



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

JULY: New Leadership Month
AUGUST: Membership and New Club
Development Month

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PDG Carol Burdette receives RI Service Above Self Award

Past District Governor Carol Burdette received the Service Above Self Award at the 2020-21 All Club Conference. She was nominated for this prestigious award by 2020-21 District Governor Beth Padgett.

Rotary's highest honor recognizes Rotarians who demonstrate Rotary's motto, Service Above Self, by volunteering their time and talents to help others. The award is internationally competitive, and it is granted to no more than 150 Rotarians worldwide. To deserve consideration for the Service Above Self Award, a Rotarian must have performed continuing humanitarian service.

Carol devotes her life to helping others. She is President and CEO of the Anderson County United Way. She serves on many nonprofit boards, and always ends up in a leadership position

in any volunteer work.

She is a member of the Rotary Club of Anderson, and she has twice served as District Governor – first in 2008-09, and then again in 2018-19 to help the District in a pinch when a District Governor Nominee had to resign because of her husband's health.

Carol is an enthusiastic volunteer and inspirational leader. She works tirelessly for Rotary, her community, and people in need. She is an expert at motivating others to serve and to give. Her spirit is infectious, and she stops at nothing to achieve goals that improve lives and better communities.

Carol excels at uniting people of diverse backgrounds and interests for a common purpose. She has a heart for service, and she leads both by example and with love.

PDG Lorraine Angelino received Foundation's Distinguished Service Award

Past District Governor Lorraine Angelino received a special award from 2020-21 District Governor Beth Padgett for her faithful and exemplary service to The Rotary Foundation.

Lorraine is finishing six years as District Rotary Foundation Chair. For most of that time she also

served as a Zone 33 Regional Rotary Foundation Assistant Coordinator.

Lorraine's passion is The Rotary Foundation, and she works tirelessly to promote the Foundation and encourage Rotarians to donate to it. On July 1, she assumes her position as Zone 33



Awards and recognitions presented at All-Club Conference

Anderson is named club of the year

2020-21 Club of the Year

Rotary Club of Anderson
Cara Hamilton, President

The Rotary Foundation Annual Giving (As of June 18, 2021)

Top Three 3 Per Capita Giving Clubs

1st Place - \$659.18

Emerald City
Maggie McMahon

2nd Place - \$391.14

The Reedy River
Theresa Marchi

3rd Place - \$375.68

E-Club of the Carolinas
Mike Reid

Top Three Total Giving Clubs to Annual Fund

1st Place - \$55,850.00

Greenville
Jane Dyer

2nd Place - \$42,846.79

Emerald City
Maggie McMahon

3rd Place - \$30,156.00

Greenwood
Pamela Vaughn

Top Three Per Capita Giving Clubs to PolioPlus

1st Place - \$299.90

Greenwood
Pamela Vaughn

2nd Place - \$155.56

Pleasantburg
Travis Seward

3rd Place - \$138.89

Clover
Steve Tripi

Top Three Total Giving Clubs to PolioPlus

1st Place - \$33,888.59

Greenwood
Pamela Vaughn

2nd Place - \$7,600.00

Aiken
Ellen Priest

3rd Place - \$7,390.00

Greenville
Jane Dyer

Top Three Per Capita Giving Clubs to CART

1st Place - \$87.99

E-Club of the Carolinas
Mike Reid

2nd Place - \$73.53

Emerald City
Maggie McMahon

3rd Place - \$56.57

Aiken
Ellen Priest

Top Three Giving Clubs to CART

1st Place - \$9,898.99

Aiken
Ellen Priest

2nd Place - \$5,000.00

Emerald City
Maggie McMahon

3rd Place - \$4,100.00

Fort Mill
James Jeter

Thank You for Your Service!

Outgoing Assistant Governors

Assistant Governor, Area 6 – Rebecca Melton

Assistant Governor, Area 7 – Joyce Morin

Assistant Governor, Area 10 – Michael Seymour

Assistant Governor, Area 12 – Karen Culley

Outgoing District Chairs

District Cart Chair – Steve Black

District Community Service Chair – Eric Krichbaum

District Literacy Chair – Sara Mansbach

Governor's Awards of Excellence

Governor's Award - Gold

Aiken
Ellen Priest

Aiken Sunrise
Tom Williams

Anderson
Cara Hamilton

E-Club of the Carolinas
Mike Reid

Easley
Jonathan Strange

Emerald City
Maggie McMahon

Fort Mill
James Jeter

Greenville
Jane Dyer

Greenville Breakfast
Dave Brenner

Greenwood
Pamela Vaughn

Lake Wylie
Anne Violanti

Lancaster
Altheresa Goode-Howard

Lancaster Breakfast
Reggie Lowery

Newberry
Beverly Leslie

Pleasantburg
Travis Seward

Spartan West
Ann and Pete Crandall

Governor's Award - Silver

Blacksburg
Carolyn Batchler

Indian Land Lunch
Tracy Little



Awards—

North Spartanburg

Danny Crout

The Reedy River Greenville

Theresa Marchi

Westminster

Jack Aden

Governor's Award – Bronze

Clover

Steve Tripi

Golden Strip Sunrise

Melinda Gilreath

Greater Anderson

David Moore

Pickens

Allen Derham

Seneca

Earnestine Williams

Seneca Golden Corner

Gene Williams

Simpsonville

Brian Glenney

The Foothills-Travelers Rest

Reggie Small

Honorable Mention:

Inman

Terry Elsey



Outgoing DG Beth Padgett presented PDG Lorraine Angelino with the Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award.

Lorraine— from page 1

Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator. In that new position, she will lead and coordinate the Rotary Foundation's fundraising and educational efforts in the 17 Districts in Zone 33. Our Zone stretches from Western Pennsylvania to South Carolina.

Last year Lorraine was honored with The Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award. This is the Foundation's highest honor, and it only goes to Rotarians who have demonstrated exemplary

service to the Foundation over many years. To be eligible you must have received the Citation for Meritorious Service at least four years earlier. This prestigious award can go to no more than 50 Rotarians in the world every year.

Lorraine is a pro when it comes to working on global and district grants. She is always eager to help Rotary clubs improve their Foundation giving and accurately report their Foundation gifts. She led our District's successful Million Dollar event in 2018.



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Back in Business

BY DG FRANK COX

As I walked out of the banquet hall in Hyatt Hotel at the conclusion of our 2021 All-Club District Conference, I had a “Rotary Moment” – we are ‘back in business.’ Governor Beth Padgett and her team put on a terrific program for us and the energy and enthusiasm during the conference surely convinced me that District 7750 is ‘Back in Business.’ On Saturday night, our new team of leaders across the District were installed and asked to reengage, reenergize, and renew their Clubs. It is up to all of us now to rebuild and get ‘Back in Business’ in our meetings and in our service projects supporting our communities’ needs.

Reflecting on the journey we have all been through since March 2020 and like many of you, we were excited to be together experiencing the fellowship and sense of accomplishment that Rotarians so enjoy. As I begin my year as your District Governor, I want our Clubs to start our 2021-2022 meetings, service projects, training programs, and fundraisers with a renewed spirit of enthusiasm and energy – focused on Service above Self.

The theme of the Saturday night program was “Uptown Fun(k),” and the entire conference was focused on fun and fellowship. As you begin this year make sure that your summer programs are filled with fun and enjoyment.

During the weekend, many of the leaders that I shared time with were excited that they were back in business with a social, a picnic, or “A Backyard Bash” to reconnect their Clubs and install their new officers.

I encourage you to fill your summer programs from July – August with fun activities and enthusiasm as you gather to reunite your members and get the joy of being together. Fun, fellowship, and engagement are essential to retaining our members, especially new members.

On a more serious note, our State wants our

Schools to reopen in full and get ‘back in business.’ As many of you know, our literacy rates in early elementary students are way below standards and with basically a ‘gap’ year for many, this trend is likely to continue downward. Please join me this year and in the years to come to make literacy a priority in your Club’s service projects. What can we do to ensure our 3rd and 4th graders can read to grade-level? Lacking this skill, we know the chances for career success is statistically very small.

Several of the “All-Star” presentations at the Conference focused on how their Clubs were helping literacy, quality of life, food security, and teacher support programs at a local school. It was inspirational. As you get to know more about me, you will hear more and more about

upgrading our children’s education and preparation to be a substantial part of your community and our wonderful State.

I am personally excited for the opportunity to visit in-person each of you during the next few months as we begin Rotary year 2021-2022. My wife, Crossie, and I are looking forward to getting to know you and learn about the many things your terrific Club is doing for your communities. You will find us to be enthusiastic and extremely interested in how each of you are doing now that we are “Back in Business.”



2021-22 DG Frank Cox and Crossie, Rotary Club of Clemson Sunrise.

At York

Past president gets his Foundation recognition and club learns about PATH

At the York Rotary Club meeting on June 3, AG Babette Sabia, Assistant Governor and DG Beth Padgett visited the Rotary Club of York. While there, Beth presented Ryan Blancke, Rotary President during 2019-20, with his Paul Harris Fellow plus 2 pin and a certificate of club Foundation support for his Rotary year.



Beth and Ryan



Cricket Comer

Member Bill Hawley introduced his program guest, Cricket Comer, the Executive Director of P.A.T.H. which is one of the community agencies providing assistance to people in need. She thanked Rotary for the long term support of the agency. The Rotary club's Happy Jar funds annually in February and July are ear-marked for P.A.T.H. As a side note, during 1995-96, our club raised \$50,000 in cash, land and "in kind" services to build their current building.

P.A.T.H. provides groceries to needy families. They support a Thrift Store which provides clothes and household items to the needy at a deep discount, and for their clients, training is offered for financial planning, budgeting and job searches. Their service area is York School District One. P.A.T.H. is in its 39th year. Cricket's vision is to consolidate the current two locations housing the Thrift Store and food pantry into a new larger building

New member at Lake Wylie

Lake Wylie Rotary Club President Anne Violanti welcomes new member John Haney.



Lana Mahmoud AbuNijem Awarded the 2021-22 Rotary Club of Greenville Service above Self Scholarship



Rotarian Bert Strange presents the Rotary Club of Greenville “Service above Self” Scholarship to Lana AbuNijem.

BY JUDITH PRINCE

Rotary Club of Greenville

Lana Mahmoud AbuNijem was presented the 2021-22 Rotary Club of Greenville “Service above Self” Scholarship at the Rotary meeting on May 25, 2021. Lana graduated from the Greenville Technical College Charter High School (GTCCHS), and she also earned an Associate’s in Science degree from Greenville Technical College. Lana has documented over 300 hours of service since her freshmen year at GTCCHS.

Lana says, “Service has always been an important part of my life. Having two immigrant parents made it hard the first few years in America. My parents had to learn a whole new language and

a whole new lifestyle. They had to make sure they were able to provide for me and my five siblings every day. The first few years my family relied on the service of our community to help get started in America. As I grew up, I also

Funded through Rotary Charities, Inc., the Rotary Club of Greenville “Service Above Self” Scholarship is awarded to a Greenville County graduating high school senior with exceptional community service, academic performance, and financial need. The recipient exemplifies the Rotary motto of “Service Above Self” through his/her contributions to the community and future potential to continue to further the Rotary mission. The scholarship provides the student with \$5,000 each year for four years, for a total award of \$20,000.

relied on the service of the people around me to help me be the best I can be.”

In 2018, the loss of a peer spurred Lana’s interest in mental health issues, particularly teen suicide and depression. With twelve members of the Students

in Action team at GTCCHS, she was trained in QPR: Question Persuade Refer, the national suicide prevention program on educating students to be better peer listeners. She spearheaded the “Treat Yourself 2020” teen

conference in January which connected mental health speakers and community resources to over 170 students at the Phyllis Wheatley Center. Lana

completed an internship with Mental Health America. With Mental Health America, she was trained to answer calls on both the Crisis Line and the Reassurance Line.

Lana was also part of the Teens4Hope Program





Site of old orphanage to be repurposed in York for elderly and children

Bishop Andrew Waldo, Episcopal Bishop of Upper Diocese of SC, provided an overview of a development project that will take place on the 80 acre property of York Place in York. After the Civil War, York Place was first an orphanage and then a residential treatment facility for emotionally disturbed children. It has been closed for several years due to a change in state funding and thus now the plan for future use.

The planned project will focus on serving mid-market residential retirement housing for older adults coupled with an early childhood development center. The older adults would interact with and mentor the children. Local school district students and also Winthrop University interns would come for work assistance and training as part of their education.

This is a joint partnership with the Episcopal church, Still Hopes Retirement Center (Columbia, SC), Winthrop University, and Bishop Gadsden Retirement Center. It is a \$22 million project with several phases and ground will be broken for Phase One when \$6 million is raised of which they already have raised \$3 million of that.

Greenville's Service Above Self Award—

← where she learned about mental health for teens and developed skills for working in communities to teach other teens about mental health and to offer them resources.

Since August of 2020, Lana has been developing youth-friendly presentations and information to help stop the stigma of asking for mental health help. While Lana has been volunteering in person for 65 hours at Mental Health America, she has spent personal time encouraging her peers to practice self-care through social media, zoom discussions, and reaching out personally.

Another service project important to Lana is the annual Hijab Booth. She says, "I am

a part of my mosque's young Muslim youth group, and each year on World Hijab Day, we host a Hijab Booth in downtown Greenville, where we offer brochures about the hijab and why women in Islam wear it. We also offer women hijabs to try on so they can experience what it is like wearing one. Anyone can come up, ask questions, and learn about our religion. We do this so that we can teach our community more about our religion, Islam, and, hopefully, help them learn more about everyone else's religions. We feel the need to do this to make our community a better environment filled with diversity and inclusiveness for all people."

As part of requirements for

the Rotary "Service above Self" Scholarship, Lana must complete 100 hours of service each year at college. She will attend the University of South Carolina in Columbia in the fall, and she plans to volunteer for the crisis and reassurance lines at Mental Health America in Columbia.

Judith Prince, Co-Chair of the Rotary Club of Greenville "Service above Self" Scholarship Selection Committee commented, "To have a young woman volunteering to help young people with mental health issues and educating the public about the Islam religion is extraordinary. Lana AbuNijem is extraordinary and the epitome of what it means to provide "Service above Self."



Second PH for Cammie and Pam at Golden Corner

Past club president Cammie Kaiser and Rotarian Pam Dowd received their second Paul Harris Fellow pins from Golden Corner Rotary Club president Gene Williams.



Rodney Quick, left, director of Culinary Arts for the School District of Oconee County, updated the Golden Corner Rotary Club about the program that is the three-time defending state champion. The program is now located at the education-industrial complex on Highway 11 and will be expanding its Cafe operations to three days when the new school year begins. Pictured with Rodney is Rotarian Louis Holleman.

Carol Johnson, center, who specializes in elder law including wills and avoiding unnecessary fees and taxes during probate, updated the Golden Corner Rotary Club about keeping wills current. Pictured from left are 2020-21 club president Gene Williams, Johnson and Rotarian Lorraine Harding.



Spencer Perna with Inspire Health Chiropractic updated the Golden Corner Rotary Club about nervous system health. Pictured from left are Dr. Perna, Chiropractic Assistant Misty Barton and Rotarian Vic Holley

Hope and Peace in 2021-22

BY PDG BARBARA SHAYEB-HELOU

D7750 Chair, RAGS and Fellowships

Congratulations, we have made it to a new Rotary Year. A year of hope and Peace.

I challenge each Club to become a Peace Builders Club. To learn about this, google the Rotary Action Group for Peace and see the opportunities. Find a non-violent path for groups in your community to come together and agree.

Next Spring, 2022 our District will once again have a Peace Conference here in the Upstate. Have your Club members attend, learn, meet other Rotarians and form collaborations. Expand upon Human Rights and work to end Human Trafficking.

Remember September 21st is the International Day of Peace. And, Feb 23, the day that Rotary was founded, is officially World Peace and Understanding Day. Now those are two dates to look forward to and celebrate. Forming Peace collaborations is Service in Action. Peace in the Rotary World is viewed through fellowship, empathy, accountability and trust.

I just spoke about this to the members of the Rotary Club of Aiken Sunrise and would enjoy coming to your Club to elaborate more upon this topic.

Spartan West welcomes Dawn Grigg

Dawn Grigg officially joined the Rotary Club of Spartan west at the end of May. Dawn is the Upstate Business Development Manager with Ambassador Staffing.



...has a cheesy presentation

On May 13 Pete Crandall spoke to Spartan West on the history of CHEESE. You could say it was a "cheesy" presentation.



...with a father/son combo present

Our President Elect Courtney Phillips brought a guest and future Rotarian with him. Loved having father and son at our meeting. Left is Courtney Phillips and right his son Stuart Phillips.



so keep moving! So many opportunities await us as Rotarians. Keep your foot on the accelerator, move forward into 2022.



Making dreams come true

Rotary Club of Aiken awards scholarships to 21 students

BY LYDDIE HANSEN

Rotary Club of Aiken

The excitement was infectious as 21 students entered the banquet room to attend the Rotary Club of Aiken Scholarship Breakfast on May 13, 2021. There were smiles and even tears as the club awarded a total of \$105,000 in college scholarships to area high school seniors.

The Class of 2021 has endured the effects of COVID 19 for over a year but that didn't stop them from being motivated to do their best. Each scholarship winner had demonstrated academic promise and a commitment to Service Above Self. The recipients spoke of their plans for the future and how the \$5000 scholarship would make their chosen path achievable.

Linda Strojan, Scholarship Committee Co-Chair, said, "While we looked at the grades of each applicant to ensure they had the ability to be successful in college, we were interested in

how they served their school and community."

Working through local high schools, members of the Scholarship Committee met with Guidance Counselors and Principals to encourage applications, which would be evaluated based on academic achievement, financial need, service activities and personal challenges. With over 80 viable applicants, the selection process was not easy but the committee, comprised of members of academia and business professionals, devoted many hours to the process.

Funding for the scholarships came from the club's membership and outside community leaders. For the fifth year in a row, the Albrecht Educational Trust was a major donor. In addition, the Rotary Club of Aiken partnered with the Gifting Tree Foundation

and the Kevin and Brittany Kisner Foundation for a second year of funding.

There is no doubt that these gifted students will grow into adults who will be an asset to their community. Ellen Priest, Club President, said, "I am grateful to the Scholarship Committee who worked very hard to select the winners. With this initiative, we are supporting future health care professionals, legal professionals, engineers and business leaders."

As Rotarians, we are proud to pour our passion, integrity, and intelligence into completing projects that have a lasting impact. Without a doubt, the awarded scholarships are an investment in a bright future. As Linda Strojan explained, "If we can help students make their dreams come true, we have made a difference not only in their lives but for all of us."

2020-21 District 7750

Rotary Foundation Giving

through 6/30/2021
99% of Year Completed

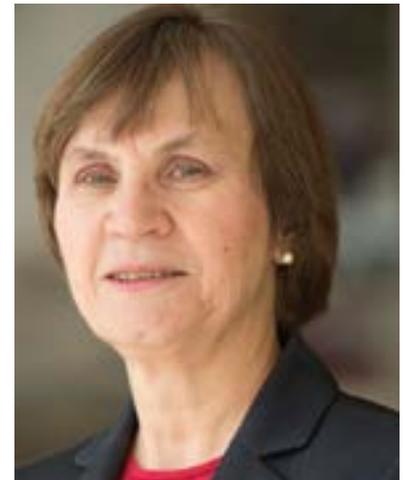
Annual Fund Goal	\$ 355,592
	(50 of 50 – 100%)
Annual Fund Total	\$ 447,118
	(125.7% goal)
Annual Fund Per Capita	\$ 177.99
	(2512 members)
Other Funds	\$ 0
Endowment Fund	\$ 6,000
PolioPlus Goal	\$ 105,970
	(50 of 50 – 100%)
PolioPlus	\$ 115,121
	(108.6% goal)
Polio Per Capita	\$ 45.83
	(2512 members)
Total Giving	\$ 568,239
\$0 AF Clubs	0
	(0 of 50 – 0% - remaining)
\$0 Polio Clubs	0
	(0 of 50 – 16% - remaining)
DDF Transfer – Polio	\$ 40,000
Major Gifts	6
Major Donors	14
Paul Harris Fellows	442
Bequest Society	2
Benefactors	9
EREY	1982
	(2512 members – 78.9%)
Sustaining Members	1274
	(2512 members – 50.7%)
Paul Harris Society Eligible	108
	(101 members – 106.9%)
Paul Harris Society Members	101
	(+1 for year)
Rotary Direct	69
	(+1 for year)

All-time for District

Paul Harris Fellows	5,516
Benefactors	817
Bequest Society	102
Major Donors	99



IPDG Beth Padgett is the Foundation Chair for our district this year.



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Membership Message For The Year

**If you get
membership
right,
everything else
will fall into
place!**

Membership Champions (25 new members and their sponsors in May)

Member	Type	Club	Sponsor
Wilson, Michael S (MICHAEL)	Active	Anderson	Carol E. Burdette
Whitney, Amy (AMY)	Active	Anderson	
Santiago Lopez, Eloisa (ELOISA)	Active-Corporate-Associate	Clinton	Matt Davis
Williams, Robert H (ROBERT)	Active-Corporate-Associate	Clinton	Matt Davis
Cole, Troy (TROY)	Active	Emerald City	Tyler Davis/ Abner P. Stockman III
Slatton, Russell (RUSSELL)	Active	Fountain Inn	Shawn Bell
Mehra, Rahul N (RAHUL)	Active	Gaffney	
Rivenbark , Eric (ERIC)	Active	Greenville	Mary Elizabeth Padgett
Ryan, Anna (ANNA)	Active-Satellite	Mauldin	Jim Mitchell
Downs, Jonathan (JONATHAN)	Active	Newberry	Christina Pomeroy
Williams, Serena (SERENA)	Active	Rock Hill	
Setser, Julie (JULIE SETSER)	Active	Rock Hill	Penny Pratt
Caywood, Allie T (A.T.)	Active	Westminster	Jim Spearman
Stringer, Angela (ANGIE)	Active-Corporate	Greater Anderson	Sylvia R McLeod
			Kathryn Y. Smith
Hucker, Chelsey L (CHELSEY)	Active-Corporate	Greater Anderson	S. Leslie McIntosh
Grigg, Dawn M (DAWN GRIGG)	Active	Spartan West	Allison Weir Owens
Cutrone, John (JOHN)	Interact	Indian Land Lunch	
Hendrick, Patty (PATTY)	Active-Satellite	Passport Club of D-7750	Christina Pomeroy
Colbert, Alice Taylor (ALICE)	Active-Satellite	Passport Club of D-7750	Christina Pomeroy
Williams, Ralph D (RALPH)	Active-Satellite	Passport Club of D-7750	Christina Pomeroy
Weinacht, Sandra (SANDRA WEINACHT)	Active-Satellite	Passport Club of D-7750	Christina Pomeroy
Keppler, Ted (TED)	Active-Satellite	Passport Club of D-7750	Christina Pomeroy
Gardner, Taylor (TAYLOR)	Active	Rock Hill Satellite	
McCleave, Charles T III (CHARLES)	Active	Rock Hill Satellite	
Belk, Lindsey Simpson (LINDSEY)	Active-Satellite	Rock Hill Satellite	
Williams, Kiohn (KIOHN WILLIAMS)	Active-Satellite	Rock Hill Satellite	Zachary Brown
Raley, Charli (CHARLI RALEY)	Active-Satellite	Rock Hill Satellite	Zachary Brown
Maertens, Anne Marie (ANNIE)	Active	Greenville Breakfast	Tom Faulkner
Crowl, Lorain (LORAIN)	Active	Greenville Breakfast	Tom Faulkner
Bacon, Mark William (MARK)	Active	Reedy River Greenville	Robert Stewart
Russell, Ritchie C (RITCHIE)	Active	Lake Wylie	Anne Mary Violanti
Haney, John F (JOHN)	Active	Lake Wylie	Anne Mary Violanti

May: 25 New Members | 17 Terminated Members • 2 deceased