six prospects at the Aiken

Sunrise Get Together resulting in one application for membership. They also have three other strong prospects from the event.

Another good example is Clemson Calhoun Rotary Club. Karen Pruitt, Membership Chair, reported, "We consider the event a success and believe that the grant opportunity and club resources were well spent." They have two strong prospects in the next three months and 4 more over the next year, and many more they can attract. The key will be follow up and nurturing these valuable prospects.

Notice one common thread among these three examples; all have several prospects that call for follow up and nurturing over a period of months, even a year. That is the reality of membership

development. Research clearly shows that 60 % of prospects join within in one year, and 30 % in the 2nd year.

The [Recipe for a Successful Membership Event](#) includes many useful tips on best practices for follow up. Every current Rotarian can also help nurture valued prospects by welcoming and engaging them now and over many months.

Stay tuned for final results to be included in the August newsletter just in time for Rotary Membership Month.



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match and \$11,091 from the Spartanburg club) which will be a grand total of \$139,721.39 for Polio Plus, a new record for our district.

- We tried a new way to give to PolioPlus by matching clubs giving in the month of April up to \$500. Also we had a 'skip a meal for Polio' in the months of September and May.
- Our Annual Fund giving is under our goal at just above \$348k at this time—please continue to give in this area—every dollar counts.
- Our Endowment is just above \$48k and it is a new record.

- Major Gifts are at 6, which is a new record and our Major Donors are at 11, which is a new record. Also, we are only 32 PHFs away from breaking another record in our district. Outstanding.
- The All Club Conference in February was another huge success. We had more than 300 attend and raised over \$9k for PolioPlus in our Silent Auction. The House of Friendship was huge this year and was well received by all. The speakers were educational, fun and were engaging. I received many compliments for attendees.

You did so many other things in your clubs, such as planting trees in your communities to celebrate the 100 Anniversary of the Foundation, participating in Blood Drives, recognizing First Responders in club meeting, participating in the Rotary Youth Exchange program and the list keeps going.

I'm really proud to be the District Governor of D-7750 because you truly do Serve Humanity! Thank you, Thank you and Thank you again for being outstanding Rotarians and doing good in the world.

STRENGTHEN YOUR CLUB

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

TOP TEN: List for recruiting and engaging younger Rotarians

based on suggestions from the 2014-2015 Rotary International Young Professionals Summit.

BY DGE ED IRICK, Rotary Cub of Greenville Evening, District Membership Chair

We need to recruit young professionals. Have you heard this? I certainly have. How to recruit younger members seems to be a hot topic in many Rotary Clubs. I ran across the following list and wanted to share it with you. As you read through the list, notice the intentional strategies that are outlined. Also notice that some of these strategies would be useful in attracting and recruiting members of all ages.

1 Find your connector: Who is your club's youngest member? Your best inviter? Set realistic goals. Realize who is young for your club: Typically an individual's friends range between 10 years younger and 10 years over their own age. If your club's median age is 80, you're probably not going to gain a lot of 20-year-olds members right away. But you might know some 70-year-olds... who know some 60-year-olds... who know some 50-year-olds... you see where we are going with this. Make your first goal realistic and then recruit from there.

2 Broaden your definition of leader: Look to the future, not just the leaders in place. Look in your office and reach out to the junior associate. Look out for stand out amongst your children's friends. Think about who might benefit from Rotary while they are giving to Rotary.

3 Be upfront about the value of our network: Rotarians are a powerful group of people, and there is no shame in networking. Do not keep it hush-hush, be a CONNECTOR! When you're talking to a younger prospect, think of whom you know in their field and arrange to go to coffee-talking not just about Rotary, but about career, and how they might grow in their field. Let's be honest about the value of Rotary's network - networking bridges the gap between older and younger members.

4 Go where the young people are physically and virtually: Have a Happy Hour at a restaurant popular with young people, and BE VISIBLE branding the event with your club's signage. Hold a multi-club service or social event connecting young professionals across clubs. Post photos of all your events to both your club and personal Facebook and Twitter streams.

5 Introduce the verb Rotary before the noun Rotary - invite a prospective member to 3 events (not meetings) before you invite them to a meeting. This baits the hook and gets them interested in Rotary and what Rotary does... and don't try to get married on the first date.

6 Be interesting and relevant to young people - Invite engaging and creative speakers. Be open to young professionals' ideas for service and speakers. Do not shoot down change just because you have always done something the same way. Make time for hands on service. Try to make a cultural shift, saying, "yes, and here's how I can help" to every idea brought to you by a member - anything is worth one try!

7 Be welcoming - EVERY MEMBER should be a greeter at EVERY MEETING. Remind your members to be warm and welcoming to new faces, and move around - get to know each other; don't sit in the same place every week.

8 Exercise flexibility: Young professionals experience lots of family and career demands - and have less ability to control their own schedules. Embrace a young professional friendly philosophy. Recognize that Rotary is not the only thing going on in their lives and make Rotary EASY to do through generous attendance policies and through counting Service or any Rotary related activity as make-ups.

9 Review your dues and fees! Take a close look at your budget, survey your members about what they want included? Does the value match the dollar amount? For cost of meals? For annual events? For sponsorships? For annual giving? For absolutely every line item! Can you take an À la carte approach to your fees? Or can you offer reduced fees for persons under a certain age for a certain number of years? (Consider seriously whether they will be able to stay in your club once they age out of your program).

10 Treat your existing young members well. Recognize that all Rotarians should be appreciated as full Rotarians - and viewed as potential committee chairs, board members, presidents, and district leaders - throw out your waiting list and remember that your younger members are valuable leaders or they wouldn't be in Rotary in the first place.

Inman's ROTARY READERS support RI focus on literacy

BY CATHY MCMILLAN
Rotary Club of Inman

The Inman Rotary Club is very passionate about the importance of reading and fully supports RI's focus on literacy.

Through its many projects, the club supports local schools in a variety of ways. The Rotary Readers program is one of those areas. Members of the club read every Thursday morning in Leah Rollin's K4 classroom at Inman Elementary School. Each Rotarian reads a favorite book or one provided by the teacher. Rotarians and children alike look forward to the guest reader each week.

Inman Rotary Club had a finale to its year long Rotary Readers program at Inman Elementary School on May 11. Interim Principal Cathy McMillan, also a member of the Club, assisted by Leah, hosted a drop-in and reading event for the children. Each Rotary Reader presented a child with a special Curious George book, *Curious You On Your Way*. The book is written especially for graduates and those who are moving on to new adventures. Certainly these K4 students will be making a big move in their educational path as they get ready to move on to kindergarten next year.

Each Rotary Reader was given a bright blue t-shirt with the Rotary emblem on the front and Rotary Readers on the back.



Assistant Governor Pete Crandell reads to his buddies. In the background is David White, President Elect of the club.



Rotarians present Amber Pitts, Lead Reading Recovery Teacher for District One Schools with a check for the summer reading program.



The class proudly shows their books with Rotary Readers.

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The Inman Rotary Club also matched a grant from the Inman Riverdale Foundation to provide books for summer reading for students who were served in Reading Recovery in Spartanburg School District One this past school year. Reading Recovery is an intensive reading program with phenomenal success for emergent readers. The club is proud to help these early readers to sustain their reading progress over the summer with quality books they can read at home.



Painting the town in the Golden Strip

Seven members of the Golden Strip Sunrise Club were on the scene at the Center for Community Services in Simpsonville May 6 to paint the exterior of one of the classroom buildings. Arriving early and immediately jumping to the task were Steve Epps, Sam

Gault, André Hawkins, Steve Olson, Mack Poole, Same Stamps, and Mike McCourry

The club learned about CCS earlier this year when Catie Buckingham, Assistant Director, spoke about the mission and services of CCS at a weekly meeting. CCS



is a multiservice center offering easy access to human services and cultural and educational activities in Greenville County. They provide many direct services, including case management, orientation and referrals, and family programming for parents and their children.



The Mayor of Kortrijk with DG Lance and President Bill McCann.



Craig Lundgren introducing the delegation.

Pleasantburg host sister-city delegation from Belgium

The Rotary Club of Pleasantburg hosted a luncheon at the Greenville Hilton on May 11 for the Greenville Sister Cities delegation from Kortrijk, Belgium while they were visiting Greenville.

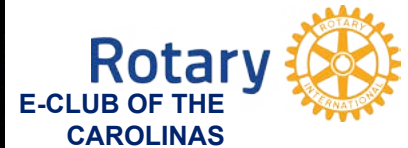
The Sister City relationship between Greenville and Kortrijk was established to create business, education and cultural opportunities for both regions and the Kortrijk delegation was in town May 9-12th as part of a reciprocal visit after hosting of Greenville last year.

Attending the Rotary luncheon were District 7750 Governor Lance Young and members of the Kortrijk Delegation including the Mayor, Vincent Van Quickenborne; William de Baets, Consul General for Belgium in Atlanta; and Craig Lundgren, President of Greenville Sister Cities International.



Welcoming slide for the delegation.





The assembly was held using Zoom, a technology that allows those in the meeting to see each other.

The Rotary multiple district virtual joint eClub assembly

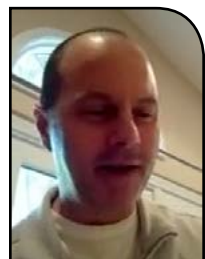
By Jim Dodmead

E-Club of the Carolinas

The eClubs of districts 6950, 7020, and 7750 conducted a two-hour Joint Club Assembly on May 6 to form a better understanding of how other eClubs operate and

to learn from each other.

President Ben Smith, Rotary eClub of the Carolinas hosted the assembly. He discussed our “wheelhouse” concept where there are mini groups in various locations which get together for Rotary activities. We also have weekly fellowship meeting for the members to interact and a Josh the Otter project youth swimming instruction project.



Ben Smith

President Paul Amoury, Rotary cClub of the Caribbean in D7020 discussed the Butterfly Book Project. Each club in their district runs a contest for children age 7-11 to run a story about good deeds. The clubs each select the



Paul Amoury

best three stories and submit them to the Rotary eClub of the Caribbean which selects the 10 best stories & publishes them in a book. The funding from the book is used for charitable projects the club supports. This book is available on Amazon.

Another project that they are working on is ROAR (Rotaract Orators Addressing Rotary). Each of the Rotaract members are asked to submit a video on a topic. This year's topic was mental health. This club is also working on an educational project in Jamaica to ensure that teenage mothers have an opportunity to finish high school. In Jamaica, pregnant teens are not allowed to attend high school, so this club is raising money to purchase Hardware and software which will allow these teenagers to attend internet based high school classes and get their diploma. Without a diploma, they will not be able to find work.

President Robin Foley, Rotary eClub of the Southeast USA and Caribbean, provided some history of the Rotary eClub of District 6950. This club was one of the first 14 pilot eClubs. They have between 26-32 members on any



Robin Foley

given day and their membership is global. This eClub only takes past Rotarians. They have tried to mentor non-Rotarians, but due to the distance and lack of physical contact, it has not been successful in the past.

Some of their charities include Toys for Tots, Shelterbox, and they partner with some other clubs on cleft pallet projects. They also worked with other clubs to donate \$75k for refurbishment of an emergency room and are now working on a water project in Belize.

Another locally based fundraiser that they participate in is the Rotary Tree of Remembrance. This showcases local Rotarians in local projects. All of the money raised here stays local and goes to local charities. The first year they raised \$3k and the second \$11k. All in all, this project has raised \$30k.

In true Rotary fashion, we ran out of time and ran a little over. There's always next time.



The Rotary Club of Rock Hill work group.



Rock Hill Police Dept. Lt. Tony Slawson, left, and Rotarians, Tommy Smith, Ned Albright, Lindsay Walker, and Luther Anderson



Electrician: Frank Walker



Carpenter: Ronnie Faulkner

Rock Hill gets camp ready for summer of learning and fun

The Rock Hill Rotary Club rolled up its sleeves and put on its work gloves Saturday, May 20 to spruce up the Rock Hill Police Department's Worthy Boys & Girls Camp for campers. Club President Lindsay Walker noted that it was one of the biggest turnouts of Rotarians for the annual spring project in recent memory.

Members used their skills in landscaping, carpentry, electrical work and cleaning to give York County boys and girls ages nine to 12 a welcoming and beautiful setting to learn and have fun. While weed-eaters whirled and leaf blowers sang in high pitched-tones, cabins were cleaned, flowers were planted and construction projects were completed.

As work winded down, perspiration and aching muscles gave way to smiling faces and hungry stomachs

as lunch was near. The hotdogs and hamburgers grilled on site by the Rock Hill Police Department were a welcomed reward for a day of fun, fellowship and work well-done.

The Rock Hill Rotary Club began sponsoring the camp in 1949 as an important cornerstone of its mission of community service. The Worthy Boys & Girls Camp helps local children from all backgrounds gain an appreciation for the environment and community in which they live in a fun and safe environment. Activities include plant and animal life studies, first aid safety training, swimming, fishing, horseback riding and field trips.

The camp is operated by the Rock Hill Police Department's Community Service Unit.



Pictured: Lance Young, Rotary District 7750 Governor; Natoshia Mayer, Service Projects Chair, Rotary Club of Greater Greer and Keynote Speaker at the GLA Graduation; Marti Stegall, President-Elect, Rotary Club of Simpsonville; Jocelyn Slaughter, Executive Director of Greenville Literacy Association and member of the Rotary Club of Greenville; Melissa Miller, Literacy Chair, Rotary Club of Greenville Evening; Judith Prince, Chair, Rotary Partnership for Literacy and Literacy Chair for Rotary District 7750; Dave Brenner, Service Projects Chair, Rotary Club of Greenville Breakfast; and Harvey Choplin, Rotary Foundation Chair, The Foothills Rotary Club. Not pictured but present: Amy Hickman, Treasurer, Rotary Club of Greenville East.

Rotary recognized by Greenville Literacy

The Greenville Literacy Association held its graduation and awards ceremony on Tuesday, May 23rd, at Larkin's Sawmill at North Main. Students who have earned the GED high school equivalency degree and who have obtained Gold, Silver, and Bronze levels of WorkKeys were honored. Natoshia Mayer, Rotary Club of Greater Greer and President of Nehemiah Community Revitalization Corporation, was keynote speaker at the graduation and awards ceremony. The Rotary Partnership for Literacy, received the Community Service Award from the Greenville Literacy Association for three years of contributions to GLA, including raising \$50,000 for GED and Quick Jobs Scholarships. District Governor Lance Young accepted the award on behalf of the partnership.



Nick Gambrell, left, with The Foothills Farmstead project in Oakway, Oconee County, updated the Golden Corner Rotary Club of Seneca on the efforts to create a circa 1925 working farm on property near the former Oakway school. Gambrell said the 15-acre parcel will create a unique living-history experience including blacksmithing, tenant farming, plowing, quilting and much more. Pictured at right is president Don Lesley.

Rotary GOLDEN CORNER



Marlee White, center, a health educator with Greenville Health System at the Wellness Center on the campus of Oconee Memorial Hospital, updated the Golden Corner Rotary Club on the rehabilitation and health maintenance programs available at the center. Pictured, from left, are Rotarian Kevin Herbert, club treasurer also with GHS; White, and Golden Corner Rotary Club president Don Lesley.



Walhalla attorney Brad Norton, center, recently updated the Golden Corner Rotary Club of Seneca on the Guardian Ad Litem program in Oconee County. The program gives a voice to children, even infants, when they become involved in the legal system. The program is looking for adult volunteers and is located at 80 Short Street in Walhalla near the county courthouse. Pictured, from left, is Louis Holleman with the Golden Corner Rotary Club, Norton and club president Don Lesley.



12th Grade (L to R) Kasie Roark, Lyra Mercado, Jacob Sanders, Brooke Smith, Lori Hart.



11th Grade (L to R) Madison Fowler, Ashton Cody, Anthony Esposito, Keely Messer, Katelyn Petty.



10th Grade (L to R) Makayla Grady, Jada Jones, Tashure Lott, Caroline Gallman, Kailee Stepp.

Union recognizes high school students

Pictures 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, and Rotary Club of Union hosted their annual 'Rotary Scholar Day' on May 2nd. The club's administrator, Robbie Littlejohn led the meeting. They honored the top students from Union County High School and Union Christian Day School in grades 9-12. Each recipient received a tshirt and certificate. The speaker, Anna Estes Strom, gave the students advice for their future. Anna earned her Bachelor's in Accounting from Converse College, Master's of Business Administration from Winthrop, and works in public accounting.



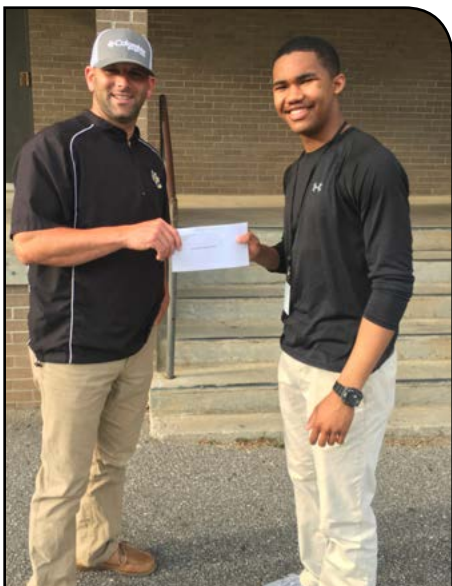
Anna Strom speaks to the students.



9th Grade (L to R) Robert Sanders, Jerel Dawkins, Chaniah Brown, Ryleigh Earls, Katie Wagner.



Union Rotarian Sean Pantin spoke to the club about his life, moving to South Carolina, and his business. Sean is from Trinidad and has a very strong work ethic. He purchased a tire and auto service a year ago. Since then he has expanded the business to include a full service auto shop. This is due to his faith, honesty and passion of helping his customers.



The Union County High School Interact Club donated \$200 to Union County Fellowship of Christian Athletes. They raised money through their annual silent auction. The Interact Club also gave \$300 to two students who lost their house in a fire. Pictured are Charlie Childers-FCA, and Bryan Good, Union County High School Interact Club member.



Union Sheriff David Taylor spoke to the Union club about the various scams that are happening and how to protect yourself.



Rotarians participating in the Rotary Partnership for Literacy Celebration gather in the Media Room which will be named for the partnership

Rotary 3-year partnership for literacy celebrated in Greenville

BY JUDITH PRINCE, ROTARY CLUB OF GREENVILLE
D7750 Literacy Chair

Ten Rotary clubs in the Greenville area have celebrated the end of the three-year partnership that raised \$50,000 for the Greenville Literacy Association.

Clubs participating in the partnership are: **Fountain Inn, Greater Greer, Greenville, Greenville Breakfast, Greenville East, Greenville Evening, Mauldin, North Greenville, Simpsonville, Foothills.**

To help strengthen the capacity of the Greenville Literacy Association (GLA) to foster adult literacy, the Rotary clubs signed a Memorandum of Agreement to create the Rotary Partnership for Literacy on October 23, 2014.

According to the agreement, the clubs would provide funding to GLA for three years in amounts determined by each club. Each club would encourage Rotarians to serve as volunteer tutors and one Rotary member would serve on the GLA Board. Judith Prince, Rotary Club of Greenville, served as chair of the partnership.

Each club was represented at the celebration, and each received a commemorative crystal with the name of the club, dates of the

partnership, and a quote by Kofi Annan, "Literacy is a bridge from misery to hope."

Jocelyn Slaughter, Executive Director of GLA and a member of the Rotary Club of Greenville, addressed the partnership mem-

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bers. Two GLA students spoke at the celebration and thanked the Rotary partners for their contributions to adult literacy. DG Lance Young thanked the Rotary Clubs for working together.

Based on needs identified by the GLA **Executive Director, funds** contributed over the three-year period by clubs were used to purchase technology for GLA, fund GED and Quick Jobs Scholarships, and purchase materials for GED students.

Norman Bunn, a strong adult literacy advocate, received a commemorative crystal. He is shown with Judith Prince.

The Rotary Partnership for Literacy purchased the first smart boards used by GLA. A Communications Board was purchased for the lobby of GLA to provide information for students about classes and to recognize students' successes and graduations as well as recognize volunteer staff.

The Rotary Partnership for Literacy funded GLA's first pilot project with Greenville Technical College's Quick Jobs with a Future program. Scholarships were provided Adult Basic Education (ABE) and English as a Second Language (ESL) students at GLA to participate in training for jobs such as Medical Interpretation,

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CNC Operator, and other technology and health careers. Students participating in this collaborative program with GTC stated that this opportunity was life-changing for them. This program is serving as a model for other adult education centers in the state.

One of the greatest accomplishments of the Rotary Partnership for Literacy was the funding of many GED scholarships. GED students may be in low wage jobs and not employed at all, so paying \$150 to take the GED is not possible. Funding was provided for Aztec online seats for independent study for the GED, Rosetta Stone language resources for ESL students, and other materials.

Other outcomes for the Partnership included volunteering to “take down” GLA’s *Really Good, Really Big, Really Cheap Book Sale*,



Jocelyn Slaughter, Executive Director of GLA, addressing the partnership celebration.

volunteering to serve as mentors for GED and ESL students, and providing greater visibility and advocacy for adult literacy by offering programs on adult literacy in each Rotary Club.

Several clubs wrote Rotary District 7750 grants to double their contributions to GLA. Those clubs included the Greenville Breakfast Rotary Club, Rotary Club of Greenville East, the Rotary Club

of Greenville Evening, the Rotary Club of Mauldin, the Rotary Club of Simpsonville, and the Rotary Club of Greenville. The Rotary Club of North Greenville made it possible for GLA to receive All-state Literacy Grants as well.

In recognition of support for adult education programs at GLA by the Rotary Partnership for Literacy, Jocelyn Slaughter, Executive Director, announced that the Media Room at GLA will be named the Rotary Partnership for Literacy Media Room. A plaque with the names of Rotary Clubs who are partners is displayed outside the media room.

The Rotary Partnership for Literacy will continue its work in 2017-2018 under Vincie Albritton of the Rotary Club of Greenville Breakfast.

Anchors away Rotarians

BY BARBARA SHAYEB-HELOU, D7750 Fellowships and RAGS Chair
Rotary Club of Pleasantburg

While attending the Atlanta Convention you need to become better acquainted with the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians. This group was founded in 1947, dues are \$10. per year, and owning a yacht is not a requirement. But loving and respecting the sea is a requirement.

The Fellowship will have daily activities in Atlanta. And from June 15-19, the group will tour Pensacola, Florida visiting the Naval Air Museum, take a cruise to view dolphins, and have numerous activities at

the Pensacola Yacht Club.

Sounds like fun to me.

Other Fellowships and Action Groups to become better acquainted with are:

Beer Drinking: www.rotarybrew.org

Whiskey Drinking: whiskeydram.org

Wine Tasting: www.rotarywine.org

Tennis: itfr.org

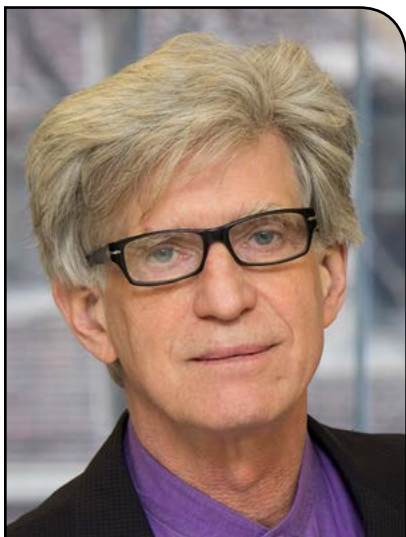
Singles: www.rsfinternational.net

Owners of RVs and Caravans: rotarianscaravanning.org.uk

Scuba: www.ifrsd.org



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John Trojanowski received the only CART grant awarded in 2003, in the amount of \$250,000. For the past 10 years, he has volunteered as the chair of the CART Scientific Review Panel. This panel vets and advises the CART Board on the grant requests received each year. As CART giving has grown, and the number of annual CART research grants increases, John's leadership in this effort is truly appreciated.

CART salutes John Q. Trojanowski, University of Pennsylvania

BY ROBERT E.P. ELMER III

In 1985, John Q. Trojanowski, with a background in pathology and neuropathology, decided to focus his knowledge and experience on the study of Alzheimer's. When he discussed this decision with his mentors at The University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine, he was advised to avoid the effort. At that time, so little was known about Alzheimer's that his mentors saw Alzheimer's research as a "swamp." Thankfully, John saw Alzheimer's research as a "challenge and an opportunity."

Before it was conventional to do so, John and other Penn researchers worked together to develop therapies to prevent and treat Alzheimer's, a disease that causes memory loss and confusion but is yet to have a cure. CART is grateful and honored to be a small part of this success story.

For over three decades John and his wife Virginia Man-Yee Lee have been conducting Alzheimer's research. They have made three major discoveries in the past 25 years that have become strong foundations for those working on Alzheimer's disease and related disorders around the world. In 1991 the couple determined that tau is the building block protein of neurofibrillary tangles. In 1997 they found that Lewey bodies, the hallmark pathology of Parkinson's disease, are formed by alpha-synuclein. As nearly 50% of those with

Alzheimer's have Lewey bodies that contribute to their cognitive deficits, it's critical for researchers to understand their cause. And in 2006 they discovered the pathological protein deposits in ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) and FTD (frontal temporal degeneration) are formed by TDP-43, a multi-fuctional DNA and RNA binding protein that is present in large numbers of Alzheimer's patients and contributes to the cognitive deficits they experience. In 2015 a very deserving John was the recipient of the American Association of Neuropathologists Award for Meritorious Contributions to Neuropathology.

John has been quick to point out how important it is for him, his wife, and their colleagues to collaborate in this effort. "It takes a team to solve Alzheimer's and other dementias," he said. "You're not going to do it in an individual laboratory."

Virginia went on to say "we work with people from the Departments of Neurology and Psychiatry at Penn Medicine, the Department of Chemistry in the School of Arts and Sciences at Penn Vet, at the Penn Memory Center as well as The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Particularly because of the proximity of the schools and centers it really facilitates a lot of collaboration."

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—What is **YOUR** Polio Legacy?

BY AMELIA NELSON

7750 Polio Chair

Your Polio legacy begins with your individual donation which, in turn, reflects on your club, your district, your Zone and ultimately worldwide through the Rotary Foundation with a 2 to 1 match by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Your donation this Rotary year has helped insure the eradication of polio by holding the number of cases to ONLY FIVE CASES thus far! We are on target to eradicate polio

We are THIS close to eradicating polio and Rotarians have the tools to complete the job. If we do not continue to support the PolioPlus Initiative to eradicate and choose instead to control polio, polio could rebound to 200,000 cases per year within the next 10 years.

But there is a lot more to eradicating the disease than just immunizing children.

For example, surveillance. Through Rotary's polio eradication efforts, active disease surveillance networks have been established in countries around the world that are used to protect communities against multiple health issues. As Anthony Lake, Executive Director of UNICEF said, "We have the ability to protect every last person,

especially children from this entirely preventable disease." With your continued donations we CAN finish the job!

The District Newsletter shows where your club stands in donations to the district. Please review the report to know what your club has accomplished this year. If your club has fundraiser monies to turn in, please be sure checks are dated and postmarked no later than June 30, 2017. Credit card payments must be received by close of business on June 30, 2017.

As for the district's Zone standing, District 7750 has dropped to number 2 out of 15 clubs. District 7770 surpassed us during the month of April and is now ahead of us by \$18K plus. However, Rocky Jacobs, Zone 33 PolioPlus Coordinator, reports that "We (Zone 33) are currently sitting in 6th place in the world in club and district contributions -about \$200,000 behind the 5th place Zone. That says a lot for our District and our Zone – for you for putting "Service Above Self." We are so fortunate to live in America; we need to be more conscientious about those inflicted with the terrible Polio disease.



Rotarians go to Capitol Hill to talk polio

Rotary International led the U.S. Coalition for the Eradication of Polio on Capitol Hill at an April 25th reception held at the U.S. Capitol Building recognizing Champions of Polio Eradication. Some of the other coalition members are The March of Dimes Foundation, the U.S. Fund for UNICEF, and the American Academy of Pediatrics, to name a few.

Rotary International President John Germ was the emcee with Past RI Vice President Anne Matthews, Past RI Vice President and RI PolioPlus Committee Chair Michael McGovern and senior leaders from Rotary Zone 33 were also in attendance.

The 2017 honorees were Sen. Marco Rubio, Sen. Chris Van Hollen, Rep. Katherine Clark and Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers. Are you not proud to be a Rotarian?

SEE THE MOST RECENT POLIO STATISTICS AT END POLIO NOW. JUST CLICK.

7750 developing list of polio survivors

Our district would like to know how many Rotarians are polio survivors. Send an email to Amelia Nelson at amelianelson007@gmail.com and let her know you are a survivor. It would be great if we could get each one's story, but I know some of you may consider your story very private. However, if you are willing to share your story, please include it in your email. We will retract your name from any story that is published if requested. The Polio Survivors Association is now a Rotarian Action Group (RAG) and is leading this effort; you may visit their website and/or join the RAG at <http://rotarypoliosurvivors.org>.

ANNUAL MEETING FOR POLIO SURVIVORS

Join us on Saturday, June 10 at 2:30 pm for the Annual Meeting of the Polio Survivors and Associates Rotarian Action Group in Room A-406 at the Georgia World Conference Center. This meeting is open to all Rotarians and alumni interested in assisting polio survivors around the globe. Although no changes are expected, be sure to check the activity board in the Center to be sure they have not moved the meeting.

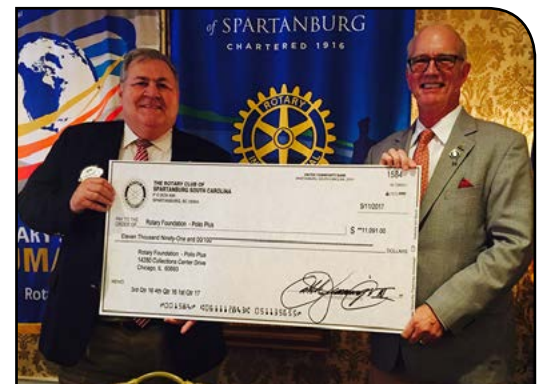
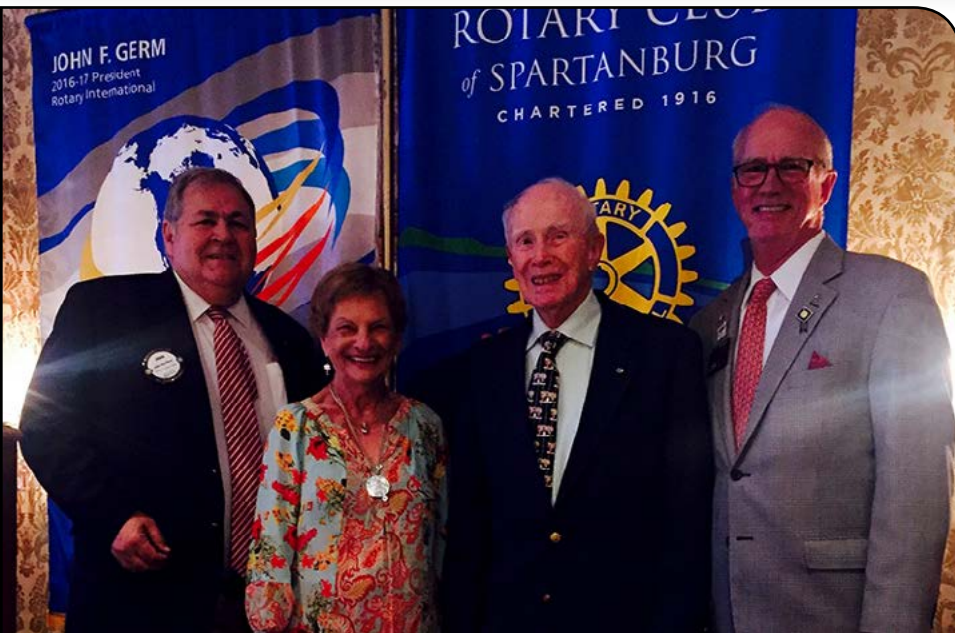
See us in Atlanta

Please stop by and visit us at BOOTH 2941 in the House of Friendship

One story of a polio survivor:

Disabled in body, not the mind or heart: surviving polio in Nigeria.

Unable to complete his education after contracting polio as a child, Aminu was determined not to become a beggar on the streets of Kano in north west Nigeria. His solution was to freesign a bike that restored his mobility. Now he produces dozens of them, employing fellow polio survivors and helping to transform lives. [See this video](#) at Will you tell your story?



Spartanburg club provides shot in the arm for polio

President John Perry of the Spartanburg Rotary Club presented a check to DG Lance for **\$11,091** to go to RI PolioPlus. This was a huge shot in the arm for district giving to PolioPlus. The money was raised by fundraising events and personal donations. PDG Bill and Betty Monroe were presented Major Donor, level 2 (\$25k or more), pins at the Spartanburg Rotary meeting on May 16.

2016-17 District 7750 Rotary Foundation Giving

through 5/28/2017 | 90.96% of year complete

Annual Fund Goal	\$ 406,877
	(53 of 53 – 100%)
Annual Fund Total	\$ 348,358
	(85.6% goal)
Annual Fund Per Capita	\$ 131.06
	(2658 members)
Endowment Fund	\$ 48,250
PolioPlus Goal	\$ 95,902
	(53 of 53 – 100%)
PolioPlus	\$ 120,721
	(125.9% goal)
Total Giving	\$ 517,329
\$0 AF Clubs	0
	(53 of 53 – 100%)
\$0 Polio Clubs	0
	(53 of 53 – 100%)
DDF Transfer – Polio	\$ 46,272
Major Gifts	6
Major Donors	11
Paul Harris Fellows	320
Bequest Society	3
Benefactors	13
EREY	1935
	(2658 members – 72.80%)
Sustaining Members	883
	(2658 members – 33.22%)
Paul Harris Society Eligible	90
	(118 members – 76.27%)

ALL-TIME FOR DISTRICT

Paul Harris Fellows	4,856
Benefactors	764
Bequest Society	92
Major Donors	72
Paul Harris Society Members	118
Rotary Direct	81

Deadlines for making year-end contributions to the Foundation

Credit cards used for online donations must be authorized by June 30 midnight, central time.

Fax (+1-847-328-5260): must be received prior close of business on June 30.

Phone (+1-866-976-8279): must be received prior to the close of business on June 30.

Note: Sending credit card information by mail is less secure and slower than giving online. For security purposes, please do not send credit card contributions by email or any electronic methods.

Checks must be dated and postmarked no later than June 30 and received at the Foundation by Friday, July 7. Mail contributions to:

The Rotary Foundation
14280 Collections Center Dr.
Chicago, IL 60693 USA

Note: please do not mail checks for the 2017-18 Rotary year until July 1.

Wire transfers must be initiated by June 30 and received by Monday, 03 July 2017

Gifts of securities must be received prior to June 30. Learn how you can donate stocks, mutual funds, or other securities.

For information about **special gifts** such as Charitable Gift Annuities and Charitable Remainder Unitrusts, email plannedgiving@rotary.org or call +1-847-866-3100.



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7750 Membership & Attendance for April (DaCdb)

Club	Members 7/1/2016	Current Members	Change	Meetings Held	Attend. %
Abbeville	48	47	-1	4	72.00
Aiken	180	182	2	4	70.03
Aiken Sunrise	36	36	0	4	76.23
Anderson	80	69	-11	2	50.00
Batesburg-Leesville	14	16	2	3	75.00
Blacksburg	15	15	0	4	46.42
Chester	54	52	-2	4	48.79
Clemson	98	97	-1	3	63.77
Clemson-Calhoun	26	29	3	4	83.78
Clinton	28	28	0	4	59.62
Clover	21	23	2	4	63.04
E-Club of the Carolinas	32	35	3	2	78.00
Easley	52	56	4	4	77.45
Emerald City	55	59	4	4	71.67
Fair Play	16	16	0	4	46.50
Fort Mill	80	86	6	2	19.41
Fountain Inn	28	28	0	4	72.97
Gaffney	68	68	0	4	73.06
Golden Strip Sunrise	14	15	1	3	68.89
Greater Anderson	68	73	5	4	78.31
Greater Greer	15	15	0	2	75.00
Greenville	261	257	-4	2	54.13
Greenville Breakfast	17	18	1	3	53.70
Greenville East	20	20	0	4	67.47
Greenville Evening	37	43	6	2	74.65
Greenwood	110	115	5	2	66.51
Indian Land	26	33	7	3	68.42
Inman	19	22	3	4	80.00
Lake Wylie	23	23	0	4	83.33
Lancaster	61	62	1	4	70.18
Lancaster Breakfast	65	64	-1	4	65.22
Laurens	48	50	2	3	67.69
Mauldin	28	31	3	4	70.18
Newberry	73	75	2	2	78.00
North Augusta	21	21	0	3	85.71
North Greenville	37	38	1	3	52.22
North Spartanburg	46	42 (Mar)	-4	0	0.00
Pickens	45	43	-2	3	86.55
Pleasantburg	41	42	1	4	66.21
Rock Hill	96	100	4	2	63.96
Seneca	40	45	5	4	49.36
Seneca Golden Corner	20	23	3	4	67.39
Simpsonville	50	54	4	4	93.80
Spartan West	25	27	2	4	62.24
Spartanburg	196	185	-11	3	41.97
The Foothills	15	19	4	2	42.11
Twin City	18	20	2	4	60.26
Union	46	48	2	4	56.83
Walhalla	29	30	1	3	58.33
Westminster	38	41	3	3	56.80
Winnsboro	28	28	0	4	67.00
Woodruff	17	15	-2	4	63.00
York	34	38	4	3	71.00
Totals	2658	2717	59	3.37	65.66%
52 of 55 clubs reporting					

Governor Installation and Awards Banquet

June 30
Greenville

Join us for an evening of FUN and Fellowship as we celebrate the great year DG Lance has had and usher in DG Ed's new Rotary Year.

Register NOW for the District 7750 Awards and Installation Banquet or send your regrets that you cannot attend logging into the [District and Club Database](#).

WHEN:

Friday, June 30

5:00 p.m.: Registration opens

5:30 p.m.: Reception with cash bar

6:30 p.m.: Dinner with awards and installation following

WHERE:

TD Convention Center
2 Eisenhower Dr.
Greenville, SC 29607
864 233-2562

TO REGISTER:

Go to the District and Club Database and click on [CALENDAR](#). Cost: \$45

JULY NEWSLETTER

Deadline
June 25

Send your items to newsletter editor

PDG Sue Poss

pdgsueposs@gmail.com

Membership Champions (new members and their sponsors in April)

New Member	Club	Sponsor	Classification
Abshire, John W. (COACH)	Aiken	Robert M. Newburn	Retailing- Gasoline
Barry, Dennis A Jr. (DENNIS)	Mauldin	John L. Yost III	
Blackwell, Bart T (BART)	Aiken	John C. McMichael	Machine Shop- Sheet Metal
Bouldin, Wayne (WAYNE)	Fort Mill	Michele Branning	
Burgess, Amithy (AMITHY)	Anderson	Carol E. Burdette	Human Resources - Manufacturing
Campbell, Glenn C (GLENN)	Fountain Inn	Stewart Garrett	
Chapman, Anitra (ANITRA)	Fort Mill	Michele Branning	
Costas, Pete Jr. (PETE)	Greenville	Randy Jackson & Ben Crider	Non-Profit
Courtland, Alice (ALICE)	Laurens	King Dixon	Human Services
Dunn, Thomas Kevin (KEVIN)	Greenville Evening	John S. Kimbell	
Durrell, Mary Jane (JANE)	The Woodlands (Greenville Satellite)	James Nickelson & Terry R. Weaver	Retired
Foster, Brailsford Sutton (BRAILSFORD)	The Woodlands (Greenville Satellite)	James Nickelson & Terry R. Weaver	Retired
Garland, Laura (LAURA)	Newberry	Kimberly A. Kitchens	Staffing Specialist
Hancock, Selma Anne (ANNE)	Greenwood	Charles E. Fox Jr.	Education - retired
Johnson, Kaitlyn (KAITLYN)	Spartan West	Bob Atkins	
Kehl, DeeDee (DEEDEE KEHL)	Newberry	Bob Burch	Banking Officer
Lohr, Reid B. (REID)	Greenville	Sunny K. Handa & Terry R. Weaver	Managing Director
Madden, Shana (SHANA)	Pickens	F. Wilson Perkins Jr.	Health Educator
Mash, Samuel David (DAVID)	Emerald City	James M. Manley Jr.	Education - University Academic Affairs
Morris, Donnan (DONNAN)	York	Amy M. Hagner	
Owens, Robi (ROBI)	Laurens		
Peterson, John E (JOHN)	Lake Wylie	Matthew Wayne Burris	
Price, Dexter (DEXTER)	Aiken	John C. McMichael	Employment Agency
Price, Lessie (LESSIE)	Aiken	Jane Page Thompson	Human Resources
Rice, Rex F. (REX)	Easley	Mark R. Eisengrein	Construction - Commercial Stie
Selwyn, Jennifer (JEN)	Greenville	Stinson Ferguson & Stephanie Lewis	artist, Pottery
Smith, Sara A. (SARA)	Rock Hill	Ben Galloway	Non-Profit Staff
Spradley, Christian G (CHRIS)	Batesburg-Leesville		Lawyer
Teague, Sharon V (SHARON)	Lancaster	Susan B. Rowell	Banking Officer
Tollison, Scott (SCOTT)	Laurens		

APRIL
MEMBERSHIP **30** New Members **26** Terminated Members (2 deceased) **+4** Net

The figures on these pages 16-17 come from the District and Club Database. Sometimes these figures do not agree with what is posted in Rotary Club Central. RCC is the official record.

Foundation and Membership pages ahead: [Check the trends](#)

Following this page are several pages of information on Foundation giving and membership trends. These figures come from Rotary International. If your club's information appears inaccurate, go to Rotary Club Central to check it.