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It's all about relationships:

Prevention/Resolution Month MARCH: Water and Sanitation

Month

That's what grows clubs

BY DG JOYCE MORIN

It's February, and love is in the air. Kids from five to ninety-five find ways to celebrate the people in their lives. There are hugs and kisses aplenty. We send candy, flowers, and Valentine cards of every type. We go out to dinner and walk hand-in-hand. Somehow, February 14 reminds us to reach out and say, "You are special." Rotarians exemplify this spirit all year long.

We create atmospheres at our clubs where all are welcome, all are respected, and each member knows that the others have their back. We make lifelong friendships. We help one another develop our skills and to grow into our potential both professionally and personally. We can't wait to get to meetings because we get to make friends, enjoy the fellowship, and learn something new every time. You can't beat that.

Rotarians see the good in others and work together all year round to lift up those in need. Each time a



member engages in a service project, that member is directly connected to the people who will benefit by the good outcome. Engage. It feels good to help others. Our projects are heart-warming and meaningful.



Sometimes we partner with outside organizations who are like old friends. Their people bring complementary skills to help us get the job done. Other times we must search for new partners and our members' huge variety of vocational

backgrounds kicks in to help make important new connections. Let's take the time this month to thank both old friends and new for their support.

Please know that I am grateful for all the wonderful Rotarians I have met across the district, and deeply appreciate the good which you are doing in the world. You are special.





The Rotary Club of Pleasantburg inducted five new members at a recent meeting. These five will now start building relationships with other members and the club will become stronger and better because of it.







FIVE NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED AT PLEASANTBURG

It was a wonderful start to the new year to welcome Crystal Ball O'Connor, Teresa Dye, Margaret Marcum, Kathy Sharp and Chip Gray to the Pleasantburg Rotary Club. These new members all have hearts of service for their community and will be a wonderful addition to the Rotary Club of Pleasantburg. They have already been very active in club events and settling in to the Rotary family with ease.







Members of the Lancaster Rotary Club with Fire Chief Justin McLellan (center), Training Officer David Melton (to right of Chief McLellan) and Fire Marshal Tom Lever (to left of Chief McLellan).

Lancaster Rotary Club donates life-saving infrared cameras to Lancaster Fire Department

BY REGINA MAXFIELD

Rotary Club of Lancaster

With the gift of these
three FLIR cameras, each
firefighter on duty with the
Lancaster Fire Department
will be armed with an
infrared camera when
responding to an emergency

call.

"It brings our club members great pleasure to learn how beneficial these cameras will be for our fire department and our community." said Lancaster Rotary Club president, Matt Williamson. "As they said during their presentation, it should be a goal for every firefighter to have one of these cameras so every firefighter can go home."

Members of Lancaster Rotary Club presented Fire Chief Justin McLellan with three state-of-theart Forward-Looking Infrared (FLIR) Cameras for the Lancaster Fire Department.

The cameras, which are specifically designed to aid in search and rescue operations, were donated to the department as part of the Rotary club's ongoing commitment to community safety and support of first responders.

The presentation, which was held during the club's weekly meeting, was met with excitement and gratitude by the fire department, who shared with the club members the many ways in which the cameras will benefit their operations. The fire chief along with Training Officer David Melton and Fire Marshal Tom Lever educated the club on the capabilities of the cameras and

how they will be used in the field.

One scenario described by Chief McLellan really resonated with club member Regina Maxfield "Imagine you are in a building you have never been in before, it's pitch black, you are disoriented and surrounded by fire, heat and smoke. To make things worse, you know you have limited time to find your way out of the building because you only have so much air in your air pack. What do you do? Which way do you go? Now imagine the same circumstances, but, this time, you are tasked with finding a child inside that building.

I don't think anyone who has not experienced such a situation can adequately imagine the confusion and the panic one must feel in such an environment. Thank God technology has advanced to the point that a handheld camera

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RLI can help you find your passion in Rotary

March 4, 2023

Tri-County Tech, Anderson Campus

Join us for an RLI event to learn about our Rotary history, our Foundation, strategies for why and how to grow membership and the latest public image/public relations ideas.

Learn, share, and network with fellow Rotarians about how they serve our community and the world.

ALL SESSIONS ARE HIGHLY INTERACTIVE AND FUN.

Look at the list of meetings on the RLI website www. rli33.org. Or, for a more complete list, look on the District Calendar in DACdb. www.DACdb.com

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Register at www.midatlanticrli.org

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can guide a firefighter through that nightmarish landscape," concludes Maxfield.

The cameras work by detecting thermal radiation, allowing firefighters to quickly locate victims in situations where visibility is limited. Studies conducted by fire departments across the country demonstrate the benefits of using these cameras:

Without the benefit of a camera, firefighters are only able to locate victims 60% of the time; whereas, with the use of a camera, they are able to locate the victim 99% of the time. Not only does a camera increase the likelihood a firefighter will find the victim, it greatly reduces the amount of time required to locate the victim by about 75%.



The FLIR cameras are also of tremendous help during other types of rescues, including car accidents and water rescues – any

situation in which the camera can pick up on body temperature to locate a victim. A classic example is the first response team's arrival at a car accident (especially at night) with no apparent victims. The car has obviously crashed into something, but no one is in the car. Was the driver and/or passengers ejected from the car? Or has the driver simply abandoned the scene? Cameras allow the first responders to quickly scan the surrounding area for injured victims.

The Lancaster Fire Department is a vital part of the community and the Lancaster Rotary Club is honored to support their efforts to keep our community safe. The club is committed to finding ways to assist local first responders in their efforts to protect and serve the community. The donation of these infrared cameras is just one of the many ways in which Lancaster **Rotary Club supports our** community.—President Matt Williamson





Through Junior Achievement Program

Pleasantburg helps first graders learn about jobs/businesses

The Rotary Club of Pleasantburg was happy to invest and volunteer teach the Junior Achievement Our Families learning experience for the 1st grade classes at Cherrydale Elementary starting in January.

This impactful initiative helped 1st graders learn how family members' jobs and businesses contribute to the well-being of the family and the community.

Students learned in a fun and interactive way

the concept of needs and wants and explored the ways families plan for and acquire goods and services.

Students analyze their own skills to determine ways they can support their families and they learned so much more.

JA helps bring the real world prospective to students and helps plant the seeds early so students can be better prepared for future success.



Stay home/Fight a war

BY PDG BARBARA SHAYEB-HELOU

D7750 Chair, Rotary Fellowships and Action Groups Rotary Club of Travelers Rest

Most Rotarians are satisfied to remain at home and fight wars; we've done it for years.W e are armchair fighters. We are all too happy to write checks.

Peace is one of our Seven Areas of Focus. It is inherent in human development. Everything we accomplish in Rotary helps to create better and a more peaceful community. Encourage your club to become a Peace Building Club.

Last April RI sponsored a concert in London to raise funds for Peace.Club's need to tap into RI'S Disaster Response Fund the Rotary Action Group or to create their own original line of support.

I would love to know what your club would or has done.If you belong to the Rotary Action Group for Peace, you can tell your club that you may not be wearing a uniform, but you are doing something about it.

RI is supporting an April 16 concert in London to benefit people of Ukraine. Clubs are encouraged to tap into RI's Disaster Response Fund or to create their own way of creative support.







FEBRUARY IS PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION MONTH

Peace is a cornerstone of our mission. We believe when people work to create peace in their communities, that change can have a global effect. By carrying out service projects and supporting peace fellowships and scholarships, our members take action to address the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, discrimination, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.





CAMMIE AGAIN!

Cammie Kaiser, center, has stepped up again to serve as president of the Golden Corner Rotary Club for 2023-24. At left is current president Steve Moore. Also pictured is AG Helen Westmoreland of Walhalla.



50 YEARS OF RADIO COVERAGE

Dick Mangrum, right, news director for WGOG radio in Walhalla, discussed his more than 50 years of covering Oconee County from the construction of Lake Keowee to recent weather disasters for the Golden Corner Rotary Club. At left is Rotarian David Williams.

MISSING PERSONS/ COLD CASES

Capt. Jimmy Dixon, right, with the Oconee County Sheriff's Office updated the Golden Corner Rotary Club about the Sheriff's revamped Missing Persons-Cold Case Division. Capt. Dixon has more than 45 years in law enforcement including serving as Chief of Police for Clemson University. Pictured from left are Club President Steve Moore, Assistant Governor Helen Westmoreland, Rotarian Doug Wilson and Capt. Wilson.

GOLDEN CORNER ROTARY CLUB

JOHN C. CALHOUN'S DAUGHTER SPEAKS TO GOLDEN CORNER CLUB

Sheri Belk, originally from Charleston and a graduate of Clemson University who has 33 years of teaching in South Carolina schools, now portrays Anna Maria Calhoun Clemson. Anna Maria spoke to the Golden Corner Rotary Club about being the daughter of John C. Calhoun and the wife of Thomas Green Clemson. Pictured are Rotarians Steve Moore, left and Gene Williams.

PAUL HARRIS +1 AND +5

Golden Corner Rotarians Lorraine Harding and Eddie Perry received their Paul Harris Plus Pins. Eddie was presented his Plus-Five pin and Lorraine received her Plus-One pin.







Is your club irresistible?

BY PDG TERRY WEAVER

Zone 33 Rotary Coordinator

Is your club irresistible to new members, or resistant to new members?

Recent Membership Action Plan (MAP) webinars have delivered some ways for clubs to ponder that question.

First, a video clip that might be a somewhat hilarious way at a meeting to poke your members into thinking about that: Why I shouldn't be in Rotary.

January's MAP Webinar also featured an entertaining guest appearance of Scott Yochum and Pepper Pettit, a couple of "celebrities" from Zone 34 (and also highly successful Membership Chairs): Become an Irresistible Club.

You'll probably also find some clips in this recording that you could use to help your club or your board realize that perhaps you're a little more resistant to new members than you think. Or, perhaps not irresistible enough to hold onto the members you already have.

2 Don't miss the Hollywood Premiere of the new Membership Action Plan database, the MAP Webinar on February 13 at 6 pm: Register Here.

This is club membership data provided in a "guided tour" format, with tutorials, questions, definitions and even recommended strategies based on your club's specific situation.

Never before available in Rotary, and brought to you by the Zones 33-34 Membership Action Plan Team. Rotary leaders who have seen the previews say things like:

- "I have to believe this is the MOST USEFUL database I've seen connected to Rotary"
- "This is nice. I love it." Don't miss this world premiere.
- And, finally, here's a white paper on becoming an Irresistible club: How to Make Your Club Irresistible Think about your own club and what you could do to become more irresistible.



Experience Rotary
Experience Columbia
April 28-29
USC Alumni Center, Columbia





PLEASANTBURG'S INTERACT STUDENTS HELP WITH HAITI FUNDRAISER

The Kilgor-Lewis Fundraiser for Partners in Literacy Haiti (PILH) volunteers included St. Joseph's Interact students sponsored by the Rotary Club of Pleasantburg. Pleasantburg member Sara Mansbach (in the red shirt) and many of the St. Joseph's students attend and support this Holiday Fundraiser event for PILH working hard for literacy efforts in Haiti. Kevin Stanton, faculty advisor for the Interact Club at St. Joseph's School, is at left.



When is the last time you told someone about Rotary...

What a privilege it is to be a Rotarian, but when is the last time you took the opportunity to share the good that we do in our communities and around the world in a conversation with a friend, colleague or neighbor?...telling them about

- the eradication of polio
- the projects to provide clean water in Honduras
- the agricultural projects in Haiti, the town-wide litter pick-up
- the adoption of a neighborhood school
- ringing the bell for the Salvation Army
- building a playground
- distributing dictionaries
- or any of the other amazing projects your clubs participates in every year.

Telling them about the friends you've made through Rotary and the fun you have with these friends. Sharing with them the information you glean from the speakers that come to your club and how you learn so much about your town, state, nation and the world. Don't wait tell someone today about Rotary!

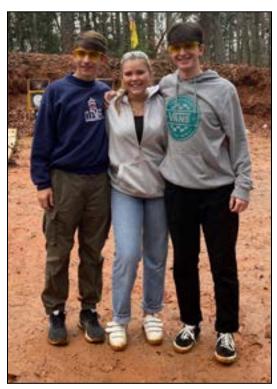
PDG CAROL BURDETTE

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Dan, Eugénie, and Luca Penouel at the shooting range.

District's Inbound Exchange students enjoy Christmas "Americana" and prepare an International Lunch in Greenville

BY WADE CLEVELAND

D7750 Youth Exchange Chair

Three of the District's four inbound Rotary Youth Exchange students gathered in Greenville for an early Christmas celebration.

Sadly, the fourth inbound, Mina Bingül from Turkey (hosted by Anderson), came down with the flu and had to miss the weekend.

On Friday night the students reveled in two very different festive displays of American Christmas.

They enjoyed a fun, casual dinner in a "Winter Wonderland" of multiple Christmas trees, lights, snow, Santa, elves, reindeer, wrapped presents, music, and a huge array of ornaments suspended all around the restaurant.

To cap off this taste of the Season, they ended the evening at the Upstate Holiday Light Show at Greenville Pickens Speedway. There, they rode in amazement along a route lined with a multitude of iconic Christmas displays created by millions of multicolor lights.

But the highlight of the visit was the thirty-minute light show synchronized to a soundtrack of Christmas music.

Despite the drizzle, the three

students were outside on Saturday morning to experience something new for them.

They tested their gun-shooting skills under the careful, trained, and watchful eye of a friend of Rotarian Terri Cvetko (Laurens). Terri is also a member of the District's Youth Exchange Committee.

All three inbounds appreciated the opportunity and at least two claim to be true marksmen!

The Greenville Christmas parade on Saturday night offered the students yet another opportunity continued on next page



Youth Exchange Christmas—

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to delight in American culture. Marching bands, floats, dancers, dogs, gymnasts, and even a rugby team tossing a ball made for a fun evening. Needless to say, the climax was the appearance of Santa Claus in his sleigh.

An International Lunch on Sunday completed the weekend. Each of the students prepared a classic dish from his/her country and served it to their host parents and District Youth Exchange Committee members and their spouses.

The Rotarians who attended, as either hosts or committee members (or both), were PDG Frank and Crossie Cox (Clemson Sunrise), Grant Hollis (Easley), Mark Shumpert (Rock Hill), Terri Cvetko (Laurens), Tracy Tiddy (Pleasantburg), Travis Seward (Pleasantburg), and Wade Cleveland (Pleasantburg). Understandably, Rotarian/host father, Bob DiPesa (Anderson), had to stay at home to tend to Mina!

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Christmas music and light show at Greenville-Pickens Speedway.

Eugénie's big bowl of batter produced over 60 crepes.

Sharing Christmas spirit and promoting international peace and goodwill.







Eugénie, her host sister Haley Duggan, Dan, and Luca after dinner in the "Winter Wonderland.

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The meal began with Greek feta and olives served as hors d'oeuvres. The first course at the table was Turkish köfte (spicy meatballs) served with yogurt sauce, which Mina had planned to make if she'd been able to attend.

For a second course, Dan Balint from Romania (hosted by Pleasantburg) rolled and cooked cabbage rolls that he served with polenta. Next, Luca Penouel (hosted by Clemson and Clemson Sunrise) offered (with a little help from his host mother, Crossie Cox) Italian lasagna made according to his grandmother's recipe.

And just in case anyone was still hungry, the group served the national dish of Brazil, feijoada, a stew of black beans, pork, beef, and sausage served with rice and collards. Finally, Eugénie Mollet from France (hosted by Rock Hill) delighted everyone with dessert crepes filled with berries, Nutella, or lemon and sugar and accompanied by ice cream.

Afiyet olsun! Poftă bonă! Buon appetito! Bon appétit! Enjoy your meal!





Reedy River Greenville Rotarians worked at Feed & Seed packing boxes of fresh produce to be distributed to areas where it is not readily available. Feed & Seed's Mission is to improve the health and well-being of all citizens by increasing access to nourishing local foods and establishing a truly sustainable food system built on profitable farms and independent markets, filling the gaps and increasing access to fresh, affordable local food within the Upstate Food and Nutrition System.

Deadline for March newsletter is Feb. 24.

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

Articles received after Feb. 24 will be used in April.





Celebrate Rotary's birthday: Feb. 23

BY PDG BETH PADGETT

The first Rotary meeting was held on February 23, 1905, in Chicago, so we will celebrate the 118th birthday of Rotary this month.

The promotion of peace and world understanding is part of the foundation of Rotary, so it makes sense that February 23 also has been designated as World Understanding and Peace Day.

And as most Rotarians know, Rotary has "theme months," and February is Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution month.

DURING FEBRUARY, AND PARTICULARLY ON FEBRUARY 23, ROTARY CLUBS ARE ASKED TO HAVE SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND/OR ACTIVITIES THAT PROMOTE "UNDERSTANDING AND GOODWILL AS ESSENTIAL FOR WORLD PEACE."

One of the main draws for being a Rotarian is the connectedness that Rotarians have with 1.4 million Rotarians around the world. Many of our own District 7750 clubs have members who were born in a country other than the United States. The E-Club of the Carolinas has members who live in other countries.

Through our work in Honduras, Haiti, and Guatemala, many of our Rotarians have become friends with other Rotarians. Facebook and other social media make it easy for us to stay in touch.

Find a way to celebrate Rotary's birthday, and look for ways this month to enhance understanding of other cultures and countries.

- Invite a Rotary Exchange student to a club meeting.
- Have a speaker who has participated in one of our Global Grants or has helped vaccinate children for polio.
- Read a book at a school that has a large number of students who were born in another country.
- Have entertainment at a club meeting that has an international theme.

Happy Birthday, Rotary! Thanks for making it so easy for us to be globally connected.



April 28-29, 2023

Details coming.

Mark your calendars for this year's 7750 Conference.





GREENWOOD ROTARY DONATES BACKPACKS/PONCHOS TO VETERANS' GROUP

The Rotary Club of Greenwood and the local chapter of Military Officers Association of America donated 17 backpacks and ponchos to the Greenwood Veterans Center. Rosalind Burke, Greenwood County Veteran Affairs Officer (VAO), received the backpacks and ponchos. Backpacks will be filled with the ponchos and essential daily needs, such as underwear, socks, T-shirts, towels, washcloths and toiletries, and will be distributed to homeless veterans. From left are Art Wallace (Rotary/MOAA); Joe Roberts (MOAA); Terry Greenfield (MOAA); George McKinney (Rotary/MOAA); Burke (VAO); and Philip Heinlen (Rotary).

Give to the virtual CART Bucket on-line

Our clubs in D-7750 have been big supporters of The CART Fund (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust) for many years. You can throw your change (or bills) in the blue buckets at your meeting or donate online.

To give to CART online:

- 1. Go to www.mycartfund.org.
- Enter your DACdb User Name & Password
- 3. Click on the dark blue sign-in button
- 4. You'll create an ID in the CART Online Contribution Portal that's tagged to your club and our District.



A Project of the Rotary Clubs of North America





Golden Strip Sunrise earns 100% Banner

Golden Strip Sunrise Rotary Club is District 7750's newest 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club.

The club was certified by Rotary International in December as having 100% of its members at the time achieving the honor of being a Paul Harris Fellow. District Rotary Foundation Chair Beth Padgett presented the banner to the club on January 26. Only about 20% of the Rotary clubs in the world achieve this honor.

Special thanks go to Jim
Cashion, Club Service Project
Chair, and Sam Stamps, Club
Foundation Chair, for donating
some of their Foundation
Recognition Points to help all the
club members become Paul Harris
Fellows. And thanks to Club
President Dee Vaughn for leading
the club to accomplish this goal.



Golden Strip Sunrise members Sam Stamps, Jim Cashion and Dee Vaughn received the 100% Paul Harris Club Banner from D7750 Foundation Chair Beth Padgett,



Kauffmann PolioPlus Challenge sets a record

BY DRFC BETH PADGETT

Thanks to the enthusiastic response to this year's Doug and Sally Kauffmann PolioPlus Challenge Match, District 7750 is having one of its best years ever for raising money to eradicate polio and fulfill the promise that Rotarians have made to the children of the world.

The previous two Kauffmann Challenge Matches have been hugely successful, and this year Rotarians dug even deeper to support Rotary's signature project. Many thanks to Doug and Sally who are members of the Rotary Club of Greenwood. Doug also is serving as the District PolioPlus Chair for the third year, and he has agreed to serve again in 2023-24.

Our District had \$48,021 in individual contributions this year that met the terms of the challenge. That compares to \$34,461 in qualifying contributions last year and \$27,586 in 2020-21. Doug and Sally agreed to provide a match of \$48,100 for this year's challenge.

In addition, we had contributions from Rotary Clubs of another \$2,532 made at the club level. Points to be distributed from Doug Kauffmann's personal Rotary Foundation account will be 49,262 compared to 39,222 in 2021-22 and 35,065 in 2020-21.

Many Rotarians qualified for double matching points by making online donations. Also, we had quite a few Major Donors and Paul Harris Fellows +8 who gave generously during this period even

Are you interested in joining the
District 7750 POLIOPLUS
SOCIETY? It's easy. Give \$100 to
Polio Plus this year and preferably in
addition to your regular Foundation
Annual Fund contribution. Pledge to give
\$100 a year until we have ended polio.
Contact me at bpadgettrotary@outlook.
com for more details.

In 2022, there were 23 cases of the wild poliovirus reported in the two endemic countries of Pakistan and Afghanistan, and eight more reported in Mozambique and Malawi that were traced to Pakistan. So far, no cases of the wild poliovirus have been reported in 2023. For Rotary and its international partners to achieve their goal of having the world certified free of the wild poliovirus by 2026, we must not have any cases beginning in 2024. We really are "this close" to eradicating polio. Thank you for donating so generously to our efforts to eradicate polio. We are making a difference!

though they aren't eligible for Recognition Points.

Doug initially had announced a goal of raising \$28,000 this year for PolioPlus from Rotarians in the District and that he would match that amount dollar for dollar. He and Sally then quickly agreed to match the amount raised during the last PolioPlus campaign, and then they agreed to match even more donations.

This is extraordinarily generous of the Kauffmanns. We have truly elevated giving to PolioPlus because of the Kauffmanns' challenge match. Please find an opportunity to tell them thank you for their commitment to Rotary and to eliminating polio.

Eradicating polio has been the signature project of Rotary International since 1985. At that time, there were approximately 350,000 cases of polio a year. In 1988, Rotary joined the Global Polio Eradication Initiative as one of several partners

Initiative as one of several partners in this public-private partnership.

D-7750 Foundation Chair PDG BETH PADGETTbpadgettrotary@outlook.com



Membership Champions 22 new members and their sponsors in December

Rotarian	Туре	Club	Sponsor
Allen, Mary Evelyn	Active	Aiken Sunrise	
Bell, Douglas L	Active-E-Member	Emerald City	Robert Young
Brenner, Mary	Active	Greenville	Mary Elizabeth Padgett
Cooper, Robert Blake	Active	Simpsonville	Richard C. Moore
Deason, Larry Tommy	Active	Lancaster Breakfast	John Stephen Willis
Eames, Claudette	Active	Greer	
Foster, James Lee Greenberg, Bruce C	Honorary Active	Newberry Spartanburg	Chip McLeod/ Stone McLeod
Hudspeth, David E. Jones, Joel	Active Active	Fort Mill Greenville	George W. Fletcher/Terry Weaver
Latimer, Tanisha	Active-Corporate-Associate	Greenville	Lisa Mangione
Litrenta, Carla	Active	Fort Mill	Joanne Walker
McNutt, Marina	Active	Aiken Sunrise	
Muller, Thomas	Active	Fountain Inn	Adam Haymond
Nagy, Carin	Active-Associate	Greenville	Mary Elizabeth Padgett
Reed, Karen A	Active	Greenwood	
Romero, Mario	Active-YP32 Family-Assoc	Greenville	Susan C. Tumblin
South, Cynthia	Active	Aiken	Keyatta D. Priester
Trull, Richard C.	Active	Gaffney	
Tschappat, Taylor	Active	Greer	
Wiles Smith, Sarah	Active-Associate	Greenville	Terry Weaver

DECEMBER: 22 NEW MEMBERS — 53 TERMINATED MEMBERS (4 DECEASED)



April 28-29

University of South Carolina Pastides Alumni Center/ Hilton Columbia Center 900 Senate St, Columbia

Registration information coming soon.