



**IMAGINE
ROTARY**

**MARCH: Water and Sanitation
Month**

APRIL: Maternal and Child Health

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Reminder: Having clean and available water means that children like these in Honduras can go to school, knowing they will have water to drink and possibly toilets that flush, making learning easier for them.

Finally, we have Rotarians going back to Honduras

BY DG JOYCE MORIN

This month is very exciting for me.

Under the leadership of Fort Mill Rotarians Al Steele and Ben Ficklen, I will be part of a team traveling to Honduras as part of our district's global grants water project.

District 7750 has partnered with Honduran Rotary clubs for many years to bring clean water to villages, impacting over 2000 homes and the lives of 11,500+ men, women, and children.

We were prevented from traveling to project sites for almost three years due to the pandemic, but the work itself continued. We knew that because of our long standing relationships with our sister clubs in Honduras, their excellent oversight, and Rotary's thorough reporting methods that our projects continued to move forward.

The Copan Ruinas and Santa Rosa Rotary Clubs have arranged for us to meet with representatives

from villages requesting funding to build clean water systems. We will have an opportunity to look into their eyes and shake hands as they commit to the hard work which will make clean drinking water a reality for the children of their villages.

We will also have an opportunity to visit projects completed since our district team's last visit and experience first-hand how clean drinking water improves the lives of these villagers. It will be a joy to meet them and an honor to represent District 7750.

Thank you for your gifts to The Rotary Foundation. It is through these generous donations we can continue to do good in the world. Next month, we will report back on our experiences and share stories of the people whose lives you have touched (just like those children pictured above).

USC President Michael Amiridis speaks to three clubs in Lancaster County

Lancaster County's three Rotary Clubs—Lancaster, Lancaster Breakfast, and Indian Land Lunch—met for together Feb. 9 to hear from Michael Amiridis, 30th President of the University of South Carolina.

Dr. Amiridis spoke of the accomplishments of the university and future goals to impact students and the communities that they serve.



← District Governor Joyce Morin presided over the meeting at USC-Lancaster.

→ Rotarians Marsha Patterson, Chad Catledge, & Bridgett Plexico were among those at this special meeting.



FROM DISTRICT GRANT

3D printing comes to McCormick schools

3D printing has come to the McCormick Elementary and Middle Schools' Media Center thanks to the Satellite Rotary Club of McCormick and a district grant.

The satellite club of the Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas applied for and received \$1,300 to help the small, fairly isolated schools. Children attending these schools live in one of the most impoverished areas of our state.

Two 3-D printers and a stock of filament are on hand and will be operational soon.

School personnel will get help in early March from Joe Barron, a Clemson graduate in Business & Computer Science, who will help them understand the capabilities of the printers, and offer some tips and tricks of the machines. He will also talk with students and teachers about careers in computer science.

Projects already being considered for the printers include awards medals for reading, goal achievements and fund raising ideas to support the school's supply cabinet.



TEACHERS AND ROTARIANS SET UP 3D PRINTERS

McCormick Satellite Rotarian Patty Murray, McCormick Elementary School Media Specialist Monica Thurmond and Principal Angie White and McCormick Satellite Director Rotarian Anne Barron show their enthusiasm about their District 7750 Grant project coming together.

DISTRICT 7750

Rotary

Conference 2023



Experience Rotary

Experience Columbia

April 28-29

USC Alumni Center, Columbia



Singing Rotarians: April Williams, Jodie Plyler, Michael Clancy, & Mitch Norrell. The quartet also performed at the Rotary club meetings that week.

LANCASTER AREA ROTARIANS DELIVER 18 SINGING VALENTINES

Lancaster Breakfast and Lancaster Rotary clubs spread the love on Valentine's Day! Quartet members delivered 18 Singing Valentines to raise money for Rotary projects. Each recipient received a card, a red rose, and a serenade. The two clubs split the proceeds between the clubs to fund community projects.

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



Rotarian in the news

Harry Choplin

Harry was the principal at Travelers Rest High School, a head basketball coach, a math teacher, an adjunct instructor at various universities. He still is a busy volunteer and a longtime member of the city council.

And he's an active Rotarian. Harry joined the TR club in 1995 and has held about every club position. He was president in 2012-13 and will serve in that role again during the 2023-24 year. He's a graduate of Rotary Leadership Institute.

Now 73, he retired in 2003.

The Greenville Journal featured Travelers Rest Rotarian Harvey Choplin during Black History Month.

**CLICK TO READ THE ENTIRE
ARTICLE ABOUT HARVEY
IN THE GREENVILLE JOURNAL.**



PLEASANTBURG FELLOWSHIP

The Rotary Club of Pleasantburg enjoyed a evening of fellowship and fun at Myles Pizza while raising money for their Dress A Child project that is coming up in March. Money raised will purchase clothes for children in need in Greenville.

PLEASANTBURG'S ANNUAL WINTER PARTY: ROMANIAN THEME

Club members Wade Cleveland and Travis Seward opened their home and worked tirelessly to make it a perfect evening with all of the food inspired/themed around the country cuisine of our Romanian exchange student, Dan Balian.

It was great to share the evening with Dan and his host family. Dan took the time to explain each course in detail which was a great touch to the evening.

Also it was special to have the Cherrydale elementary school management team in attendance: Principal Debra Johnson, Title 1 Facilitator Sharolyn Simmons and Literacy Specialist Karisma Cruell. The relationship with this school continues to strengthen and they already feel like Rotary family.





PLEASANTBURG HEARS POSITIVE OUTLOOK FOR SC'S YOUNG WORK FORCE

Rotary Club of Pleasantburg enjoyed speaker, Jay Blankenship, with the South Carolina Department of Commerce. His positive outlook of our young work force coming up and creating work opportunities to keep them working in our our state is nothing short of inspiring for the future of our state. As an added plus for The Rotary Club of Pleasantburg, Jay decided to become a member. **When looking for new members, don't forget to consider your guest speakers!**



DIVERSITY-EQUITY-INCLUSION SESSION AT PLEASANTBURG

Nicole Andrews led an impactful interactive session about Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for the Rotary Club of Pleasantburg. She started with a game of BINGO inspiring thoughtful conversation about the subject. Many club members shared their personal experiences that allowed a safe place for honest conversation. The lessons were plenty and the club is better equipped to support diversity, equity and inclusion in the Greenville community and keep the club a place where everyone feels welcome and valued.





TRANSITION HOUSING

Brannon Massey and Johnny Morris with Cornerstone Lighthouse Ministries and Hub Ministries updated the Golden Corner Rotary Club about its outreach campaigns that include transition housing and life skills education. Follow their efforts at TheHubCampus.com. Pictured from left are Rotarians Steve Moore and Stephanie Blake and Brannon and Johnny.



BLESSINGS IN BOXES

Rotarian Steve Rushton, right, joined with other charities and civic groups for the Blessings in Boxes in Hendersonville, N.C., which served more than 2,100 children during the holidays. Steve and the volunteers were able to also provide more than 800 bicycles for the children. At left is Golden Corner Rotary Club president Steve Moore.



ROBOTIC EYE PROCEDURES

Scott Massios, eye surgeon with Blue Ridge Eye Center, right, updated the Golden Corner Rotary Club about the state of art robotic procedures available at the center off Wells Highway. Pictured with Scott are Rotarians Steve Moore and George Bakogiannis.

RETREAT COLORED ROSENWALD SCHOOL LISTED AS HISTORIC SITE

Willie Washington and Helen Rosemond-Saunders updated the Golden Corner Rotary Club about the Retreat Colored Rosenwald School now owned by Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. Built in 1923 on the site of an 1870 one-room schoolhouse, the school in the Westminster community served black families until 1950. The renovation project saw the school listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2011. Pictured from left are Rotarian Steve Moore, Washington, Rosemond-Saunders and Rotarian Pam Dowd.





FOOTBALL PLAYERS AND ROTARIANS PICK UP TRASH IN YORK

The York Rotary Club and several members of the York Comprehensive High football team picked up litter along a mile long road in York County. This is one of the club's community service projects reinstituted on a quarterly basis. Many yellow bags were filled to help keep York clean.



PHF+4 IN YORK

President Dean Boyd presents Kelly Coxe with her Paul Harris plus 4 pin at the Rotary Club of York.



THREE MORE RECOGNIZED IN YORK FOR FOUNDATION GIFTS

York president Dean Boyd (wearing the Cougars sweatshirt) recognized three members for their contributions to the Rotary Foundation. From left, William Langford, Paul Harris level 6; Maria Duncan, Paul Harris level 2; and Nick Setzer, Paul Harris, level 1.



TRAVELERS REST FUNDS 7 GED STUDENTS

Les Hicken, president of the Rotary Club of Travelers Rest, presented a check to Greenville Literacy Association Executive Director Lisa Hall. The donation was made to help fund General Education Diplomas for seven GLA students. This gift was partially funded by a district grant.



2030 is the year Rotary hopes to see everyone have access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene.

FACTS ABOUT WATER

- More than 1500 children in the world die every day from the lack of water, contaminated water, and/or poor hygiene practices.
- \$24 is all it takes (on average) to provide one person with safe water.

Use this logo!

2015 – Present



PR TIP

Use the right logo

Is your club still using the blue and gold Rotary wheel? Rotary International has been urging clubs for several years to update their logos to match the 2015 rebranding guidelines.

It does not matter if it's for a banner, flyer, brochure sign, t-shirt, etc. your club should be using the correct Rotary brandmark!

You can visit the Zone

33/34 website here ([https://www.rizones33-34.org/wp-](https://www.rizones33-34.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Rotary-Voice-and-Visual-Guidelines.pdf)

[content/uploads/2022/08/Rotary-Voice-and-Visual-Guidelines.pdf](https://www.rizones33-34.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Rotary-Voice-and-Visual-Guidelines.pdf)) to learn more about the do's and don't's of how to use the Rotary logo for your club.

Need help? Contact me.



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If you are using this logo on your website, Facebook page, bulletin, newsletter or anywhere else, please replace it.



Eight new major donors; two in Seneca



District 7750 has eight new Rotary Foundation Major Donors so far this year, and two of them are in the Seneca Rotary Club. District Rotary Foundation Chair Beth Padgett (center) had the pleasure of recognizing Debbie DuBose and Ralph Nix for reaching this impressive milestone of having giving (over time) at least \$10,000 to The Rotary Foundation. Both are members of the Paul Harris Society where a Rotarian pledges to give at least \$1,000 a year to the Foundation. Thank you, Debbie and Ralph!



April 28-29

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

**Registration information
coming soon.**

Important grant deadlines around the corner

BY PDG BETH PADGETT

D7750 Foundation Chair

Two District Grant deadlines are near. Rotary Clubs should make sure they are on track to have the 2022-23 Final Report and 2023-24 Grant Application turned in on time.

The Final Report for this year's District Grants is due March 31. The application for 2023-24 District Grants is April 30.

The Rotary Foundation allows us to pool our resources of time, money, and/or talent with the opportunity for "Doing Good in the World." Rotary Clubs have one of their most direct connections to The Rotary Foundation through their participation in District Grants.

A significant portion of Rotary Foundation donations is returned to our District each year that can help clubs fund projects in their communities.

Club leaders have received training on how to complete a District Grant Final Report and how to turn in a new grant application.

If you have any questions or challenges, please contact as soon as possible District Rotary Foundation Chair Beth Padgett at bpadgettrotdary@outlook.com and District Grants Chair Bill Harley at william.harley@firstcitizens.com.



In filling out the Final Report, please make sure you scan and attach your receipts for your project that was funded by the grant. Also, make sure that you retain the original receipts and a copy of your Final Report.

Send the completed report to william.harley@firstcitizens.com and bpadgettrotdary@outlook.com.

District Grant applications must be submitted using the online form but each President-Elect has been supplied a hard copy of the form so they can do a rough draft.

Please retain a copy of your District Grant application and share it with the club board and those

club members implementing the grant.

Also, remember not to spend any grant money until you receive the grant check and deposit it in your bank.

Rotary International usually sends grant funds to District 7750 in August or early September.

When you complete your grant project, be sure to tell your community what your Rotary Club has accomplished. This is one way to attract new members! They see what you're doing and want to be a part of it.

Deadline for April newsletter is March 25.

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

Articles received after March 25 will be used in May.



Locals in Okada fetch water from the hand pump water borehole system donated through the Rotary International-USAID Partnership projects. Okada, Ghana. Rotarians from 35 clubs across the country are partnering with USAID and national and local agencies of the government of Ghana in a large-scale \$4 million program in water, sanitation and hygiene serving 75,000 people.

Rotary provides clean water and sanitation

BY DRFC BETH PADGETT

Rotarians in District 7750 play leadership roles in providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene in countries around the world. Through your donations to The Rotary Foundation, you are helping save lives and offer hope in places such as Honduras and Guatemala.

On the Rotary calendar, March is Water and Sanitation Month. This is the perfect time to reflect on the good that our Rotarians have done through such projects and continue to do in Honduras and now Ethiopia. Working with World Vision, our District now is working to bring water and sanitation projects to 14 schools in Ethiopia.

Much of our District's work has been done in various villages in Honduras, and a small group of our Rotarians will travel to Honduras later this month to close out some water projects and start new ones.

This will be the first in-person trip since 2019 because Covid limited the ability to travel after that. Don't worry though. Work has been taking place during this time on water projects near Copan and Santa Rosa.

When Rotary does work, it makes sure the projects are needed, sustainable and supported by the people who will benefit from them. And

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as Rotary says, "When people have access to clean water and sanitation, waterborne diseases decrease, children stay healthier and attend school more regularly, and mothers can spend less time carrying water and more time helping their families." This is the work that Rotarians in our District support, and it's just one of the reasons we should be proud to be part of Rotary.

It takes only \$24 a day to provide one person with clean water, and to date \$148 million has been invested worldwide by The Rotary Foundation in water, sanitation, hygiene, and water resource management interventions globally. Thank you for what you're doing through your Foundation donations. You are making a difference!





IF YOU NEED HELP MAKING A CONTRIBUTION, CONTACT DISTRICT 7750 ROTARY FOUNDATION CHAIR BETH PADGETT AT BPADGETTROTARY@OUTLOOK.COM OR CALL/TEXT 864-982-0211. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR ROTARY AND THE ROTARY FOUNDATION. TOGETHER, WE ARE “DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD!”

DG Joyce issues exciting Rotary Foundation Challenge

The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. We need a strong push in District 7750 to reach our Foundation goal this year for Annual Fund-SHARE. Donations to AF-SHARE continue our life-changing, sustainable projects across the globe and in our own communities through Foundation grants.

DG Joyce Morin encourages Rotarians in District 7750 to contribute to Annual Fund-SHARE between February 23 and April 30!

Make sure you choose Annual Fund-SHARE and provide your Rotary (Member) ID Number.

Contributions can be made online at My Rotary – <https://my.rotary.org/en/donate> or by calling the Rotary Support Center at 866-976-8279 and contributing over the phone.

You also may send a donation by mail (The Rotary Foundation, 14280 Collections Center Drive, Chicago, IL 60693, USA) but if so, you must ensure the donations reach Rotary International before this

challenge match ends. Donations sent by mail must be postmarked by April 15, but online donations can be made through April 30.

DG Joyce and some of her Rotary friends will donate their Foundation Recognition Points to be used for this special challenge. The challenge match may be limited to the first 40,000 Foundation Recognition points.

Any contributions of \$100 or more will be matched with the same number of Recognition Points (for example, donate \$100 and get a match of 100 points). A maximum number of 500 points will be awarded per person.

Rotarians that are Major Donors or PHF+8 level donors are encouraged to participate but will not receive points. (Donors at this level of giving can no longer receive Recognition Points but their gifts certainly are appreciated!) Rotarians also are encouraged to give less than \$100 if a smaller gift better fits their budget.

Club member from Turkey helps Pleasantburg respond quickly to earthquake disaster

BY REGINA COULOMB, PRESIDENT

Rotary Club of Pleasantburg

The Rotary Club of Pleasantburg responded quickly to the earthquake that devastated parts of Turkey and Syria because club member Lale Dogan is from Turkey. She remains in contact with many of the people she knows in Rotary in Turkey and was able to identify a project quickly.

Pleasantburg pledged \$10,000 to a Global Grant to purchase a Mobile Multi Function Clinic that will provide a safe place to meet continued medical needs in the region affected by the quake.

This is a perfect example of how Rotary is an international organization with clubs working hard to make a difference not only in their local communities

but in the world.

It is also an excellent example of how a young girl who starts out as a Rotary exchange student and Rotaract member grows up to become a Rotarian In Action using her global contacts to makes a difference.

The Rotary Club of Pleasantburg is very proud of this project supporting the people of Turkey in need and we are proud of Lale for her hard work to put this into action.

If you would like to support this international project you can donate through the Venmo QR Code or mail a check to the foundation address below. Notate funds are for Turkey Relief.



To contribute in this way, make check payable to Pleasantburg Rotary Foundation

Mail to:

Jason Lewis

415 Townes St.

Greenville, SC 29601

OR Use Venmo—Scan barcode/Use pin 2168



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The Rotary Foundation's Turkey/Syria Disaster Response Fund

You may also donate to the [Turkey/Syria Disaster Response Fund](#) through the Rotary Foundation. Donations, distributed to affected communities through disaster response grants, help clubs and districts provide aid where the need is greatest.

The response fund can accept cash contributions and District Designated Funds. If the needs diminish, or if more funds are raised than eligible districts request, surplus contributions **may eventually be used to respond to other disasters worldwide.**

Donations made through the Foundation are eligible for Paul Harris credit.

Through The Rotary Foundation



PDGs Beth Padgett and Terry Weaver inspect a water tank in Honduras in 2015. Water was brought to this village because of the work of Al Steele, member of the Rotary Club of Fort Mill, and a Rotary grant.

Al has found out what makes him tick. What is it that interest your members? Discover that and you'll have a stronger club.



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To make your club stronger

Find out what makes your members tick

Every month Rotary has a theme. The Month of March the theme is Water & Sanitation.

For those of us in Rotary District 7750, that brings Al Steele to mind and the great work he has done to help provided clean water to thousands of residents of Honduras. Al has done a great job leading the charge on this work but hundreds of Rotarians in our clubs have contributed to this worthy cause.

It is extremely important to those of us who support these projects in Honduras and one of the reasons we stay in Rotary.

As a leader in your Rotary club, do you know what your members are interested in supporting? Have you asked them lately...or EVER??

Governor Joyce is asking club presidents to survey club members. This shows our membership that their voice is important.

Please find out what makes your members tick and give them the opportunity to carry out the work that will make our communities and the world a better place for all of us!!

Membership Champions

28 new members and their sponsors in January

Rotarian	Type	Club	Sponsor
Cheatham, Dean	Active	Aiken Sunrise	Sharon J. Johnson
Yaksich, Marjorie	Active	Clemson	Candi Forester-Smith
Gray, Clifford	Active	Pleasantburg	Eric J. Baker MD
Flynn, Cynthia	Active	Greenville	Catherine Pelicano/Wade Stackhouse Kolb III
Jones, Brett	Active	Greenville	Ryan Thackray
Langford, John K.	Active	Spartanburg	Josh Lonon
Harvey, Kathryn C.	Active	Spartanburg	Joe C. Mullinax
Wallace, Joseph	Active	Spartanburg	Troy Hanna/William Gray
Waddell, Heather G.	Active	Aiken Sunrise	Judith Rector
Traylor, Drew	Active	Fountain Inn	Adam Haymond
McRae, Randy	Active	Fountain Inn	Jack West
Bannister, Sarah Ann	Active	Anderson	
Duncan, Seth	Active-Corp	Mauldin	Norman Bunn
Pittman, Lance	Active	Greer	
Curtis, Cynthia	Active	Lancaster Breakfast	Thomas Michael Clancy
Poovey, Caroline	Active	Lancaster Breakfast	Chad Catledge
Reddish, Catherine	Active	Aiken Sunrise	Mary Evelyn Allen
Sharp, Sara Katharine	Active	Pleasantburg	Regina Coulomb
O Connor, Crystal Ball	Active	Pleasantburg	Regina Coulomb
Marcum, Margaret	Active	Pleasantburg	Regina Coulomb
Dye, Teresa	Active	Pleasantburg	Regina Coulomb
Swancy, Ryan S.	Active	Chester	Everett B. Stubbs III
Gaston, Harvey Neely	Active	Chester	William L. Marion
Davis, John Evans	Active	Chester	Katherine H. Davis
Chalmers, Kim	AC	Laurens	Amanda Munyan
Keener, Cady Nell	Active	Greenwood	Jeffrey Lyle Smith
Tompkins, David	Active	Greenwood	
Sastry, Ravi G.	ACA	Greenville	Terry R. Weaver

AC: Active-Corporate

ACA: Active Corporate Associate

JANUARY: 28 NEW MEMBERS — 25 TERMINATED MEMBERS (1 DECEASED)