



SEPTEMBER: Basic Education  
and Literacy Month  
OCTOBER: Economic and  
Community Development Month

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# 7750

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## Four inbound Youth Exchange students have arrived in the district



**T**oward the end of the summer, four nervous, but excited high school students arrived in District 7750 to begin their life-changing adventures as Rotary Youth Exchange students.

They are:

1. Dan Balint, hosted by Pleasantburg, living with Wade Cleveland and Travis Seward.
2. Mina Bingül, hosted by Anderson, living with Bob DiPesa and Karen Henrichsen.
3. Eugénie Mollet, hosted by Rock Hill, living with Mark and Amanda Shumpert.
4. Luca Penouel, hosted by Clemson Sunrise and Clemson, living with PDG Frank and Crossie Cox.

The four students met during their orientation

weekend, August 19-21. There, while learning about South Carolina history and customs and reviewing the program's expectations and rules, they also enjoyed gorgeous views of Lakes Keowee and Jocassee and delighted in an afternoon of boating, tubing, and swimming at Lake Keowee.

Many, many thanks to Ethel Pettigrew (Rotary Club of Clemson), who made her beautiful house available to us, and to former Rotarian, Stan Greer (Simpsonville), who provided a boat and his adult children, Bailey and Harrison, to oversee the water adventures on Lake Keowee. (Bailey is a former RYE student to Switzerland.)

[Go to the next page to meet these students.](#)

**Without sponsoring clubs and host families, our Youth Exchange program could not operate, so thanks for stepping up.**

# Meet the Youth Exchange students

## DAN BALINT (ROMANIA)

Dan, who recently turned 17, describes himself as a “social butterfly” with lots of energy.

He enjoys snow skiing, basketball, swimming, social activities, music, and dancing.

The founder of the Interact Club at his home high school, he participates in almost all of their projects. Although his English is already excellent, he hopes to improve it this year and eventually use everything he learns as an exchange student “to make a better life for the people of Romania.”



## EUGÉNIE MOLLET (FRANCE)

Eugénie is a seventeen-year-old from a small, quiet, rural town (think cows in the fields) in the north of France, near the Belgian border.

She loves animals and spent several years doing weekly agility training with her dog. She also enjoys acting.

Eugénie describes her strengths as “ambition, altruism, and volunteering” and adds that she hopes her time as an exchange student will make her more self-confident. Discovering different cultures and points of view interests her greatly (an ideal quality for Rotary Youth Exchange!).



## MINA BINGÜL (TURKEY)

An avid athlete, Mina swims, plays volleyball, and ice skates. She has won championships in both figure and synchronized skating.

Hailing from the coastal city of Izmir, she will 16 in September.

While living in India for three years when her mother was working there, Mina attended a Canadian international school and, as a result, speaks English quite well.

Her future plans include attending university and, eventually, working in brand management.



## LUCA PENOUEL (ITALY)

Another student with outstanding English, Luca is from Rome. A true fan of Italian food, especially pasta, Luca makes a point of working out regularly to stay in shape.

Music is a big interest, especially pop and rap, and he’s taken hip hop dance lessons for four years.

Luca is particularly interested in understanding the points of view of other people on a variety of subjects. Accordingly, among his goals as an exchange student are open discussions with his host family and students at school so that he can learn from their culture, religion, and food.



# This Little Book of Mine, It Shines

SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

BY DG JOYCE MORIN



I have been all over the world. I've hacked my way through jungles, breezed down the Champs-Elysees, shivered in the Yukon, cut sugarcane in the West Indies, and triumphed over corruption and greed in New York City. All because I can read.

My library card has taken me to places I never dreamed of.

I can read road signs, restaurant menus, store signs. I know what is in legal paperwork before I sign my name and know which pesticides are pet friendly. In earlier days, I had the ability to read classified ads, create a resume, and complete a job application. Today, I pen an occasional letter to the editor. All because I can competently read and write.

Not everyone has been blessed with the family support and educational systems to enjoy the benefits of these skills.

September is Rotary Basic Education and Literacy month. This is the time when our clubs take a close look at their communities and take action to help improve literacy in their neighborhoods. As the yellow buses begin carrying their precious cargo for the start of a new school year, we are reminded of some heavy challenges.

According to the state's 2021 report card, only 42% of students in South Carolina are reading and writing at their grade level. That's an average. Consider this: the Literacy 2030 project tells us that 66.7% of our third graders are BELOW reading standards and 51.2% of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders are BELOW those same standards.

The Barbara Bush Foundation map shows 22.4% of adults in South Carolina have low literacy rates; 5 in 8 counties have populations where 25% or more of the residents have below basic literacy. This is both shocking and appalling.

Research consistently shows that illiteracy leads to poverty, as employers require more than basic literacy in the workforce. The financial gap between adults who have the lowest and highest literacy levels is staggering.

Families must choose between using low wages for food, or healthcare...resulting in less preventative care, more hospitalizations, and higher outpatient visits. Then they must face the problems of reading the prescriptions, test results, and physician instructions.

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When it comes to basic education and literacy, Rotarians are

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**S**ocialization suffers. Vulnerability to deception and scams increases, people struggle to know their rights when they cannot read. Self-esteem plummets. Consider the child happy to dance and play and sing who deflates before your eyes when a book is placed in front of them.

The good news is that as People of Action, we can intervene and transform lives in our communities through Rotary projects. We can advocate for education, volunteer in schools, identify targeted areas where we can be of particular help. We can get books into the hands of children from toddlerhood on. We can organize after school programs, mentor foster care children, underwrite the cost of high school equivalency exams. We can champion vocational education.



**LINK TO SOUTH CAROLINA  
REPORT CARD**

**DOWNLOADABLE CARDS BY STATE.**

**R**otarians have the ability to confront literacy challenges and transform lives. Whether the problem to solve is functional literacy, requiring improvement in basic reading and writing skills... financial literacy, where some need to learn how to set up a household budget, balance a checkbook, apply for a car loan...or numeracy, where someone struggles to give correct change or increase a recipe to serve extra guests....we have the time, talent, and will to help break the chains holding people back.

Illiteracy need not be a lifetime sentence. We can break the cycle.

If we work hard enough, many adults will be able to live less stressful lives, and there will be more children out there whose library cards can take them around the world. Children whose dreams and self-confidence will allow them to function in a modern world, and who will lead us to great places. Not bad work. Go for it, Rotarians.



Please be sure that your club has appointed a literacy chair. Discuss how to assess the needs in your community and develop projects to address them. If you already have projects underway – thank you – take the time to review and refresh. Contact District Literacy Chair Karen Culley at [kculley@uwpickens.org](mailto:kculley@uwpickens.org) for ideas and feel good about the good you are doing. Then send an article and pictures to the newsletter. We want to celebrate with you!





## HOT DOGS WILL HELP FUND CLOVER'S COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

Clover Rotary held a hot dog fundraiser at Fred Caldwell Chevrolet's annual Car Show to raise money to support the projects it carries out in its community. Pictured left to right: Rotarians Marty Cotton, Allison Harvey, Katie Wright, Catherine Myrick, Marshall Stine, Ken Love, John Lovsin and Don Hyatt (plus a couple of young helpers).

## HAPPY 10TH BIRTHDAY TO ROTARY E-CLUB OF THE CAROLINAS

The Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas celebrated its 10th anniversary in August. The club took advantage of the Membership Summit to share the happy occasion with other Rotarians in the district.

Lenna Young, seated at right, is serving her second consecutive year as president. With her are E-club members Alberto Meloncelli and Diana Parker, to Lenna's right. Behind her are two members of the E-Club's Satellite club in McCormick, Anne Barron and Linda Williford.

The E-Club has 26 members and its satellite club has 16.



## ROTARY'S PUBLIC IMAGE IT'S UP TO YOU

Show that we are  
**PEOPLE OF ACTION**

## SHOW OFF YOUR CLUB SOCIAL MEDIA IS KEY

In today's society, social media is key when it comes to promoting the efforts of your Rotary Club. Facebook and Instagram are the most popular platforms and serve as vital tools to helping your club share the good work it does the community.

Don't know what to post on social media? To keep engagement active, post original content at least once a week (even if it is just a photo and caption of the club's speaker at the meeting that week).

Then use Rotary International and other District content to fill up space on your page. Try to share at least two or three posts from those sources a week.

Need help? Reach out to me by phone or email. 864-941-6490 or [maggiemcmahon@gmail.com](mailto:maggiemcmahon@gmail.com).



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## PUBLIC IMAGE IN ACTION: A SPECIFIC IDEA FOR THIS MONTH

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month. Why not think about what your club does in this area of service and try to develop one or two Facebook or Instagram posts during the month to tell your community about it?

If your club doesn't have anything particular in this area of service, make your posts about Rotary clubs in general and Rotary's emphasis on Basic Education and Literacy.

Here are some examples of what your club may already be doing in this area or these may give you an idea of something you want to start. The key is to tell your community so you can grow your impact.

1. Reading to young students in their classrooms.
2. Providing dictionaries to students.
3. Maintaining a Little Free Library.
4. Participating in or sponsoring a Career Day at the local high school.
5. Supporting a literacy center, either with supplies or volunteers.
6. Collecting and donating school supplies.
7. Showing your support for teachers by bringing them goodies for their breaks or coffee and biscuits to get their day started.
8. Donating a book to a school or county library in honor of your speaker.
9. Mentoring older students or adult learners.

These are just some examples of what you can write a couple of sentences about, take a photo (really important), and you'll have a good social media post.

This lets your community become more aware of who you are and what you do. And who knows? A few readers may want to join you.



## BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY

### HOW TO TAKE A PICTURE THAT 'TALKS' ON FACEBOOK:

After you take the obligatory photo of all participants standing in a row, take a couple of action shots that hone in on just one or two Rotarians or participants doing whatever the project is. Show we are people of action! Put the 10 people standing in a row in your scrapbook or club newsletter.





### **ROMANIAN YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENT ARRIVES AT GSP, HOSTED BY PLEASANTBURG**

Several members of the Rotary Club of Pleasantburg went to GSP airport Aug. 12 to give Dan Bariant of Romania a warm welcome as he starts his year as a Youth Exchange student in Greenville. We wish Dan and all the youth exchange students a very successful year as we are grateful that Rotary gives this opportunity to youth from all over the world. —Regina Colomb



### **PLEASANTBURG HELPS KEEP GREENVILLE CLEAN, PROTECTS ENVIRONMENT**

Members of the Rotary Club of Pleasantburg woke up early Aug. 20 to practice the Rotary mission of Service Above Self. By 8:30 am they were cleaning up Stone Avenue in Greenville helping to keep our city clean and to help our environment. Thank you to AG David Brenner who joined us for some Rotary coffee and muffins before our group headed out onto the street. To start the day with a service project, a little exercise and a lot of fellowship really set the tone for a beautiful day!—Regina Colomb



## Membership Summit offered innovative approach to helping clubs grow

**BY PDG SUE H. POSS**

*Chair, 7750 Council of Governors  
E-Club of the Carolinas*

This year's Membership Summit was so well-planned and executed that I wanted to take the time, on behalf of our past governors, to thank all of those who put their time into making it happen.

We all fall into the habit sometimes of taking the easy way forward by doing the same ol' things over and over. That did not happen this year at the summit. Membership chair PDG Carol Burdette, with supportive back up from the governor line and others, gave us something new and refreshing with the agenda, the content, the location, and even the food.

The location—Piedmont Technical College Newberry Campus—was a new venue for us and the room we were in was perfect for the event.

And, here's just a single example of the work that went into this: PDG Terry Weaver, now serving as Zone 33 Rotary Coordinator, wooed the attendees with his in-depth analysis of how important knowing your club's attrition rate is to determining your club's goal for increasing membership.

Using his engineering background and brain, he developed a formula that was easy for each club to use to determine how many new members would be required to get the net gain in membership a club wants. In our packets, Terry had a sheet for each attendee's club showing their attrition numbers. He didn't leave it up to us to look up numbers or do the math ourselves.

That is just one example of a very worthwhile piece of information to have

but that required a good bit of time on Terry's part to calculate and someone else's time to put the right sheets into the right person's folder.

Here are some other specifics from me and others about the summit:

- The way the whole day was organized. It made sense and progressed logically.
- We didn't have any long boring speakers! Everyone who spoke was short-winded, to the point, AND excited.
- Good variety of topics, speakers, media.
- Related to that, there was a quick succession of movement through Powerpoints, videos, interaction, speakers. No one component lasted long enough for us to get bored with it.
- There was good interaction among members from different clubs with insight, tips and tricks.
- We got relevant information—How to. Not abstract.
- The slide presentation was well done. It looked good and had a consistent feel throughout.



**Governor Joyce Morin and Membership Chair Carol Burdette give a lot of credit to DGE Renee Stubbs, a retired educator, for the success of this summit. So, we can probably look for more innovative training sessions ahead.**



# Membership Summit—

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- The emphasis was on why we should grow our clubs – impact. Numbers increase impact.
- It was less formal than most of our events with high energy and engagement of clubs using specific examples.
- The packet of information we each got had more good info in it to help with the How-To.

## Was everything about membership development and retention covered?

Of course not, and attendees still have some unanswered questions about how to grow their clubs. The membership team is committed to trying to help you do this through Zoom calls and other methods that zero in on specific membership topics.

Let DMC Carol or DG Joyce, DGE Renee, and DGN Rysheeka know what you need and they'll



## Strategizing for the future?

DGN Rysheeka Bush, Rotary Club of Aiken Sunrise, and District Public Image Chair Maggie McMahon, Rotary Club of Spartan West, strategizing at the Membership Summit. A strong public image plan can go a long way to helping recruit new members to a club.

try to develop a plan to make sure you get it.

I've been to and participated in lots of these kinds of training

sessions throughout the zones and elsewhere and I'll rank this one right up at the top. Thanks for all the hard work to make it happen.

## The PowerPoint Slides/ Handouts are available for you to use

You can view the PowerPoint that was used and the handout materials on our District 7750 website: [www.rotary7750.org](http://www.rotary7750.org). Then to:

- ›Club Leader Library Tab
- ›Membership
- ›Informational section.

Feel free to use the slides, the video, and and handouts with your own club.

## Useful Membership Contacts:

1. Carol Burdette — District Membership Chair - [dg2018@rotary7750.org](mailto:dg2018@rotary7750.org)
2. Butch Hughes — Innovative Clubs and Innovative Membership Types- [bhughes864@yahoo.com](mailto:bhughes864@yahoo.com)
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4. Maggie MacMahan — District Public Image Chair- [maggieamcmahon@gmail.com](mailto:maggieamcmahon@gmail.com)

## Did you miss the Membership Summit?

# Make-up session is Sept. 15 from 5:00-6:30 (Zoom)

If you missed the Membership Summit, you missed a great opportunity to share ideas and develop intentional growth strategies for your club—to increase the impact of Rotary in your community.

But never fear...a make-up session is coming.

Put September 15 from 5:00 – 6:30 on your calendar. During this Zoom session we will talk about the importance of inviting your friends, neighbors, family members, business colleagues and other associates to join you for a club project, social or meeting. We will

- Go through some points of an induction ceremony.
- Talk about different kinds of orientations...Tour of Rotary, Scavenger Hunt, etc.
- Talk about the importance of member

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engagement.

- Hear about different membership types and alternative club options.
- End with sharing ideas and discussion about these topics.

Don't miss this opportunity to fellowship and learn more about Membership Growth!



## THE GREENWOOD WALK TO FIGHT HUNGER

On August 23, nine members and four guests of the Rotary Club of Greenwood participated in the Walk to Fight Hunger. Participants walked five laps of the track (approximately 5 miles) and had the opportunity to carry ten-pound sandbags to represent the food some customers must carry since they do not have transportation. It was a great event and very eye opening. Thanks to Andrea White and the Food Bank for hosting this event. Participants from left-right: Teresa Goodman, Doug Kauffmann, George McKinney, Teresa's Son, Andera White, Deborah Parks, Mamie Nicholson, Sally Kauffmann, Tara Smith, Jessica Garcia, Jose Garcia and their two children.

**T**he word *service*, when used as a noun or verb, evokes a sense of action. And action is who we are as Rotarians. We identify problems, develop solutions and act on them in our community and globally.

—George McKinney, president,  
 Rotary Club of Greenwood



# North Spartanburg Club donates \$2,500 to five Spartanburg charities

Club members honor the commitment of charities that place “service above self”

North Spartanburg Rotary Club is taking to heart its motto “Service Above Self” and “One Profits Most Who Serves Best,” with a recent \$2,500 donation to benefit five local Spartanburg charitable organizations.

The five organizations provide essential resources to those in the Spartanburg community struggling with food and housing insecurity, as well family, medical and financial needs assistance.

**The Carpenter’s Table** established a food pantry to provide assistance to those in need on the west side of Spartanburg County, and serves hundreds of households each month. Due to the ever-increasing cost of food, every dollar is important to ensure food pantries can continue to serve those in need.

**The Middle Tiger Community Center Food Panty** located in Lyman, provides comprehensive services to the community, including early childhood education, family counseling services, youth development programs, case management and financial stability classes. They also offer adult education programs, such as GED courses, WIN/WorkKeys, and literacy classes.



From right to left: Thomas Koenig, Markus Zollinger, Don Worley, ckub president Ray Switzer, Randy Coleman, Sam Raney, Alan Boggie.

**The Spartanburg Soup Kitchen** feeds the inner city homeless of Spartanburg. It is an inter-denominational and inter-faith ministry. They share a common belief that when we serve those in need, we serve God. Like other organizations benefiting those with food insecurity, the rise in food costs and overall shortages have affected their services. For those interested in donating, a list on their website details the most urgently needed food items.

**The Alzheimer’s Association** supports more than 95,000 South Carolina residents that are living with Alzheimer’s disease. The Spartanburg Chapter provides education and support to those facing Alzheimer’s and other dementias throughout our community, including those living with the disease, caregivers, health professionals and families.

**Miracle Hill Ministries** provides extensive services to adults in the form of food, shelter, clothing, counseling, personal development, and addiction recovery.

“OUR ROTARY CLUB IS HONORED TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THESE INCREDIBLE CHARITIES. WE INVITE OTHERS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT EACH ORGANIZATION AND THE WORK THEY DO TO BENEFIT OUR COMMUNITY’S RESIDENTS IN NEED.” —CLUB PRESIDENT, RAY SWITZER.

## Deadline for October newsletter is Sept. 25.

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

Articles received after Sept. 25 will be used in November.



### KIDS AT FIKE GET SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The Golden Strip Sunrise Club welcomed Amanda Beattie from FIKE (Fountain Inn Kids Enrichment) center as our speaker this week. Melinda Gilreath, Past President, presented school supplies for the children.



### NEW THIS YEAR

# Interact



### FOUNTAIN INN HIGH SCHOOL

The Rotary Clubs of Golden Strip Sunrise and Fountain Inn are sponsoring a new Interact Club at Fountain Inn High School this year.

## ROTARY CLUB OF GOLDEN STRIP SUNRISE

### FEEDING THE TEACHERS TO START THE YEAR

The Golden Strip Sunrise Club honored the teachers and staff at Fountain Inn High School with a hamburger lunch, feeding more than 100 staff members.



### PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

Ryan Thackray from The Nature Conservancy spoke to the Golden Strip Sunrise Club about the work they are doing throughout South Carolina to promote natural solutions to protect our land and water, restore forests, protect healthy oceans, secure freshwater and manage Coastal areas. This is a great program to promote Rotary's area of focus on protecting the environment.





## **PLEASANTBURG HAS FUN WHILE RAISING MONEY FOR DRESS-A-CHILD**

1. The Rotary Club of Pleasantburg in Greenville, designated one of its monthly social meetings for a non-profit night at Southernside Brewing Co. to raise funds for the club's Dress A Child Program.

2. One of the best parts of the evening was watching so many people interacting socially with our Rotarians learning the character of our club, our members and our mission of Service Above Self. This served well as both a fundraiser and an opportunity for membership growth.



3. The turn out was amazing. Several friends of club members were there as was some of the staff at Cherrydale Elementary School whose children benefit from the Dress A Child Program . Southernside Brewery donated 15% of their total profits from 5-7 pm to the Dress A Child project.





## BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY 1 OF 7 AREAS OF FOCUS



## LANCASTER BREAKFAST IS CELEBRATING LITERACY ALL YEAR LONG!

In honor of each program speaker, the Rotary Club of Lancaster Breakfast is donating a book to the Lancaster County Library in that person's name. The books will circulate to hundreds of children across Lancaster County, maximizing the impact of our club's literacy initiative. And we are delighted to honor our program presenters along the way. Pictured: Hal Hiott, left, with club president Chad Catledge.— April Williams, Public Image Chair

## RAGs and fellowships can provide information and programs

BY PDG BARBARA SHAYEB-HELOU

7750 RAGS and Fellowships Chair

One way to keep current on Rotary programs and action being taken is to look at websites of RI RAGs and Fellowships.

The [Action Group on Slavery and Human Trafficking](#), for example, can provide a program and a project. They are based in Georgia and can be reached at 888-373 7888.

Their information might upset you, but you will get a healthy piece of reality. Plus you will learn how to reduce risk factors.

As you get ready for World Polio Day, remember that we recently had a case in upstate New York and we need to keep up with immunizations. Study information from the [Polio Survivors Fellowship](#) website. Make sure your family and neighbors are all immunized. Act now!



**Rotary**  
Club to  
End Human Trafficking

The Rotary Club to End Human Trafficking is a relative new cause-based impact club. Unlike a fellowship, this is a fully functioning Rotary Club that meets all of the requirements of a traditional club. Its members are engaged in ending human trafficking. Since it is an E-Club, its members can be located anywhere.





## DISTRICT GRANT HELPS GOLDEN CORNER PROVIDE HYGIENE KITS TO SHELTER

Golden corner Rotarians Gene Williams and Pam Dowd, each standing at left in these photos, delivered more male and female hygiene kits to Our Daily Bread soup kitchen and Our Daily Rest shelter. They are each shown with shelter Executive Director Tim Gordon. Funds from a District 7750 grant and Seneca Presbyterian Church have helped make this ongoing project possible.

Seneca Police Chief Casey Bowling, center, updated the Golden Corner Rotary Club about efforts to get governmental and charitable services to the city's homeless. Pictured with him are club president Steve Moore, left, and Rotarian Doug Wilson.



Jack Aden, right, former assistant Governor for Rotary District 7750, updated the Golden Corner Rotary Club about the Westminster Rotary Club's project with the South Carolina Apple Festival. With him is club president Steve Moore.

## GOLDEN CORNER ROTARY CLUB



"Miss Patsy" Davis, left, updated the Golden Corner Club about her work to feed the homeless and help them acquire the driver's licenses and social security cards that are necessary to function in life. At right is Rotarian Stephanie Blake.



The chef's telling the Pleasantburg Club about the new culinary institute, complete with a laptop right there on the demo table!

### PLEASANTBURG MEMBERS TAKE FIELD TRIP TO LEARN MORE ABOUT NEW CULINARY SCHOOL

The Rotary Club of Pleasantburg enjoyed a field trip to Greenville Tech's TRUIST Culinary and Hospitality Innovation Center where they were served a wonderful Thai Curry Chicken dish made by Chef Keith Roberts, CHI Chef Instructor. Members toured the new state of the art facility offering professional culinary training to the Greenville community. The club learned of the many courses and event planning opportunities the facility has to offer as well as life skills classes taught on site. In a community that is known for good cuisine and fine dining this facility gives those inspiring chef's a great place to learn their skills.



Keith Roberts, the chief chef, put on a real cooking demonstration for the club.



Now, that's a kitchen!



The plated Thai Curry Chicken that the Rotarians had for lunch.



## Beth's Challenges

for September

1. Send in your club contributions for the first quarter. The new Foundation Challenge for September is for clubs to send their first quarter contributions from club members to The Rotary Foundation. Please make sure the donations are sent in as Annual Fund – SHARE. Contact your Assistant Governor or DRFC Beth Padgett ([bpadgettr Rotary@outlook.com](mailto:bpadgettr Rotary@outlook.com)) if you have any questions.
2. Clubs Presidents were challenged to make a Foundation donation in July. Please make your donation in September if you have not done so already.
3. Make sure your Rotary Club devotes at least some part of a club meeting at least monthly to sharing the extraordinary impact that we Rotarians have through our Foundation.
4. Start planning for [World Polio Day](#) that is October 24.

## Countdown to History: World Polio Day 2022

BY DRFC BETH PADGETT

Sure, it's the first of September, but it's not too soon to begin planning your Rotary Club's Celebration for World Polio Day 2022 that will be Monday, October 24. We truly are on the "Countdown to History." We can see the finish line for Rotary's End Polio Now campaign.

Back by popular demand will be the Doug and Sally Kauffmann PolioPlus Challenge Match. Look for details later this month. The campaign will be similar to what we've had in District 7750 for the past two years.

Many thanks to the Kauffmanns for their extraordinary generosity that has encouraged Rotarians to increase their contributions for PolioPlus. We are having greater impact in ending polio because of the Kauffmanns' leadership and your enthusiastic response to the Challenge Match. Thank you!

You have an opportunity to join the District 7750 PolioPlus Society that was created last year. For a minimum contribution of \$100 to PolioPlus and a pledge to continue giving at that level, you will become a member of the PolioPlus Society and receive a special pin that represents your commitment to this life-saving campaign. Contact DRFC Beth Padgett at [bpadgettr Rotary@outlook.com](mailto:bpadgettr Rotary@outlook.com) for the details.

Need some ideas for your club? Rotary has created a great resource at [EndPolio/Resource-Center](#). Try it out. You'll be impressed. There are videos, event materials, banners and posters, and other great World Polio Day Materials.



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Join Rotary's **COUNTDOWN TO HISTORY** this October by participating in World Polio Day and helping us fulfill our pledge to the children of the world. We are "so close" to having a world free of polio. Let's celebrate our historic work while we complete this final push to End Polio Now!

## DISTRICT GRANTS

# Clubs make a difference in their communities

### ABBEVILLE

#### Education

**\$1,000**

The Abbeville Rotary Club will partner with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to provide high-quality children's books, once a month, to pre-school children free of charge. Fifty children will benefit from this project.

### AIKEN

#### Health

**\$2,500**

The Rotary Club of Aiken will purchase and fill 350 bags with items for the homeless. The bags will be reusable shopping bags that are branded with Rotary and be filled with water bottles, \$10 gift cards to Walmart and Food Lion, nonperishable food items and hygiene items. There will be 350 beneficiaries.

### AIKEN SUNRISE

#### Education

**\$4,047**

The Rotary Club of Aiken Sunrise will partner with every elementary school in Aiken County to ensure that every third-grade student receives a dictionary. There will be 2,208 students who benefit from this project.

### AIKEN-SUNRISE

#### Education

**\$950**

The Aiken Sunrise Rotary Club will work in partnership with an Aiken nonprofit founded by one of their members. They will provide

## FEATURED DISTRICT GRANTS 2022-2023

CLUB.....	PROJECT .....	GRANT
Abbeville .....	Turning the Page/ Literacy.....	\$1,000.00
Aiken .....	Homeless Bags .....	\$2,500.00
Aiken Sunrise.....	Dictionary Project.....	\$4,047.00
Aiken Sunrise.....	Zambian School .....	\$950.00
Anderson.....	Homeland Park; Varennes .....	\$8,000.00
Batesburg Leesville.....	Summer Literacy .....	\$1,725.00
Blacksburg .....	Book Vending Machine.....	\$1,000.00
Clemson .....	Operation school supply .....	\$2,500.00
Clemson Sunrise.....	Literacy Project.....	\$1,750.00
Clemson Sunrise.....	Green Generations.....	\$750.00
Clover .....	Learn to Swim.....	\$500.00

*More district grants will be featured in coming newsletters.*

textbooks for Hands of Hope Trust School in the Lilanda community of Lusaka, Zambia. They plan to purchase 1,777 books.

### ANDERSON

#### Education/Community Development

**\$8,000**

The Rotary Club of Anderson will partner with Homeland Park Elementary School and Varennes Elementary School to set up micro food pantries that maintain basic food staples and hygiene items. The Club will continue to provide school supplies and other needed items. The Club also will support the Brighter Christmas fund that serves many students at these two schools and elsewhere in the county.

### BATESBURG-LEESVILLE

#### Education

**\$1,725**

The Batesburg-Leesville Rotary Club will offer a quality reading enrichment

program during the summer months. Students often experience academic loss during the summer months due to lack of academic activity. The project will benefit 90 students in K-2 grade.

### BLACKSBURG

#### Education

**\$1,000**

The Blacksburg Rotary Club will provide books for the Book Vending Machine at the Blacksburg Primary School. Children earn tokens they use to "purchase" books from the vending machine. The books are theirs to keep, and 420 children will benefit.

### CLEMSON

#### Education

**\$2,500**

The Rotary Club of Clemson will partner with a local nonprofit organization (Clemson Communi-







ty Care) to provide and deliver backpacks and school supplies to 150 to 175 high-need local K-12 students. In addition, 300 dictionaries will be provided to local 3rd grade students. The project will benefit 450 students and 25 Primary students.

## CLEMSON SUNRISE

### Education

**\$1,750**

The Clemson Sunrise Rotary Club will partner with six elementary schools in Pickens County to provide dictionaries for 330 to 375 elementary students.

## CLEMSON SUNRISE

### Environment

**\$750**

The Clemson Sunrise Rotary Club, through Elevating “Green” Generations, will (1) educate elementary and high school students about the necessary steps to sustain and preserve the environment, and (2) guide high school students in completing an environmentally conscious, item-producing activity. The project will serve 350 third-grade students and 25 high school students.

## CLOVER

### Learn-to-Swim

**\$500**

The Clover Rotary Club will help the YMCA in its program to teach children to swim. Approximately 700 fourth graders from the Clover School District will participate in the “Kicking with Confidence Learn to Swim Program” free of charge. The Clover Rotary Club will provide each student with a tote bag that contains items such as pens and water safety handouts and coloring books.

To qualify for a district grant next year, clubs must send a representative to the training session Nov. 18 in Greenville.

## PARTNERS IN LITERACY HAITI HAS TRANSITIONED TO ITS OWN 501C3

Partners in Literacy Haiti, formerly under the District 7750 Charities umbrella, has now transitioned to a separate 501c3 and is no longer a Rotary project. Go to its [website](#) for more information about this worthy cause.

## Foundation Facts

July 2021 – June 2022

(through 6/30/2022 – 100% of Year Completed)

Annual Fund Goal	\$ 374,435 (49 of 49 – 100%)
Annual Fund Total	\$ 479,236 (128% goal)
Annual Fund Per Capita	\$ 197.54 (2,426 members)
Other Funds	\$ 0
Endowment Fund	\$ 8,306
PolioPlus Goal	\$ 103,309 (49 of 49 – 100%)
PolioPlus	\$ 154,530 (149.6% goal)
Polio Per Capita	\$ 63.70 (2,426 members)
Total Giving	\$ 586,887
\$0 AF Clubs	0 (0 of 49 – 0% - remaining)
\$0 Polio Clubs	0 (0 of 49 – 0% - remaining)
DDF Transfer – Polio	\$ 50,000
Major Gifts	7
Major Donors	17
Paul Harris Fellows	437
Bequest Society	8
Benefactors	17
EREY	1,860 (2,426 members – 76.7%)
Sustaining Members	1,105 (2,426 members – 45.6%)
Paul Harris Society Eligible	123 (106 members – 86.1%)
Paul Harris Society Members	106 (+5 for year)
Rotary Direct	80 (+10 for year)

### All-time for District

Paul Harris Fellows	5,679
Benefactors	834
Bequest Society	112
Major Donors	115

Submitted by DRFC Beth Padgett  
District 7750 Rotary Foundation Fundraising

# Save the Date

Rotary International  
District 7750

## Celebrate Our Foundation!

Evening dinner with awards  
and  
Afternoon  
Grant Application Training

**November 18**  
Hilton Orchard Park  
Greenville

Details and Registration to follow in September



### Areas of Focus



PEACE, EDUCATION  
AND LITERACY



ECONOMIC GROWTH  
AND EMPLOYMENT



MOTHER AND CHILD  
HEALTH



ENVIRONMENT



MATERNAL AND  
CHILD HEALTH



PROFESSIONAL AND  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



WATER, SANITATION  
AND HYGIENE



## Larry Lunsford

### Rotary Foundation Trustee will be Keynote Speaker at Nov. 18 banquet

Rotary Foundation Trustee Larry Lunsford will be the keynote speaker at the District 7750 Foundation Celebration on Friday, November 18, at the Hilton Greenville at Orchard Park.

A native of Macon, Missouri, Larry is serving a four-year term on The Rotary Foundation Board that began in 2021. The Trustees elected Larry to serve as Vice Chair for the 2022-23 Rotary year.

“We are excited to have Larry as our guest speaker for our Foundation Celebration dinner,” said Beth Padgett, District 7750 Rotary Foundation Chair. “We will be celebrating one of the best years our District has ever had in raising funds for Annual Fund – SHARE

and PolioPlus, and thus increasing our impact as Rotarians through our Foundation. Larry is an outstanding speaker and a renowned leader in Rotary International. Stay tuned for details about our November 18<sup>th</sup> Celebration.”

Larry joined the Rotary Club of Kansas City-Plaza, Missouri in 1991. He served as his club’s President in 1997-98, served as District Governor of District 6040 (Missouri) in 2001-02, and served as Rotary International Director in 2013-15.

In the 2020-2021 Rotary year, Larry served as Chair on the Rotary Peace Centers Committee of the Rotary Foundation, helping in the selection of the 20th class of



Rotary Peace Fellows.

He is a past member and Chair of the RI Membership Committee. He served four years from 2018-2022 as a member of the Shaping Rotary’s Future Committee for Rotary International.



Inbound Youth Exchange students having some fun before school starts: Mina, Eugenie, Luca and Dan.

# Membership Champions

(35 new members and their sponsors in July)

ROTARIAN	TYPE	CLUB	SPONSOR
Anderson, Anisha C. (ANISHA)	Active	Greenville	Shontel Babb
Arnold, Patrick (PATRICK)	Active	Greenville	Terry R. Weaver/ Pamela J. Weaver
Brown, Logan Anthony (LOGAN)	Active	North Augusta	Dan Rickabaugh
Burton, Donna (DONNA)	Active	Greater Anderson	S. Leslie McIntosh
Diggs, Darrell J. (DARRELL)	Active	Chester	William L. Marion/Robert D Long
Dill, Chris (CHRIS)	Active-Associate	Greenville	Chris Nordmeyer
Douglas, J. William (BILL)	Active-R85	Indian Land Lunch	Gary & Carolyn Hess
Dyer, Alan F. (ALAN)	Active	Spartanburg	Frank W. Lee IV
Edwards, Jillian (JILLIAN)	Active	Reedy River	Cathy Harry
Frederick, Gary Stephen (GARY)	Active	Aiken	Daniel J. Zaloudek
Gimbl, Richard J Jr. (RJ)	Active	Spartanburg	Caleb Brown Jennings III
Goodman, Jameson Robert (JAMIE)	Active	Spartanburg	William Joseph Gray
King, William M (BILL)	Active	Indian Land Lunch	
Kreuzberger, Mikayla (MIKAYLA)	Active	Seneca Golden Corner	Lorraine E. Harding
Larson, Julia N (JULIA)	Active-Satellite	McCormick Satellite	Linda Williford
Long, Linda K. (LINDA)	Honorary	Greenville City Center	Brent Fortson
Mahaffey, Michael (MICHAEL)	Active	Abbeville	Angela S Pruitt
Mallery, Christopher (CHRISTOPHER)	Active	Fort Mill	
McIntosh, Taria (TARIA)	Active	Anderson	
Morton, Wayne (WAYNE)	Active	Westminster	
Mosley, J P (J P)	Active	Abbeville	Paul Bell/ Lou Paradis
Murray, Patty (PATTY)	Active-Satellite	McCormick Satellite	Linda R. Williford
Nase, Mary Lind (MARY)	Honorary	Greenville City Center	
Penninger, Kimberly (KIM)	Active	Anderson	Kristi King-Brock
Penuel, Cheri (CHERI)	Active	Greenville	Pamela J. Weaver/ Terry R. Weaver
Plyler, Bri (BRI)	Active	Mauldin	Norman W. Bunn
Raycroft, Cara (CARA)	Active	Fountain Inn	
Scully, Mark (MARK)	Active-Associate	Greenville	Ramona R. Farrell
Snyder, Catherine (CATHERINE)	Active	Reedy River	Ann H. Golden
Sobey, Douglas L (DOUG)	Active	Indian Land Lunch	Babette A. Sabia
Sports, Shannon (SHANNON)	Active--Associate	Greenville	Catherine Pelicano
Sullivan, Andy (ANDY)	Active	Clinton	Robert S. Link Jr.
Vaughan, Marion David Jr. (DAVID)	Active	Simpsonville	Garry R. Smith
Waters, Candace R. (CANDACE)	Active	Gaffney	Amy O. Crotzer
Woodman, Lynn H (LYNN)	Honorary	Reedy River	Laura Lee

July: 35 New Members —30 Terminated Members (3 deceased)

## Friday, November 18: Foundation Banquet in Greenville