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PDG Ed Irick loses battle with cancer

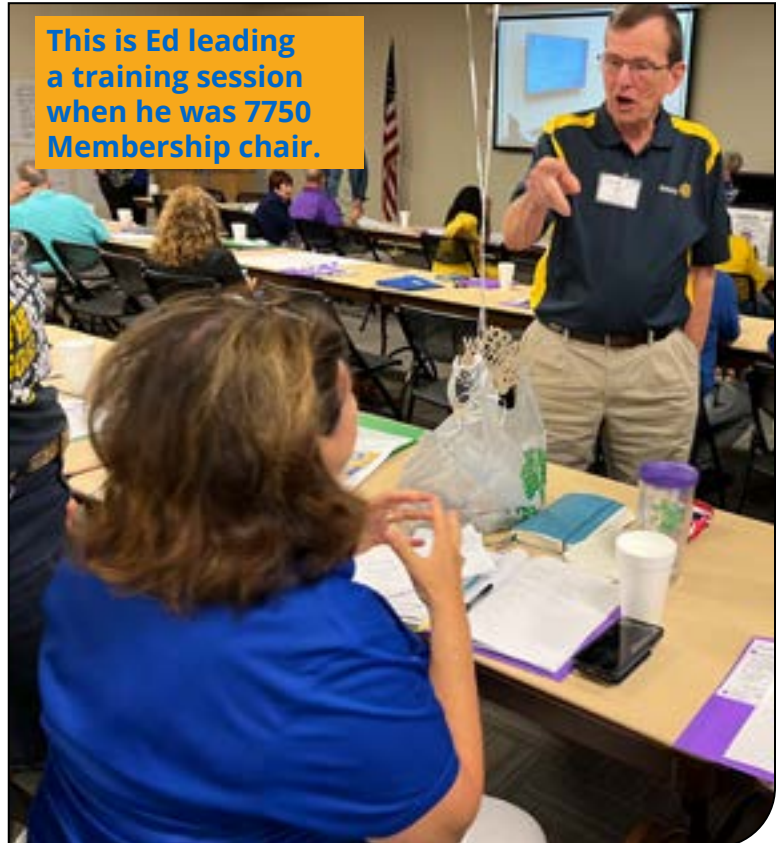
PDG Ed Irick, who served as our governor in 2017-18, died Sept. 24 after a lengthy struggle with cancer.

Ed joined Rotary in 2003 as a charter member of the Rotary Club of Greenville Evening (now Reedy River). He served as club president in 2006-2007. He served the district as Membership Chair, the Early Act First Knight Program Chair and as Chair of the Foundation Grants.

Ed was a Major Donor, a Benefactor and Bequest Society member, and a member of the Paul Harris Society.

Ed retired as a Colonel after serving 30 years in the United States Army. He earned a BS Degree from Clemson University and a Master of Public Administration from Shippensburg University. He was also a graduate of the US Army War College.

Ed and Carol had been married for more than 50 years. They have three children and six grandchildren. [Link to obituary.](#)



This is Ed leading a training session when he was 7750 Membership chair.

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Rotary

- ➡ **7750 Rotary Foundation Banquet: December 1, Greenville**
- ➡ **Pre-PETS: February 24, Newberry**
- ➡ **Carolinas PETS: March 15-16, Greensboro** PETS=Presidents-Elect Training Seminar
- ➡ **All Clubs District Conference: May 17-19, Greenville**

Governor's Message: Reflecting on the first quarter

BY DG RENÉE STUBBS

I can hardly believe we have already completed the first quarter of this Rotary Year.

It has been an incredible journey so far, with visits to 24 of our 49 Rotary Clubs, each with its unique culture and identity.

One thing remains constant: our shared commitment to fellowship, service, and fun.

Among the highlights of my travels has been witnessing the incredible enthusiasm and engagement within our smaller clubs, those with fewer than 30 members. Their passion for Rotary is infectious, and there's so much we can glean from their vibrant spirit.

Equally impressive is the collaboration I've seen in various locations, where multiple clubs collaborate for fundraising events and projects, fostering a sense of unity and purpose.

To encourage more collaboration and participation, I hope to see all clubs posting their events and projects on our District Calendar.

Membership

On the membership front, this first quarter saw our district welcome 69 new Rotarians, a cause for celebration. However, we also bid farewell to 56 members along the way.

It is essential for all clubs to introspect and understand the reasons behind these departures.

Let's explore alternative membership pathways within your club or perhaps recommend another club better suited to their Rotary journey.

To aid this process, I recommend sharing the MAP program survey with your membership, as it can uncover both strengths and concerns about your club culture—insights vital for progress.

To incentivize participation, how about rewarding survey completions with a free club raffle ticket or setting up computers at meetings for real-time survey input? By acting on the survey results, your club can evolve into a Simply Irresistible Rotary Club.

Foundation Giving

Our Foundation giving is gaining momentum and promises to be an impressive year. I invite you all to participate in the Polio Plus giving points match by Doug and Sally Kauffmann and to mark your calendars for the Foundation Celebration on December 1.

Exciting events

For those eager to enrich their Rotary experience, exciting events await. Join us for Foundation 101 and Grant training on December 1, celebrate The Rotary Foundation with dinner on the same date, attend the Rotary Leadership Institute on March 2, and most notably, save the date for our District All Clubs Conference in Greenville on May 17-19.

These opportunities for learning, networking, and enjoyment will deepen your appreciation for Rotary, and the reason I say that Rotary is one of the best things to ever happen to me.

Warm welcome

Lastly, I extend my heartfelt gratitude for the warm welcome I've received during my visits to your clubs.

From Create Hope cakes to Rotary Cookies, Foundation donations, and thoughtful gifts representing your clubs, your hospitality has been appreciated.

I hope to return in the Spring to assist with awards and projects, so please keep me updated on your club's endeavors.

As we enter the second quarter, let's carry forth the spirit of Rotary fellowship, service, and joy. Together, we can Create Hope and a lasting impact on our communities and the world.

One thing remains constant: our shared commitment to fellowship, service, and fun.

**ELLIS KEMPER****ANNA VICTORIA LOMBARDO****EMILY GRACE COVINGTON**

Newberry hears from its four RYLA students

BY NIKKI GARDNER

PI Chair, Rotary Club of Newberry

The Rotary Club of Newberry heard from its Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) participants at one of its recent meetings.

We sent four students, one from each of the area high schools.

ELLIS KEMPER from Newberry High School shared that she grew as a leader by learning to resolve conflicts in groups and being a team member.

ANNA VICTORIA LOMBARDO from Newberry Academy loved that her group felt like family and learned so much about mental health and leadership, and one of her favorite things at the conference were the Smiley Grams!

EMILY GRACE COVINGTON from

Mid-Carolina High School loved that there were so many unique, kind, and exceptional people at the conference and it taught her to surround herself with good people. She learned to set goals and said her favorite speaker was a Navy Seal guest speaker.

EMMA MOORE from Whitmire Community School said she had her horizons expanded and felt stretched in good ways after attending the conference. She felt she had a better understanding of other people and really valued the principles she learned about leadership.

They all said that it was hard to go somewhere that was unknown without knowing anyone.

**EMMA MOORE**

However, each said that they grew tremendously as a leader, learned so much about teamwork, wanted to share what they learned in their home high schools, and would do it again if they ever got the chance!

The Newberry Rotary members were able to Q&A these students and really enjoyed hearing about their experiences. It was truly a worthwhile experience for all involved. The hope of our future leaders here in Newberry is optimistic!

**Greenville
area
Health and
Happiness
Oct. 16**

The last Health & Happiness networking event of 2023 will be Oct. 16 at Cartwright Food Hall in Greer, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Greer. Registration begins at 5 p.m. Cost is \$5 per Rotarian and potential members. Appetizers provided. A 50/50 drawing will benefit Rotary Charities.

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<https://www.ismyrotaryclub.com/Calendar/Event.cfm?EventID=77701828>



STATE OF THE STATE BREAKFAST

Dari McBride, president of the Oconee County Chamber of Commerce told the Golden Corner Rotary Club about the events the chamber will have about their program State Breakfast—with the Oconee Economic Alliance Sept. 22. Pictured from left are Rotarian Lorraine Harding, McBride and club president Cammie Kaiser.

NEWS FROM SENECA GOLDEN CORNER



BASKETBALL COACHES HELP CELEBRATE SENECA'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

Seneca High School head basketball coach Kevin Padgett and four former coaches representing more than 50 years at the helm of the Bobcat program were special guests of the Golden Corner Rotary Club. The program helped the city of Seneca celebrate its 150th birthday. Pictured from left are Rotarian Louis Holleman, club president Cammie Kaiser and Padgett.



Current and past Seneca High School basketball coaches were the special guests of the Golden Corner Rotary Club. The coaches represent more than 50 years of hardwood success and helped the city of Seneca celebrate its 150th birthday. Pictured from left are Tommy Shaver, Tef Vitaris, Charlie Thompson, Don Ledbetter, and current coach Kevin Padgett.



GOLDEN CORNER GIVES HYGIENE KITS TO OUR DAILY REST

The Golden Corner Rotary Club presented 36 hygiene kits to Our Daily Rest for distribution to shelter residents as part of the club's ongoing community projects. Pictured from left are Our Daily Rest officials Shannon Gillian and Sierra Makupson and Rotarian Gene Williams.

Rotary Citation Awards for 2022-23

BY PDG JOYCE MORIN

Congratulations to our Rotary Clubs who received the 2022-23 Rotary Citation. Twenty-nine of our 49 clubs received the citation.

The Citations were presented by Jennifer Jones, Rotary International President for 2022-23 to clubs that achieved their goals in membership, service, and Foundation giving. The club president from 2022-23 received the certificate by email.

The Rotary Citation Awards recognize the work clubs do throughout the year. Working to achieve the citation goals helps clubs engage their members, stay relevant in their communities, and run more efficiently. A welcoming and engaging club not only fosters a positive experience for its members but also reflects the values of Rotary. When clubs achieve citation goals, they contribute to the overall health and culture of Rotary for generations to come.

Goals include increasing club membership, developing sustainable service projects, giving to the Rotary Foundation, and building awareness of Rotary in your community.

Clubs that received the RI Citation

Abbeville	Indian Land Lunch
Aiken Sunrise	Lake Wylie
Anderson	Lancaster
Carolina Foothills	Lancaster Breakfast
Clemson	Laurens
Clemson Sunrise	Newberry
Easley	North Spartanburg
E-Club of the Carolinas	Pickens
Emerald City	Pleasantburg
Golden Strip Sunrise	Seneca
Greater Anderson	Spartan West
Greenville	Spartanburg
Greenville Breakfast	Reedy River Greenville
Greenville City Center	York
Greenwood	



DG RENÉE AT GOLDEN CORNER

DG Renee Stubbs and her husband Steve visited the Golden Corner Rotary Club to promote Rotarians working together on community projects. Pictured from left, front, are Assistant Governor Helen Westmoreland of Walhalla, Golden Corner President Cammie Kaiser, Lorraine Harding, Renée, Steve Stubbs. Back, from left, are Don Estep, Eddie Perry, Vic Holley, Louis Holleman, Luke McPhail and Gene Williams.



FIRST RESPONDERS RECOGNIZED SEPT. 12 AT GREENWOOD

The Greenwood Rotary Club commemorated 911 by thanking local first responders and giving them freshly baked cookies. Cookies were delivered to Greenwood County 911 Dispatch, EMS, Fire, Police and Sheriff personnel, Greenwood City Fire and the Ware Shoals and Ninety Six Police Departments.

The speaker for the club's September 12 meeting was Richard Hunton from the South Carolina Office of Homeland Security. Major Hunton described how the SLED Office of Homeland Security supports Homeland Security capability development by providing grants, guidance, equipment, training and exercises for Law Enforcement, Fire, EMS, and Emergency Management organizations, benefitting communities across the state.



Marshall and Doris Nichols→

Rotarian of the Year at Golden Strip Sunrise

The Golden Strip Sunrise club recognized Marshall Nichols as Rotarian of the Year for 2022-23. They celebrated his 25 years of service to Rotary at an outing during August. Marshall was a founding member of the club in 1998.



Fast & Furious For 24 progress hitting speedbumps

Our Fast & Furious drive to 2,400 members by June 30, 2024, hit a speedbump in August because of ATTRITION. And September is not looking to be much better.

We only gained 27 new members in August after gaining 42 in the month of July. The big speedbump is we terminated 39 members after losing 17 members in July. That is a high percentage of ATTRITION. The result is we are showing a net gain of 13 new members in the first 2 months of this Rotary year.



7750 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Butch Hughes

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There are two pivotal gears needed to drive membership.

The first gear is ATTRACTION.

We should always have Attraction running at high speed 24/7/365. This should be the top priority of every

club. Every club needs new members to be vibrant and active. New members introduce new ideas, bring fresh perspectives, and extend your club's reach in the community. Your membership committee, and everyone in the club, should be inviting friends, co-workers, family members to join them in making a difference through Rotary.

The second gear is RETENTION. The experience your club offers people affects how they feel about the

DISTRICT 7750 Membership Numbers July 1-Sept. 1

Starting Membership July 1	2,348
Current Membership	2,361
New Members YTD	69
Terminations YTD	-56
Net Membership Gain/Loss YTD	13
Clubs with 1 New Member YTD	13
Clubs with 0 New Members YTD	23

club. By asking members for feedback regularly and then responding to it, you're showing your openness to change and empowering them to help create their ideal club experience. I strongly advocate utilizing the Member Satisfaction Survey in Membership Action Plan (MAP) in DACdb to help determine what changes may be needed to enhance engagement and satisfaction for your club members' investment in time, talent, and treasure in the club. The objective is to make your club irresistible.

By slowing ATTRITION down to a crawl, we have a greater chance of passing it and speeding toward 2,400.

Please don't hesitate to call me at 864.276.4440 or email me at bhughes864@yahoo.com if you have questions or I can help your club become irresistible.



Pleasantburg provides needed supplies to Cherrydale Elementary

Regina Coulomb, Lale Dogan, Henry Dupre, Erika Larson, exchange student Kristof Jakab, Susan Spencer, and Bob Grazio display backpacks the club collected as part of a school supply drive for Cherrydale Elementary.



YOU ARE INVITED
TO CELEBRATE

The Rotary Foundation

December 1, 2023 | 7:00 PM

The Greenville Marriott
One Parkway East
Greenville, SC

**Foundation Dinner
Club Foundation Awards
PHF and Major Donor Recognitions**



Patrick Eakes

Keynote speaker Patrick Eakes
Rotary International Director 2024-26

\$65.00

Hotel rooms available for \$129

Register now in DaCdb-Calendar

2023-24 DISTRICT GRANTS

Clubs make a difference in their communities

ABBEVILLE

Week of Food

\$1,000

The Rotary Club of Abbeville will provide food for a week during spring break for students suffering from food insecurity at Westwood Elementary School. The students will be identified by school staff as being in need.

AIKEN

Oral Hygiene Kits

\$1,620

The Rotary Club of Aiken will provide oral hygiene kits to low-income residents of Aiken County. Kits will include products such as a toothbrush, toothpaste, mouthwash, and dental floss.

AIKEN SUNRISE

Dictionary Project

\$4,626

The Rotary Club of Aiken Sunrise will provide 3,000 dictionaries to 3rd graders in the Aiken area. Eighty Rotarians will be involved in this endeavor.

AIKEN-SUNRISE

Dignity Bags

\$374

The Aiken Sunrise Rotary Club will dignity bags to female students in Aiken County schools who lack products necessary for their monthly menstrual cycle. Some students miss school because they lack necessary products such as tampons and sanitary pads.

Featured District Grants 2023-24

CLUB	PROJECT.....	GRANT
Abbeville	Week of Food	\$1,000.00
Aiken.....	Oral Hygiene	\$1,620.00
Aiken Sunrise.....	Dignity Bags	\$374.00
Aiken Sunrise.....	Dictionary.....	\$4,626.00
Anderson.....	Adopt Schools	\$5,000.00
Batesburg Leesville....	Food Pantry.....	\$2,500.00
Blacksburg	Electric Lift	\$1,000.00
Carolina Foothills	Rotary Readers	\$250.00
Carolina Foothills	Rise Against Hunger.....	\$2,250.00
Clemson	Operation School Supply.....	\$2,500.00
Clemson Sunrise	Path to Hope Crises	\$1,750.00
Clemson Sunrise	Path to Hope Students	\$2,750.00
Clover	Kindness Connects.....	\$2,500.00

ANDERSON

Adopt Schools

\$5,000

The Rotary Club of Anderson will adopt Homeland Park and Varennes Elementary Schools by providing the following: staff appreciation lunches, student birthday parties, Rotary "Celebrity" Readers, funded STEAM day, T Shirts for field trips, etc. Both of these schools are in low-income areas where these extra benefits would otherwise not be possible.

BATESBURG-LEESVILLE

Food Pantry

\$2,500

The Batesburg-Leesville Rotary Club will provide financial assistance and volunteer support for a local food pantry. Food insecurity is a problem for many families in Lexington County.

BLACKSBURG

Electric Lift

\$1,000

The Blacksburg Rotary Club will help provide an electric lift needed by Iron City Ministries to unload trucks bringing donations and supplies. The Rotary Club will hold two food drives associated with this project.

CAROLINA Foothills

Rotary Readers

\$250

The Rotary Club of Carolina Foothills will read every Thursday to the 4K class at their school. The grant will be used to provide books to the students at the end of the year for summer reading.

CAROLINA Foothills

Rise Against Hunger

\$2,250

The Rotary Club of Carolina Foothills will participate in Rise Against Hunger and help pack over 10,000 meals. The meals are

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sent to places around the globe that have urgent food needs.

CLEMSON

Operation School Supply \$2,500

The Rotary Club of Clemson will deliver backpacks and school supplies to 150 to 175 underserved K-12 students. The club also will provide 300 dictionaries to local third graders.

CLEMSON SUNRISE

Path to Hope - Crises \$1,750

The Clemson Sunrise Rotary Club will provide services in its community to help people experiencing a crisis and help them cultivate hope. The club has sponsored adult suicide prevention workshops for adults for several years, but this year will focus on teens and young adults.

CLEMSON SUNRISE

Path to Hope - Students \$2,750

The Clemson Sunrise Rotary Club will participate in a project where 1,000 books will be distributed to third graders in

Pickens County (Dictionary and Companion Book) and 1,000 books will also be distributed at Camp I Rock that is a reading camp conducted by the United Way of Pickens County. Rotarians will also go into the schools and read to many of the book recipients.

CLOVER

Kindness Connects \$2,500

The Clover Rotary Club will participate in Kindness Connects. This is a project designed to promote kindness with teachers and students. The students at the 13 schools in the district will receive books encouraging the reader to spread kindness. Books will be at varying levels to make them accessible to readers at every level.



BETH'S OCTOBER CHALLENGES TO PRESIDENTS/ FOUNDATION CHAIRS

BY DRFC BETH PADGETT

Here are three October Challenges:

1 Participate in World Polio Day on October 24th and contribute to PolioPlus as part of the Doug and Sally Kauffmann PolioPlus Challenge Match.

2 Register for the District 7750 Rotary Foundation Celebration. It will be Friday, December 1st at the Greenville Marriott Hotel at 1 Parkway East. It's an easily accessible location. Rotary International Director-Elect Patrick Eakes will be the keynote speaker.

3 Make sure all Rotarians in your club understand the importance of our Rotary Foundation and the collective impact that we Rotarians have through our donations and our work through the Foundation.



D-7750 Foundation Chair
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Celebrating World Polio Day October 24, 2023

BY DOUG KAUFFMAN

D7750 Polio Chair

1 Celebrate World Polio Day—Annually World Polio Day 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

2 Our Zone 33—of which our District 7750 is a part—is encouraging:

- Every District to give a minimum of 20% DDF to Polio Plus
- Every club give a minimum of \$1500.00 to Polio Plus

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 864-551-9922.

3 Participate in the Doug and Sally PolioPlus Challenge

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.

**WORLD
POLIO DAY**
24 OCTOBER



**LINK TO RESOURCES
TO HELP YOU PROMOTE
WORLD POLIO DAY**

On World Polio Day,
24 October, Rotary
International will celebrate
the progress we have made
in the fight against polio
and remind the world that
polio anywhere is a threat
to children everywhere.
Help to spread the word
that together, we will
#EndPolio for good.

MAKE A POLIO DONATION OF AT LEAST \$100 AND GET IT MATCHED

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 Polio Chair. They are repeating their PolioPlus Challenge Match that was so successful 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 be increased four times (example Rotarian contributes \$100 for PolioPlus, Doug and Sally will contribute \$100 to PolioPlus, and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will contribute \$200 to PolioPlus.

Every Rotarian who gives \$100 or more will also receive that many Rotary Foundation Recognition Points.

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.

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Save the Date

PRESIDENTS-ELECT TRAINING SEMINAR

PrePETS

February 24, 2024

Piedmont Technical College
Newberry Campus

PETS

March 15 - 16, 2024

Sheraton Hotel
Greensboro, NC

All Presidents Elect are Required to Attend!

Registration info coming soon!

Who to contact for

- Interact
- Rotaract
- Youth Services

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YOUTH SERVICES

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New Members in August

30 new members in August

Ferguson, Angie	Abbeville	Lomonaco, Stacy	Greenville
Martin, Hope	Abbeville	Parker, Keisha	Greenwood
Altman, William David II	Aiken	Wicker, Jeffrey	Newberry
Boyett, Stephanie	Aiken	Snow, John	Newberry
Williams, Laura	Anderson	Richard, Kevin	North Augusta
Singleton, Curtis M	Chester	Ralston, Susan	Pickens
Mannis, Tassy	Clemson	Mulkey, Amber	Seneca
Smith, Brody	Clemson	Smith, Christopher	Simpsonville
O'Shields, David	Clinton	Canup, Karen	Spartanburg
Barron, Benjamin	Clinton	Jordan, Marshall	Spartanburg
Scheirer, Sarah Jane	Emerald City	Watson, Karen Leigh	Spartanburg
Hall, Sam	Greenville	Newsome, Julia	Union
Giddings, Paul	Greenville	Bolin, Jennifer	York
Miller, Teresa	Greenville	Mayo, Travis	Fort Mill
Garrett, Brice	Greenville		
Hamilton, Joel	Greenville		

AUGUST: 30 NEW MEMBERS —32 TERMINATED MEMBERS (2 DECEASED)

Who to call for

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- **Membership**
- **The Rotary Foundation**

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