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JULY: New Leadership Month

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18th Annual Reedy River Duck Derby

BY PDG BOBBY BROWN

President, Rotary Club of
Reedy River

The 18th Annual Reedy River Duck Derby was a huge success.

This year we adopted an all-time record of 12,000 Ducks. We would like to thank everyone who participated in charitable event.

We had more than 10,000 spectators due to the Duck Derby & Artisphere being held in downtown Greenville & Reedy River Park.

The Rotary Club of Reedy River Greenville host & sponsors the Duck Derby annually and it's our largest fundraiser.

A shout-out to PDG Ed Irick (Head Duck in our club) for jumping in the river to get the Ducks going. We are sorry you twisted your knee!

More duck photos are on page 5.

Here's looking at you

District 7750 Awards and Installation Banquet June 16, 2022 | 6:00 PM

USC-Lancaster
Bradley Building, 476 Hubbard Drive

Come to Lancaster to celebrate the achievements and good works of our clubs and get excited about the coming year.

Thank our current leaders and watch our 2022-23 club and district leaders sworn in.

Enjoy the Catawba Pottery exhibition...join a project...take a photo with Humphrey...dine well... and smile a lot. [We can't wait to see you in Lancaster.](#)

Register NOW for District 7750 Awards and Installation Banquet or send your REGRET that you cannot attend by going to the District and Club database.

6:00pm Reception with beer, wine, and hors d'oeuvres

One drink ticket included with registration.
Additional drink tickets must be purchased in advance

7:00pm Dinner Buffet followed by program

Cost - \$50 per person for reception and dinner

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You are invited to participate in a baby shower for the clients of the Women's Enrichment Center in Lancaster! As we celebrate our year of good works, let's add one more...

Please consider bringing a gift with you to the Awards & Installation Night to benefit young mothers and their small children. No obligation – just the potential for feeling good about helping others one more time!

Some items on the Women's Enrichment Center's wish list include:

- Diapers size newborn to size 5
- Clothing size 0 – 2T
- Baby shampoo, body wash, lotion
- Cocoa Butter Cream for the moms
- Cribs, Crib mattresses, Crib sheets

There are some little people in Lancaster who will be really grateful!

June 16: Installation of Joyce Morin, Rotary Club of Lancaster, as District Governor and award recognitions for our clubs. USC-Lancaster.

The Rotary Club of Gaffney

Happy faces from school personnel who will make sure the shoes get to the students who need them most.



Happy Feet and District Grant bring shoes to 80 children in Gaffney

BY TERRY DENNIS

Rotary Club of Gaffney

Nearly 80 Cherokee County students will be walking a taller after getting new shoes.

The Rotary Club of Gaffney provided free shoes to students in nine Cherokee County Elementary Schools through its annual "Happy Feet" program.

The "Happy Feet" program started in 2016 under the direction of Candace Waters. During the COVID19 Pandemic the club was unable to participate in the Happy Feet program for 2 years.

The Rotarians are thrilled to have received a District Grant to

help support the "Happy Feet" program. Although we had to do things a little different this

year, shoes were dropped off at the elementary schools and the guidance office at each school would make sure that those in the greatest need would receive the brand new Nikes.

Special thanks to Phil Orr who headed up the program this year. Also special thanks to Rotarians Craig Hardee, Chris Steed, Christina

Cody, Frannie Stockwell, and Terry Dennis, for delivering shoes to the elementary schools.



Frannie Stockwell with Principal Ginger Lipscomb at Grassy Pond Elementary.



Terry Dennis with Principal Melody Bradley and Officer John Boyd at Limestone Elementary.



40th Annual Pleasantburg's Spring Sing held in new facility

BY MAC MCLEAN

Rotary Club of Pleasantburg

The Rotary Club of Pleasantburg held its 40th annual Spring Sing (after a two-year COVID hiatus) – a collaboration with the Greenville County School District – to provide a musical program for elementary and middle schoolers all across the District. Students from 71 elementary and middle schools participated, under the guidance of district's music teachers, and it happened in front of an audience of 1000 plus.

Our club brought in a guest conductor – Erin Pitts of Roanoke, Texas – to lead the performances and our Club gave a college scholarship to a high school student selected by the school district and he performed too. The Club raised funds by selling advertisements in the program for the event.

This year, because of COVID attendance

restrictions, the event took place over two nights – March 28 and 29 – and the event was held at the brand new auditorium facilities of Fountain Inn High School. It was the first public performance by the school children since COVID restrictions permitted such a performance.

The evening was a success and the students were able to perform at a high-class facility with the best choral students from across the entirety of Greenville County.

Susan Hughes served as Chair of the Club Committee, with Erika Larson serving as Co-Chair, and with Melanie Gordon and Travis Seward also providing key leadership.

REEDY RIVER DUCK RACE

DG Frank Cox is judging the hat contest and below, he is shown in the beautiful park with Reedy River past club president Theresa Marchi.



The Reedy River Duck and one of her fans at left, and crowds line the river at right.





Anderson Rotary Club Ambassadors of the Year

Congratulations Hugh and Rita Burgess on being named Rotary Ambassadors of the Year at the Anderson Rotary Club. DG Frank Cox, center, was on hand for the recognition.



Anderson Rotarians at District Conference

The Anderson Rotary Club at District Conference 2022 in Rock Hill: From left: Kylie Herbert, Cara Hamilton, Butch Hughes, Liz Brock, Faith Line, Ben Hagood, Carol Burdette.



Anderson Rotary Club Spring Party! The club raised over \$3,000 for the Brighter Christmas Fund! The Spring Party was held at Magnetic South on the North Main Commons Lawn and we raised money by asking our club Rotarians to make a personal donation to the fund. If they did, they were recognized at this event for their generosity. The Brighter Christmas Fund is an initiative that will help families in need during Christmas to help provide gifts for their families.

District Governor's Message

Legacy, Satisfaction, and Transition

BY FRANK COX

District 7750 Governor

2021-22

One of our goals in life is to leave a legacy that we are satisfied with, even proud. My aim for each of us is to be satisfied that we did our best this year to make our Rotary Club the best it can be. Are you satisfied that you have made the Club better? Well, guess what, we have 30 days in June as they say to "Finish Strong." Let us do all we can to make our Club the 'best ever.'

I encourage everyone to ask that special friend, neighbor, civic leader, educator, or coach to come along side and join your Club to make a difference in your community. A number of our Clubs have not attracted a single new member. I asked you to 'Grow more, Do more and 'Each one, Bring one,' when I visited your Club and in monthly newsletters. It is puzzling that you do not think there is a single person in your community that you want in your

Club. Perhaps, you simply have not asked that special person. Now is the time, let us grow new members in your Club – what a great feeling and great support to your new leaders in July – thanks in advance for making the ask and following up with those special people in your community. Bring in a new member this month.

We celebrated our Rotary year in Rock Hill at Winthrop University with the District's All-Club conference. The presentations and break-out sessions highlighted priority initiatives this year and the presenters were all exceptional.

The young students from Indian Land High School spoke well of their pollinator garden – focusing on the environment. Their effort to support sustainment of Monarch butterflies caught everyone's

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The next RLI event in our district is August 27 in Duncan at the SPARK Center.

Please register as soon as possible.

BY DGN RENEE STUBBS

RLI District Chair

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The Rotary Leadership Institute is alive and well. We have recently offered several face-to-face events and many virtual events.

Club Presidents, PEs and PNs remember you will receive points on the Governor's Excellence Award for Attending and completing RLI.

RLI offers one of the best learning opportunities

for new members, future club leaders, and everyone interested in strengthening their knowledge of Rotary. Topics include growing membership, understanding the Rotary Foundation, and our history. Join us, meet Rotarians and share ideas that will help you grow your knowledge of Rotary.

Now is a great time to complete RLI.

Register for events on the DACdb District Calendar or the RLI website, <http://www.rli33.org>.

District Governor's Message— continued from previous page

attention – impressive job Indian Land Lunch Club. My transition wish for each Club is to support a school garden, community garden, or a focused environmental project.

I urge each of you to participate in the District Conference – meeting others in our District is uplifting and reinforcing, and you can have fun and fellowship.

Speaking of transition, each year Rotary Clubs install a new team of leaders, directors, and committee members. Let us do our part to ensure that their transition is successful. If you see a young, inexperienced leader struggling a bit to understand “this is how we do it in our Club or this is the Rotary way,” please provide support and constructive feedback – do not let their inexperience create anxiety and lack of support.

Let us ‘Start Strong’ come July 1 and mentor and grow your young Rotarians.

We are in the process of reviewing the year's results in grant project's completion, Governor's Challenge

Awards, and approving new grant requests. We will celebrate awards – both individual. Club on June 16th in Lancaster – please plan to attend at USC Lancaster – it is a terrific facility and will be a night to celebrate your achievements and legacy as well as the new year beginning.

As this is the coda to my year as your Governor, let me thank each of you for your support and affection. I have learned so very much from each of you that the memories and feelings of kindred fellowship will last forever. We have a wonderful Rotary District with our legacy Clubs, our new Clubs, Rotaractors, and Interactors. An amazing organization of which we have the privilege to be part of.

Hope that each of you feels that your legacy this year has improved your Club and even yourselves, you are satisfied with your leadership and the programs and projects, and you are ready to transition to a new team. Thanks for all of this and more.

YIRS,
Frank Cox

CLUB PRESIDENTS,

**BEFORE YOU AND YOUR BOARD TERMINATE
MEMBERS FOR NOT ATTENDING OR NOT PAYING,
PLEASE ASK THEM WHY AND OFFER HELP.**

- Carol Burdette



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Grand Slam Ministries begun in Upstate

Dan Scott, center, Director of Broadcasting for Furman University and Voice of the Greenville Drive, has launched Grand Slam Ministries in the Upstate with an initial project to help feed school children on weekends. Pictured from left are Golden Corner Rotary Club president Steve Moore, Scott and Rotarian Pam Dowd.



Oconee Nuclear Station

Mikayla Kreuzberger, center, a communication consultant with Duke Energy, updated Golden Corner about operations at Oconee Nuclear Station and the World of Energy, now open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday to Friday. Pictured from left are Golden Corner Rotary Club president Steve Moore, Kreuzberger, and Rotarian Patrick Lee.



Juneteenth in Seneca

Nick McKinney, director of museums for Seneca's Arts, History and Culture Department updated the Golden Corner Rotary Club about the city's museums and Juneteenth Celebrations June 14-18. Pictured from left are Golden Corner Rotary Club president Steve Moore, McKinney and Rotarian Patrick Lee.



Honoring Their Service

Phil McLain, right, with Honoring Their Service, recently updated the Golden Corner Rotary Club about the return of U.S. Marines and other service members to Oconee and Pickens counties for rest and recreation. The program was suspended during the Covid-19 outbreak. Pictured from left are club president Steve Moore, Rotarian Cammie Kaiser and McLain.



Two YouTube Videos [\(Click to view\)](#)

1. [Patti Craine reading The Night Before Christmas](#)
2. [Singing Together](#)

CLICK HERE ←

[Click to go to the club's YouTube Channel to see all of their videos.](#)

Jim Yarbrough, holding the guitar. Back row from L to R: Patti Craine, Amber Graydon, Jonathan Irick, Edie Davis.

Rotary Club of Laurens

YouTube Rotary Readers impacting community

BY AMANDA MUNYAN

Rotary Club of Laurens

Education and the fight against hunger are the overarching focus areas of the 50 or so Rotarians in the Rotary Club of Laurens.

Rotary Readers, the Backpack Program, Meals on Wheels, Teaching Fund Award, to mention a few, are topics of discussion during Club meetings, Board meetings, and committee gatherings.

Weekly, a guest speaker is welcomed to the Club to talk about an initiative, a community organization, or upcoming activities and events, all geared towards connecting Rotarians and their talents to opportunities for helping others, impacting the community and universe in a positive way, and personal and professional development.

At the end of each meeting, the speaker signs a book that is donated to a local elementary school.

Pre-pandemic 2020-2021 Laurens Rotarians attended the Head Start program through GLEAMNS to read books to the attending children, sometimes bringing along a guitar to share talents or a mascot to engage the students.

This program is called Rotary Readers, lead by Rotarian Edie Davis. When the Rotarians were not able to attend in person, a YouTube Channel (Rotary Club of Laurens) was developed, videos were uploaded of Rotarians reading, and links are now shared with GLEAMNS.

The program has extended to local elementary schools and can be accessed by everyone, offering an opportunity to sing songs and hear a book read by a Rotarian.

Although the focus on education and based mainly on literacy, Rotarians understand the importance of the learning

environment and basic needs for success.

Hunger in local students and elderly are a concern and Laurens Rotary has impactful programs in place. Laurens Rotarians pack backpacks for a local Elementary school to send home on the weekends when students may not have access to appropriate nutrition.

Rotarian also volunteer through Piedmont Agency on Aging to help deliver Meal on Wheels across Laurens County, organized by Rotarian Brian Harlan.

The Rotary Club of Laurens is supported through grants, membership, and fundraising in the community, through various event participation and hosting. Annually, the Rotarians host the Squealin on the Square Duck Race, a fun, plastic duck race in the Little River.

Make donations before June 30 to The Rotary Foundation

BY PDG BETH PADGETT

7750 Foundation Chair

Thank you for giving this year to The Rotary Foundation. With one month to go, here's my special request of you: Consider a gift to The Rotary Foundation, Annual Fund – SHARE. It will do so much good in the world and right here at home.

This has been an extraordinary year for giving to PolioPlus – a special fund of The Rotary Foundation. District 7750 is having one of the best years ever for PolioPlus giving. With one month to go, we have raised \$136,843 for PolioPlus. Thank you! And many thanks to Doug and Sally Kauffman for giving so generously to help eradicate polio and inspiring others to join them in their Doug and Sally Kauffman PolioPlus Challenge Match.

Unfortunately, our District is struggling this year with its donations to the Foundation's Annual Fund – SHARE. The SHARE Foundation fund is the one that returns half of the donations to our District for our match for our own Global Grants and our District Grants.

Fewer donations to Annual Fund – SHARE will mean fewer dollars available for our Global Grants in countries such as Haiti, Honduras and Guatemala, and less money available for our own District Grants.

As May was ending, we had raised \$373,193

Our District really needs another \$50,000 donated to Annual Fund – SHARE in June in order to be able to fully fund our grants.



D-7750 Foundation Chair

IPDG BETH PADGETT

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for the Foundation's Annual Fund. However, only \$348,288 of that went to Annual Fund – SHARE. Other donations went to the Foundation's Disaster Relief Fund, the World Fund, and Area of Focus

grants for special causes such as the Environment, and Maternal and Child Health.

A challenge to us now is to boost our giving to The Foundation's Annual Fund – SHARE in June. These are the

only Foundation donations used to calculate a Club's District Grant Eligibility. Please make sure club donations are sent long before June 30. Also, please make sure you use the correct address if you're not sending the donations electronically, and that you put a Rotary Member ID Number for each donation.

Need help? Contact District Rotary Foundation Chair Beth Padgett at bpadgettrotary@outlook.com. Also, information provided by Rotary International on how to make donations is in on the next page.



Fewer donations to the Annual Fund – SHARE will mean FEWER dollars available for our GLOBAL GRANTS in countries such as Haiti, Honduras and Guatemala, and LESS money available for our own DISTRICT GRANTS. Please consider a year-end gift now to boost what we can accomplish next year.



FISCAL YEAR 2022 DEADLINES

Thank you for completing your year-end gift as soon as possible. Doing so will result in faster processing, better customer service and will avoid any last-minute complications.

CHECKS

Both the postmark on the envelope and the date written on the check must be no later than Thursday, 30 June 2022, and processed by the bank no later than Thursday, 7 July 2022.

UNITED STATES	CANADA (CAD)	CANADA (USD)
The Rotary Foundation 14280 Collections Center Drive Chicago, IL 60693, USA	The Rotary Foundation (Canada) c/o 911600 PO Box 4090 STN A Toronto, ON M5W 0E9 Canada	The Rotary Foundation (Canada) c/o 911601 PO Box 4090 STN A Toronto, ON M5W 0E9 Canada

CREDIT CARD

ONLINE VIA [ROTARY.ORG](https://rotary.org)

Must be authorized on or prior to midnight on 30 June 2022 Central Standard Time. For security purposes, please do not send credit card contributions electronically or via email.

WIRE TRANSFERS

[Wire transfers](#) must be initiated prior to Thursday, 30 June 2022 and received by Wednesday, 6 July 2022.

SECURITIES

Stock, mutual funds or other gifts of [securities](#) must be received prior to Thursday, 30 June 2022.

LIFE INCOME AGREEMENTS & DONOR ADVISED FUND GIFTS

The same deadlines for checks and securities apply. Please contact planned giving at plannedgiving@rotary.org for transfer instructions.

RESOURCES:

[The Rotary Foundation Contribution Form](#)

Rotary Support Center

Email: RotarySupportCenter@rotary.org

Phone: +1 (866)-9ROTARY (+1-866-976-8279)

Hours (CST): Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. through 30 June 2022

Some events going on at Houston convention

BY BARBARA SHAYEB-HELOU

7750 Fellowships and RAGS Chair

June has much for us to be excited about, in addition to Jennifer Jones serving as RI President.

At the RI Convention in Houston, the wine Fellowship will have three distinct member events.

- June 3 at the Junior League for \$150.
- June 5 restaurant Porto for \$130.
- And for Life Members only on June 6 at Vic and Anthony's for \$250.

Each event includes dinner and wine and lots of good Rotary fellowship. Based on past events, I guarantee the food will be amazing.

Based on past wine fellowship events held during convention, these events sell out.

The RAG for Peace wants to include Rotarians, Rotaractors and Peace Fellows. They stress that peace is inherent in everything Rotary does.

We strive for gender equality, help mothers and

babies promote basic literacy and numeracy, disease prevention, promote clean water and sanitation, etcetera.

There will be a pre-Convention Peace Conference June 3-4. It will be headed by PRID Celia Giay from Argentina. If the pursuit of peace is a subject of interest, you will enjoy this. The RAG for Peace is having two events—June 4 at 4:30 pm at the Grove, SW corner Discovery Park and June 7 at 1611 Lamar Street.

If peace in the Ukraine is important to you, do not miss these events. And, remember that Rotary has a Ukraine fund along with the American Red Cross.



MAKE A YEAR-END GIFT VIRTUALLY

Give to the virtual CART Bucket online

Our clubs in D-7750 have been big supporters of The CART Fund (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust) for many years.

You can drop your coins or bills into the blue buckets at your club meeting, or make an online donation.

TO GIVE TO CART ONLINE:

1. Go to www.mycartfund.org.
2. Enter your DACdb User Name & Password

3. Click on the dark blue sign-in (Current User) button
4. You'll create an ID in the CART Online Contribution Portal that's tagged to your club and our District.

If you don't have your DACdb credentials, no worries— just use the light blue button to Create an Account and you'll be asked for our District ID (7750) and your club name.

PS: Tiffany Ervin, the new Executive Director of CART, lives in Spartanburg. While she's a member of the Four Seasons Rotary Club in Hendersonville, NC, she is readily available to speak to clubs in our district and is especially accessible to those in the Upstate. Email her at tiffany@tiffanyervin.com.

Membership Champions

(28 new members and their sponsors in April)

Member	Type	Club	Sponsor
Banzhof, Petra (PETRA)	Active-YP32 Family-Assoc	Greenville	Susan C. Tumblin
Cameron, William Hunter (HUNTER)	Active	Emerald City	Lorraine Angelino/ Rachel Strayer
Campbell, Laura M (LAURA)	Active-Family- Attnd	Easley	Mark R. Eisengrein
Campbell, Marc N (MARC)	Active-Family- Associate	Easley	Mark R. Eisengrein
Christopher, Dee (DEE)	Active	Anderson	Keith Callicutt
Duncan, Rebecca (REBECCA)	Active	Greenville	Robert E. Howard/ Pamela J. Weaver
Fuller, Abigal (ABBY)	Active	Newberry	Larry E. Ellis
Harwood, William (WILLIAM)	Active	Greenville	Scott Stephens
Hatchell, Henry Leon (HANK)	Active	E-Club of the Carolinas	Lorraine Angelino
Homovich, Hannah (HANNAH)	Active-Satellite	Emerald City Evening Sat.	Nicole Herbert/ Patricia Polattie
Johns, Jason (JASON)	Active	Anderson	Michele Branning
Johnson, Sean (SEAN)	Active	Newberry	
King, Jackson (JACKSON)	Active	Foothills	Leslie W. Hicken
Kopp, Robert (ROBERT)	Active	Newberry	Renee Cousins Stubbs
Mann, Sheryl (SHERYL)	Active	Spartan West	Kelli Brown
Marks, Nancy Carol (NANCY)	Active	Aiken	Candace Anne Hamilton
Martinez Bond, Issabella (ISSABELLA)	Active-Satellite	Greer Satellite	Jim Mitchell
Moore, John B Jr. (JOHN)	Active	Reedy River Greenville	Ann H. Golden
Moore, Michael (MICHAEL)	Active	Rock Hill	
Paschal, W. Greg (GREG)	Active	Aiken	
Patterson, Melissa (MELISSA)	Active-Satellite	Greer Satellite	Jim Mitchell
Priest, John (JOHNNY)	Active	Anderson	
Rogers, Ronald (RJ)	Active	Spartan West	Victor Durrah Jr.
Sanders, Thomas (THOMAS)	Active	Greenville	George W. Fletcher
Savage, Shawn (SHAWN)	Active	Greenville	Ransom L. Bryan III
Spragg, Cynthia (CYNTHIA)	Active	York	Ryan Blancke
Thorpe, Eric W. (ERIC)	Active	Lake Wylie	
Wiley, Alan Robert (ALAN)	Active	Lake Wylie	

April 2022: 28 New Members | 21 Terminated Members • 2 deceased

Deadline for July newsletter is June 25.

Send items to newsletter editor Sue Poss, editor@rotary7750.org.

Articles received after June 25 will be used in August.