



OCTOBER: Economic and  
Community Development Month  
NOVEMBER: Rotary Foundation  
Month

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# 7750

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## OUTBOUND YOUTH EXCHANGE

Ansley Mobley, our outbound Youth Exchange student to Italy, is adjusting well to her temporary home in Sardinia. And who wouldn't in such a beautiful place. Read about Ansley and her first days abroad on page 4.



## Growing local economies

**BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOYCE MORIN**

Rotarians are passionate about providing sustainable solutions to poverty. We often talk about our many efforts to relieve hunger, to increase literacy, to support health services. But we might not always see how those worthy efforts contribute to growing local economies. It takes a multilayered approach to help a community thrive.

Imagine a world where each neighborhood is safe, there are no food deserts, and housing is at least adequate. No one is hungry. Grandma can get to the doctor. In this ideal world, the population is educated, trained, and has opportunities for decent and productive work. Young people want to stay. There is optimism about the future.

If only this were true everywhere.

How can Rotarians grow local economies? To start with, do a local needs assessment and decide which are the most fundamental problems to solve in order to pave the way for individual and community improvement. If you live in a heavily populated suburban area your answers will probably be very

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## POLIO BACK IN THE NEWS

Polio has resurfaced in the United States and brought attention back to this crippling disease. As we approach World Polio Day on October 24, we have several articles inside about how you can help.



**VELUX, A COMPANY IN  
GREENWOOD, HAS COMMITTED  
\$50,000 TO THE LOCAL DOLLY  
PARTON LIBRARY. SEE PAGE 3.**

# Growing local economies—

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different from members who live in more rural areas, or in locations still reeling from the loss of textile mills or other major employers who left years ago. It's difficult to reinvent ourselves but it is not impossible.

## We are uniquely qualified

Rotary's membership base is uniquely qualified to lead the charge to grow stronger communities. Our folks represent a tremendous number of vocations. We are smart, experienced, and skilled. We have the professional expertise and networks to bring wisdom, energy, and past success to the table. We have the hearts to serve and the willingness to share our time.

Rotarians already help our communities in countless ways through individual projects such as paying for the cost of high school equivalency exams (GEDs). With those diplomas in hand, people who had left high school early can qualify for higher paying jobs and provide better care for their families. We support a multitude of training programs. In fact, we support healthy living in all its aspects. Many Rotarians serve on county, municipal, and school boards. We're in the game.

This is the year to take a good look around and stretch our imaginations.

## Microloans

Finding ways to make microloans available for entrepreneurs to buy livestock or for the housebound to create an online business based on arts and crafts are not just for people in other countries; they can work here. Help small farmers form a co-operative to market their produce on a larger scale to restaurants or to maybe reach into one of those food deserts. Mentor



## ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

—ONE OF ROTARY'S SEVEN AREAS OF FOCUS AND THE EMPHASIS FOR OCTOBER

local artisans on how to grow their businesses. Help returning veterans find jobs. Be a part of the group which meets with companies considering locating to your area and share why the business climate, workforce, and lifestyle would suit them well.

Celebrate the good you already have. Invite company leaders to a Manufacturing Appreciation Day. Shine a spotlight on local retailers. Recognize the work of faculty at the local vocational high school. Give advanced learning scholarships to the students who will be fixing your brakes, cutting your hair, and working on your furnace at 11 pm – then mentor them on starting their own businesses.

Whenever we practice our professions with integrity...guide and encourage others in their professional development...use our expertise in finance, with tools or machinery, in teaching, through public speaking, whatever...we become key players in the improved health and well being of our communities. Every Rotarian has important knowledge to contribute.

Let your imaginations fly, Rotarians. No problem too big, no problem too small. We are part of the solution.

Keith Polatty, Senior Director of People & Organization, VELUX Group North America; Bill Huber, CFO; and Sonya Ridge, People & Organization Manager, are shown with Emerald City president Rachel Strayer, left; EC Rotary Foundation Chair Kathy Emily, second from right; and Rotary Foundation Outreach Coordinator Jerry Rentz, right.



## Velux and Emerald City Rotarians are **PEOPLE OF ACTION**

### Through Rotary Club of Emerald City Foundation Greenwood company Velux makes five-year commitment to expand local Dolly Parton Imagination Library

Greenwood's VELUX has committed \$50,000 — \$10,000 each year for the next five years to the Emerald City Rotary Foundation to expand Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in Greenwood County.



The funds will provide books to Greenwood children who are enrolled in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program. All children under age 5 who live in Greenwood County are eligible for the program. Each child receives a high-quality, age-appropriate book in the mail every month, from birth until their 5th birthday, at no cost to the family and no matter the family's income.

"We know that early access to books and reading is

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the foundation for educational success and workforce readiness. Velux is committed to giving our children and our community this opportunity for a bright future," said Keith Polatty, Senior Director of People & Organization, VELUX Group North America.

As of September 1, 2022:

- 2,305 Greenwood children have received books.
- 1,414 children participate (36% of Greenwood children under age 5).
- 891 children have reached age 5 and graduated from the program.
- 48,295 books total have been mailed to children in Greenwood County.





Ansley was welcomed to Italy by her host family. And now she is really enjoying the pizza.

[CLICK TO READ ANSLEY'S BLOG.](#)

**7750's only outbound Youth Exchange student Ansley Mobley**

## Eating pizza and learning Italian in Sardinia — Thanks to Rotary Youth Exchange

**BY WADE CLEVELAND**  
*Chair, D7750 Youth Exchange*

Three weeks ago, Ansley Mobley, a 16-year-old from Simpsonville, arrived in Cagliari, Sardinia, Italy to begin her eleven-month adventure as a Rotary Youth Exchange student. Sponsored by Pleasantburg Rotary, she is District 7750's only 2022-23 outbound student.

Ansley says the biggest challenge so far has been the Italian language. Although she worked hard all summer on it, she acknowledges that her efforts aren't the same as hearing the sounds of native speakers.

But while the language is challenging, the food is not! It's her favorite part of the experience and is always "so fresh and

delicious." Her favorite: pizza!

School is very different from what she's accustomed to. In Italy, she never changes classrooms, goes home daily for lunch, and must attend on Saturday mornings. She said she likes school more now that she's made a few friends. She and the three other exchange students in her school plan to start Italian lessons soon.

Her first host family, which Ansley describes as very "warm and welcoming," consists of two parents and two teenage siblings.

Our student says she feels "right

at home" with them. In particular, she says: "They're all patient when I speak Italian and help me with my sentences. I'm very happy."

In two weeks she will attend inbound orientation where she is excited that she'll be meeting all the other exchange students in her district – teenagers from all over the world.

Her summary at this point: "This experience in less than a month has opened doors for me: new people, knowledge, adaptation skills. I'm excited to see what the next nine months bring."

Ansley will return home next summer for her senior year at Wade Hampton High School in Greenville.





Our district Youth Exchange team is already recruiting students for the outbound program next year. Information and application forms can be found on our 7750 website. If you've got any questions about hosting or sponsoring a student, contact Youth Exchange Chair Wade Cleveland, [wadecleveland@bellsouth.net](mailto:wadecleveland@bellsouth.net). Click the above graphic to download and share the requirements.

## Send American students abroad through RYE

All too often recent high school graduates in District 7750 lament: "I wish I had known about Rotary Youth Exchange when I was in high school."

Part of our job as Rotarians is to eliminate this complaint by making sure our high school students are aware of this program and know how to apply for their own life-changing adventure.

As you can read in another part of this newsletter, during 2022-23 our entire district is sponsoring only one American student to study abroad because only one student applied.

Rotary Youth Exchange is currently accepting applications from American high school students for both the short-term (three weeks to three months) and long-term (ten to eleven months) exchanges in 2023-24.

Here's how you can help spread the word:

1. Announce the opportunity at your club meetings, in your club newsletter, and on your club's social media posts
  2. Tell your children, grandchildren, friends, neighbors, work associates, etc.
  3. Post the opportunity on your personal social media accounts
  4. Inform your club's Interact club
  5. Give information to your club's scholars and other youth who are club guests
  6. Contact your local school principal, guidance counselors, and teachers
  7. Set up information meetings for interested students
  8. [Print and pass out the postcard above.](#)
- Contact [Wade Cleveland](#), District Youth Exchange Chair, for questions or help.



## LANCASTER BREAKFAST WALKS FOR CART; 400% OVER GOAL

**BY APRIL WILLIAMS**

*President, Rotary Club of Lancaster Breakfast*

The Rotary Club of Lancaster Breakfast walked for Alzheimer's Awareness at The Lindsay Pettus Greenway on September 21, a day designated as National Alzheimer's Day.

To bring awareness and raise funds for our own CART Fund, CART Chairman Tim Hallman spearheaded this effort.

The first annual CART Fund Walk was a huge success! Participants also brought their coins to donate to Rotary's CART fund. We raised \$724 on that day alone.

This response coupled with ongoing CART fund contributions and matching challenges placed the club at nearly 400% over our CART Fund Goal for this year.



Holly Furr staffed the welcome booth where the coins for CART were donated. She also collected donated spaghetti sauce as part of the club's food challenge (see next page).



From the right President Chad Catledge, Holly Furr, Sharon Novinger, April Williams, Tim Hallman (the organizer of the event and our CART Fund Chair), and Ian Burkett with his children.





President of Indian Land—Albert Blackmon  
President of Lancaster Breakfast—Chad Catledge  
Member of Lancaster Breakfast—Ian Burkett

## Spaghetti sauce challenge feeds hungry in Lancaster County

The Rotary Club of Lancaster Breakfast issued a challenge to its sister clubs in Lancaster: Do you have the sauce?

The Rotary Clubs of Lancaster Breakfast, Lancaster and Indian Land collected more than 1,000 jars of spaghetti sauce to help feed those in need.

The three clubs collected the spaghetti sauce for [HOPE of Lancaster](#) after hearing that HOPE's pantry shelves were nearly empty. The donation deadline was September 22.

And the winner of the challenge: Lancaster Breakfast Rotary with 376 jars of spaghetti sauce!

But the real winner was HOPE of Lancaster and the smiling faces that receive jars of spaghetti sauce in their time of need.

## Find service project ideas through Rotary's action groups

**BY PDG BARBARA SHAYEB-HELOU**

7750 RAGS and Fellowships  
Chair

Rotary builds awareness and fights disease.

If you don't agree with me, just look at some of our Action Groups:

Addiction and blindness prevention, child slavery, domestic violence, blood donation, hepatitis Eradication, diabetes, mental health, multiple sclerosis, menstrual health and hygiene, water and sanitation, Disaster assistance, environmental solutions, food and plant solutions and maternal and child health.

Don't ever say that Rotary is afraid of unpopular topics or afraid to get their hands dirty.

If your Club needs a service project, refer to this list. And you probably will satisfy a need on your President's "to Do" list.

And these are not all of the groups. In Rotary there is always more to do.

## Deadline for November newsletter is Oct. 25.

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

Articles received after Oct. 25 will be used in December.





## One busy Thursday at Golden Strip Sunrise

Golden Strip Sunrise Rotary Club had a busy Thursday, from packaging food at the Harvest Hope Food Bank to inducting a new member and recognizing a Paul Harris Fellow.

Top: Working at the Food Bank are Becky Miller, Dee Vaughan and Sam Stamps.

Immediate right: Becky Miller after she was installed as a new member.

Far right: Sam Stamps with Dee as he gets his Paul Harris recognition.







## YEP, MEMBERS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF EMERALD CITY ARE THROWING AXES

The club held its first outing of the year at Maxwell Axe Company. More than 20 Rotarians and their guests gathered to chat, laugh, blow off some steam—and throw axes. After only a little bit of instruction there were lots of bulls-eyes and soon a friendly competition started.

**IT'S DEFINITELY TRUE—IN A CLUB THAT PLAYS TOGETHER, NO ONE GETS AXED!**



## PEACE CONFERENCE RECAP

You can view a recap of the May Peace Conference held in Greenville at <https://youtu.be/bMpIS8XQGgQ>

We are aware of the conflict which bias creates in our personal lives, in our workplaces, and in our communities. Understanding how we are impacted by bias is essential in creating peaceful and inclusive communities and in finding peace in our lives.

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

Show that we are  
**PEOPLE OF ACTION**

## NEED A CLUB BROCHURE? GET ONE AT BRAND CENTER

Does your club have a brochure? If not, then visit Brand Central on [myrotary.org](http://myrotary.org) and create one!

A well designed brochure is the perfect introduction to your Rotary club. It lets people know who you are, what you do, and what makes Rotary so great.

Printing brochures is relatively cheap and a great way to share information about your club all in one place.

Here are a few ideas of who to give your club's brochure to:

- Visitors who attend a club meeting.
- Meeting speakers.
- Club members to share with a colleague or friend.
- Sponsors of club events.
- Place them in the local Chamber of Commerce.
- Give them out at community events



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**CONTACT  
ME IF YOU  
NEED  
HELP.**

**MONTHLY TIP:** This is Economic and Community Development month. Sometime during the month do a Facebook post about a project your club is doing in this area of Rotary work. Or use a generic photo from the Rotary website to tell your community what Rotary does in this area of focus.



## New members and PHF at Greenville

The Rotary Club of Greenville has inducted three new members and recognized three new Paul Harris Fellows.

Top: Membership co-chair Caroline Stewart formally introduced three new members to the club: Anisha Anderson, Jacki Berkshire & Amy Wood.

Bottom: D7750 Foundation Chair Beth Padgett and Greenville president Wade Kolb presented PHF pins to John Kent, Mandy Dutton & Paul Wickensimer.







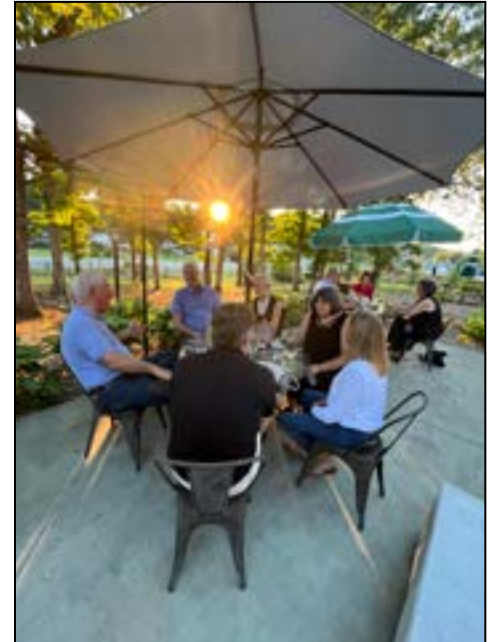
## Pleasantburg enjoys a social while raising money for Dress-A-Child

The Rotary Club of Pleasantburg enjoyed a lovely social and profit-sharing evening at Oak Hill Cafe in Greenville on Sept. 15.

Club members, friends and administration from Cherrydale Elementary came together in fellowship and fun to raise money for Rotary Club of Pleasantburg's Dress A Child program.

AG David Brenner and a member of The Foothills Rotary Club supported the event which was much appreciated.

Also in attendance was Crystal Ball O'Connor. Crystal is a local children's author who is working with the Rotary Club of Pleasantburg on a new literacy project for Cherrydale Elementary to be implemented in November.



## MAP: Get on board

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### CONNECT WITH PROSPECTS

Already happened.  
**VIEW RECORDING.**

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### MEANINGFUL ONBOARDING

Coming up Oct. 10  
**REGISTER.**

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### CREATING CLUBS FOR TODAY

Coming up Nov. 14  
**REGISTER.**

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### BECOME AN IRRESISTIBLE CLUB

Coming up Dec. 12  
**REGISTER.**

## Get on board with the Membership Action Plan

**BY PDG TERRY WEAVER**

*Zone 33 Rotary Coordinator*

### What is the MAP?

It's a unified, multi-year membership growth initiative spanning Rotary Zones 33 and 34—1,700 clubs and 66,000 Rotarians from Pennsylvania to Florida, then extending through the Caribbean to the coast of South America.

In search of a strategy to mitigate membership decline and get our clubs on a path of consistent, moderate growth, RI Director Jeremy Hurst launched a task force in January 2022.

This group of District and Zone leaders has developed a set of “Bite-Sized” webinars (one hour or less), delivered once a month, that are 100% actionable by the clubs.

No concepts. No theory. No “figuring out how.” Everything is there. Strategies that are GUARANTEED to work (they’ve worked for hundreds of clubs), together with recipes, templates,

Presidents, assistant governors, presidents-elect, membership chairs, district leaders and anyone else who has an interest in the long-term viability and vitality of their Rotary club will benefit from these bitesize Zoom Webinars. The MAP page on the Zone 33 website has recordings of past events, registration links for upcoming events, and a library of membership collateral.

slides, videos, worksheets and scripts. There’s also an awards program that will recognize both clubs and districts for their participation and achievements.

### How can YOU help?

Embrace, publicize and promote participation of all your club leaders in these monthly events. Yes, they are being recorded, and, yes, all the material presented is downloadable from the MAP page on the [Zone Website: RIZones33-34.org/membership-action-plan](https://RIZones33-34.org/membership-action-plan)

### Membership Action Plan (MAP)

**“Bite-Sized” Webinars • Every Second Monday • 6 pm via Zoom**





## ROTARY CLUB OF ANDERSON AT WORK

1. A fun morning wishing students a great first day back to school.

2. Making coloring booklets for Homeland Park Primary School.



3. Announcing a new signature event, "Betting on a Better Community." This will be a black-tie casino night at the local arts center that will help local nonprofits raise funds.



## Quilt sale will help Golden Corner with projects

Golden Corner Rotarian Cammie Kaiser, left, is offering to sell a Christmas quilt and pillow to help the club with its community projects including hygiene kits for the homeless and GED scholarships. Contact Cammie at (864) 944-9716 or [cammiek2021@hotmail.com](mailto:cammiek2021@hotmail.com). Also pictured are Rotarian Gene Williams, center and club president Steve Moore.



## District CART Chair at Golden Corner

7750 CART chair Cara Hamilton updated the club on the program that has gone from collecting spare change in a blue plastic bucket at the Sumter Rotary Club to more than \$9 million in donations to 55 research institutions as of May 2020. Pictured at left is club president Steve Moore and Rotarian Don Estep, right.



# GOLDEN CORNER ROTARY CLUB



## Golden Corner having fun at Jazz on the Alley

Seneca Golden Corner Rotary and supporters were special guests at Jazz on the Alley, the acclaimed music and food event sponsored by the city of Seneca. Pictured from left are club president Steve Moore, Seneca events coordinator Riley Johnson, David Williams, Cammie Kaiser, Steve Rushton, Cheryl Hasson, Pam Dowd and Stephanie Blake.



## National POW Day

Golden Corner Rotarian Pam Dowd recognized National POW Day Sept. 16 by showing a film about the Richard M. Nixon Foundation dinner for 200 Vietnam War POWs. In 1973, President Nixon hosted 587 former prisoners at the White House. Pictured at left is club Sergeant at Arms Patrick Lee.

## Tri-County update

Rotarian Beth Brown, manager of Donor Relations Industrial Advancement, updated the Club about TriCounty Technical College's donor programs, scholarships and career programs.





## Pleasantburg learns about some unusual creatures

### (not Rotarians!)

The Rotary Club of Pleasantburg enjoyed an unusual presentation with lots of fun visitors from The Wildlife Geeks at a recent meeting.

The Wildlife Geeks are approved with S.T.E.A.M (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) learning through Greenville County Schools.

On this day Rotary members learned about different and unique animals and the importance of their existence in

the world.

President-Elect Tracy Tiddy, Inbound Youth Exchange student Dan Blalint, and new member Linda Lee enjoyed some of their creatures up close and personal.

They presented a genetically modified hairless guinea pig that was created in a lab for testing of shampoo products. He now breeds it with traditional guinea pigs that produce guinea pig babies with hair. It was an education and fun meeting for all.



### LINDA LEE JOINS PLEASANTBURG

On the same day of the 'creature handling,' the Rotary Club of Pleasantburg inducted Linda Lee into the club.

Linda is Past Associate Professor Emerita of The Practice Of Medical Education with Duke University School of Medicine, Honorary Paul Harris Fellow with RTP Rotary Club of NC and a long history of leadership holding positions on many advisory boards and committees.

The Rotary Club of Pleasantburg welcomes Linda to its membership and looks forward to a long relationship and collaboration of good works in their community.



*You're Invited to Celebrate*  
**Our Rotary Foundation**  
**November 18, 2022**

**Registration is NOW OPEN!**

at



45 W. Orchard Park Drive  
Greenville, SC 29615

**Keynote presentation by Larry Lunsford**  
**Rotary Foundation Trustee 2021-25 and**  
**Rotary Foundation Vice Chair 2022-23**

**\$50.00 per person**

**Register on the District Calendar in DACdb**  
**or the link provided in the pmail.**

**Schedule:**

**5:30 Meet and Greet in with Larry Lunsford**

**6:30 Reception with a cash bar**

**7:00 Dinner with club foundation awards, recognitions and keynote address by Larry Lunsford**

**NOTE THAT THIS IS A CHANGE OF DATE FROM WHAT WAS PUBLISHED EARLIER THIS YEAR.**



## NOV. 18 IN GREENVILLE

# Details about Foundation training/celebration meal

**BY DGE RENEE C. STUBBS**

*Rotary Club of Newberry*

Each year the District provides training and updates on The Rotary Foundation. The Foundation enables us as Rotarians to pool our resources so we can do good in the world and in our own communities through life-changing service projects.

We recommend that each Rotary club send its Club Foundation chair, President or President-Elect to the training that includes an update on the Foundation and the District Grant program. Each club is required to have a member participate in the training to qualify for a District Grant each year.

The training will be on Friday, November 18, before our Annual District Rotary Foundation Celebration. Please plan on staying for the dinner that follows. It will be a fun and inspirational evening. Rotary Foundation Trustee Larry Lunsford will be our keynote speaker.

Again, each club must have one person at the Foundation and Grants training in order to be eligible to apply for a District Grant. There is no cost for the training.

The registration information is being sent by PMAIL and the registration information is on the DACdb calendar for the date of November 18, 2022.

**WHERE AND WHEN:** The training and celebration will be at the Hilton Greenville at 45 W. Orchard Park Dr, Greenville, SC 29615.

**REGISTRATION:** Registration begins at 2:30 pm, and the Rotary Foundation and Grants Workshop will be from 3 – 5:15 pm.

**MEET AND GREET:** After the training, there will be a Meet and Greet with RI Foundation Vice Chair and Trustee Larry Lunsford from 5:30 – 6:30 pm.

**MEAL:** The dinner follows at 7 pm with club and individual Foundation awards and Larry's keynote speech.

## Beth's Challenges

for October

Here are three October Rotary Foundation Challenges:

1. Participate in the World Polio Day and make a contribution to PolioPlus as part of the Doug and Sally Kauffmann PolioPlus Challenge Match.
2. Register for the District 7750 Rotary Foundation Celebration. It will be Friday, November 18th at the Hilton Hotel on Orchard Park Road off Haywood Road in Greenville. It's an easily accessible location. Rotary Foundation Trustee Larry Lunsford will be the keynote speaker.
3. Make sure all Rotarians in your club understand the importance of our Rotary Foundation and the collective impact that we Rotarians have through our donations and our work through the Foundation.



## DISTRICT GRANTS 2022-23

# Clubs make a difference in their communities

Because of your generous giving to The Rotary Foundation, the District Grants Committee was able to approve and fully fund all qualified grant applications that were received for 2022-23, a total of \$134,100. The District Grant checks were mailed to clubs in mid-September.

On the next couple of pages are snapshots of some of the grants. The figure for each club is the amount of the grant, not the total amount of the project. Other grants will be featured in coming months.

Thank you for your support of The Rotary Foundation. We are “Doing Good in the World,” and as these District Grants demonstrate, our Rotary Clubs also are doing so much great work in their own communities.

### CAROLINA FOOTHILLS

#### Rise Against Hunger \$1,700

The Carolina Foothills Rotary Club will have a meal-packing event with Rise Against Hunger. The meals will be sent to a place with an urgent need for food.

### CAROLINA FOOTHILLS

#### POS Money Management \$375

The Carolinas Foothills Rotary Club will help fund the purchase of a Point-of-Sale (POS) system for New Day Clubhouse. New Day is a psychiatric rehabilitation center whose members have severe and persistent mental illnesses. Most of the members receive government subsidies and are unable to manage their

## FEATURED DISTRICT GRANTS 2022-2023

CLUB.....	PROJECT .....	GRANT
Carolina Foothills .....	New Day POS Mgmt. ....	\$1,700.00
Carolina Foothills .....	Education Devel. Trail .....	\$375.00
Easley .....	Camp iRock.....	\$1,000.00
E-Club of Carolinas .....	Little Free Library.....	\$300.00
E-Club - McCormick.....	McCormick Elementary.....	\$1,300.00
Emerald City .....	Beautification Project .....	\$6,000.00
Emerald City .....	Inspire Love of Reading.....	\$4,000.00
Fort Mill .....	Food Support .....	\$4,500.00
Fort Mill .....	Literacy Picnic.....	\$4,500.00
Fountain Inn.....	Night of Singing .....	\$2,500.00
Greater Anderson .....	3rd Grade Reading.....	\$2,500.00
Greenville.....	Alexander Elementary .....	\$5,000.00
Greenville.....	GED Success .....	\$2,000.00

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

finances on their own. The POS system will be a tool to help New Day’s members learn to manage their money.

### EASLEY

#### Camp iRock \$1,000

The Easley Rotary Club will purchase 175 copies of the same book to present to students that Easley Rotarians will read to at Camp iRock. The book will have the names of the students as well as the Rotary nameplate.

### ROTARY E-CLUB OF THE CAROLINAS

#### Little Free Library Books \$300

The Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas will increase the number of books in multiple locations that are accessible to those using

Little Free Libraries. The club currently sends at least one book per meeting to one of two Little Free Libraries. These books are used to recognize speakers, and the club tries to select a children’s book relevant to the speaker’s presentation theme.

### ROTARY CLUB OF MCCORMICK SATELLITE OF ROTARY E-CLUB OF THE CAROLINAS

#### STEAM Makerspace \$1,300

The McCormick Satellite through and with the Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas will support establishing the McCormick Elementary/ Middle School Media Center’s Makerspace. Children attending these schools live in one of the most impoverished





## ← More grants

areas of South Carolina and attend schools that are often critically underfunded. Within the Makerspace, media specialists and/or general education teachers will develop lesson plans around makerspaces to foster innovation through hands-on experimentation.

### EMERALD CITY

#### Inspire a Love of Reading \$4,000

The Emerald City Rotary Club will promote early childhood literacy in Greenwood County through the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. There are currently about 1,300 children in the program.

### EMERALD CITY/LANDER ROTARACT

#### Beautification Project \$6,000

The Emerald City Rotary Club and Lander Rotaract will work at the Boys and Girls Club housed at the old Brewer Middle School. Their goals this year are to beautify the outside and make it fun for the young children as well as the high school teenagers. Plans include a pollination garden and a community vegetable garden.

### FORT MILL

#### Literacy Picnic \$4,500

The Fort Mill Rotary Club will have an Annual Literacy Picnic to

serve 2,000 first-grade students and families. The Literacy Picnic includes free books to first graders, reading from selected authors, food, and activities.

### FORT MILL

#### Food Support \$4,500

The Fort Mill Rotary Club has created a number of partnerships within the Fort Mill community which has included the Fort Mill Community Café. This organization helps families with food insecurities and supports families with basic needs.

### FOUNTAIN INN

#### Rotary Night of Singing \$1,000

The Fountain Inn Rotary Club will support the Night of Singing that traditionally was held at the Younts Center for the Performing Arts. Many residents in Fountain Inn have said they would like for this time-honored tradition to be restored.

### GREATER ANDERSON

#### 3rd Grade Reading \$2,500

The Greater Anderson Rotary Club will work with 3rd graders in the four public school districts in Anderson County to identify the most improved readers in the 3rd grade. Students will receive books and award plaques. Seventy students will benefit from this program.

### GREENVILLE

#### GED Success \$2,000

The Greenville Rotary Club will support the Greenville Literacy Association's GED program, which is the agency's most popular and economically empowering program as well as its most expensive to operate. The club will help GED students pay for testing fees and GED preparation materials.

### GREENVILLE

#### Alexander Elementary School \$5,000

The Greenville Rotary Club will provide multiple programs and services at Alexander Elementary School where 100% of the students are eligible for free or reduced lunch. The club will provide support such as food boxes for families prior to Thanksgiving and Spring breaks, teacher appreciation meals, Happy Feet shoe purchases for students, and books for the Alexander Elementary School library. Other projects include helping purchase student clothing and teacher supplies, and providing achievement awards.

## Friday, November 18: Foundation Banquet in Greenville

Larry Lunsford, a trustee of the Rotary Foundation, will speak.

# Renewed focus on Polio vaccinations

BY BETH PADGETT

*D7750 Foundation Chair*

With World Polio Day less than a month away, Rotarians quite naturally are focusing on our signature project. The end of polio still is within reach, but it is disconcerting to see signs that the poliovirus is being found in unexpected places. **What's going on and what can we as Rotarians do?**

First, we can keep the news in perspective. When Rotary adopted the eradication of polio as its primary cause in the mid-1980s, there were about 350,000 reported cases of polio a year. Today, that number is in the hundreds around the world. We should celebrate our progress while we look for ways to complete our promise to the children of the world.

Second, we can continue raising the funds that it will take to continue our vaccination efforts in countries such as Pakistan and Afghanistan where there is limited health care, little infrastructure for reaching largely inaccessible areas, and large pockets of children who have never had an opportunity to have any vaccination.

Finally, we need to react calmly but strongly to the troubling news about a case of polio in Rockland County in the state of New York, as well as the evidence that it is in the sewage in two other counties in New York state.

The Rockland County area is one with a large number of unvaccinated people. The county was a hotbed for measles during the 2019 outbreak with 312 confirmed cases. Countries such as the United States do not have the luxury of dismissing the value of vaccinations. Rotarians can counter misinformation and encourage vaccination against a number of diseases that once took many young lives. Are your children fully vaccinated? Your grandchildren? If not, take action!

In New York state, the governor has started a vigorous campaign to encourage vaccinations in the three counties where there is a 60% polio vaccination rate. Those are the counties where the virus has been discovered in sewage. The vaccine



is readily available. The people have quick access to the vaccine. The issue is persuading people that vaccinations against childhood diseases is critically important.

There are two types of the poliovirus. One is the wild virus that, as its name implies, is found in the environment. The other is vaccine-derived polio from the rare cases that develop when the oral vaccine that contains a weakened version of the virus is used. The oral vaccine is **not** used in the United States or most developed countries. It has been used in the mass immunization campaigns because it is easier to transport and administer. A safer version of the oral vaccine is in the works.

Remember, there were about 350,000 cases of polio when Rotarians started a historic effort to eradicate this disease. As of August 31, 2022, there were 21 cases of the wild poliovirus and 272 of the vaccine-derived poliovirus. We should celebrate our progress while we increase our efforts to complete our promise to the children of the world.

**REACT CALMLY YET STRONGLY.**

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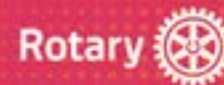






# WORLD POLIO DAY IS 24 OCTOBER

#EndPolio | [endpolio.org](http://endpolio.org)



## One Day. One Focus: Ending Polio – October 24

Every year, the Rotary community mobilizes for World Polio Day to raise awareness about global efforts to end polio for good. If we stay committed, we can make polio the second human disease ever to be eradicated.

### HOW CAN YOU TAKE PART IN THIS YEAR'S WORLD POLIO DAY?

1. **HOST AN EVENT OR ACTIVITY.** The Rotary Club of Adliya and the Rotaract Club of Bahrain planned a World Polio Day yoga event for women to raise awareness about polio in their community. What can your Rotary Club do? Be creative. The sky's the limit.
2. **PLAN A FUNDRAISER.** The OKC Midtown Rotary Club in Oklahoma, held a bocce ball tournament to raise funds for End Polio Now. Don't want to do a bocce ball tournament? How about a Pints for Polio (either adult beverages or ice cream, or both)! Or, have a Skip a Meal for Polio (either as a Rotary Club or an individual) and donate those funds to PolioPlus.
3. **RAISE FOR ROTARY.** Create a Fundraiser on Raise for Rotary. Go to <https://raise>.

[rotary.org/](http://rotary.org/) for more information. Also, every Rotary Club President has received information on how to use this special fundraising tool.

4. **POST ON SOCIAL MEDIA.** Use the assets in the World Polio Day Toolkit to help spread the word about World Polio Day and the importance of polio eradication. All the resources you will need are at <https://www.endpolio.org/world-polio-day>.

### GET INVOLVED AND REGISTER YOUR EVENT.

However you decide to get involved, register your club's participation for World Polio Day! (Registration is [here](#).) Do so by 13 October and you'll get early access to Rotary's Global Update one week before World Polio Day. The program is scheduled to be shown on 24 October on Rotary's Facebook page and [endpolio.org](http://endpolio.org).



**Be a part of history.** Rotarians are on their countdown to history. Join us as we write this final chapter in Rotary's decades-long commitment to ending polio

- Donate your time.
- Donate your funds.
- Donate your voice.
- Make a donation during the Doug and Sally Kauffman PolioPlus Challenge Match.
- And if you are able, join the District 7750 PolioPlus Society.

Contact DRFC Beth Padgett at [bpadgettrotary@outlook.com](mailto:bpadgettrotary@outlook.com) for details.

# Doug and Sally Kauffmann PolioPlus Challenge

BY BETH PADGETT

D7750 Foundation Chair

Doug and Sally Kauffmann are once again offering a PolioPlus Match to District 7750 Rotarians in celebration of World Polio Day on October 24, 2022. Doug and Sally are members of the Rotary Club of Greenwood, and Doug is our District Polio Chair. They are repeating their PolioPlus Challenge Match that was so successful the last two years.

Between October 1, 2022, and November 20, 2022, Doug and Sally Kauffman will match every gift of \$100 or more given to PolioPlus by individual Rotarians up to \$30,000 for the District. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will match that money two more times. That way for every Rotarian that gives \$100 or more, each gift will be increased four times (example Rotarian contributes \$100 for PolioPlus, Doug and Sally will contribute \$100 to PolioPlus, and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will contribute \$200 to PolioPlus).

Every Rotarian who gives \$100 or more will also

receive that many Rotary Foundation Recognition Points. If you make that [contribution online](#) or over the phone with the Rotary Support Center 866-976-8279, you will double your Recognition Points up to a maximum of 600 points. (example: a Rotarian contributes \$100 to PolioPlus through their club, they get 100 points, but if they contribute \$100 to PolioPlus online or by phone, they get 200 points). PolioPlus giving does count toward a Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

Please 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 because they no longer can use points to advance to the next giving level



## A 2010 GSE team member from down under re-visits Seneca Golden Corner

A visitor from Down Under was back in the Upstate at the Golden Corner Rotary Club.

Raquel Nicholas-Skene, right, was a member of the Australian Group Study Exchange team that enjoyed the Upstate in 2010.

Raquel is an executive director with the Australian Institute of Architecture and was president of the Rotary Darwin North club in 2013-2014.

Pictured from left are Raquel's parents Peter and Bronwyn Russell. Also pictured is Golden Corner Rotarian Patrick Lee, who served as a GSE team leader to Australia in 2010. It was a G'Day at the Golden Corner Rotary Club.

**GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE IS A FORMER PROGRAM OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION.**



# Membership Champions

(35 new members and their sponsors in August)

ROTARIAN	TYPE	CLUB	SPONSOR
Adams, Daniel (DANIEL)	Active-Corp.-Assoc.	Easley	Grayson A. Kelly
Arnold, Curtis (CURTIS)	Active	Clemson Sunrise	
Berkshire, Jacqueline G. (JACKI)	Active	Greenville	George E. McCall
Betz, Mary (MARY)	Active	Fort Mill	James Jeter
Brisben, David (DAVID)	Active	Mauldin	John Hugh Thornton
Brooks, Thomas J (TOM)	Active-Corporate	Clinton	Robbie Neal
Brown, Christi Owen (CHRISTI)	Active	Spartanburg	Cindy Kelly/ Traci Kennedy
Campbell, Ginger (GINGER)	Active	Fountain Inn	Cara Raycroft
Carter, Jerry T (JERRY)	Active	Clemson	Karen Carter
Childs, Robert Clyde (ROBERT)	Active	Foothills, TR	Harvey Choplin
Coach, Jessica (JESSICA)	Active	Aiken Sunrise	Denise Broome
Godbee-Stephens, Leigh (LEIGH)	Active	Clemson Sunrise	
Gregory, Michelle (MICHELLE)	Active	Greater Anderson	
Heinlen, Philip (PHILIP)	Active	Greenwood	George H. McKinney II
Hodnett, Pat Guerry (PAT)	Active	York	James H. Hodnett/ Maria Ramere Duncan/ Jim Hodnett
Jones, Joel (JOEL)	Active	Greenville	George W. Fletcher
Kalfjall, Max (MAX)	Active	Gaffney	Kelly Curtis
Kay, Patrick Stevon (PATRICK)	Active	Spartanburg	Caleb Brown Jennings III
Kimbell, John S. (JOHN)	Active	E-Club of the Carolinas	Gary A. Goforth
Lowe, Jarrid Travis (JLO)	Active	Fountain Inn	Mike Hamilton/ Melissa Woods
Lyman, Rebecca (REBECCA)	Active	Abbeville	Angela S Pruitt
Marner, Evonda Braswell (EVONDA)	Active	Abbeville	Mark Meyers
Miniard, Diane (DIANE)	Active	Aiken	
Morris, Melissa (MELISSA)	Active	Fountain Inn	Marnie Schwartz-Hanley
Peden, Erica (ERIC)	Active	Fountain Inn	Melissa Woods
Poe, S. Venus (VENUS)	Active	Fountain Inn	Andrea Pullium
Ritter, Justin (JUSTIN)	Active	Clinton	Robert B. Strock
Sims, Angela M (ANGELA)	Active	Chester	Teresa J Skidmore
Smith, Ja'Miah R. (JA'MIAH)	Active	Lancaster	James David Sims/ Sharon V. Teague
Smith, Kim (KIM)	Active	Emerald City	Rosemary Cannon Bell
Smith, Scott (SCOTT)	Active	Greater Anderson	Thomas A. Roose
Smyth, Rick (RICK)	Active	Anderson	
Stallworth, Gray (GRAY)	Active	Laurens	John Young
Stewart, Gregory Lynne (GREG)	Active	Pickens	Karen Culley
Sturgis, Melissa (MELISSA)	Active-Corporate	Simpsonville	Dianna Womack Gracely
Tarvin, Alexandra (ALEXANDRA)	Active-Corporate	Easley	Kim Valentin
Waugh, Jan (JAN)	Honorary	Aiken Sunrise	
Williams, Cal (CAL)	Active	Fort Mill	

August: 35 New Members — 45 Terminated Members (3 deceased)