



MAY: Youth Service Month  
JUNE: Rotary Fellowships Month

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## May is Youth Services Month

# We are so proud of the young people in our district

BY DG JOYCE MORIN

Our Interact Clubs roared back to life after the pandemic. We have 20 Rotary clubs joyfully working with advisors and members in our schools. These students have successfully run projects ranging from pollinator gardens to meal packing events, and more. Some have experienced their first fundraising events and learned skills they will use throughout their adult lives. Kudos to the Indian Land High School club's 5k Butterfly Run – that takes a lot of organization. Both project and fundraising outcomes are impressive across the board. Through our Rotary program, kids are helping others and growing into solid citizens.

The Lander University Rotaract Club has a strong presence on campus. Under the guidance of Emerald City's President-Elect

Matt Peterson, they helped with: Rise Against Hunger, Josh the Otter Water Safety, Adopt a Highway, and donated business attire to the Bear Necessities Food Bank on campus. Well done.

RYLA is gearing back up and promises to provide a meaningful team building/leadership experience for its young people. Memories get made which are

treasured, and lessons learned are put into practice years later. Thank you to all the sponsoring clubs, District Youth Services Officer Frank Cox, District RYLA Chair Dave Brenner, and Mark Peeler of Erskine College.

The Youth Exchange program was well represented in Columbia at the All Club Conference. District Chair Wade Cleveland gave an overview of the program during General Session, and three of our inbound students who hail from France, Italy, and Romania spoke about their experiences in America and what the program means to them. We also had an opportunity to meet three students we will send abroad a little later in the year. A highlight of the evening banquet was when Dan Ballant presented the district



Some of our current and former Youth Exchange students at the recent conference.

governor (me!) with trading banners from his sponsoring club and district in Romania. What a treat.

Why is it important that we promote these programs? According to an article on Volunteerism found on youth.gov:

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## Service projects prior to All-Club Conference

These Rotarians are sitting down in this photo but only after they had spent a couple of hours working prior to the start of the All-Club Conference. They had fun baking at the Ronald McDonald House, sorting clothes and household goods at the Salvation Army, and helping record and preserve heritage quilts at Hampton-Preston Mansion.



← These are some of the Rotarians at the All-Club Conference enjoying Friday night's fellowship party.

← DG Joyce with her fellow Lancaster club member Matt Williamson at the All-Club Conference.

## Youth— (from page 1)

- Two-thirds of adults who volunteered began volunteering while they were young.
- Adults who volunteered at a young age, regardless of income, donate to and volunteer more at charitable organizations than adults who did not volunteer.
- Youth who volunteer are less likely to engage in risky behavior.
- Students who performed voluntary community service were 19 % more likely to graduate from college than those who did not.
- Volunteering is associated with a 27% higher odds of employment.

We can be glad that many of the nation's volunteers are young people interested in making a difference in

the lives of others.

Does it help Rotary? You bet. Just look at Ellis Gourdin, President of the Rock Hill Rotary Club. She began her journey as a Youth Exchange student, came home and created an Interact Club, later was an active Rotaractor, and now leads a large Rotary Club as its president. Way to go, Ellis. That's just what we hope for.

If you already support these programs, please continue to throw your best efforts into their success. If any of them are new to you, just give Frank Cox a call. He'll find you all the help you need. These young people will put smiles on your faces and pride in your hearts.



Newest Members of Indian Land Lunch: Aaron Kauffman, Anthony Brockington, Greg Garrett, Crystal Maxwell, President Albert Blackmon, Solomon Goldiamond, Becky Drozdz, Anton Anderson,

## Indian Land Lunch inducts seven new members

The Rotary Club of Indian Land Lunch inducted SEVEN new members at the end of April.

- Becky Drozdz
- Anton Anderson
- Anthony Brockington
- Aaron Kauffman
- Greg Garrett
- Solomon Goldiamond
- Crystal Maxwell

“New member inductions are a BIG DEAL to us, hence I wore a bowtie and tuxedo jacket for the ceremony,” said club president Albert Blackmon.

Indian Land Lunch is not done yet with new members. The club already plans to induct at least five more members on May 9 and has several others in the pipeline.

The club has 38 members.

ADG Ryan Blancke, Rotary Club of York, represented the district at the new member inductions.



This is Becky Becky Drozdz being introduced to the club. President Albert Blackmon had prepared a slide about each one of the seven new members, with photo, job information, hobbies, etc.



### INDIAN LAND LUNCH INFO

TUESDAY, 12:00 PM - 01:00 PM

Del Webb Library at Indian Land  
7641 Charlotte Highway  
Indian Land, SC 29707

[RCILLunch@aol.com](mailto:RCILLunch@aol.com)

Indian Land is in northern Lancaster County bordering York and Mecklenburg counties.

# AWARDS AND INSTALLATION CELEBRATION

Friday, June 23 | Greenville Marriott  
Reception 6:00 – 7:00 Dinner 7:00 – 7:45

*Awards for 2022-23 and  
installation of Renée Stubbs  
as District Governor  
for 2023-24 follow*

*District Governor Joyce Morin  
and  
District Governor Elect Renée Stubbs  
invite you to attend the  
Rotary District 7750*

## **Awards and Installation Celebration** to

- ▶ *Recognize the Achievements of District Rotarians and our Rotary Clubs*
- ▶ *Celebrate the New Rotary Year*
- ▶ *Install our 2023-24 Club Presidents and District Leaders*

**\$65 | Register in DaCdb**

Hotel rooms are available for \$129 at the Greenville Marriott, One Parkway E, Greenville, SC 29615.

Spend the night and enjoy a round at Top Golf or visit downtown Greenville.

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in the WORLD**



## YORK RECOGNIZES STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The Rotary Club of York recognized the following students as Rotary Students of the Month for April. The students are selected by their respected school administration, teachers and in some cases their peers. Their selection is based on character, academics and leadership.

**SELAH KALUZNY**, York Intermediate School, Keith McSwain, Principal.

**HOPE HENDERSON**, York Middle School; Cassidy Valerino, Principal.

**TYHEEM WILLIAMS**, Floyd D. Johnson Technology Center. Shannon Clinton, Assistant Director, and Lee Green, Director.

**ADDISON BLACK**, York Comprehensive High School, Superintendent Kelly Cox; Principal John Tharp, Principal; Assistant Principal Donna Farris

**O'LANDON BROWN**, York One Academy (not pictured).



## GOLDEN STRIP ESTABLISHES LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

The Golden Strip Sunrise Club unveiled its Free Little Library at the Emmanuel Sullivan Sports Complex in Fountain Inn. The library was built by Marshall Nichols, a charter member of the Club. Some of the initial books were donated by Governor Joyce Morin from her collection of books supporting Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.



**CREATE HOPE  
in the WORLD**

**THERE'S A LOT OF TIME LEFT IN THIS ROTARY YEAR WITH WORK STILL TO BE DONE BUT IT'S ALSO TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT HOW YOU WILL CREATE HOPE IN THE WORLD DURING 2023-24.**

**SCAAA NAMES  
3-A PRINCIPAL  
OF THE YEAR**

**TRAVELERS  
REST  
ROTARIAN  
DAN BRUCE**

**PRINCIPAL,  
TRAVELERS  
REST HIGH  
SCHOOL**

**The South Carolina Athletic Administrators Association**



**NEWS FROM  
GOLDEN CORNER**

## FOUNDATION UPDATE

Golden Corner Rotarian Vic Holley, right, chairman of the club's Foundation Committee, updated the club on the work of the Foundation, including district grants which the club uses for scholarships to GED students and other community projects. Pictured at left is club president Steve Moore.



## EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT

Zachary Smith, center, Oconee County Emergency Medical Response and Outreach Coordinator, updated Golden Corner about the extensive ongoing training for all the county's emergency personnel. From left are club president Steve Moore, Smith and Sergeant At Arms Patrick Lee.



Did you see that CART was featured prominently in the May issue of The Rotarian?



**TO GIVE TO CART ONLINE:**

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.

1. Go to [www.mycartfund.org](http://www.mycartfund.org)

or click to link at left to go to the CART page.

2. 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.

**CART IS NOT A PROGRAM OF ROTARY OR THE ROTARY FOUNDATION. BUT IT IS AFFILIATED AND ENDORSED BY CLUBS IN THIS DISTRICT AND MANY OTHERS AS A WAY TO WAY TO FIGHT A DREADFUL DISEASE.**

**TOP 5 FOUNDATION ANNUAL FUND GIVING CLUBS**

*Foundation Giving on April 25, 2023*

**Top 5 Annual Fund Per Capita**

1. Fort Mill - \$621.96
2. York - \$315.64
3. Reedy River Greenville - \$294.40
4. E-Club of the Carolinas - \$282.93
5. Emerald City - \$271.15

**Top Five Total Giving Annual Fund Clubs**

1. Greenville - \$50,105
2. Fort Mill - \$46,025
3. Emerald City - \$21,692
4. Spartanburg - \$14,200
5. Clemson - \$12,939

**Top 5 Total PolioPlus Giving Clubs**

1. Greenwood - \$52,074
2. Greenville - \$23,700
3. Pleasantburg - \$6,726
4. Spartanburg - \$6,665
5. Emerald City - \$6,515

**District Annual Fund**

In Hand: \$324,004  
Short of Goal: \$100,000

**District PolioPlus**

In Hand: \$152,376  
Excess of goal: \$46,000

Look on on the next few pages to see how some of this money has been spent.

# SPARTANBURG

## District's largest club becomes 100% Paul Harris

The Rotary Club of Spartanburg, 7750's largest with 183 members, has become a 100% Paul Harris Club. That means every member has reached a level of giving of at least \$1,000 to the Foundation. Only 20% of clubs in the world achieve this status.

District Governor Joyce Morin and Foundation Chair PDG Beth Padgett were on hand at a special meeting to present the club with its banner.

Club Foundation Chair Scott Girouard said the club has given \$83,000 to the Foundation so far this year, and its total all-time giving to the Foundation is more than \$750,000.

Club president William Gray set the goal of a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club for 2022-23.

"The Spartanburg Club is quite a large Club with 183 members," Scott said. "It is also a very generous Club. We had many Paul Harris Fellows already and a group of 10 individuals were Paul Harris Fellows plus 5, plus 6, plus 7 and more (each number represents another \$1,000 in giving to the Foundation)."

Scott began looking at what it would take for the club to be 100%. "With the continued generosity of our members we were able to add 84 Paul Harris Fellows at one time, setting a new



### SPARTANBURG BECOMES A 100% PAUL HARRIS CLUB /FOUNDATION CHAIR SCOTT GIROUARD RECEIVES RI AVENUES OF CLUB SERVICE AWARD

Foundation chair Scott Girouard, District Governor Joyce Morin, President William Gray, District Foundation Chair Beth Padgett with the Rotary Club of Spartanburg's new 100% Paul Harris Fellow banner. Scott also was presented with the Avenues of Club Service Award from RI for his commitment to Rotary in all avenues of service.

Rotary International record," he said.

"As part of our plan to connect our Club to national and international causes, I set the goal for us to be a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club," said President William Gray. "We see the impact of our Club's generosity locally through our Youth Opportunity Grants, Spartanburg Sings, Rotary

Has Heart campaign, among others, but I wanted our Club to make a significant contribution to the Rotary Foundation."

To encourage continued giving to the Foundation, the Club will match donations from new members for the next year so that it can maintain its 100% status.

Spartanburg is also encouraging  
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Some of the members of the Rotary Club of Spartanburg with their new 100% Percent Paul Harris Club banner.

**MAJOR DONOR  
CINDY KELLY**

Cindy Kelly, Immediate Past President of the Rotary Club of Spartanburg, was recognized as a Rotary Foundation Major Donor on April 18 at the club's special dinner celebrating the club becoming a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club.

Below: The club gives Cindy a standing ovation.



**Spartanburg—**

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all members to become members of the Paul Harris Society and for the club to be a 100% Foundation Giving Club.

“This achievement of 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club would not have been possible without the leadership of Scott Girouard,” said President William Gray. Scott was presented with the Avenues of Club Service Award.

District Governors nominate a member who has performed service in all five Avenues of Service— Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, International Service, and Youth Service— for this award from Rotary International and only 30 may be presented yearly.

Spartanburg meets on Tuesdays at 12:30 at the Piedmont Club.



If your club would like to develop a plan to become 100% Paul Harris, contact 7750 Foundation chair Beth Padgett.

**D-7750 Foundation Chair  
PDG BETH PADGETT  
bpadgettroty@outlook.com**





## Pleasantburg helps fund global grant to purchase mobile clinic in Turkey to aid earthquake victims

**BY REGINA COULOMB, PRESIDENT**

*Pleasantburg Rotary Club*

A Global Grant to purchase a mobile multi-Clinic (MMC) in Turkey is complete.

The Rotary Club of Pleasantburg was a contributing partner to purchase the medical unit that is now open to deliver emergency care to the wounded and sick until the hospitals of Adiyaman, Turkey can resume their work.

Located in a temporary container city with 650 housing units and with purpose to service the residents of this city, the unit is capable of:

- treating up to 100 patients a day, equipped with diagnostic equipment (x-ray, ultrasound)
- emergency service with 4 patient capacity
- a laboratory
- patient observation rooms with capacity for 10 patients/ beds

- It is self-sufficient with generators, showers, bathrooms.
- It will have at least one family physician and 3 specialists.

We are very proud to participate in an international project of this magnitude and humbled by its impact on the survivors of the devastating earthquake.

This is a perfect example of what makes Rotary unique from other organizations. We are an international organization and we bring our forces to serve our communities locally and globally.

We thank Greater Anderson Rotary Club and Greenville City Club for their direct donations to our club for this project.



**YOUR ROTARY FOUNDATION  
 AT WORK: GLOBAL GRANT**



## RI president dedicates new mobile clinic in Turkey

RI President Jennifer Jones cut the ribbon and inspected the mobile multi-Clinic on April 15 while she was on a visit to the 10 cities in Turkey most impacted by the February earthquake.

The Pleasantburg club was glad it could help. “With our passion for service in an international project of this magnitude, we are most thrilled with this surprise,” said club president Regina Coulomb.

Pleasantburg’s work on this project started with a heartfelt question on the 1st day of the earthquake “What can we do to help?”

“Our member Lale Dogan reached out to her Rotarian

friends at Caddebostan Rotary Club, Istanbul, Turkey, which took the leadership/ hosting of this Global Grant (GG) for district 2420,” Regina said. “In a matter of 10 days our club raised our pledge to contribute to this Global Grant.”

Across the globe other clubs were doing the same and within weeks they raised/ pledged the estimated project amount of \$300,000 to complete the project and bring a much needed medical facility to this area.

“What an incredible organization to be a part of,” Regina said. “Thank you all who contributed.”



**YOUR ROTARY FOUNDATION  
 AT WORK: DISTRICT GRANT**



These are photos from Clemson Sunrise's Earth Day projects and activities, partially funded with a District Grant.

## Clemson Sunrise has a busy, productive Earth Day

**BY RI'CHA RI SANCHO, PRESIDENT**  
*Rotary Club of Clemson Sunrise*

The Clemson Sunrise Rotary Club created a jam-packed Earth Day through a double feature of multi-generational Service.

The "Elevating 'Green' Generations" project, backed by a district grant and Family/Membership Social took place on April 22, expanding the reach of service across four generations of over 100 participants!

The morning began with Pendleton High School students paired with a Clemson-Sunrise Rotarian to learn about

plastics and their impact on the environment by chemical engineer, Sagar Kanhere

A service project followed in partnership with Southern Wesleyan University. The group learned gardening tips from Master Gardener Crossie Cox and planted 100 annual flowers.

The pairs participated in several activities, including a competition to see who would be the first to place a skewer through the top and bottom of a balloon.

Four-hundred 3rd grade

students also received Earth Day books with one group of 60 to receive a live planting presentation by Rotarians, providing a marigold for each child to watch grow in their classrooms before taking home.

In the evening, iPDG Frank Cox, led potential members, potential Community Rotaractors, and club members to participate in a Mini-Service Project providing essential kits for the homeless, preceded by dinner and a membership program.

# Membership Champions

21 new members and their sponsors in March

NEW MEMBER	TYPE	CLUB	SPONSOR
Becker, Kathleen	Active	Clemson	Sara Elizabeth Pollock
Leeson, Charles	Active	Greenville City Center	
Scharton, Craig M	Active	Greenville City Center	
Lampson, Jim	Active	Greenville City Center	William B. McKinney
Black, Richard	Active	Greenville City Center	
Ireton, Mark	Active	Union	Charlie Wilson
Jones, Richard A	Honorary	Easley	
Baloga, Monica H	Active	Gaffney	
Merrifield, Matthew Bradley	Active	Aiken	Thomas L. Hallman
Dunbar, Brian	Active	North Spartanburg	Mike Whitt
Gibson, Jaime	Active	Seneca	Helen Westmoreland
Nichols, Deanna	AFA	Greer	
Adams, Stacey S	Active	Lancaster	Christopher Kinte Gordon
Hall, Phillip Lee	Active	Lancaster	Melanie Outlaw
Hough, William Richard	Active	Lancaster	Melanie Outlaw
Robertson, Tyler	ACA	Greenville	Ravi G. Sastry/Jeremy Robert Hart
Verseeuw, Ingrid	AC	Greenville	Connie Lanzl
Spainhour, Charles Thomas	Active-R85	Aiken Sunrise	Ginger L. Keenan
Dudley, Laura	Active	Emerald City	Frances K. Wiley/ Steve B. Coleman
Ketterman, Meghan	Active	Walhalla	Jennifer Wilson
Vandergriff, Tevis IV	Active	Fort Mill	Wayne Bouldin

**MARCH: 21 NEW MEMBERS — 31 TERMINATED MEMBERS (3 DECEASED)**

AC: Active-Corporate  
 ACA: Active Corporate Associate  
 AFA: Active-Family-Associate

**Deadline for June newsletter is May 25.**

**Send items to newsletter editor Sue Poss, pdgsueposs@gmail.com.**

**Articles received after May 25 will be used in July.**