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BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOYCE MORIN Rotary Club of Lancaster

# GROWING YOUR [Rotary] GARDEN

You can become a Master Gardener for your Rotary club at the Membership Summit Aug. 6.

#### **SUMMERTIME**—When we

venture outside our homes and connect with the outside world. Beach trips, mountain hikes, BBQ on the patio. Fun with old friends and new. Mini-adventures sprinkled in with house painting and car washing.

And gardens. Oh, the gardens. Vegetables for the practical and for the gourmet. Flowers for the romantics: native wildflowers, exotic lilies, sturdy perennials all held together with green, green grass. All needing good soil, strong plants, nourishment, and loving attention to flourish.

So it is with Rotary clubs.

Our good soil is our commitment to do good in the world... to play a direct role in improving the lives of those who need our help. Our goal is to enrich the lives of others. The happy result is that we enrich our own lives, as well.

Members are the strong plants in our garden, the hardy perennials. Rotary welcomes individuals from all backgrounds, vocations, religions, ethnicities, interests. Each member contributes to the whole just as the most expected and the most unique plants lend themselves to an unforgettable landscape.

We nourish our clubs by engaging members through fellowship and service. We create environments where members are free to share ideas and are quick to



## Tending your Rotary garden—

support one another. We play, plan, learn, grow and do things together which are worthwhile and which make us proud to be a part of something bigger than ourselves.

It is the determination and loving attention of our members which has kept our clubs strong and which will carry us into the future. As in a garden, strength and growth will not come from formulas for success but rather from untiring effort. We start with our visions, develop our plans, marshal our forces, plant the gardens, and never, never neglect them. Especially if it becomes critical to adapt along the way.

How fortunate we are that over the course of 117 years, our organization has built a mighty reference library to help us keep our gardens growing all year long. Our tool shed includes human resources, digital learning, print materials, opportunities to interact via social media, zoom, and in-person workshops and conferences. There are reports to help you understand where you are, methods to help you determine where you want to go, tips to help you get there. You supply the imagination and hard work.

Come to the Membership Summit August 6 in Newberry. Bring as many of your club members as you can.... we have big gardens to grow. Look, listen, talk, share in the excitement. Tis the growing season.

We'll help you become Master Gardeners of Rotary. See you there,

DG Joyce

MAGINE

AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH, which means it's time to celebrate your Rotary club, your members, and the good you do in your community and around the world.

Let everyone in your social network know that you are a proud member by changing your Twitter and Facebook profile to the <u>I'm a Proud Member</u> logo.

## DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP SUMMIT

August 6, 2022

8:30 am - 3:00 pm Piedmont Technical College Newberry Campus 1922 Wilson Road Newberry, SC 29108



All Rotarians interested in strengthening their club are invited to attend. Presidents, Presidents-Elect, Membership Chairs and Assistant Governors are expected to attend.

Cost = \$20 per person, Lunch included.

Pick up some tips that will help your club do as well—maybe even better—developing your membership during 2022-23.





## August...think membership...think IMPACT!!

For Governor Joyce and Club Presidents, isn't it hard to believe that the first month of the new Rotary year has slipped by and we're now in August?

On the Rotary calendar, you will see that August is slated as the month with an emphasis on Membership. I think that is wonderful, and I do want you to think about membership this month...AND YOU CAN START BY ATTENDING

OUR MEMBERSHIP SUMMIT.

You may say but today is August 1st and the Summit is August 6th... my cell number is 864-934-5143...call me, and I will pull some strings to

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get you in at this late date. Remember when you get membership right, everything else is so much easier during your Rotary year. Let's start off on a good foot!

We have been talking about the **Culture of Growth** for several years now. That doesn't mean that you need to grow your club by 10 or 20 a year... it means a steady growth of two or three a year. But remember you will lose about 15% of your members through attrition so you need to take that into account for the final count.

BUT WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO GROW YOUR CLUB? It is important because your club needs to



positively impact your community, and you can have a greater impact with more members.

With more members you can build a pipeline of leaders. With more members you can attract better speakers.

PLEASE DO NOT SAY OUR CLUB IS JUST THE RIGHT SIZE, we need more Rotarians, and there are people in ALL our communities just waiting to be invited...so JUST DO IT...invite someone today!!

#### WESTMINSTER PROVIDES SUPPLIES FOR SPACE CAMP

The Rotary Club of Westminster paid for the camp supplies for kids that enrolled in the Blue **Ridge Innovation & Entrepreneur** Foundation (BRIEF) Space Camp. The club also provided transportation to Robotics Day. **BRIEF's goal is to steer students** of lesser means into STEM curricula. Mac Devine, the founder, is currently working with students who have a parent enrolled either in Ripple of One in Seneca or the Dream Foundation in Easley. Westminister Rotary has taken on BRIEF as a major community/ educational effort sponsor.





#### MEANINGFUL PROJECTS ESSENTIAL TO MEMBER ENGAGEMENT/RETENTION

#### **BY PAM WEAVER**

Rotary Club of Greenville D7750 Community Service Chair

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 your club hasn'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 below please let me know. The idea can then be shared with others.

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.)

#### **ADOPT A SCHOOL**

Happy Feet – Purchase shoes for students Clothes – Purchase clothing and coats for students

Teacher Appreciation – Provide treats such as sice 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 at pre-schools or elementary schools Little Free Libraries Tutoring at 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 Stock food pantry in school Food boxes for students and families during school breaks Backpacks with food for the weekend Meal packs for those in need to be 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

For more information about any of these projects, contact District 7750 Community Service Chair Pam Weaver <u>pamweaver@tweaver.com</u>, 864-275-3749 so you can be connected with the appropriate members.



#### COMMUNITY SERVICE

#### **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

#### WORKING WITH OTHERS

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/Girl Scouts** Serve meals to homeless Gifts for underprivileged children Sell or give food/drink at community festivals and parades





YORK ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR: Ryan Blancke was named York's Rotarian of the Year for 2021-22. He's receiving his president's pin from 2021-22 president Suzanne Edson.



PRESIDENT FOR 2022-21: Dean Boyd taking over the gavel from outgoing president Suzanne Edson.



FIVE YEARS: Craig Hazlewood received recognition for five years of service as club secretary.



ABOVE AND BEYOND: Joe Johnson was recognized for his continued work in the club of Going Above and Beyond.



**NEW MEMBER:** (L to R) New member Charles Medlin, left, with 2022-23 president Dean Boyd and past president Suzanne Edson.



PAUL HARRIS: 2021-22 President Suzanne Edson recognized Amy Hagner and Kelly Coxe, who each reached another level of giving to The Rotary Foundation.

Jeannie Gilstrap, the service projects chair for the Pickens Rotary Club, and Ken Roper, club president, led the club's efforts to work with Ukraine.

### PICKENS PARTNERS WITH POLTAVA TO HELP INTERNALLY DISPLACED CHILDREN IN UKRAINE

By Karen Culley Rotary Club of Pickens

The Rotary Club of Pickens has partnered with the Rotary Club of Poltava, Ukraine, to supply an Early Childhood Development Facility in Poltava for Internally Displaced Persons (IDP).

The preschool facility will be a benefit to mothers and children.

Poltava is a city of about 300,000 people in the center of the country. Approximately 3 million Ukranian refugees have migrated to Poltava. About 200 children per year will benefit from the physical, mental and psychological programs provided at the facility.

Pickens is funding its contribution from members' donations and from its annual fundraiser, Ride To The Rock.

The Pickens club worked with Ukranian native Mykola Shcherban, owner od Carolina Ballroom Dance Studio in Greenville.

Without his contacts in Poltava, his home town, and his interpretation at ZOOM meetings and emails between the two clubs, this project could not take place.

#### RIDE TO THE ROCK is a

bicycle ride from downtown Pickens on 30k, 60k & 100k routes into the nearby mountains, including Table Rock. The club's next ride is September 24,2022.









LANCASTER BREAKFAST GARDEN PROJECT PROVIDES FRESH VEGETABLES FOR LOW-INCOME SENIORS

Lancaster Breakfast Rotary Club cultivated a garden plot at the Lancaster County Community Garden to kick off its summer service projects.Rotarians prepared the soil, set out the plants, and weeded the garden. Vegetables include tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, and zucchini.The club donates the harvest throughout the summer to Hope in Lancaster's Senior Kitchen, which provides fresh fruits & vegetables to low-income seniors in the area.



AGINE

#### **CLOVER HELPS RAISE MONEY WITH YMCA**

Clover Rotary partnered with the CSD Community YMCA for a fundraiser selling hot dogs and hamburgers at the Y's Luau event. Pictured are Rotarians Allison Harvey, Don Hyatt, Catherine Myrick, Marshall Stine, Steve Tripi, John Lovsin, and President Katie Wright Money raised was split between the Club and the Y.

## Need a service project? Look at the 30 Rotary Action Groups

**BY PDG BARBARA SHAYHEB-HELOU** D7750 RAGS and Fellowships Chair barbarashayeb076@gmail.com

There are almost 30 Rotary Action Groups that encourage you to take a hard look at life in your community and to change and improve it as needed. Please don't ever tell us that you cannot find a service project. Look at the action groups: they are there waiting for you.

RAGs such as Domestic Violence Prevention, Blood Donations, Blindness Prevention, Alzheimers and Dementia, and Addiction alone should give you enough to work on for years.

RAGs such as Family Health and AIDS prevention, Health Education and Wellness , and Maternal and Child Health alone should give you enough insight and determination alone to set speakers for half a year.

**ROTARY ACTION GROUPS** 

Rotary

Go for it and let me know what success comes your way; I am interested to know.





A Project of the Rotary Clubs of North America

#### HOW 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 Onlineution Portal that's tagged to your club and our District.

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

**BY DGE RENEE STUBBS** *RLI District Chair rcstubbs@att.net* 

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

### Please register as soon as possible.

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.









FIRST YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENT OF 2022-23 ARRIVES FROM ITALY

District 7750's first 2022-23 inbound exchange student, Luca Penouel, arrived in late July from Rome, Italy. Luca is hosted by the Rotary Club of Clemson Sunrise. His first host family, PDG Frank and Crossie Cox, and fellow club members, Dave Gangemi and Jacquie Wilson were at Greenville-Spartanburg Airport to welcome him.





#### NEW MEMBER

Mikayla Kreuzberger, left, with Duke Energy and the World of Energy is the newest Rotarian and member of the Golden Corner Rotary Club. Pictured with her is Rotarian Lorraine Harding.



#### GOLDEN CORNER ROTARY CLUB~

## GOLD RUSH IN OCONEE

Rotarian Steve Rushton described one of the country's first gold rushes that included mines and streams in Oconee County. One mine in particular was located near Clemson's Twelve Mile recreational area. Pictured at left is Golden Corner Rotary Club president Steve Moore.





#### PEACHES

Sam Hudson, right, retired entomologist with the Clemson Fruit Research Farm, told the Golden Corner Rotary Club about his own peach orchard with about 150 trees and the current harvest season. Pictured at left is club president Steve Moore.

#### DELIVERANCE

Retired journalist and Rotarian David Williams, right, presented a program to the Golden Corner Rotary Club on the 50th anniversary of the release of the film Deliverance. The movie boosted the careers of Burt Reynolds, Jon Voight and Ned Beatty and was filmed along the Chattooga River and what was the Lake Jocassee construction site. Pictured at left is club Sergeant at Arms Patrick Lee.

Deadline for September newsletter is August 25. Send items to newsletter editor Sue Poss, editor@rotary7750.org. Articles received after Aug. 25 will be used in October.

## Rotary's work shows results in Haiti

#### BY DRFC BETH PADGETT

D7750 Rotary Foundation Chair

This is the wet season in Haiti, and everything is green. That makes it easy to see the results of the work that our District 7750 Rotarians are doing in Haiti through a partnership with Charles and Gillaine Warne and Partners in Agriculture. We are about to enter the third year of a three-year project funded with a Rotary Foundation Global Grant to "increase household livelihood security through animal production."

Charles, a member and past president of the Rotary Club of Greenville, reports that "the trees and plants are doing well" in Haiti. The photo with this article proves the success of the project that has focused on creating high-value crop production and soil conservation in addition to breeding goats. Charles said, "We hope to have solar power to increase the irrigation of the fields, and we are building ponds and dams for the water needed (in addition) to drilling wells."

Rotarians in District 7750 have supported work in the Central Plateau of Haiti for more than a decade through their contributions to The Rotary A goat-breeding farm in Haiti will help families create generational wealth.

Foundation."

Part of this latest three-year project involves building a goat-breeding farm that will help families start creating generational wealth. The upcoming grant will enable the Haitians to expand and enhance the Lacheto farm to the point of raising at least 200 kids (baby goats) annually to distribute to more farming families in Central Plateau.



Everything is green in the Central Plateau region of Haiti where District 7750 Rotarians are continuing work to ensure sustainable agriculture.







D-7750 Foundation Chair IPDG BETH PADGETT bpadgettrotary@outlook.com

## Five points to keep your members engaged with your Rotary Foundation

- 1. I have challenged every club president to make a donation to The Rotary Foundation in July to demonstrate that leaders lead by example. Thank you to those who did, but you're in a small group. Here's an August Challenge to every club president and club Foundation chair: Show your Rotary Club that you believe in the Foundation by making a donation to Annual Fund-SHARE.
- 2. I challenge every club president and club Foundation chair to meet in August and discuss how to implement your Foundation goals. While you're at it, make sure those goals are in My Rotary. Only one-fourth of our clubs had entered goals by July 25.
- **3.** Did you have a Foundation Minute in July? Have you already discussed the importance of our Foundation with your club members? If not, do it in August. And if you did, thank you and please continue having a focus on the Foundation at least once a month this year.
- **4.** Start planning something special for World Polio Day (October 24) and Rotary Foundation Month in November.
- **5.** Get in touch with District Rotary Foundation Chair Beth Padgett when you have questions, need ideas, or want to plan a Foundation program.

#### 2022-23

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## PolioPlus Report: Behind the Headlines Case of polio discovered in New York state

#### **BY DOUG KAUFFMANN**

MAGINE

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In July an adult man in Richland, NY, was determined to have contracted polio, including symptoms of paralysis. Such news naturally caused wide-spread surprise and concern. What we know:

- The man contracted polio because he was unvaccinated for polio. While a large majority of American children are injected with a series of three polio vaccines when they are young that protects them from polio, it still remains necessary to vaccinate every child to protect them and our country from polio.
- 2. The type of polio this man contracted was not the Wild Polio Virus (WPV) that exists in nature and is currently endemic in only two countries in the world, Pakistan and Afghanistan. Ridding the world of WPV remains the first priority of Rotary International and our partners.
- **3.** The type of polio this man contracted is known as Circulating Vaccine Derived PolioVirus (cVDPV). This kind of polio is received from the oral vaccine for polio that is administered in many overseas countries. This type of vaccine is easier and more practical to administer in highly populated and in more remote sections of countries.
- **4.** A person who is vaccinated with the oral vaccine is largely protected from polio and cannot get polio from the vaccine. However,

Congratulations to our District 7750 Clubs for surpassing our 2021-22 District Goal of \$105,000 by raising more than \$154,000 for PolioPlus this past Rotary year!!



Information about our PolioPlus 2022-2023 District Fundraising Goals and the Kauffmann PolioPlus Challenge will appear next month.

> the oral vaccine does have weakened live strain of the polio virus. This weakened strain of the virus can actually evolve into a polio virus strong enough to infect another person(s). These evolved strains can develop in the body of a person who received the oral vaccine and be passed through breathed droplets to an unvaccinated person. These evolved viruses can also be spread through human waste and contaminate water supplies. This Vaccine Derived PolioVirus can infect people through drinking water or water used to clean foods.

5. The New York man who contracted polio was infected by a person who had received an oral vaccine in another country, but came to our country and spread the evolved polio virus. The New York man has now been vaccinated to help manage the symptoms and is no longer contagious. Local health officials are keeping a close watch on family members and friends to help prevent further cases.



## Membership Champions (39 new members and their sponsors in June)

ROTARIAN	ТҮРЕ	CLUB	SPONSOR
Andersen, Shannon (SHANNON)	Active	Lake Wylie	Paul Moran
Beam, Tony (TONY)	Active-Satellite	Greer	Jim Mitchell
Bertazzo Tobar, Felipe (FELIPE)	Active	Clemson	Emily Martin Ewoldt
Blackham, Gary R. (GARY)	Active-R85	Lancaster	Robert H. Collins Jr.
Brown, DJ (DJ)	Active	Carolina Foothills	Ronald Garner/ John M Hodge
Bundy, Charles A. (CHARLIE)	Honorary	Lancaster	
Campbell, TaTanish C. (TATANISH)	Active	Chester	William H. Bundy
Chapman, Khaleek (KHALEEK)	Active	Lancaster	April Joplin
Comer, Kevin (KEVIN)	Active-Satellite	Greer	
Cruz, Lezah Patrice (LEZAH)	Active-Corporate	Foothills	Les Hicken
De Iulio, Edward B (ED)	Active	Clemson	
Forrest, Greg (GREG)	Active	Lake Wylie	Mary L. Sieck
Forsyth, C. Michael (MICHAEL)	Active	Greenville City Center	Gary C. Davis
Fortenberry, Lillian (LILLIAN)	Rotaractor	Lander University Rotaract	
Gettys, Roddey E. III (RODDEY)	Honorary	Easley	
Greer, Jessica Folk (JESSICA)	Active	Carolina Foothills	Cathy C. McMillan/ John M Hodge
Hatchell, Henry Leon (HANK)	Active	E-Club of the Carolinas	Alberto G. Meloncelli
Hill, James Gibson (GIBSON)	Active	Greenwood	Jessica F. Garcia
Hopkins, Luke (LUKE)	Rotaractor	Lander University Rotaract	
Kizito, Kate (KATE)	Active	Fountain Inn	
Langley, Alex (ALEX)	Rotaractor	Lander University Rotaract	
Larson, Julia N (JULIA)	Active-Satellite	McCormick Satellite	Linda Williford
Manley, Kate (KATE)	Active	Clover	Michael Schonfeld
Matsuda, Stacey (STACEY)	Active-Satellite	Greer	Linda Biggerstaff
Medlin, Charles (CHARLES)	Active	York	Gregory H. Greiner
Mock, Denise (DENISE)	Active	Emerald City (Greenwood)	Frances K. Wiley/Rosemary Cannon Bell
Pace, Bill (BILL)	Active	Fort Mill	Wayne Bouldin
Pittinger, Sherry (SHERRY)	Active	Anderson	
Rhodes, William Hardwick (WILLIAM)	Active	Spartanburg	Terry O. Pruitt
Russell, Malcolm O. (MALCOLM)	Active	Chester	First Citizens Bank Tony E Pope
Skinner, Madison Raines (MADISON)	Active	Carolina Foothills	Cathy C. McMillan/ John M Hodge
Smith, Christopher (CHRIS)	Active	Clemson	
Stewart, Jason (JASON)	Active	Chester	Mike Medlin
Twitty, Brenda Kaye (BRENDA)	Honorary	Lancaster	Bobby E. Bailey/ Regina A. Maxfield
Vess, Melissa E (MELISSA)	Active-Associate	Easley	Chris Wilson
White, Marcus (MARC)	Active	Carolina Foothills	
Wolf, Jeffrey M. (JEFF)	Active	Greenville City Center	
Wood, Amy (AMY)	Active	Greenville	Judith S. Prince/ Pamela J. Weaver
Young, Sonia Morrow (SONIA)	Active	Chester	Nancy F. Forlaw

#### June 2022: 39 New Members | 99 Terminated Members • 3 deceased