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## Batesburg-Leesville

# A re-invented club led to the perfect evening BY

DG FRANK COX

It was almost a perfect evening. Walking into the community event sponsored by the Batesburg-Leesville Rotary Club, I was greeted cordially by members wearing a stunning purple polo with the Rotary logo and their Club name – what an impression.

This Club reinvented itself a year ago by merging two Clubs that were not flourishing. Today, this is one terrific Rotary Club that has attracted new members, doing critically needed community actions, and branding Rotary in a very personal and professional manner.

How can we all go about attracting new members? Being visible in the community seems to me to be a key in today's society. As we go about our terrific service projects which virtually all of our Club's do in your community, we need those potential new members that we want to attract to see us as proud Rotarians. It has to make a difference. So please think about branding your events and showcasing Rotary. When I visited your Club, I encouraged more use of social media to spread your story. Take a look at where you are today. Are we telling our community what a difference we're making? I can't imagine Batesburg-Leesville without a vibrant Rotary Club. Can you imagine what your community would be like without you and your members?

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We are a member-based organization, and we are holding our own this year. We have positive numbers going forward in 2022. This is great news and I know you are focused on attracting members and it is so very much appreciated – keep working your membership plans and refine them when you sense you need to put a little more 'pop' into your efforts. But, bottom line, thanks for working hard to better your Clubs. "Grow more, do more"

We are in the training phase the next couple of months. Encourage participation in Rotary Leadership Institute which is now both in-person and on-line. Our President-Elect and Nominee training begins this month – Pre-PETS on February 12 in Newberry and PETS on March 17-19

in Greensboro. We will have officer training in May at the All-Club District Conference. Use the Rotary Learning Center at MyRotary.org for all aspects of Rotary business. In my career, training was essential, and I sincerely believe we need to do more in our Clubs to prepare our leaders to be successful in their role. Take a look at how you can better prepare your members for their key positions.

Let's also focus on reengaging those members who aren't routinely participating in Club activities and meetings. Hopefully, the pandemic is ebbing – let's get our members 'back in business.'

# MOBILIZE MEMBERSHIP

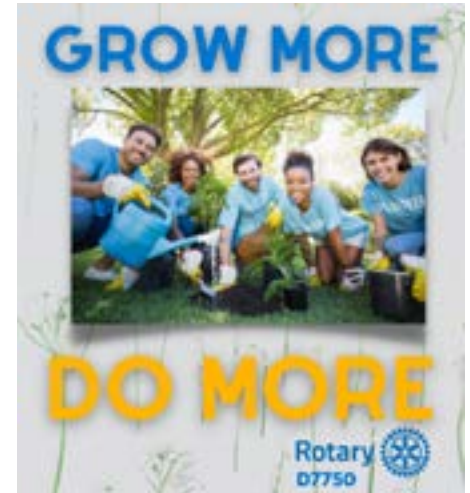
## The 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the Membership Marathon

BY PDG CAROL BURDETTE

7750 Membership Chair

The beginning shot was fired on July 1st following the pep talk and directions at PETS and then months of preparation. You stopped to pick up an energy bars at the Membership Summit and along the way at some District Zoom sessions...some of you are making great progress along the way and will cross the finish line with success while others of you are struggling to increase your membership. Because we are half way to the end of marathon time, I wanted to give you some pointers. If you use these, you can also be successful in increasing your membership by June 30th.

- Spend time with your members in doing a “Who Do You Know” exercise which will help them identify potential Rotarians in the community.
- Hold them accountable to reach out to those prospects.
- If your club doesn’t have a Discover Rotary program, reach out to me about creating one.
- The top reason that people join Rotary is to make a positive impact in their community through service so invite prospects to join in one of your service projects
- Help your members create their Rotary stories (why did they join and why do they stay)
- Lastly, it’s simple, if you are excited about Rotary, it will be contagious. Start talking about the benefits of Rotary and invite others to join in your excitement!



**LET'S FINISH STRONG!!**



Greg Greiner, PH Plus 1



Kelly Coxe, PH Plus 2



Bill Hawley, PH Plus 3

### New Paul Harris Fellow levels recognized at York

The Rotary Club of York has three new Paul Harris Fellows, pictured with club president Suzanne Edson.

# Peace and Conflict Resolution seminar planned for May 12

BY JUDITH PRINCE

Rotary Club of Greenville

Rotary District 7750 and the Rotary Club of Greenville are partnering to offer the 2022 Rotary Peace and Conflict Resolution Conference “Finding Peace in a World Full of Conflict and Bias.” The conference will be held on Thursday, May 12, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm at the Greenville Convention Center. More information on the conference is on the website at [www.peaceandconflictresolution.com](http://www.peaceandconflictresolution.com).

Unconscious biases are feelings, assumptions, and perceptions that have been perpetuated in the media or beliefs passed along by parents, peers, and other community members. Unconscious bias can affect our thoughts, whom we believe, how we make decisions, and how we treat others. Understanding how we are impacted by unconscious bias is necessary for creating more inclusive communities and finding peace in our lives.

Everyone has some form of unconscious bias, and each of us has responsibility for recognizing our own biases. For example, over 36% of people tend to think of disabled people as not productive as everyone else, creating significant barriers to employment. Unconscious bias against disabled people is higher than bias for gender and race! As Jessica Sharp says, “If you have a brain, you have a bias.”

“Finding Peace in a World Full of Conflict and Bias” will provide a safe

environment for participants to focus on their biases and learn how to challenge them. Outcomes of the conference are as follows:

- Educate participants on the kinds and causes of bias, and the conflicts created by biases.

- Help participants identify their own biases through self-reflection and discussion.

- Equip participants with skills to challenge their biases, deal with biases of

others, and resolve conflict resulting from biases.

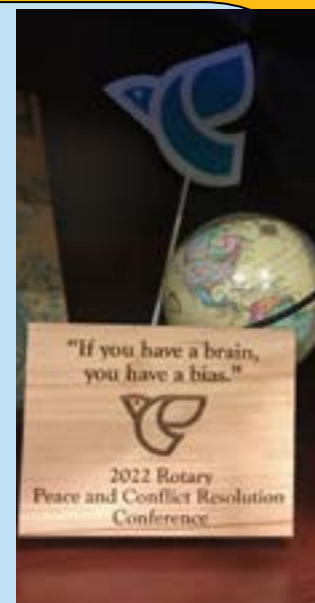
- Provide resources to continue to challenge biases after the conference.

A focus will be on breaking down communication barriers caused by bias so that we can learn how to communicate more productively.

Sponsorships by Rotary Clubs,

by individual Rotarians, and by community businesses and organizations for this important conference are needed. On the website, [www.peaceandconflictresolution.com](http://www.peaceandconflictresolution.com), click on the sponsorships page for complete information, including how to pay for sponsorships by credit card.

The Greenville Society for Human Resource Management (GSHRM) will offer 5.25 hours of SHRM and HRCI general re-certification credit for human resources professionals for participation in the conference.



## Registration information

The registration fee is \$45 which covers lunch and two breaks as well as experiential presentations by a diversity of speakers on bias in the workplace, bias against those with disabilities, the homeless, those in poverty, the formerly incarcerated, and bias in education and health care.

An original poem by Glenis Redmond, “Nobody Lesser Than,” and dance performance “Stand Alone Together” are part of the program. [Click to register.](#)

For more information, contact Judith Prince [jprince@uscupstate.edu](mailto:jprince@uscupstate.edu).



# January Rotarian referenced several RAGS

**BY PDG BARBARA SHAYEB-HELOU**

D7750 Chair, RAGS and Fellowships

Realizing that I may be unlike you, I actually found the January Rotarian exciting. It warmed me up to read in the People of Action section on page 19 about Egyptian bird migration..

If you also found this interesting then I am sure that you have checked out the Bird Watching Fellowship. If not, check them out today.

And on pages 22/23 Vivu Esperanto. You may or my not be familiar with Esperanto. No it is not an new disease, it is a language designed to be understood primarily in the Western World and break down barriers of Communications. If you are familiar, then more power to you.(I am still studying Italian.) in South Carolina, so far I have not met an Esperanto/Rotarian speaker. However when I was a DG in Florida, I knew several in our District.

Every June the Rotarian features an article on Fellowships. Because June is the month to honor them and RAGS. So be on the look out for that issue.. Also The June Rotarian should feature an article on RAGES. RAGES is the Action group whose Board I serve on. We attempt to save wildlife around the globe and prevent the extinction of any further species.

In the meantime, the earth continues to spin on its axes and we just keep moving with it.

I wish you all a very Rotarian February.



## BE A CHAMPION OF PEACE! \$99

The 2022 Rotary Peace and Conflict Resolution Conference provides Rotarians an opportunity to learn about different kinds and causes of bias and how they create conflicts. Rotarians will identify their own biases through self-reflection and interactive discussion and leave with skills to resolve conflicts resulting from biases.

A major focus will be on breaking down communication barriers caused by bias so participants can communicate more productively. A diversity of speakers will address topics such as bias in the workplace, bias against those with disabilities, the formerly incarcerated, those in poverty, the homeless, and more.

Rotarians can be sponsors of the 2022 Rotary Peace conference by becoming Champions of Peace for \$99. Champions of Peace believe in peace, seek peace in their own lives, and model peace in their daily activity.

Become a Champion of Peace online by clicking on sponsorships at [www.peaceandconflictresolution.com](http://www.peaceandconflictresolution.com). Additional sponsorships are available on the website.

Be a CHAMPION OF PEACE!



### Golden Corner updated on upcoming projects

Golden Corner Rotary Club president Steve Moore and secretary Pam Dowd recapped 2021 and started planning for 2022-23. The club is looking to offer its support to Seneca which will celebrate its 150th anniversary during the coming year and 2023. In the past year the club provided scholarships to GED students, contributed more 700 pounds to the Golden Corner Food Bank and thanks to a grant from Seneca Presbyterian Church, presented Our Daily Rest and Our Daily Bread with more than 150 hygiene kits for men and women. Rotarians also worked with Toys for Tots and Wreaths Across America.



### Quotes by our founding fathers

Golden Corner Rotarian Eddie Perry, retired educator, gave a history lesson for the club including famous quotes by founding fathers. Perry, right, is pictured with club president Steve Moore.



### Sixth PH pin for Cammie

Golden Corner Rotarian Cammie Kaiser recently received her sixth Paul Harris Fellow pin from club president Steve Moore.



### Railroad town

Seneca City Planner Ed Halbig, right, updated the Golden Corner Rotary Club about the city's 150th anniversary. Seneca was founded as a railroad town in 1873. Pictured from left are club president Steve Moore, Rotarian David Williams and Halbig.

# Rotarians bring the gift of life in Honduras

BY DRFC BETH PADGETT

Each year, Rotarians bring the gift of life to villages in Honduras through our work with water projects. One of the most meaningful things I've ever done is take a trip to Honduras with Al Steele and Ben Ficklen. Our group got to see "the water turned on" in two villages where projects had just been completed. We also got to be part of the meetings with two other villages where Al and Ben were trying to get the necessary agreements to start new water projects.

Sometimes as we go about doing the work of Rotary in our own communities, it's difficult to imagine the good work we are doing in faraway places. Through our gifts to The Rotary Foundation, we are changing lives and in fact, saving lives, thousands of miles from our homes.

Here's some exciting news: we are completing a drinking water and sanitation system for the community of Quiscamote, which is within the municipality of Santa Elena, La Paz, Honduras. If you have given to The Rotary Foundation in the past few years, you have helped fund this project.

Seven Rotary Clubs in our District get a special shout out: Emerald City, Greenville Evening (now the Reedy River Greenville), Greenville, Greater Anderson, Fort Mill, Greenwood and Rock Hill. These clubs joined the Marcala Rotary Club (in Honduras) to make sure this project became a reality. These clubs raised additional funds for this international project, and

their names are on a sign that everyone will be able to see for decades.

The vast majority of the Quiscamote community did not have a water system, although a few homes had received a limited water supply from a neighboring community. Therefore, most of the community carried water from remote springs. Most of the homes in the community did not have any latrines.



Our District helped build a gravity fed, drinking water system whereby water is captured from a water source six miles away, transferred to a distribution tank, which will then serve 94 homes as well as three community structures (church, community center & school) via a distribution network.

Each home that does not currently have a latrine will also receive a pila/latrine module that both conserves water usage while washing (pila) and provides for the sanitary disposal of sewage. Additionally, pila/latrine

modules will be provided for the community structures.

While District 7750 Rotarians provided the financial resources and helped with the planning, the hard work of digging the trench for the water line was done by the people in Quiscamote. Rotary helps people around the world by working together with the people we are helping. About 450 people will benefit from this international project. Because we are helping make life more sustainable in this village, the future population is expected to reach 600 inhabitants.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT  
OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION.**

**WE ARE BRINGING LASTING CHANGE ACROSS THE  
GLOBE AND IN OUR OWN COMMUNITIES.**



## **PROYECTO DE AGUA POTABLE Y SANEAMIENTO**



**COMUNIDAD DE QUISCAMOTE/ SANTA ELENA, LA PAZ, HONDURAS**

**DONADO POR:**

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION**

**DISTRITO 7750**

**CLUBES ROTARIOS DE:**

**EMERALD CITY, GREENVILLE EVENING, GREENVILLE,  
GREATER ANDERSON, FORT MILL, GREENWOOD, ROCK HILL Y MARCALA**

**ESPECIAL AGRADECIMIENTO A:**

**LA COMUNIDAD DE QUISCAMOTE**

**MUNICIPALIDAD DE SANTA ELENA**

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### **Signage for Honduras project**

This is the sign that will be displayed near the drinking water and sanitation system for the community of Quiscamote, which is within the municipality of Santa Elena, La Paz, Honduras. Your gifts to the Rotary Foundation made this possible.



## Zone 33, Region 40, PDG Lance Young selected as Assistant Rotary Regional Foundation Coordinator

**BY PDG LORRAINE ANGELINO**

Zone 33 Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator

PDG Lance Young has been selected as an incoming Assistant Rotary Regional Foundation Coordinator (ARRFC). In this capacity, PDG Lance will work with district leaders to connect resources that support Rotary's goals and deepen its impact

in communities locally and around the world. He will also serve as a facilitator at Rotary institutes, regional and zone seminars and other events when asked. His areas of responsibility will be Districts 7670, 7680, 7750 and 7770.

PDG Lance has been a Rotarian since 2004 and is

currently a member of the Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas. He has served as Rotary District Governor, Area One Assistant Governor, Club President, District Membership Chairman, District Finance Chair and DGND Committee Selection Chair. He currently serves as the E-Club Foundation and CART Chairman. He is a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow, Benefactor, Bequest Society level 2-member, Paul Harris Society member and Major Donor.

In 2014, Lance retired from teaching at Clemson University where he taught and advised students in the College of Business. He is a Life Emeritus Director for the Clemson Corps Board at Clemson University. Lance also retired with over 29 years of service from the U.S. Air Force in 2008 at the rank of Colonel.



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## The Rotary Zone 33 (Region 40) Foundation Team 2022-23

### Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator

Lorraine Angelino

### Assistant Coordinators

Patty Meehan: 7280, 7305, 7360  
Newman Aguiar: 7710, 7720, 7730 7690  
Lance Young: 7670, 7680, 7750, 7770  
Terry Mathias: 7545, 7570  
Juanita Cawley: 7600, 7610, 7620, 7630

### Other team members

Nancy Barbee: Rotaract Liaison  
Alex O'Neill: Ascension Liaison (Rotaract)  
Chuck Davidson and Bernie Riedel: End Polio  
Now Coordinators (EPNC)  
Chuck Arnason: Endowment/Major Gifts Advisors  
(E/MGA)  
Carl Davis: Senior Major Gifts Officer (Sr. MGO)  
Laurie Menzel: Major Gifts Officer (MGO)  
Bryan Hulscher: Annual Giving Officer (AGO)



# Join the Paul Harris Society

## BETH PADGETT

District Rotary Foundation Chair

When I think of the Paul Harris Society, my first thought is of Past District Governor Rich Waugh. Rich was as solid a Rotarian as you will find, and he had a passion for The Rotary Foundation. He called me one day in the spring of 2014 to encourage me to join the Paul Harris Society.

Rich was persuasive. He made it like a simple process and a great way to be consistent in my growing desire to use our Rotary Foundation as a way of Doing Good in the World. Unfortunately, we lost Rich just a few months ago. His own dedication to the Foundation lives on in the work he did in encouraging others to give.

The Paul Harris Society recognizes Rotary members and friends of The Rotary Foundation who commit to contribute \$1,000 or more each year to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus Fund, or approved global grants. It's easier than ever to join the Paul Harris Society and continue the annual donations through Rotary Direct. You can make a one-time gift each year, quarterly contributions of \$250, monthly contributions of \$85 per month or any other method. One suggestion is to make a monthly contribution of \$85 to Annual Fund-SHARE and \$15 to PolioPlus.

That \$85 a month breaks down to less than \$3 a day. Many of us spend that much every day on coffee. Paul Harris Society members also put themselves on track to become a Major Donor sooner than they would think possible. That \$1,000 a year commitment adds up quickly, and in a minimum of 10 years someone has

made a \$10,000 lifetime donation to The Rotary Foundation.

The purpose of the Paul Harris Society, according to Rotary, is to honor and thank individuals for their generous, ongoing support of The Rotary

Foundation. Our District is one that honors new Paul Harris Society members with a chevron and special recognition at a Club or District event.

We currently have 103 Paul Harris Society members in District 7750 with a goal of having 110 by June 30.

Past Assistant Governor Rita Yarbrough does a great job as District 7750's Paul Harris Society Chair. She is willing to do a presentation for your club explaining what it means to be a Paul Harris Society member. Rita or another District leader will personally go to clubs to honor new members of the Paul Harris Society.

Just remember, with more Paul Harris Society members, our Rotary Clubs and our District will be able to accomplish more through The Rotary Foundation and have a greater impact on our own communities and our international projects.

For more information, contact Rita at [ritayarbrough@bellsouth.net](mailto:ritayarbrough@bellsouth.net) or Beth at [bpadgettrotary@outlook.com](mailto:bpadgettrotary@outlook.com). You can also learn more on the Rotary International website where it discusses the Paul Harris Society. For more information, contact Rita at [ritayarbrough@bellsouth.net](mailto:ritayarbrough@bellsouth.net) or Beth at [bpadgettrotary@outlook.com](mailto:bpadgettrotary@outlook.com). You can also learn more on the Rotary International website where it discusses the Paul Harris Society.

## Consider Giving through Rotary Direct

So many Rotarians in District 7750 are "Doing Good in the World" through their donations to The Rotary Foundation. One way to make your giving more efficient and get your contributions to Rotary International faster is by enrolling in Rotary Direct. That is our Foundation's recurring gift program.

Last year, our Rotary Foundation funded more than 2,000 global grants that empowered Rotary members to take on projects they care about that make a difference in their community and the world. Rotary

Direct is one of the easiest and most secure ways for our donors to support the Foundation. Because contributions are automated, donors don't need to worry about sending checks or remembering to make an annual contribution on time.

Monthly, quarterly, and annual gift options are available through Rotary Direct. Members can enroll at [my.rotary.org/rotary-direct](http://my.rotary.org/rotary-direct), return a completed Rotary Direct enrollment form, or enroll by phone by calling the international office that serves their area or +1-866-976-8279 if in the U.S.

Please remember to choose Annual Fund – SHARE when giving to the Foundation. Half of that donation goes to the World Fund for international projects, while half of it comes back to our District to use for our District Grants and as our required match for Global Grants. Contact DRFC Beth Padgett at [bpadgettrotary@outlook.com](mailto:bpadgettrotary@outlook.com) if you have any questions.

Rotary Direct saves time and reduces administrative costs. And it helps Rotarians make a big impact.

# Membership Champions

(20 new members and their sponsors in December)

Member	Type	Club	Sponsor
Blackham, Gary R. (GARY)	Honorary	Lancaster	Susan B. Rowell
Carson, David (DAVID )	Active	Newberry	Elwood Jones
Cobb, Adam (ADAM)	Active	Anderson Satellite - Electric City	Danessa Barr
Cole, Adrienne W (ADRIENNE )	Active	Anderson Satellite - Electric City	Sam Gilmer
Emory, Jami Wood (JAMI)	Active	Anderson	Carol E. Burdette
Erwin, W. David Jr. (DAVID)	Active	Pleasantburg Satellite	Laurence G. Lee
Garcia, Jorge Luis (JORGE)	Active	Clemson Sunrise	
Gordon, Melanie C (MEL)	Active	Pleasantburg	John Seward
Hiott, Elizabeth (ELIZABETH)	Active	Anderson Satellite - Electric City	Sam Gilmer
Houseman, Christina (CHRISSEY)	Active	Indian Land	Beckie Cunningham
Johnson, Blackwell (BLACKWELL )	Active-Associate	Newberry	Alison Johnson
Miller, Ritchie (RITCHIE)	Active	Newberry	Joseph Trainor
Perna, Spencer (SPENCER)	Active-Corporate	Seneca Golden Corner	Victor Ray Holley
Perry, Hunter (HUNTER)	Active-Associate	Newberry	Renee Cousins Stubbs
			James P. Coggins
Philyaw, Lois (LOIS)	Active	Greater Anderson	
Shepherd, Sam (SAM)	Active	Batesburg-Leesville	Marilyn Crady
Smyth, Rick (RICK SMYTH)	Active	Greater Anderson	Leo Smith
Snipes, Billy (BILLY )	Active	Lancaster Breakfast	Mike Barnews
Thornberry, Brittany (BRITTANY)	Active	Anderson Satellite - Electric City	Tassy Mannis
Wright, John (JOHN)	Active	Anderson	Amy Whitney

**December 2021: 20 New Members | 56 Terminated Members • 2 deceased**

**Deadline for March newsletter is Feb. 25.**

Send items to newsletter editor Sue Poss, [editor@rotary7750.org](mailto:editor@rotary7750.org)

Articles received after Feb. 25 will be used in March.