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Basic Education and Literacy

OCTOBER

Economic and Community
Development



PDG Carol Burdette speaking at the August membership seminar. More on the following pages about membership. A strong membership makes for a strong Rotary impact in our communities.

The Rotary Impact: Empowering communities through Basic Education and Literacy initiatives

BY DG RENÉE STUBBS

Every September, Rotary focuses on raising awareness about the importance of literacy and advocating for increased access to quality education.

This month-long campaign engages Rotary clubs, partners, and communities in literacy-enhancing activities many of which continue throughout the year.

During a recent visit to the Simpsonville Rotary Club, I had the chance to discover their dictionary project firsthand. The club members not only distribute dictionaries to children but also take the initiative to enter

classrooms. There, they introduce the Rotary Four Way Test, allowing the children to use their newly received dictionaries to look up words related to the test.

This endeavor presents a wonderful opportunity for our dedicated Rotarians and the local community. Fellow club members have also informed me about their experiences with similar club dictionary projects.

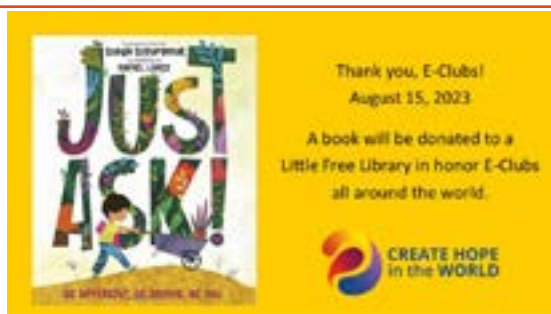
These Rotarians have had the privilege of encountering individuals who once received these dictionaries during their childhood. Even as adults, these individuals still possess their

dictionaries and hold gratitude towards Rotary for the gift.

Basic education and literacy form the foundation upon which individuals build their lives. They are instrumental in breaking the cycle of poverty, reducing inequality, and fostering sustainable development. Proficient literacy skills enable individuals to access information, make informed decisions, and participate actively in their communities. Education equips individuals with critical thinking abilities, enhancing their problem-

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A similar label is placed into all books that the E-Club of the Carolinas puts into Little Free Libraries in honor of the speaker of the week. The book is chosen based on the speaker's topic.



E-Club members Shirley and PDG Ken Hirsch put labels inside of books to go into Little Free Libraries all across D7750 and beyond.

E-Club supports literacy efforts by donating to Little Free Libraries

BY CANDACE WYMAN

President, Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas

For the past few years the Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas has promoted literacy by supporting Little Free Libraries throughout D7750.

Through district grants, club project funds and individual member gifts, we have distributed more than 100 books to Little Free Libraries from McCormick to Indian Land.

Each of our meetings ends with honoring our guest speaker with a book donation, carefully curated to be relevant to their interests. Each book includes a label with our club brand and the Four Way Test, to ensure Rotary's message and impact lives on as books go from hand to hand.



The Rotary impact on literacy— continued from page 1

solving capacity and contributing to societal progress.

Thank you to our Rotary Clubs for adopting projects like Little Free Libraries and the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. These opportunities allow children to cultivate their imaginations and foster a lifelong love for reading. Several of our Rotary Clubs have taken the inspiring step of adopting local schools.

Members of these clubs are enthusiastically engaging with the students by visiting schools and reading to the children. While reading may seem simple, it profoundly affects children's development, language skills, and overall education. For many of these children, the joy of being read to is a novelty, as they may not have parents who can read to them due to literacy limitations.

Through our generous giving to The Rotary Foundation and willing volunteers, our commitment is exemplified by comprehensive programs and initiatives. Rotary's dedication to basic education and literacy has success stories from remote villages with no access to education to urban areas struggling with illiteracy rates. Rotary's interventions have

transformed lives.

Children who once lacked educational opportunities are now attending school regularly, and adults are learning to read and write, opening doors to better employment and an improved quality of life.

In a rapidly advancing technology and innovation world, basic education and literacy remain essential. The ability to read, write, and comprehend is not only a fundamental human right but also a stepping stone to personal development, economic empowerment, and community growth.

Recognizing this, Rotary International champions basic education and literacy initiatives as part of its commitment to creating positive, lasting change and hope for so many.

Karen Culley, Rotary Club of Pickens, is the District Literacy chair. E-mail her if you'd like a literacy speaker or need any statistics about literacy in our area. kculley@uwpickens.org

Rotary Youth Exchange
builds the future of Rotary
and shapes the future of
the world.



Youth Exchange students gather for orientation

BY WADE CLEVELAND

*Rotary Club of Pleasantburg
D7750 Youth Exchange Chair*

Seven teenagers, representing five countries, gathered at Lake Hartwell over the weekend of August 18-20 for the annual youth exchange inbound orientation.

In addition to reviewing the rules and expectations of the program, the students had fun getting to know each other, playing games, and enjoying some delicious South Carolina products, such as peaches, watermelon, cantaloupe, shrimp, okra, corn, tomatoes, and even eggs and fresh mint. (Sadly, someone forgot to bring the boiled peanuts!)

The highlight of the weekend was definitely a full afternoon of boating, tubing, and swimming in Lake Hartwell on a gorgeous Saturday.

Most of the students had never tubed and some had never even been in a motorboat, but true to the spirit of Rotary Youth Exchange (always say “yes” to a new opportunity), everyone took a turn, and some took many turns.

Regulations of the US State Department require orientation for the district’s three long-term (school year) inbounds—Jidapa (“Holly”) Jarupornsombat from Thailand (hosted by Carolina Foothills), Kristof Jakab from Hungary (hosted by Pleasantburg), and Ambre Dubrulle from France (hosted by Rock Hill).

Also attending was Luli Sanchez from Argentina (sponsored by Abbeville), who just began a three-month stay as a short-term student.

Luli’s host sister, Claren Johnston, who recently returned from her three-month stay in Argentina, joined two other outbound American students, Adelaide Brown (sponsored by Pleasantburg) and Beautifull Green (sponsored by Carolina Foothills).

In just a few days Adelaide and Beautifull will depart for a year in France and Thailand, respectively.

Many, many thanks to John McAfee, Rotary Club of Pleasantburg, and his wife Preston for providing their lake house for the weekend. It was the perfect setting! And even greater thanks to John for spending his entire Saturday afternoon captaining his boat for the students’ enjoyment.

The world’s future leaders and our future Rotarians are excited and ready for an amazing year!

rotary
youth
exchange

Our 2023-24 Rotary Youth Exchange Students

(Pictured left to right in
top photo)

INBOUNDS:

JIDAPA ("HOLLY")

JARUPORNSOMBAT, Thailand,
hosted by Carolina Foothills

AMBRE DUBRULLE, France,
hosted by Rock Hill

LULI SANCHEZ, Argentina,
hosted by Abbeville

KRISTOF JAKAB, Hungary,
hosted by Pleasantburg

OUTBOUNDS:

CLAREN JOHNSTON to Argentina,
sponsored by Abbeville

BEAUTIFULL GREEN to Thailand,
sponsored by Carolina
Foothills

ADELAIDE BROWN to France,
sponsored by Pleasantburg

NOT PICTURED:

ANNABELLE DE BRUX to France,
sponsored by Greenville
Breakfast

EMMA REEB, from France,
hosted by Greenville Breakfast



←Shucking
corn for
supper
after a day
on the lake.

↓Our mini-
UN: Three
continents
represented on
Lake Hartwell.

Rotary
Youth Exchange






SAYING GOOD-BYE TO DAN

A few of the Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Pleasantburg went to the airport to say goodbye to exchange student Dan Balint. That's Pleasantburg members Wade Cleveland and Travis Seward kissing Dan good-bye! Dan returned to Romania after a great experience in the U.S. thanks to Rotary.



SAYING HELLO TO KRISTOF

Pleasantburg's 2023-24 exchange student Kristof Jakab arrived from Hungary. He is greeted by his host family. From left to right: Adelaide Brown (Pleasantburg's outbound exchange student to France), Hutch Brown, Clay Brown, Sarah Brown, Kristof Jakab.



INSTALLATION DINNER AT PLEASANTBURG

Pleasantburg Rotarians enjoyed a meal and a great time at the installation of their 2023-2024 officers.



PLEASANTBURG MEMBERS PICKING UP TRASH

Members of the Rotary Club of Pleasantburg enjoyed a beautiful day and great fellowship on August 19, while participating in the Club's Adopt A Highway project on Stone Avenue in Greenville.

FAST AND FURIOUS FOR 24

NEW MEMBERS AT CHESTER

The Rotary Club of Chester inducted three new members recently. Pictured left to right are

MALIK WHITAKER,
Chester City Administrator;
JANEEN RAWLINGS,
Executive Director of
Nursing of MUSC Chester;
BILL MARION, club
secretary;
BRIAN HESTER, Chester
County Administrator.



LONG-TIME MEMBER RUTH WHITMAN DIES

Ruth Whitman, a member of the Chester Rotary Club since 2007, died on July 24. She was a Paul Harris Fellow nine times over and was recognized by the club in January 2023 for this achievement.

Beyond Rotary, she was a founding member of the Chester Friends of the Animals, had a regular column in the local newspaper, and worked with and supported many organizations. She was a member of Chester ARP Church and worked at First Citizens Bank and Trust. Her husband Walt is a former member of the Chester Club.—Bill Marion, Club Secretary

NEWBERRY ROTARIANS PACKING SUPPLIES—Woody Jones, Kimberly Kitchens, Nikki Gardner, Susan Jackson (visiting Rotarian from Greenwood), Vic Terrana and Jackie Holmes (right) Donna Lominack, Mel Kitchen.

Free Medical Clinic will be a focus for Newberry club this year

BY CHRISTY POMEROY

Treasurer

Rotary Club of Newberry

At the first club meeting of the new year, members worked together on a micro-project to benefit the Free Medical Clinic in Newberry. The clinic operates to serve the needs of those in Newberry County without access to healthcare due to income or health insurance.

Rotary members created 125 take-home bags which will be given to patients after appointments at the Free Medical Clinic. Each bag contained a hand



sanitizer, 2 tooth brushes, tooth paste, dental floss, lotion, and soap. The club will do three more of these micro-projects during this Rotary year.

The Rotary Club of Newberry would like to thank our partners on this project. Newberry Dental Associates for coordinating the dental supplies, Living Hope Foundation for soap and hand sanitizer, and a Thrivent member for using an Action Team for additional supplies and support.



GREENVILLE CLUB HEARS FROM NON-PROFITS

The Rotary Club of Greenville heard from five of its members representing local non-profit organizations.

1. John Heers—First Things Foundation and KEIPI
2. Victoria Novak—Greenville Literacy
3. Ryan Thackray—The Nature Conservancy
4. Delisa English—Blood Connection
5. Rob Rowen—Global Action Coalition

NEWS FROM YORK

YORK ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR— Maria Duncan

2022-23 president Dean Boyd presented the Rotarian of the Year award to Maria Duncan.

Maria has been a member of the club since 2008. She is the retired Director of Human Resources for the York School District.



PRESIDENT'S PLAQUE—York's 2022-23 President Dean Boyd was presented the President's plaque by 2023-24 president Craig Hazlewood, right.

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NEW MEMBERS AT YORK—

Shelby Cowart and Porter Gable with past president Dean Boyd, right.

—AND ONE MORE

Jennifer Bolin is another new member at York. Club president Nick Setzer presented Jennifer with a Rotary pin and certificate.





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not what we
have but what
we need!

Fast & Furious For 24 began August 5

District 7750 had close to 90 participants at the Membership Summit August 5 in Newberry.

All the ingredients for an irresistible Rotary club were there: good speakers, good food, lots of fun, great fellowship, good discussions, and fully engaged attendees.

What did we learn? Membership is a 24/7/365 focus. We need to slow attrition. We need to take a hard look at our club culture to see if our club is irresistible. We need to make Rotary fun and exciting for everyone.

We ended the day with four specific options that have proven valuable for club growth with several clubs in District 7750 and in other districts in Rotary Zones 33 and 34. Many club plans for this year include most, if not all the options.

Thank you for your effort to grow Rotary.

Let's be intentional, irresistible, and Fast & Furious For 24!

How are we doing with Fast & Furious For 24?

DISTRICT 7750 TOTALS THROUGH AUGUST 1:

Starting Membership July 1, 2023	2,348
Current Membership	2,373
New Members YTD	42
Terminations/Attrition	-17
Net Membership Gain/Loss YTD	25
Clubs with 1 or fewer New Members YTD	39

Our District averages 350 terminations/attrition a year. For us to exceed 2,400 on June 30, 2024, **WE WILL NEED 402 NEW MEMBERS**. I know we can do this!

Four proven options for growth

1. Changing club culture to reenergize your club.
2. Establishing an on-going Discover Rotary presentation to share with interested prospects.
3. Implementing innovative membership options:
 - Corporate memberships
 - Family memberships
 - Service Only memberships
 - Young Professional memberships
 - and any others that your club can implement to grow membership.
4. Exploring Satellite, Impact, Rotaract, and Cause-Based club types.



Eagle Scout
Kees Vandergriff



Some of the other scouts from Venture Crew 4213 chartered by the Rotary Club of Fort Mill.

Scout troops chartered by Rotary Club of Fort Mill speak at meeting

Some of the scouts from two troops that the Rotary Club of Fort Mill chartered spoke at the club in August.

Venture Crew 4213 is a Scout unit from Palmetto Council BSA. The scouts shared activities they have participated in and their accomplishments.

Kees Vandergriff, an Eagle Scout from Troop 130, talked about his Eagle Scout project, his time as a Scout from the 1st grade to senior year, and the process a scout must go through. He credits scouting for preparing him to attend the Citadel.



FOUNDATION SUPPORT AT FORT MILL

Five Fort Mill Rotarians received Paul Harris Fellow recognitions at an August meeting: From left:

Patricia Lee
Wayne Bouldin
Ian Gail, presenting the recognitions
Keith Benton
Brian Wilson
Kristy Spears

FORT MILL DONATES \$10,000 TO FEED HUNDREDS FOR SIX WEEKS

Keith Benton, left, president of the Fort Mill Rotary Club, presented a check for \$10,000 to Lance Brockmeir from The Community Café. The money will be used to feed hundreds of Fort Mill residents for six weeks. The Community Cafe is a place where all are welcome, no questions asked. Participants can take as much food as they need.





SENECA GOLDEN CORNER HEARS ABOUT ADDICTION PROGRAM

Representatives of FAVOR Upstate, Mackenzie Higdon and Michael Crouch, updated the Golden Corner Rotary Club about the expanded services in Oconee County. FAVOR helps those battling addictions and its Naloxone (Narcan) program has saved at least 55 lives. Pictured from left are club past-president Steve Moore, Higdon, Rotarian Stephanie Blake and Crouch.

NEWS FROM SENECA GOLDEN CORNER



TRI-COUNTY TECH UPDATE

Tri-County Technical College I-Best director David Moore updated Golden Corner about the program and its personal success plan that includes training leading to certifications. Pictured from left are Rotarian Beth Brown, David and club president Cammie Kaiser.



CITY AUDITORIUM AND FOOTBALL

Riley Johnson, center, Seneca's Events Planner and an Atlantic Coast Conference football official, updated the Golden Corner Rotary Club about Seneca's plans for a city auditorium and showed football videos about the targeting penalty. Pictured from left are Rotarian Don Estep, Johnson and club president Cammie Kaiser.

CHERRY STREET MARKETPLACE FEATURED AT GOLDEN CORNER

Misty Taylor and Jonathan Redmond updated the Golden Corner Rotary Club about the expanding services at Cherry Street Marketplace.

Redmond, former Seneca High and N.C. State football standout founded the business that now includes pottery, yard art and landscaping.

Pictured from left are:

President Cammie Kaiser
Misty Taylor
Jonathan Redmond
Rotarian George Bakogiannis.



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ANDERSON INDUCTS ANOTHER MEMBER

VANETTE WILSON, center, was inducted into the Rotary Club of Anderson on Aug. 1. With her are club president Liz Brock; DG Renee Stubbs who was there for her first official club visit of the year; PDG Paula Matthews from D7770, Vanette's sister; and Lee Hancock, Vanette's sponsor.

FAST AND FURIOUS FOR 24 MEMBERSHIP TIP

Gather Feedback

If we offer a great club experience, our members are more likely to remain active and introduce others to the Rotary family. If we offer a poor club experience, our members leave. Either way, they tell others about their experience. **WE NEED TO GIVE MEMBERS THE VALUE THEY WANT.** To know what they want, conduct regular surveys. The Member Satisfaction Survey helps gather feedback that can be used to shape a rewarding club experience.



STUDENTS WELCOMED BACK TO SCHOOL

Some members of the Rotary Club of Anderson welcomes students back to Homeland Park Elementary School



DG Renée at Anderson

DG Renée Stubbs was busy when she visited the Rotary Club of Anderson. She recognized nine Paul Harris Fellows and six new members.



Sandy Olson from D7770 spoke to the Anderson Club about membership. Sandy talked about fun ways to engage members and share the excitement with our guests and community.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Ben Hagood +4
Hamid Mohsseni +2
Becky Campbell +2
Lee Luff +5
Cara Hamilton +2
Ray Arnett +2
Laura Williams
Kimberley Spears
Sherry Pittinger

NEW MEMBERS!

Laura Williams
Andy Moore
Paige Ramsey
Vanette Wilson
Marie Peace

FAST AND FURIOUS FOR 24



Anderson Rotarian Becky Campbell received her Paul Harris +2.

LIBERTY FELLOW AND FARMER—AND HIS SONS—SPEAK TO CHESTER CLUB ABOUT SOUTH AFRICA EXPERIENCE

Brooke Clinton, member of the Rotary Club of Chester, made it a family affair at her club meeting on Aug. 8. Her brother, J.E.B. Wilson and his children Mac and Burris talked about their experiences on a trip to South Africa as result of J.E.B. being a Liberty Fellow.



Liberty Fellows—they're a lot like Rotarians!

J.E.B. Wilson, a fifth generation farmer at Cotton Hills Farm in Chester, is a Liberty Fellow. Liberty Fellows are selected of community leaders who have made lifelong commitments to creating a better future for all people in South Carolina.

As fellows they are challenged to keep an open mind on differing worldwide views. To experience this aspect, each fellow is offered the opportunity to visit another county for a short visit. J.E.B.'s assigned country was South Africa.

J.E.B. and his wife Jane chose to make the trip a family learning vacation with their sons accompanying them. J.E.B. had classes as he visited farms, experienced apartheid prisons, and the food and culture of the area. The family also went on a safari to see native habitat with their cameras, and stayed at a vineyard.

[Here's a link to a short video](#) featuring J.E.B. on his farm in Chester.



CHESTER ROTARIANS IN ACTION AT JAMBOREE

Chester Rotarians were in action at the Chester County Football Jamboree selling tickets, doing sideline duty, working in the pressbox and doing other tasks as needed: Tom and Valerie Taylor, Randy Ligon, Brenda and Wayne Raines, Darrell Diggs, Brian Hester, Doug Marion, Clint Davis, Jim Fuller, Travis Jenkins, Bill Marion, Trey Counterman, and Janeen Rawlings





GREENVILLE CITY CENTER HELPS LITERACY ASSOCIATION

Members of the Rotary Club of Greenville City Center helped box books and clean up after the Really Good, Really Big, Really Cheap Book Sale. The book sale benefits the Greenville Literacy Association (GLA). Left to Right: Bill McKinney, Randy Vogenberg, PDG Rob Hanley, AG Dave Brenner (Greenville Breakfast), President Bruce Bachtel and Simon Lock.



←President Bruce Bachtel, Speaker Jason Ross, SC National Guard member Zhe "Jer" Little.

GREENVILLE CITY CENTER LEARNS ABOUT STATE GUARD

→Lieutenant Colonel Jason Ross spoke to Greenville City Center Club about the South Carolina State Guard. The Guard's motto is "Trained and Ready."



Rotary Club of Clemson Foundation awards \$21,500 in grants to local organizations

The Rotary Club of Clemson Foundation distributed \$21,500 in grants to 10 local organizations that work to enhance the community's well-being. These grants, a testament to the club's commitment to service, were made possible because of the success of the 2022 Rotary Club of Clemson Oyster Roast.



Representatives of the organizations awarded grants with Denny Walling, Chair of the the Rotary Club of Clemson Foundation, and club president Phil Maiberger.

The following organizations were chosen as beneficiaries of this year's grants:

1. Boy Scouts of America: Blue Ridge Council
2. Clemson Adaptive Sports and Recreation
3. Clemson Childhood Development Center
4. Clemson Community Care
5. Clemson Free Clinic
6. Pickens County Advocacy Center
7. Pickens County First Steps
8. Rebuild Upstate
9. Ripple of One
10. SC Dogs Therapy Group

The funds will play a crucial role in supporting these organizations' initiatives, ranging from youth development to healthcare accessibility, community advocacy, and more.

The Rotary Club of Clemson Foundation believes in the power of collective efforts to make lasting positive changes in our community, and these grants reflect that belief.

"We are immensely proud to contribute to the invaluable work of these organizations," said Philip Maiberger, President of the Rotary Club of Clemson. "Their dedication to making a difference aligns perfectly with our Rotary values, and we're excited to witness the impact these grants will have."

OYSTER ROAST MAKES IT POSSIBLE—The \$21,500 in grants were raised through the resounding success of the 2022 Rotary Club of Clemson Oyster Roast, an annual event that brings the community together for a day of camaraderie, delicious food, and shared purpose. This year's grants represent the culmination of the club's dedication to service and its commitment to fostering positive change in Clemson and beyond.

The 2023 Oyster Roast is Oct. 6 at Tiger Park in Clemson. Purchase tickets at the club's website, www.RotaryClubofClemson.org.

NEWS FROM GOLDEN STRIP SUNRISE

COOKOUTS, AWARDS AND THE DG VISIT ARE AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS AT GOLDEN STRIP SUNRISE

BY REBECCA MILLER

Rotary Club of Golden Strip Sunrise

August was a very busy month for the Golden Strip Sunrise Club. We started the month with our annual cookout for the staff at Fountain Inn High School. Along with the Fountain Inn Club, we served about 150 hamburgers with all the trimmings. That night we hosted boys from The Generations Boys Home to a Greenville Drive baseball game. A LOT of hamburgers and pizza was also consumed that night!



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION CERTIFICATE

During the Generations Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Jim Cashion accepted a Volunteer Appreciation Certificate on behalf of the club. Jim is at right; Pat Wilbanks, Volunteer Coordinator for Generations, is left. The young man who presented the certificate to Jim is in the middle.



GOVERNOR'S VISIT

The month ended on a high note with a visit from Governor Renée and AG Norman Bunn.

They both attended our club social and got to meet in an informal setting most of our members and their spouses.

They then attended our meeting the next morning where Governor Renee excitedly set the tone for our Rotary year.

You can't help but be revved up after hearing her enthusiasm for Rotary and the work we do around the world.





NEW PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

Laura McCulloch was named a Paul Harris Fellow with a gift from her dad, Greenville club member Bill Raines. PDG Beth Padgett presented Laura with her pin.

EVERY
 ROTARIAN
 EVERY
 YEAR

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR
ANNUAL DONATION
YET THIS YEAR?



BETH'S SEPTEMBER CHALLENGES TO PRESIDENTS/FOUNDATION CHAIRS

We are going to have a great Rotary Foundation year in 2023-24. To ensure that we do, I'm challenging all club presidents to do the following:

- 1** Make sure your club sends in its first quarter donations to The Rotary Foundation before the end of September. Also, make sure the funds are transmitted correctly so that individual Rotarians get the credit they deserve for their donations. Unless a special donation has been made to PolioPlus, all club donations most likely should go to Annual Fund – SHARE.
- 2** For the past several years, club presidents have been challenged to make a Foundation donation in July. If you haven't done that, please make a donation (even a small one) before the end of September. It's so powerful when a club president says, "Please join *me* in donating to our Rotary Foundation!"
- 3** Ensure your club members know the importance of our Rotary Foundation. Devote part of a meeting at least each month to sharing with your members the great work that we accomplish through our collective giving to The Rotary Foundation.
- 4** Tell your club members what you are doing with your District Grant. In doing so, make sure they know that their Foundation donations are funding half of the project.
- 5** Start planning for [World Polio Day](#) that is October 24.

The
Rotary
 Foundation



D-7750 Foundation Chair
PDG BETH PADGETT
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Celebrate YOUR Rotary Foundation at Dec. 1 banquet

BY PDG BETH PADGETT

D7750 Foundation Chair

Join your fellow Rotarians on Friday, December 1, at the Greenville Marriott at 1 Parkway East for our District Foundation Celebration. It will be a fantastic evening where we will recognize many Rotary Clubs and members for their extraordinary gifts in 2022-23 to our Foundation.



Patrick Eakes

Our keynote speaker will be Patrick Eakes, 2024-26 Rotary International Director for Zones 33-34.

The afternoon will feature Foundation and Grant training, and dinner will follow. The Grant training will be mandatory for any Rotary Club that wants to qualify for a District Grant in 2024-25.

All the activities will take place at the Greenville Marriott. The AAA 3-Diamond hotel is located in Greenville with easy access to I-85 and I-385.

Patrick is a past president of Crescent Rotary Club in Greensboro, NC, and he served as Governor of District 7690 (central NC) in 2014-15.

He is a former Zone 33 Rotary Coordinator and Innovative Club Advocate, Zone 33 Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator team member, and Vice Chair of Carolinas' PETS.

Many District 7750 Rotarians know Patrick through his work at Carolinas' PETS and with helping Rotary Clubs grow membership. Patrick also led his club's drive to become the first Triple Crown club in the world, where all 125 members were simultaneously Paul Harris Fellows, Sustaining Members, and Benefactors.

Look for more details and registration on DACdb in mid-September. December 1 will be educational and inspirational. This event will allow us to show our appreciation to our Rotarians who have become Major Donors, Paul Harris Society members and Bequest Society members. Awards and banners also will be presented to clubs that had an outstanding Foundation year in 2022-23.

Make a donation between Oct. 1 and Dec. 31 for match

Doug and Sally Kauffmann PolioPlus Challenge Match

Doug and Sally Kauffmann are once again offering a PolioPlus Match to District 7750 Rotarians in celebration of World Polio Day on October 24, 2023.

Doug and Sally are members of the Rotary Club of Greenwood, and Doug is our District PolioPlus Chair. They are repeating their PolioPlus Challenge Match that was so successful in the last three years.

Between October 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023, Doug and Sally Kauffman will match every gift of \$100 or more given to PolioPlus by individual Rotarians, up to \$40,000 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 generate another \$500.

(For example, a Rotarian contributes \$100 for PolioPlus,

Doug and Sally will contribute \$100 to PolioPlus, and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will contribute \$400 to PolioPlus to match that \$200 for total impact of \$600.)

Every Rotarian who gives \$100 or more will also receive that many Rotary Foundation Recognition Points up to a maximum of 500 points. PolioPlus giving does count toward a Paul Harris Fellow.

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.

D7750 gives record amount to PolioPlus: Let's do it again!

BY DOUG KAUFFMANN

District 7750 PolioPlus Chair

Congratulations on a Historic Giving Achievement in 2022-2023!

I want to say congratulations to all of the Rotarians, PolioPlus Coordinators, club presidents, and the Rotary Clubs of our district for your financial support and educational efforts on behalf of our PolioPlus campaign in the 2022-2023.

This past Rotary year our district raised the largest dollar amount we have ever achieved in one year—\$168,961. With the two-for-one dollar match provided by the Gates Foundation, our financial impact last year toward eradicating polio was \$506,883. Thank you for your compassion and generosity!

Current PolioPlus news

As of August 15, this year there have been only seven cases of the Wild Polio Virus identified, two in Pakistan and five in Afghanistan. These two countries remain the only countries where polio remains endemic.

The number of Circulating Vaccine Derived Polio Cases worldwide is 97 year to date. Vaccine Derived Polio Cases develop from time to time because the Oral Polio Vaccine that is used in most of the world as we continue to vaccinate millions of children every year does utilize a small amount of the live polio virus to help achieve immunity in each child who receives it.

On occasion, that live polio virus remains active in a child's body for many weeks and can develop into a virus that can be dispelled from a child's body and infect another person, especially in communities with poor health and cleanliness conditions.

When such cases arise, special efforts are made to address those geographic areas, carry out vaccinations, and reduce the possibility of spread.



7750 Polio Plus Chair

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Get started on our 2023-2024 PolioPlus Campaign

Celebrate World Polio Day that is October 24. It is very beneficial to use the Annual World Polio Day as a way to educate your club and your community about the fight to end Polio in the world and to plan special programs and fundraising events to raise funds for your club and district. You can register your club events at www.endpolio.org/register-your-event

1. Our Zone 33 is encouraging:
 - Every District to give a minimum of 20% DDF to PolioPlus.
 - Every club give a minimum of \$1,500 to PolioPlus.
2. Need a PolioPlus Educational Program? Please feel free to contact me as the District 7750 PolioPlus Chair to plan a program! You can reach me at Doug Kauffmann, dkauffmann123@gmail.com, or at my cell phone number 864-551-992.
3. Participate in the Doug and Sally PolioPlus Challenge (See elsewhere in this newsletter for details on the challenge match.)



CLEMSON ROTARACTORS, CLEMSON SUNRISE BUSY DURING AUGUST

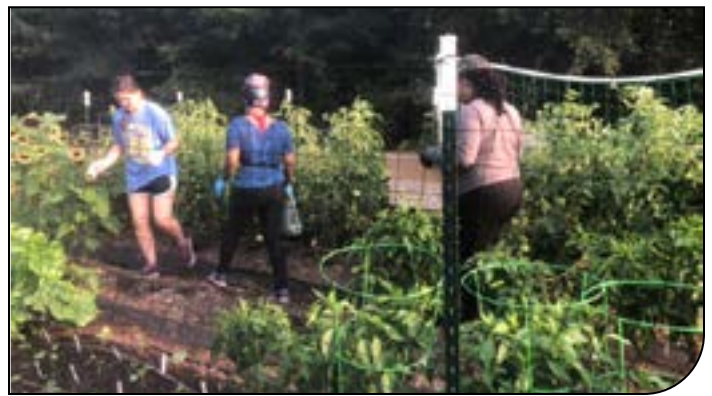
The Rotaract Club of Greater Clemson Innovation collaborated with the Clemson Sunrise Rotary Club for service projects around town in August.

(1) Bus Shelter Cleanup in Clemson—Rotaractor Sherece Smith in photo at right.

(2) Harvesting vegetable donations from the Clemson Sunrise Club's community garden.

Alnessa Hickmon (Rotaract) and Sue Roat (Sunrise), bottom left photo.

Rotaractors Maggie Majors, Brittany Stowers and Alnessa Hickmon, bottom right photo.



New Members

41 new members in July

Clark, Steve	Abbeville	Merlock, Raymond	Carolina Foothills
Brownlee-Brewton, Lori	Abbeville	Mayfield, Veronica	Lancaster
Bowie, Niki	Abbeville	Holcombe, Marty	Mauldin
Kenneally, Dennis M.	Aiken	Nicholson, William	Mauldin
Foley, Jimmy B	Aiken	Stevens, Edwin	Spartanburg
Saabye, Lisa	Aiken	Ginther, Claire	Spartanburg
Brosnan, Denis A.	Aiken	Horne, Christopher	Spartanburg
Wilson, Vanette	Anderson	Graves, Stephen	Walhalla
Peace, Marie	Anderson	Osbon, Reagan	Westminster
Moore, Andy	Anderson	Gable, Porter W.	York
Kelley, Brenda	Anderson	Cowart, Shelby M.	York
Ramsey, Paige	Anderson	Harrison, April	Spartan West
Higgs, Thomas II	Clinton	Clarke, Elizabeth	Reedy River
Noffz, Cheyenne	Clinton	Guptill, Kevin J.	Reedy River
Ferqueron, Melissa	Clinton	Jordan, Haley S	Reedy River
Lewis, Ricky Jr.	Fountain Inn	Hubacek, Jon	Lake Wylie
Byrd, Jason	Gaffney	Wooldridge, Jeff	Lake Wylie
Smith, Bea Walters	Greenville	Ellis, Barbara Baker	E-Club of the Carolinas
Cordaro, Mary	Greenville	Elder, Brock	Electric City
Cordaro, Anthony	Greenville	Bond, Andrew	Greer
Eberhart, Trip	Greenville		

JULY: 41 NEW MEMBERS —27 TERMINATED MEMBERS (4 DECEASED)

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