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MAY: Youth Service Month

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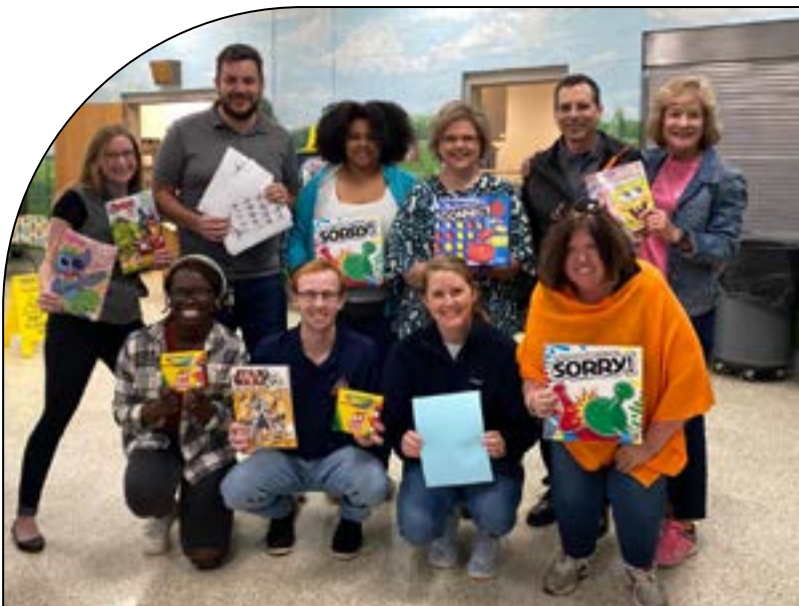


Satellite Club Member Alison Youngblood, holding the ball, is First Flight CEO. She's with other Satellite Club Members at Varennes Elementary School.



## **Anderson club and its satellite members out in the community**

Members of the Rotary Club of Anderson and its satellite club members went to Varennes Elementary School for their first Early Morning Routine with students. Members were able to do a variety of activities with the students who come to the early morning drop off. That's PDG Carol Burdette in the photo above. More from Anderson inside.



Anderson Satellite Club Members.

**Rotary**  
District 7750



## Come to Winthrop – All Club – Everyone Invited

### District Conference 2022 – May 13-15<sup>th</sup>

**BY DG FRANK COX**

Please register today to join us for a terrific weekend of fellowship as we continue to reconnect, reenergize and rebuild ourselves and our Clubs.

Friday night we will enjoy music by the BunchQuitters, wonderful Bar-B-Que from 3 of our fellow Rotarians competing to treat us with a great meal. We'll share a Pint's for Polio evening and have a gathering in historic McBryde Hall.

Saturday morning, we will be motivated by Naomi Lett's remarkable story and how literacy saved her life along with Rob Saul's journey toward's Children literacy and advocacy. George Fletcher will introduce us to three extraordinary environmental programs as we celebrate our achievements in two Rotary focus areas.

Saturday afternoon, we have 3 breakout sessions with the Chief of the Catawba Indian Nation to share their story; 2 Clubs will tell their success with underserved schools; and a new initiative introduced on how Club's can become Veteran's advocates in their communities. Open time too and opportunities

for sightseeing and a service project.

Saturday evening, the Governor's Banquet highlights the evening with a remarkable story of how one woman has saved hundreds of young women and girls and we'll also be entertained by the Clover High Choraliers.

Sunday morning, there will be our traditional Memorial Service to honored those Rotarians we lost this past year followed by our closing general session with a wonderful humorist and motivational speaker and an update on the District Peace

Conference. We'll close the conference with a short business program and DG Elect Joyce Morin will outline her plans.

**Register on DaCdb  
where you can also  
see a link to the full  
agenda.  
Please join us!**

**RESERVE A HOTEL ROOM at:**  
**Cambria Hotel Rock Hill - University Center**  
**354 Technology Center Way**  
**Rock Hill, SC 29730**  
**877-424-6423**

## Deadline for May newsletter is April 25.

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

Articles received after April 25 will be used in June.





## Golden Strip Sunrise packs food for Harvest Hope

The Golden Strip Sunrise club recently volunteered to pack food for Harvest Hope Food Bank, a hunger relief organization that provides vital food assistance to neighbors in need in the Upstate. Along with their Greenville location, they have locations in the Midlands and Pee Dee. Pictured are Dee Vaughn, Sam Stamps, Melinda Gilreath, Doris Nichols, Marshall Nichols and Mack Poole.



## Presidents-Elect training

Rotary leaders preparing for their year as club president attended Carolinas' PETS in March. Great learning, fellowship, and networking among over 500 Rotarians throughout North and South Carolina. Pictured are Liz Brock, Kylie Herbert, Adam Ghiloni.



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

# Acts of Green!

A Remote Service Project by Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas  
in association with Earth Day 2022

## Join the E-Club in its Earth Day project—wherever you are!

Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas has organized a remote service project that runs through April 22 in celebration of Earth Day 2022. We will commit Acts of Green to invest in our planet and in service to others over the course of the next month. We recognize that small changes can make a big difference. Rotarians and friends can commit Acts of Green in their own communities or in any location. Simple changes form habits, like recycling, less single-use plastics, turning off electronics and lights when not in use, planting trees and pollinator plants, and so many more acts. Join us to #InvestinOurPlanet.

### Remote Service Ideas

- Community Litter Clean-Up (your street or road, local park, large parking lot)
- Commit to a refillable water bottle or beverage holder
- Change to reef-safe sunscreen
- Plant a tree or perennial plants, pollinator plants, reduce pesticides
- Recycle aluminum cans, glass containers, cardboard, paper and more
- Use reusable bags at the grocery store
- Carry reusable utensils with you – eating utensils and multi-use straws
- Recyclable / Biodegradable wrapping paper (no glitter)
- Composting for your garden
- Change paper bills to online billing
- Turn off electronics when not in use
- What's your idea for an Act of Green?
- Install a rain barrel to use runoff water
- What is your idea for Acts of Green?



Participate in

## Acts of Green!

1. Commit Acts of Green to #InvestinOurPlanet from March 22 through April 22!
2. Share your Act with a photo, description, and your club name and location.
  - Email Julie Tovey—[jctovey@aol.com](mailto:jctovey@aol.com)
  - Text Julie Tovey—864-345-5962
3. Spread the Word!





## Anderson Satellite club installs micro food pantry

Members of the Anderson-Satellite Club built and installed their first Micro-food pantry on March 26 at the Colony Mobile Home Park. Members of the Satellite Rotary club who participated in the project are Tassy Mannis, Adam Ghiloni, Maria Torres-Green, Sam Gilmer, Danessa Barr and Ronicka Kilpatrick. This is an example of what Pam Weaver is talking about on the next page!



For more information about any of this, contact Pam Weaver [pamweaver@tweaver.com](mailto:pamweaver@tweaver.com) or 864-275-3749. She will connect you with the appropriate members.

# MEANINGFUL community service projects to engage members

BY PAM WEAVER

Rotary Club of Greenville

Meaningful community service projects are essential to member engagement and retention. Clubs find that newly initiated projects many times appeal to members who haven't been actively engaged. If you haven't initiated a new project in the past year you will be surprised at the positive response of your members.

Rotary Clubs do innumerable community service projects. Below is just a sample of what our District 7750 clubs are doing.

If your club does a significant project not listed please let me know. I will share the idea with other clubs.

It is important to do a needs assessment before starting or continuing old projects to ensure you are meeting a real need. It is also important to make the Rotary brand highly visible. Click [here](#) for a link to compliant club logo templates. (You need to be logged into [rotary.org](http://rotary.org).)

## Adopt A School

- Happy Feet - Purchase shoes for students
- Clothes - Purchase clothing and coats for students
- Teacher Appreciation - Provide treats - ice cream, candy, other snacks
- Teacher Lunches - Provide special lunch for teachers and monitor students in the cafeteria
- Backpacks - Purchase backpacks and supplies
- School Gardens - Teach students how to grow food they can eat
- Morning Duties - Organize games and crafts between bus drop off and classes
- Chaperone field trips
- Remodel, build bookcases and shelves and paint schools or non-profit organizations

## Education/Literacy (Could also be part of Adopt a School)

- Coloring book project
- Read to Me - Pre-schools or elementary schools
- Little Free Libraries
- Tutoring - Literacy centers or schools

- Donate books to schools
- Student Scholarships
- Dictionaries to students
- Career Day/Job Shadowing

## Food Insecurity (Could also be part of Adopt a School)

- Community gardens
- Free micro food pantry boxes (see previous page!)
- Stock food pantry in school
- Food boxes for students and families during school breaks
- Backpacks - Food for the weekend
- Meal packs for those in need - Distributed by other organizations
- Food Drives

## Environmental

- Plant trees
- Park clean-up
- Build and landscape parks and trails
- Peace Poles
- Clean up yards
- Adopt a Highway/Earth Day - trash pick-up
- Community gardens

## Working with Other Organizations

- Menstrual packs for schools,

- homeless shelters and other non-profit organizations
- Toiletry boxes to be distributed by other non-profit organizations
- Blood drive
- Salvation Army bell ringing
- Meals on Wheels
- Habitat for Humanity
- Teacher of the year
- Law enforcement and first responder recognition
- Veteran support
- Literacy associations
- Suicide prevention/intervention
- Boy Scouts
- Serve meals to homeless
- Gifts for underprivileged children
- Sell or give food/drink at community festivals and parades

## Fundraisers That Also Serve as Community Service

- Talent Night
- Dancing For Our Heroes
- Kringle Holiday Village
- Spartanburg Sings
- Spring Sing
- Rotary Night of Singing
- Festival of Trees

# MOBILIZE MEMBERSHIP

## Make an impact from the bottom up

Service is what unites us. In our local communities and abroad, the need and desire to serve others is universal. It draws a diverse group of people with diverse talents and interests. We must recognize those diverse talents and interests to create an equitable and inclusive Rotary.

It is past time to relieve the pressure on our current and future members, play to the strengths of individuals, and focus on service. In my Rotary club, we did this by creating the IMPACT companion club model.

IMPACT is an innovative club type focused on service by taking the satellite club model and turning it into a companion club connected to its host club. The IMPACT model is about meeting in service and fellowship with a diverse group of Rotarians on a flexible schedule.

We do not have recurring or re-quired meetings. Members meet for a wide variety of service projects that range from micro in size to large partnerships with other organizations.

Our members serve when they are available, taking the pressure off attendance requirements, as we acknowledge that so many people are working odd schedules, raising children, caring for older family members, etc...

As we get to know our members, we learn

which ones might be interested in administrative tasks, serving in a leadership role, or becoming a "Membership Maniac" to drive our numbers onward and upward.

Why waste time trying to convince someone who is uncomfortable with talking about membership to do it? Trying to coax them into that position puts undue pressure on that Rotarian and distracts them

from serving how they want and how they value.

This goes beyond membership and into every other role from training, to scheduling to service opportunities to connecting and serving with our diverse community.

If we choose our own specialties

in Rotary, what can we accomplish? The IMPACT model attracts people to Rotary naturally, without salesmanship needed. It allows everyone to be a brand ambassador for Rotary through their own talents and skills without feeling the pressure to perform a certain way.

**IMPACT allows us to preserve the traditional Rotary clubs, while energizing and innovating in partnership with them.**

This bottom-up approach helps us meet the goals of Rotary without Rotary having to impose a one-size-fits-all solution to membership.



## For more information

<https://impactclubs.org>

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# Carol's membership message: Let's Finish Strong

BY PDG CAROL BURDETTE

7750 Membership Chair

It is April and our incoming Club Presidents have attended PETS and are preparing to take office in July, BUT THIS ROTARY YEAR DOESN'T END TILL JUNE 30TH!

So what does that mean for current Club Presidents?? It means you still have three months to reach your goals, and that now is no time to let up! Of course, I am speaking specifically about membership.

If your club is sponsoring new members, keep up the good work because we know that ATTRITION IS REAL...you will lose a few members before June

30th. If your club has been struggling and you haven't had much luck with adding members, don't give up. Inspire and remind your members to tell their Rotary story, invite prospects to a service project, a social or a club meeting to introduce them to Rotary.

Never forget that when you get MEMBERSHIP right, you have more hands to do service and more members to contribute to the Rotary Foundation, CART and other club projects.

ROTARIANS, with your help, we can FINISH STRONG!



## Ride to Work

Sharon Powell, right, with Ride To Work Ministries, updated the Golden Corner Rotary Club about the group's efforts to provide rides to work for those wanting to become self sufficient and have stable employment. Pictured from left are club president Steve Moore, Rotarian Stephanie Blake and Powell.



## Foreign service

David Dreher, center, a retired Foreign Service director who served in Bangladesh and Costa Rica, told the Golden Corner Rotary Club about his years of service around the globe. Pictured from left are past club president Gene Williams, Dreher, and Rotarian Pam Dowd.



## Blood supply

Katie Smithsonian with the Blood Connection updated the Golden Corner Club about what it takes to collect and maintain a safe blood supply in the Upstate. Smithson noted that all blood is collected in the Upstate and that blood is used in area hospitals. Pictured from left is club president Steve Moore, Smithson and Rotarian Steve Rushton.



# 2022 Rotary Peace Conference focuses on unconscious bias

The 2022 Rotary Peace and Conflict Resolution Conference with an emphasis on unconscious bias will be held on May 12 at the Greenville Convention Center. The conference is presented by Rotary District 7750 and the Rotary Club of Greenville.

**BY SURENDRA JAIN**

Co-Chair, 2022 Rotary Peace and Conflict Resolution Conference  
and Member of the Rotary Club of Greenville



When we think of bias, we often think of racial and gender bias. However, this conference goes far beyond that. It is about all kinds of biases that are part of our thoughts, words, and actions everyday with our family, friends, colleagues at work, and others. Biases against those with disabilities, those in poverty and the homeless, those formerly incarcerated, and bias in education and health care will be examined as well as racial and gender bias.

Some may think that bias is in our genes. Is it? Bruce Lipton, a cell biologist and professor of medicine, says “No.” In his book, *Biology of Belief*, he says your behavior is 95% due to environment and 5% due to genes. In his study of cell behavior, he has shown that human cells adapt to the environment in which they live. Jessica Sharp, Founder and CEO of Sharp Brain Consulting, says, “If you have a brain, you have a bias.”

Brain experts say that our mind is comprised of two interdependent minds: the conscious mind and the unconscious mind. The conscious mind is the creative mind, a thinking mind, while the unconscious mind is an “autopilot” mind. The unconscious mind will carry out thoughts and actions it has learned

from experience and from the environment to which it has been exposed. These are programmed in our mind, and they have been learned from parents, siblings, friends, from listening and seeing actions of others, reading, watching TV or any other type of communication.

Are you aware of your biases? This is what this conference is about. During the conference, we plan to do the following:

- Educate participants on the kinds of biases 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.

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

I encourage all Rotarians to participate in this conference. Bring your family. Invite your friends and neighbors. The registration fee is only \$45 which covers a light breakfast, lunch, and two breaks. You can pay registration fees for students to attend when you register as well.

Please go to the website [www.peaceandconflictresolution.com](http://www.peaceandconflictresolution.com) to learn more about the conference, to hear brief videos of speakers from the conference, and to register. It will be a day well spent!

## 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.

[Click to register.](#)

For more information,  
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# Message from the governor: Spring's in the air!

BY DG FRANK COX

South Carolina is a beautiful place when Spring arrives – dogwoods and azalea's blooming, tree's greening, and outdoor activities abound. I can't think of a place I'd rather be.

I hope that your club is taking advantage of good weather and an abatement of COVID. Now is the time for all of us to reengage and rebuild our membership and especially our meeting and activities participation – I am asking each of you to focus on bringing that energy back into your meetings and projects. Do something different and exciting to encourage those members who haven't been coming to return to the club. Thank you for working on this.

We have exciting opportunities ahead of us over the next 2 months and I encourage, no, I am asking,

please, participate in these events. Our Presidents-Elect (PEs) have just returned from Greensboro and their PE training program – it was terrific. I know your President Elect had a positive experience and is ready to assume their role.

The District Peace Conference planning is extraordinary, and the sessions will be educational and uplifting. Please plan on participating in this event. May 12th at the Greenville Convention Center – look for a complete agenda. The registration is available on DACdb and I look forward to being there with you.

The District Conference planning is also moving forward. May 13-15 at Winthrop University.

We have a terrific agenda to highlight the successes of the year and promote Rotary and our District's focus areas. Barbecue on Friday, celebrations and updates on Saturday, and

Sunday's memorial service to honor our members we lost this past year, and prospects for the next 12 months. Please plan on participating. If you are a First Time Attendee, we have a special rate for you and we will have a neat reception on Friday for you.

A huge thank you for working on growing your members. The District continues to hold our own and add members. As you know, we are a membership-based organization, and we can do more if we grow more.

A shout-out to Anderson and Mauldin – both have established thriving Satellite Clubs – over 20 members. We also have Satellite Clubs emerging in McCormick, Emerald City, Newberry (Passport Club), and Rock Hill with 2 others just getting started. Satellite Clubs are being considered as alternatives to our traditional meetings.

## Groundbreaking studies among 2022 CART grants

*The following report comes from Bill Parker, President of CART via PDG Jim Puryear, Rotary Club of Greenville and member of the CART committee.*

The CART Grants Committee and the CART Executive Board met on March 15 to award \$850,000 in CART 2022 Research Grants—A good amount considering that COVID was a big factor in the CART operations last year.

Three of the grants awarded are described below and are of a groundbreaking nature.

1. One is looking at using already approved

antimalarial drugs to defeat dangerous amyloid beta plaques. This would allow safe, proven, and inexpensive drugs to do what the recently FDA-approved drug does at about \$70,000 per treatment.

2. One is looking at using specific “shuttles” for getting effective drugs through the blood brain barrier (BBB) more efficiently ensuring that the maximum amount of the drug gets into the brain.

3. The last project is attempting to find the origination of Alzheimer's Disease (what starts the process), and how “nano packages” called Extracellular Vesicles (EVs) containing biological material travel specifically from one nerve cell to another using coded directions similar to zip codes.



A Project of the Rotary Clubs of North America



# Meet Herbert Bagyenya Kajoki

## E-Club of the Carolinas member in Uganda offers cultural tours

*I am Rotarian Herbert Bagyenya Kajoki from the Rotary E- Club of Carolinas District 7750, South Carolina - USA. Classification: Tourism. I am the director of One Village Tours based in Kabale Uganda - Africa*

This company is dedicated to serving clients or tourists from world over by promoting Uganda and other Africa destinations. One Village Tours receives tourist/guests/clients from across the world and provides them with a tailor-made tours/trips within Uganda. They come with wonder, fear, desire, worry, etc, and leave with great joy, unforgettable experience after exploring , experiencing and enjoying the vibrant and varied land, Uganda.

You can choose from our customized array of packages/tours covering different interests and destinations. Our forte lies in tailor made tours for both individual and group travelers as well as travel volunteers to our communities.

### OUR GOAL/OBJECTIVES AND VISION:

1. To donate profit share to community development projects in areas of education, agriculture and conservation to create a sustainable tourism there by raising income in rural communities.

2. To organize trips/tours which would give our clients the best possible Africa experience.

3. To put into practice the requests of our clients to arrange some of the best trips in Uganda – Africa.

4. To make sure that our trips/ travels are personalized with clients own interests, budget, timeframe and other requirements.

### WE ARE SPECIALISTS IN THE FOLLOWING:

- Student trips/experiential
- Bird watching
- Agritourism that outweighs ecotourism/community tourism
- Gorilla trekking and chimpanzee tracking
- Wildlife and game drive safaris.
- Volunteer opportunity trips
- Mountain hiking and photo safaris
- Nature/jungle walks and water cruises
- Hotel/accommodation bookings
- Car/vehicle hire or rental

Our knowledgeable guides, custom-designed tours and commitment to both customer service and giving back to the community will ensure a memorable adventure.

**This whole travel experience supports our communities indirectly where by the profit made out of travel goes to community development through education and agriculture or directly through supporting a family in need.**

Voluntourism in relation to agritourism is a unique way through which tourists are subjected to home

stay events, seasons, house hold experience, community project development as well as classical tourism combination.

Travel volunteers/ tourists will have enough time with community, families, projects, learn a language, teach

a language, feed an animal, participate in the garden, learn how to plant a seed/ crop and experience a culture or country that is different from theirs.

Prices range from \$200 a week for a volunteer package up to \$2,270 for a four-week adventure package. These prices do not include airfare to Uganda and other travel related expenses.

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## District Governor Frank Cox creates

# 15 Days of Giving in April

### PDG BETH PADGETT

7750 Foundation Chair

District 7750 needs a strong push during this last quarter of the 2021-22 Rotary year to meet its Foundation goal – a goal set by the District's 49 clubs. Governor Frank Cox is up to the challenge, and he has created “15 Days of Giving in April” to challenge and inspire Rotarians to give to The Rotary Foundation, Annual Fund – SHARE. This is similar to the Governor's Challenge issued by 2020-21 District Governor Beth Padgett during the previous Rotary year.

DG Frank and some of his Rotary friends have rounded up the Foundation Recognition Points to be used for this special challenge. Thank you to those who have agreed to contribute their Recognition Points.

Why is Annual Fund – SHARE so important? This is the only Rotary Foundation fund that returns dollars to our District. Almost every club in District 7750 benefits from the vigorous District Grant program that offers eligible clubs an opportunity to expand local community projects through the use of a District Grant.

All donations made to other Rotary Foundation programs are “Doing Good in the World.” However, none of these funds come back to our District for grants to our own clubs and for the required match for Global Grants.



Projects in Haiti, Honduras and Guatemala are supported by Global Grants in our District.

How can you make your donation to the Foundation's Annual Fund – SHARE? You can make the contribution online at [Donate | My Rotary](#) or over the phone with the Rotary Support Center [866-976-8279](tel:866-976-8279).

Clubs may also collect funds from individual members and send them to The Rotary Foundation during this time frame. We respectfully ask that Rotary Clubs not bundle donations already collected by their members during this time for regular

annual giving in an effort to take advantage of this special offer.

**THE GOAL OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR FRANK'S CHALLENGE IS TO INCREASE GIVING TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL FUND – SHARE.**

Note: Anyone with a PHF+8 or a Major Donor will not be awarded points, but your contributions will be greatly appreciated! Recognition Points are of no value to these donors.

For more information, send an email to District Rotary Foundation Chair Beth Padgett at [bpadgettrotary@outlook.com](mailto:bpadgettrotary@outlook.com).

## HERE'S HOW IT WILL WORK:

From April 16 through April 30, DG Frank (and friends) will match every Foundation gift of \$100 or more to Annual Fund – SHARE to a maximum match of 600 points. This only applies to donations to Annual Fund – SHARE.



# Why I support polio with my time and money

When I attended high school, I lived in London, England, and went to the American School of London. While living in England, I came to love the clever British wit and sense of humor. I want to share an example, "I am not very empathetic, but I have friends who are, so I just imagine how they must feel!" The understated truth speaks volumes!

Imagination is a wonder and force of the human mind, and how powerful can the person become who can imagine "how others must feel." Becoming a member of the Rotary has helped me, inspired me to imagine how a child must feel who is bound by a crippled body that prevents him or her from running and playing like the rest of the children. How powerful it is to be able to imagine the lifelong curse of polio that steals so many opportunities from a person and can even steal a life.



I am so proud of those early visionaries in Rotary in the late 1970s, doctors and leaders, who could imagine a world without polio. They believed that Rotarians around the world, with enough generosity and the spirit of "Service Above Self," could work together and team with Global Polio

Eradication Initiative, to reduce the annual number of new cases of polio from some 350,000 to zero. We have almost achieved what the Wall Street Journal has called the greatest effort by a private organization in the history of human health care.

I am so proud to be a member of Rotary International, an organization with the ability to imagine in broad strokes, kindly "doing good in the world," as well as being able to plan the thousands of details, travel the millions of miles, and give the billions of dollars to eliminate a disease from the world and eliminate so much human suffering. And while

**INSPIRATION**

**KINDNESS**

**GENEROSITY**

**PRIDE**

PolioPlus has been our signature project as Rotarians, our members, our clubs, our zones, and our Rotary family does so many thousands of other projects to improve the lives of people.

I give to PolioPlus, you give to PolioPlus, because together we can imagine and achieve a world without this disease, and we can imagine so many other signature projects to accomplish in our second century.

Imagination. Kindness. Generosity. Pride. Some good reasons to give to PolioPlus



**7750 Polio Plus Chair**

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War has displaced  
millions of people.

We can  
help them.



**D-7750 Foundation Chair**

**IPDG BETH PADGETT**

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## Rotary provides disaster relief for Ukrainians

In response to the deepening humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, The Rotary Foundation has created an official channel for donors around the world to contribute funds to support the relief efforts underway by Rotary districts. TRF has designated its Disaster Response Fund as the main avenue for contributions.

Thanks to the generosity of Rotary members and others, as of March 18, the fund has received more than \$3.2 million in contributions. These funds are being distributed to Rotary districts that apply for Disaster Response grants and will be used to provide relief to refugees or other victims of the crisis, including items such as water, food, shelter, medicine, and clothing.

**District 7750 already has donated \$10,000 in your Rotary Foundation contributions to the Disaster Response Fund to help alleviate the suffering of the people from Ukraine.**

If you would like to make an additional contribution to the Disaster Relief Fund in support of Ukraine, it can be made here. All funds need to be received into the Disaster Response Fund by April

30, 2022, in order to qualify for use in support of the Ukrainian relief efforts.

More than 2 million people have fled Ukraine and are in dire need of emergency aid. The United Nations estimates that number could grow to as many as 5 million people displaced. Rotarians around the world – and in District 7750 – are responding quickly to this humanitarian crisis.

Donations to Ukrainian disaster relief will count for Paul Harris Fellow recognition. However, such donations will not count for Annual Fund – SHARE donations, and therefore none of the funds will come back to District 7750 to be used for District Grants and the match for our Global Grants.





**LIVE AUCTION**

**AT THE ALL-CLUB  
CONFERENCE**  
**Saturday night, May 14**

All proceeds benefit our  
Rotary Foundation



## Plan for a great Foundation Auction at the All Club Conference

Back by popular demand! We are having a Rotary Foundation live auction at the All Club Conference on Saturday night, May 14, in Rock Hill. Last year's auction raised more than \$5,000 for The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund – SHARE. Those are the funds that in part come back to us for District Grants and our match for Global Grants.

Also back by popular demand will be auctioneer Warren Wilson. Warren is the husband of Lisa Wilson of the Rotary Club of Simpsonville. Warren is a professional auctioneer, and his talents were on full display last year. We're lucky to have him volunteering again to help with our Foundation Auction this year.

Our goal is to have 8 -10 auction items of a significant size. Clubs are asked to help provide gifts that can be used for the auction. Some ideas are gift cards, vacation homes, tickets to sporting events and the like. We already have pledged to us a set of Michelin tires and Clemson Football memorabilia, 2 game tickets, and parking pass. We're off to a

great start. (Hint: Don't buy auction items. Instead approach stores or club members for donations.)

The rules will be the same as last year – the person or club that contributes a gift will get 50% of the value of the winning bid to be used for Foundation giving and Recognition Points, and the person who purchases the product will get 50% of the value of the winning bid to be used for Foundation giving and Recognition points. All funds will go to The Rotary Foundation, Annual Fund-SHARE. The committee headed by DRFC Beth Padgett will decide how to bundle smaller gifts and how to assess and prorate the Fair Market Value of each gift.

Our Rotary Foundation donations for Annual Fund – SHARE are lagging a bit this year, and this source of Foundation funding is important to our clubs. Clubs and individual Rotarians can really boost their annual Foundation donations by participating enthusiastically in soliciting gifts for the auction and placing bids on Saturday night, May 14.

# Membership Champions

(19 new members and their sponsors in February)

Member	Type	Club	Sponsor
Fowler, Cynthia (CINDY)	Active	Greenville	Keyaira Johnson
Emanuel, Philip G. (PHIL)	Active	Lancaster	Leonard Hewell Carter Jr./ Stanley D. Johnson
Mammarella, Randa Linell (RANDA)	Active	Pleasantburg	Laurence G. Lee
Stegall, Meredith (MEREDITH)	Active	Simpsonville	Robert Jordan Fields
Pruitt, Ronald Thomas III (THOMAS)	Active	Spartanburg	Jim Reilly/ Sue G. Schneider
Roinisalo, Raila Merja (RAILA)	Active	Spartanburg	James J. Rohrer
Blanton, Leah (LEAH)	Active	Spartanburg	Cindy Hughes/ Louie W. Blanton
Newton, Sara (SARA)	Active	Lancaster Breakfast	Pam N Giardiello
McCain, John (JOHN)	Active	Lancaster Breakfast	Tim Hallman
Vance-Kraus, Valorie (VALORIE)	Active	Aiken Sunrise	Sharon J. Johnson
Rakvic, Jerald (JERALD)	Active	Fort Mill	Robert W. Squatriglia
Walker, Joanne (JOANNE)	Active	Fort Mill	
Hirsch, Shirley (SHIRLEY)	Active	E-Club of the Carolinas	Lenna C. Young
Hirsch, Kenneth (KEN)	Active	E-Club of the Carolinas	Lenna C. Young
Wyman, Candace (CANDACE)	Active	E-Club of the Carolinas	Lenna C. Young
DeCicco, Gregory (GREG)	Active	E-Club of the Carolinas	Lenna C. Young
Sabia, Donald A (DONALD)	Active	Indian Land Lunch	Babette Sabia
Sutton, Anna (ANNIE)	Active	Anderson	
Salvation Army	Active-Corporate	Gaffney	

**February 2022: 19 New Members | 28 Terminated Members • 2 deceased**



## New Rotarians in Anderson

The Rotary Satellite Club of Anderson inducted four new members to the club on February 28. The growing club meets on the last Monday of the month at the Anderson campus of Tri-County Technical College.

New Members: Cindy Daniel, Adrienne Cole, Brittany Thornberry and Adam Cobb.