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The world needs more Rotarians!

Share the GIFT OF ROTARY during the Season of Giving

BY DG RENÉE STUBBS

As we navigate through the heart of the holiday season, I reflect on the incredible work being done by the Rotary Clubs in our district.

Each club visit leaves me inspired by the profound impact you are making within your communities. Yet, it also sparks a few questions in my mind—**how can we amplify the reach of your projects, and why aren't there more Rotarians joining your ranks to enhance service and fellowship further?**

Rotary, at times, feels like the best-kept secret in our community. So, I've been urging each one of you to wear your Rotary Masterbrand pins proudly wherever you go.

Imagine the power of 2400 mini-Rotary billboards walking around our district, sparking conversations and curiosity about Rotary.

Let the people in your town know that you are a Rotarian and invite them to ask you about the incredible work Rotary is doing.

During your events, projects, and town festivals, ensure that the Rotary brand takes center stage. Make it prominent and seize the opportunity to gather contact information from potential members.

It's inspiring to witness the excitement during Board of Directors meetings as you brainstorm new ideas to spread the word about Rotary better.

Sharing your projects within the district and community is a straightforward task. Consider sending articles to our District newsletter or showcasing them at our House of Friendship during

IDEAS to promote membership growth

Wear your Rotary pin everywhere.
Tell people what it means.

Make the Rotary logo prominent
when you hold events.

Share your projects in local news
outlets and on social media.

Consider alternate membership
types such as service only.

Consider alternate meeting
times/companion clubs.

the upcoming District Conference on May 17-19.

Additionally, leverage the power of social media by sharing your initiatives and inviting other Rotary clubs to participate on our Rotary District 7750 Facebook page.

A recurring question in our Board of Directors meetings has been how to respond when a potential member cannot join a lunchtime club. This has sparked valuable discussions about alternative membership types, such as service-only memberships or the creation of companion and impact clubs.

These branches of your club offer flexibility, with →

THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, LET US NOT ONLY CELEBRATE THE INCREDIBLE WORK WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED BUT ALSO SPREAD THE GIFT OF ROTARY. LET'S MAKE IT KNOWN FAR AND WIDE THAT THE WORLD NEEDS MORE ROTARIANS, AND TOGETHER, WE CAN CONTINUE TO MAKE A LASTING IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITIES.

Fast & Furious for 24

Satellite, Companion, and Impact Clubs: Where to start?

As all clubs in our district work to grow membership this Rotary year, a common theme in questions from clubs and in discussion with District Governor Renée Stubbs during her visits to each club involve Satellite Clubs, Companion, and Impact Clubs.

An example of how a satellite club might begin: In the fall of 2020, the Rotary Club of Anderson started with a list of 50 prospects for our Satellite Club developed by our club's board. Each member was assigned a prospect to personally invite to an introductory meeting. We had 30 prospects agree to attend the meeting. At that meeting, we had 20 prospects fill out Satellite Club membership form and 2 months later, we inducted 20 new members to the Rotary Satellite Club of Anderson – Electric City. All this was accomplished in 4+ months.

With the addition of our Satellite Club, the Rotary Club of Anderson added more members in that one meeting than added in the previous 2 years.

A Satellite Club meets at an alternate time and location and has its own officers. The Satellite Club members are full Rotarians, inducted into the Host club. They operate as a Rotary club. However, the alternate times and potentially lower dues allow more young professionals and others to join

Rotary. The purpose of a Satellite Club is to start more Rotary Clubs.

Both meetings are considered your club's meeting times, and members can attend anytime. Some clubs also hold a "co-meeting" once a month during happy hour when all members of both clubs are



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invited to mingle and meet. The Satellite Club may take on some of its own projects and support the Host club through committee membership, service, etc. When reaching 20 or so members they typically break ties to the sponsoring club and become an individual Rotary club.

The most recent innovative club options are Companion and Impact clubs. These options are intended to serve as a powerhouse for service and membership and make Rotary more accessible to others in the community. These

options are an extension of the home club and typically provide alternate meeting times, and can have a focus on service, a particular cause, a particular interest, or a group such as young professionals or educators. All are considered active members of the host club. Unlike a Satellite club, they are not registered with RI as a separate Rotary Club and do not have a formal list of officers.

We are looking forward to beginning a few Companion clubs in the district.

Who wants to be first!?

As of November 24, we have increased membership by 35 – making our membership 2,383.

We are happy that there are now 147 new Rotarians in District 7750.

As we enter December, be aware that historically District 7750 drops 1% of its membership as clubs clear their books of lapsed members to avoid paying semi-annual dues. And then, the same thing will happen in June when we historically drop 2.5% of our members. At the end of June 2024, we will need to be 75+ new members for us to reach our 2,400-membership goal for 2024.

Now is the time for all clubs to focus on growing membership. As mentioned above, launching a Satellite Club, Companion, or Impact Club is the fastest way to growth.

Renée's column— (from page 1)

options like alternate meeting times or specific focuses on service projects or specific interest groups. Rotary is evolving, and we must adapt to the changing dynamics of our communities.

It's important to note that Rotary is no longer confined to the traditional lunchtime club model.

Thanks to the efforts of our District Membership Chair, Butch Hughes, our Innovative Clubs Chair, Carol Burdette, and me, we are here to support your

club's membership committee.

Whether it's crafting the details of a companion or impact club or providing resources like the informative video on these club types recently shared with club presidents and on our District Rotary 7750 Facebook group, we're here to make the process smoother for you. These innovative club branches are far easier to implement than the conventional satellite club model.

Rob is an environmental scientist. This article includes some long words that most of us can't pronounce. But the message is clear: **There are some chemicals that can be dangerous to humans.** We are lucky in 7750 to have a professional expert who can help us understand these issues and offer ways we can help.



FOREVER CHEMICALS

– What's the Fuss?

BY PDG ROB HANLEY

Chair, D7750 Environmental Committee

“FOREVER CHEMICALS” are a class of manmade, carbon-based chemicals in which fluorine is bound to carbon, and that are known as PFAS.

Because of the nature of the carbon-fluorine bond, these chemicals are very stable and, unlike hydrocarbons such as sugar or gasoline, **do not break down in the environment.**

In 1938 DuPont developed polytetrafluoroethylene, and sold it under the trade **TEFLON®**, which was one of the first commercial uses of a PFAS. Known widely for its use in non-stick cookware, PTFE has many other applications, including an industrial lubricant or friction reducing agent, a corrosion resistant coating, and in medical devices. Other widespread uses of PFAS are fire suppression (fire-fighting foams), stain resistant textile coatings, automotive and aerospace coatings, and in semiconductor manufacturing. To date, almost 5,000 different PFAS have been identified.

Since PFAS do not readily breakdown, once released to the environment they are readily dispersed in air or water. They have been detected globally, even in places far from potential industrial sources, and have been detected in public drinking water supplies.

PFAS: Per- and poly-fluoro, alkyl substances.

Alkyl refers to the carbon backbone.

Fluoro refers to fluorine being bound to carbon



Per- and poly mean that fluorine is “substituted” for hydrogen and that some of these compounds are

polymers. Think raincoats and dental floss.

PTFE: Think teflon cookware. It's a subset of PFAS.



BOTTOMLINE: Data suggest exposure to PFAS may adversely affect human reproductive, endocrine and immune systems, and may be carcinogenic. To collect more information on PFAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency has undertaken several initiatives, such as requiring public water systems to test for certain PFAS, adding some PFAS to annual release reporting requirements, and requiring manufacturers to report PFAS uses.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

1. Ask your water system about their PFAS sampling results. Visit the US EPA's PFAS web-site (<https://www.epa.gov/pfas/pfas-explained>), or National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (<https://www.niehs.nih.gov/health/topics/agents/pfc/index.cfm>) for more information.
2. Ask the District 7750 Environmental Committee to speak to your club. Email Rob: RHanley@trccompanies.com





A student from Jonesville Elementary and Middle School receives a bookmark and coloring sheet Union County School superintendent and Rotarian Joey Haney.



Students at Union Christian Day School receive books from Union County School District Reading Coordinator Rhonda Hollingsworth (L), Rotarians Lewis Jeter (C) and Toni Watkins (R).

Union club distributes books to five elementary schools

The Rotary Club of Union completed its District Grant project—distributing reading books to students in each of the five elementary schools in Union County.

The book distribution is a continuation of the Reading with Rotarians Initiative. The Rotary Club of Union purchased the books with a matching grant from Rotary District 7750.

The Union club raised \$2,500 and was given a matching grant of \$2,500 by District 7750 via a grant with funds from the Rotary Foundation.



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Rotary Club of Union president Charlie Wilson, Rotarian Mark Ireton, and Union County School superintendent (and Rotarian) Joey Haney stand behind a table displaying books to be distributed to students.

DISTRICT GRANTS

Seneca Golden Corner Club will make 30 donations to 30 organizations to celebrate 30 years of service to Oconee County

The Golden Corner Rotary Club is marking its 30th anniversary with 30 donations to 30 service providers in Oconee County.

←Receiving their gifts at left from club president Cammie Kaiser are Katie Conlin, right, with Baby Reads, a free literary program for babies to three-year olds held at public libraries and April Carty, left, with First Light, a 24-7 sexual assault and child abuse resource center.



↑Ron Kaufman, left with Ride To Work Ministry and Oconee County Sheriff Mike Crenshaw for the Sheriff's Foundation receive their checks from Cammie.

NEWS FROM SENECA GOLDEN CORNER



←Kelly Ross, right, with Collins Home Family Ministries and John Holland, with Tamasee DAR program Starlight, receive their gifts from from Cammie.

DICTIONARIES FOR STUDENTS IN CHESTER COUNTY



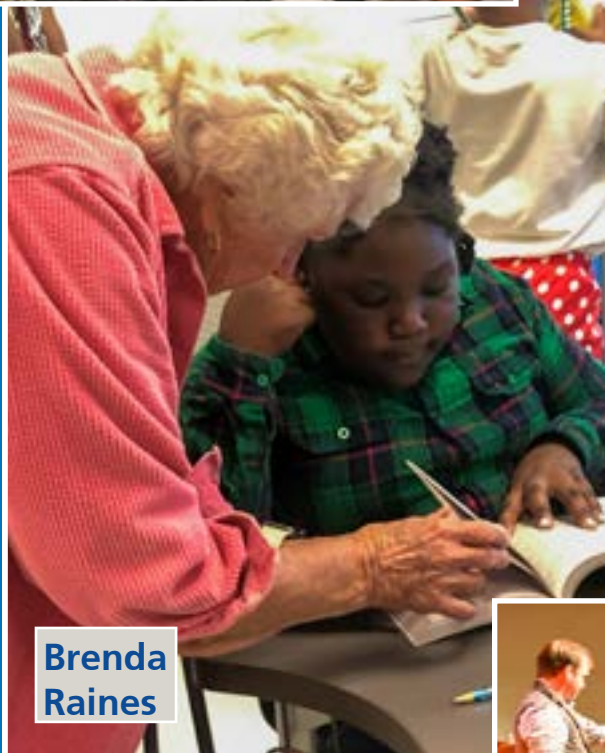
**Angela
Boyd**



Laurel Sharpe



Everett Stubbs



**Brenda
Raines**

Chester Rotarians gave dictionaries to all third graders in Chester County Schools. They also told the students a little about Rotary and showed them how to use their new dictionaries, which all included a Rotary logo.



President Cyrus Corbett speaks to the assembled 3rd graders at Lewisville.



FORT MILL ROTARY AND INTERACT SERVE LUNCH TO VETERANS AND SEND CARDS TO ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL

The Fort Mill Rotary Club and the recently organized Interact Club at Fort Mill High School prepared and served lunch to more than 100 veterans at American Legion Post 43 on Nov. 11. It was the first joint project of the two clubs.

Club Project chair and veteran John Corb, and Interact club sponsor and Rotarian Tanya Trachtenberg presented a check for \$500 to the Legion Post 43 commander.

The Interactors collected signatures from local high school students and those cards and posters will be included in Post 43 packages mailed to deployed overseas military personnel.





Club member Tanisha Elder, Shades the Duck, and Aisha Robinson, guest of Tanisha.



Reedy River planted trees in Greenville neighborhood

The Rotary Club of the Reedy River Greenville—supported by a matching grant from The Nature Conservancy of South Carolina—collaborated with TreesUpstate and other organizations to plant trees in a West End Greenville neighborhood.

As part of their “NeighborWoods” program, TreesUpstate along with partners from the city of Greenville and the State, identified this neighborhood as one of several low to moderate income neighborhoods that suffer from low tree canopy coverage in Greenville county.

The Reedy River club provided 28 volunteers that included club members, family, friends, three members of two other Rotary Clubs (Greer and Golden Strip Sunrise), and five representatives from the ZONTA Club of Greenville, to work alongside other members of the neighborhood and community to plant 100 of an eventual 150 trees in the neighborhood.



Club member Rachel Rutkowski, Paul Clarke (husband of club member Elizabeth Clarke); club members Haley Jordan and Kevin Guptill.



BLACKSBURG ROTARY CLUB STARTS NEW LITERACY INITIATIVE

In an effort to increase literacy rates amongst Blacksburg's younger citizens, the Blacksburg Rotary Club has started a Rotary Readers program at Blacksburg Primary School.

One Tuesday morning a month, members of the club volunteer to read a book to each class at the school.

With the school's librarian pre-selecting the books and local community Celebrity Readers participating, the program is achieving two objectives: to get children more excited about reading, and for them to see that reading can help them be successful.

Pictured are Rotary Readers Mason Standridge, top, the newest member of the club, and Hal Howington, right.



Reading to children is crucial for their cognitive, emotional, and social development. It lays the foundation for language skills, expanding vocabulary and comprehension. Beyond academics, it fosters a love for learning and imagination.



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PLEASANTBURG PICKS UP TRASH TO HELP KEEP GREENVILLE BEAUTIFUL

Pleasantburg Rotarians braved a light rain on Saturday, November 11, to beautify Stone Avenue in Greenville.



↑ From left to right: Kristof Jakab, exchange student from Hungary; Don Vandersloot; Bobby Elrod; Val Vandersloot, Larry Lee; Linda Lee; Henry Dupre; Eric Baker; and Kathy Sharpe.

← Bill McCann and Exchange Student Kristof Jakab from Hungary.

PLEASANTBURG GIVES SCHOOL DISTRICT START-UP FUNDS FOR NEXT YEAR'S SPRING SING

Pleasantburg Rotarians welcomed representatives from Greenville County Schools and presented them with a \$3,000 check in start up funds for the 2024 Spring Sing, one of the Club's signature projects.

Pictured from left to right:

Susan Hughes

Erica Larson

Bradley Wingate (Director of visual and performing Arts)

Jenn Davis (co-elementary lead teacher)

Vanessa Rhodes (middle school lead teacher)

Tracy Tiddy.



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Pleasantburg Rotarians wrap gifts for Santa to deliver

Pleasantburg Rotarians Erica Larson (blonde) and Tammy Harrison (red hair) wrapped Christmas gifts, sponsored children, and assisted in gathering gifts for Operation Santa, a program that provides gifts to Greenville County Schools students in need. Rotary Club of Pleasantburg members sponsored numerous children to ensure they have a Merry Christmas!





Walhalla helps stock local food pantry

David Hyatt, president of the Rotary Club of Walhalla, presented a check for \$500 to Kevin Lindley, pastor of St. Luke Methodist Church, for that church's community food pantry.



Youth Exchange in Abbeville

The Rotary Club of Abbeville sent Claren Johnson to Argentina last summer and hosted Lulii this fall. It was a bittersweet farewell when the club sent Lulii home in November so that she could graduate with her classmates.

Kringle Village returns to Fluor Field in Greenville

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

The Rotary Club of Greenville, in partnership with the Greenville Drive, will deliver fun for the whole family ... shopping, Santa, food, specialty drinks, live music and more at this year's Kringle Village.

Here's a short list of what you will experience at Kringle Holiday Village:

- District 356 Holiday Market - NEW!
- 40 Holiday Vendors
- Visits with Santa
- Inflatables
- Arts and Crafts in Santa's Workshop
- Roving Holiday Characters on Saturday
- Magic
- Face Painting
- Balloon Art
- Live Music and other Entertainment
- German Biergarten
- Silent Auction
- Brunch with Santa
- and more!

Buy tickets and learn more at <https://www.kringleholidayvillage.com/buy-a-ticket>.



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ROTC, above, honors veterans. Greer president Mark Moreno and DG Renee.

Greer's Salute to Veterans

During its regular meeting on Nov. 7, the Rotary Club of Greer gathered at Cartwright Food Hall in downtown Greer, along with District Governor Renee C. Stubbs and the Blue Ridge High School Color Guard JROTC to honor war veterans who have passed away, are members of the Rotary Club, and veterans related to members of the Rotary Club.

Ted Hamm, representative of an organization called Upstate Warrior Solution, was at a meeting of the meeting to collect donations for homeless veterans in the upstate area. "It's something that's meaningful to us," Moreno said.

The Rotary Club of Greer is a supporter of veterans and can be spotted behind the scenes in the local community, such as being the hands that feed people at the annual City of Greer's Freedom Blast event.

The club also meets with Upstate Warrior Solution to help look out for the homeless veterans' community in the area, as well as Greer Goes Global.

"The service piece of Rotary is very important to us, and we have just sort of agreed that the veteran aspect is something we want to pursue in the different things we do," said club president Mark Moreno "We never want to let loose of that and continue to try to work with veteran groups in the area. We are about country and service."

Moreno said that while the Rotary Club of Greer is generally involved in several non-profit organizations, they lean toward helping veterans most when they can.



Rotary Club of Greer honors veterans

BY MACY COCHRAN
EDITOR

The Rotary Club of Greer spent last night serving war veterans in honor of Veterans Day on November 11.

During their regular meeting on Nov. 7, the Rotary Club of Greer gathered at Cartwright Food Hall in downtown Greer, along with their District Governor Renee C. Stubbs and the Blue Ridge High School Color Guard JROTC.

The large gathering honored war veterans who have passed away are



The Rotary Club of Greer got some good PI value from the Greer Citizen for its Veteran's Day event.



President Tom,
PE Joe, and PN Bill
checking the turkeys
on the smoker.

Rotarian Chefs
admiring their
work.



DG Renee picking out the turkey
for her Thanksgiving dinner.



Rotarians enjoyed smoked turkey
sandwiches—and a beautiful fall day.

Greenville Breakfast smokes turkeys for Thanksgiving

BY DGN DAVE BRENNER

Rotary Club of Greenville Breakfast

The season of Thanksgiving brought the aroma of turkeys cooking on the smoker, as the Rotary Club of Greenville Breakfast held its annual Turkey Smoke. The Turkey Smoke is always held on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. This year the club members smoked 23 turkeys and 5 hams. The turkeys and hams were placed in the smoker the night before and smoked throughout the night.

The social is held outdoors. We were able to enjoy a perfect Autumn day as the weather cooperated. Apparently mother nature must be a Rotarian because we always seem to have a beautiful day for our social. Our cooks, however, were not quite so fortunate. They got a little wet as a surprise rainstorm arrived just as they were preparing and putting the turkeys in the smoker. Everybody agreed though that

it was worth it, as soon as they tasted the delicious flavor of the smoked turkeys.

The club members, enjoying the sunny day, came together for a lunch of smoked turkey and/or ham sandwiches. They enjoyed a few hours of fellowship while constantly sniffing the delightful aroma in the air. We were honored to have District Governor Renee and Steve to join us for lunch.

Rotarians from Greenville Breakfast look forward to this event each year. The Turkey Smoke however is not just a social event. The Club donated turkeys to Generations Group Home and Pendleton Place for their Thanksgiving dinner. The Club has donated turkeys to them for many years, and they were delighted when we told them that once again they will have plenty of turkeys for Thanksgiving.



Rebuild Upstate

Golden Strip Sunrise Rotarians joined Rebuild Upstate to build a ramp for a deserving homeowner. Pictured are Brooke Perkins from Rebuild Upstate, Dale Yarbrough, Steve Epps, Bill Harclerode, Trip Gilreath, Jim Caprell, Sam Stamps.



Golden Strip Sunrise helps at Fountain Inn High School DAY OF SERVICE

Golden Strip Sunrise Rotarians participated in the Fountain Inn High School Day of Service. Pictured from left are Dee Vaughan, Melinda Gilreath, Jim Cashion, Becky Miller, Jim Caprell, Trip Gilreath, Bill Harclerode.



United ministries tank and bags

Golden Strip Sunrise Rotarians presented a check for a new tankless water heater and 200 hygiene bags to United Ministries Place of Hope. Place of Hope provides access to showers, restrooms, laundry, lockers, and telephones to walk-ins. Photo L to R top row: Sam Stamps, Trip Gilreath, Melinda Gilreath, Dee Vaughan, Jim Caprell, Jacque Gray, Bill Harclerode, Becky Miller. Center bottom: Susan Midgett, Volunteer Manager for United Ministries.



Generations Fall Festival

Four GSSR members participated in the Generations Home Fall Festival. Pictured are Top Row: Jim Caprell, Sam Stamps. Middle: Melinda Gilreath. Bottom: Dee Vaughan.

The Rotary Foundation: End of the Year Giving

BY PDG BETH PADGETT

D7750 Foundation Chair

Club Presidents, Treasurers and Rotary Foundation Chairs, it is time to make sure all contributions for The Rotary Foundation are submitted before the end of December. **Preferably, contributions should be made by December 15 as the mail and recording contributions are slower this time of year.**

Remember to use the Rotary Foundation Transmittal Form under reports on DACdb – <https://rotary7750.org> (Club Reports – Rotary Transmittal Form, 2.10) and give each member that made the contribution credit for their contribution.

Contributions should be sent in for Annual Fund-SHARE or PolioPlus depending on the intent of the donor. Most contributions that are made as part of quarterly dues would go to AF-SHARE. If you need help, please send Beth Padgett, District Rotary Foundation Chair, an email at bpadgettr Rotary@outlook.com.

The District currently has 12 clubs that have not contributed to AF-SHARE and 17 clubs that have not contributed to PolioPlus during the current Rotary year. This is higher than in recent years, so please turn in your contributions.

Are you a Rotarian who has not contributed to

Annual Fund – SHARE or PolioPlus this year? Please consider a contribution before the end of December. Donating to Rotary means clean water and sanitation.

Health and hope in areas that were once ravaged by diseases like polio.

Economic development and new opportunities. Your financial help makes all this happen, and more. To donate, go to <https://www.rotary.org/en/donate> and make sure you use your Rotary Member ID number.

Thinking of donating some stock before the end of 2023. Information can be found at <https://my.rotary.org/en/securities>.

Would you like to make a Qualified Charitable Contribution from your IRA as part of a Required Minimum Distribution.

Information can be found

at <https://rotary.planmygift.org/ira-charitable-rollover>.

Does your company match your charitable contributions. Go to <https://ww2.matchinggifts.com/rotary> to learn how to have your employer match your donation to The Rotary Foundation.

Thank you for contributing to The Rotary Foundation. With each gift, you are changing lives and creating lasting change.



D-7750 Foundation Chair

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Clubs make a difference in their communities

Rotary Clubs in District 7750 are making a difference in their communities through funds provided by Rotary Foundation District Grants that are matched with club funds. In many cases, the total amount of the project exceeds the amount of the District Grant plus club match because a club provides more funds or partners with another organization.

EASLEY

Rotary Park
\$7,000

The Rotary Club of Easley will build the Easley Rotary Park on the Doodle Trail. This is a running and biking trail. It will have an outdoor picnic shelter, a landscaped seating area, and a bicycle repair station. More than a thousand people will benefit, and 40 Rotarians will be involved.

E-CLUB OF CAROLINAS

Ukrainian Refugees
\$750

The Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas will help provide household items for Ukrainian refugees who are making a new home in the Upstate. The club will provide resources for 24 families with the preparation and delivery of welcome packages. Ten Rotarians will be involved.

Featured District Grants 2023-2024

Club	Project	Grant
Easley	Rotary Park.....	\$7,000.00
E-Club of the Carolinas	Ukrainian Refugees	\$750.00
E-Club of the Carolinas	Teacher Recognition.....	\$1,000.00
Emerald City	Koi Pond	\$4,800.00
Emerald City	Walkway, Awning	\$1,200.00
Emerald City	Inspire Love of Reading	\$4,000.00
Fort Mill	Food Support.....	\$4,500.00
Fort Mill	Literacy Picnic	\$4,500.00
Fountain Inn.....	Night of Music	\$1,000.00
Golden Strip Sunrise	United Ministries	\$2,750.00
Greater Anderson	Improved Reader.....	\$2,500.00
Greater Anderson	Cancer Equipment.....	\$2,500.00
Greenville.....	Alexander Elementary.....	\$5,000.00

E-CLUB OF CAROLINAS

Classroom Supplies
\$1,000

The Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas will provide supplies to third grade students in a McCormick Elementary School classroom to improve teacher effectiveness and student experience. The supplies will have a direct on impact up to 25 students. Five Rotarians will be involved.

EMERALD CITY

Koi Pond
\$4,800

The Emerald City Rotary Club will create a Koi pond at Tranquility Point. The mission is to prevent suicide among the most at-risk groups. In addition to the Koi pond, it will have waterfalls, a bench for reflection and decorative plants. The Emerald City club will use this as a place to interact with Veterans with PTSD, first responders, and aged-out foster children. Fifty Rotarians will be involved.

EMERALD CITY

Walkway, Awning
\$1,200

The Emerald City Rotary Club will continue work at the Boys and Girls Club by painting a walkway between two buildings and an awning. They also will purchase science kits and a mobile whiteboard to complete the outdoor science lab. Twenty-five Rotarians will be involved.

EMERALD CITY

Inspire Love of Reading
\$4,000

The Emerald City Rotary Club will work to inspire a love of reading through Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library. Rotarians will help in raising community awareness of the program, informing parents about the program, and sponsoring children. Ten Rotarians will be involved.



District Grants—

FORT MILL

Literacy Park

\$4,500

The Fort Mill Rotary Club will host a Literacy Picnic where first graders in Fort Mill's 11 elementary schools are provided with books at a cook-out where they are fed along with their parents. About 1,400 first graders will benefit from this project, and 60 Rotarians are involved.

FORT MILL

Food Insecurity

\$4,500

The Rotary Club of Fort Mill will partner with the Community Café to distribute free food to families in need. Rotarians will help prepare the food and greet families at the sites in the community. Thirty-five Rotarians will be involved.

FOUNTAIN INN

Rotary Night of Music

\$1,000

The Rotary Club of Fountain Inn will host the Rotary Night of Music for three elementary schools, three middle schools, and the three high schools in the Golden Strip. The money raised through this program goes to scholarships, and this year it will go for a scholarship to RYLA. About 300 people will benefit from this program, and 30 Rotarians will be involved in the project.

GOLDEN STRIP SUNRISE

United Ministries

\$2,750

The Golden Strip Sunrise Rotary Club will provide bags of laundry

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detergent and shampoo and other items needed for laundry and bathing at the United Ministries Place of Hope Day Shelter. The shelter provides shower and laundry services for people in the area who are experiencing homelessness. This grant also will fund a tankless water heater which will ensure adequate hot water. About 900 people will benefit from this program, and 18 Rotarians are involved.

GREATER ANDERSON

Improved Reader

\$2,500

The Greater Anderson Rotary Club will work with four public elementary schools in Anderson County to identify the most improved reader in every third-grade classroom. Items being purchased to recognize these students are plaques, books, and Rotary stickers. Seventy-four students will be recognized, and 40 Rotarians are participating.

GREATER ANDERSON

Cancer Equipment

\$2,500

The Greater Anderson Rotary Club will purchase supplies for the Cancer Association of Anderson that serves over 1,000 patients a year. Consumable supplies and medical equipment were lost in a fire that destroyed a storage shed. Rotarians will place Rotary stickers on the supplies and deliver the medical equipment and supplies. Thirty-five Rotarians will be involved in the project.



Aiken PHF

Thanks to the latest Paul Harris Fellow recipients at the Rotary Club of Aiken: Kim Abney, PH+2 and Jimmy Foley, PH. Kim is pictured at left with Kim and Club President Jamie Mothkovich. Gifts like this are what make District Grants possible.

GREENVILLE

Alexander Elementary

\$5,000

The Rotary Club of Greenville will provide a number of items and services for Alexander Elementary School. This is a Title I school with 100% of the students being eligible for free or reduced-price lunch. The funds will be used for teacher support, student support, family support, and student/staff celebrations. Specific items or services include teacher appreciation meals, purchase of new shoes for students, books for students, teacher supplies and student snacks. There are about 500 beneficiaries and 80 Rotarians involved.



Golden Strip Sunrise recognizes three new benefactors

District Foundation Chair Beth Padgett provided updates on the Foundation to the Golden Strip Sunrise Club and congratulated the club's three newest Rotary Foundation Benefactors. Pictured from left: Beth Padgett, Dee Vaughan, Becky Miller, Jim Caprell.

The Rotary Foundation Endowment: What it is, how it works

BY PDG LANCE S. YOUNG

Zone 33 Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator

There are several ways to support The Rotary Foundation. In this article, I want to focus on The Rotary Foundation Endowment. Endowment gifts can be cash or outright gifts, or they can be commitments to be given later, known as bequests.

Outright gifts involve an immediate transfer of cash or publicly traded securities of any amount. (Donors can also propose other types of gifts that comply with The Rotary Foundation's Gift Acceptance Policy, which can be found on the RI Website.) An outright gift of any amount helps build the fund and can have a lasting impact on a district's ability to plan future service activities. Outright gifts provide donors a means to build their legacy and allow Rotary to recognize their generosity with them, their family, and their friends.

Commitments for later gifts, or bequests, usually involve specifying a donation through a will, an estate plan, or similar document. Donors making bequests can be assured that their charitable goals will be fulfilled.

Endowment donors can specify the use of their gifts from among the same Rotary funds that they support annually, including: SHARE, which provides District Designated Funds for district and global

grants; and the World Fund, which provides the matching funds for global grants and unrestricted support.

Contributions to the Endowment are invested to provide a long-term and sustainable source of funding. Led by our current Foundation Chair, Barry Rassin, the Foundation Trustees determine what percentage of the earnings will be used to support programs each year. For example, a gift of \$5K could generate \$200 annually, and a gift of \$25K could generate \$1K annually. Through these and other fund designations, many districts are carrying out work today that donors funded decades ago by giving to the Endowment.

In 2022-23, The Rotary Foundation raised US\$427M as of 30 June. With a 2022-23 investment return of +8.1%, the Endowment contributed US\$34.6M to The Rotary Foundation's total that is used for educational and humanitarian work around the world ... including District Designated Funds.

I want to extend my thanks to all who have already contributed to the Endowment and I want to encourage everyone to learn more about the Endowment and make it a priority in your financial plans.

Giving Tuesday – for 3 weeks!

Remember the Rotary Foundation during this special time for giving

Giving Tuesday is in the rearview mirror, but Rotarians in District 7750 still can earn some special benefits by giving to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund – SHARE for the next couple of weeks.

Rotarians have the ability to earn double Rotary Foundation Recognition Points for Foundation donations made between Sunday, Nov. 26, and Friday, Dec. 15. This is the most extended Giving Tuesday system that we've had in our District.

Recognition Points for this Giving Tuesday are being donated by Agnes Routon, widow of the late George Routon of the Newberry Rotary Club. George loved The Rotary Foundation and was a Major Donor Level 3 and Bequest Society Level 2.

Giving Tuesday is the Tuesday after Thanksgiving – a day set aside for grateful people to remember their favorite charities.

For several years, District 7750 has had an extended challenge match during this period. 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 making a contribution over the phone.

Contributions also can be made through your club as long as they are sent to Rotary International no later than Dec. 15. Make sure your Rotary Member ID Number is associated with your gift.

Rotarians that make a \$50 - \$99 contribution will be given 100 points. Any contributions over \$100 will receive matching points (for example, donate \$200 and receive an additional 200 points).

Points will be matched up to 500 points for a maximum of 45,000 points for the District. Rotarians that are Major Donors or PHF+8 level donors are encouraged to participate but will not receive points because they

can no longer use Foundation Matching Points.

Your gifts are greatly appreciated, as is your leadership giving to The Rotary Foundation.

If you need help making a contribution, feel free to contact Beth Padgett at bpadgettrotyary@outlook.com. Thank you for all you do for Rotary and The Rotary Foundation.



You are changing lives every day through your donations.

Last chance: Make your polio contribution before Dec. 31 to take advantage of the Doug and Sally Kauffman Challenge Match.

Until December 31, Doug and Sally 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. So, for every Rotarian that gives \$100 or more, the matching process will generate another \$500.



ROTARY'S STATEMENT WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST

FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

As events in the Middle East continue to unfold, and we hear from Rotary members around the world, it is important to clarify and underscore that **Rotary is non-political, non-religious, and exclusively focused on providing humanitarian support and bringing people together.** We build peace in the world, working together to share our compassion and help end human suffering.

We are saddened by the continuing loss of lives and destruction and express our deep concern surrounding the escalating violence across the Middle East, and the worsening humanitarian situation in Gaza and the region.



PEACEBUILDING AND
CONFLICT PREVENTION

Peacebuilding is a cornerstone of Rotary's mission and an area of focus. At our core, Rotary is a common ground for people to come together – across nationalities and religions, cultures, and histories – to connect around our shared belief in a better tomorrow. That connection is what humanizes us in times of conflict and builds a foundation for lasting peace. Rotary remains committed to working with our

members, partners, and communities to find long-term, sustainable solutions that support peace and development in the Middle East and everywhere.

We believe clubs and districts around the world can help. In that spirit, there are specific steps you can take to help those affected by the violence in these difficult times.

There are Rotary and Rotaract clubs throughout the Middle East. We urge Rotary members who want to help to connect directly with the districts and these clubs in the region to determine the most relevant avenues of support.

Together, let's be the inspiration to create hope in the world.

February is Peace and Conflict Resolution month on the Rotary calendar. Perhaps your club can begin now to think of something it might do to contribute to a peaceful world—locally or globally.

HOW CLUBS CAN TAKE ACTION TOWARD PEACE:

1. Use district grants (from districts in the region and elsewhere) to carry out projects that support displaced persons and provide medical and other needed humanitarian assistance.
2. Develop meaningful, longer-term projects with international partners that align with Rotary's areas of focus and are eligible to receive funding as global grants.

LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS IN PEACEBUILDING

Members can make long-term investments in peacebuilding through Rotary by:

1. Contribute District Designated Funds or district cash to support Rotary's Peace Centers, which invest in peacebuilders around the world, or the peacebuilding and conflict prevention area of focus that supports programs like our Positive Peace Activator Program.
2. Join Rotary peace programs that advance global understanding and peacebuilding, including Rotary Action Groups, Rotary Friendship Exchanges, Intercountry Committees, and Rotary Fellowships.



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Is your Club on pace to meet its Membership Goal?

BY PDG TERRY WEAVER

Everyday goals like saving money, losing weight or learning a new sport are month-to-month processes, and you want to be making progress every month – progress you can measure.

Wouldn't the same be true of attracting new members to your Rotary club? We learned in the membership goal setting process that we need enough new members to both accomplish our growth goal and replace those members who are likely to terminate, based on average terminations over recent years. For a 30-member club that wants to grow by 2 and loses 4, on average, they'll need 6 new members.

Looking at their month-to-month pace of new member attraction, they would need to attract a new member every other month, starting in July. A manageable, consistent, month-to-month progression toward their goal.

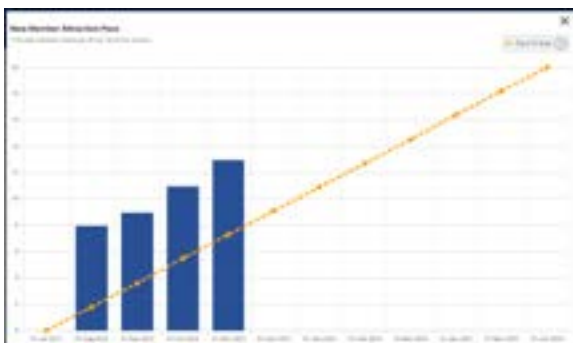
How's your club doing in attracting new members so far this year, relative to the pace of new member attraction needed to meet your goal? Well, that's

a lot of math to figure out, so we've provided a tool to easily measure and track your progress. It's the Progress Dashboard in the Membership Success Center.

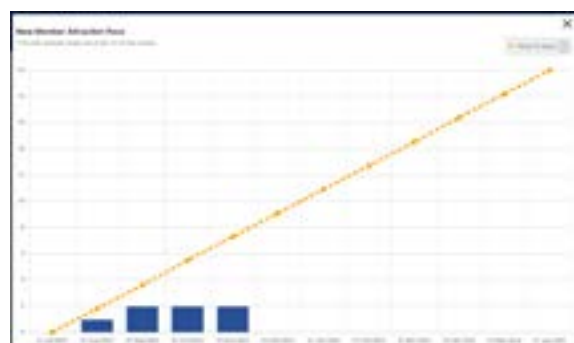
Here are instructions for accessing the Membership Success Center from DACdb: <https://www.rizoness33-34.org/?s=access>

Looking at the Progress Dashboard, you'll see the same data you used in setting your membership goal, including the total number of new members needed to make your goal and replace terminations that are likely, based on recent history. Below that, you'll see a line graph of the pace at which you need to be attracting new members, month-by-month, to reach your goal by June 1, 2023. There are also some blue bars to indicate your progress in attracting those new members. What you'd like to see are the two basically in step – a steady pace of attracting new members that's sufficient to meet your goal.

Here's a club that's on pace for success



And one that has some catching up to do.



If your new member attraction pace is behind the power curve, it's time to step up your new member attraction strategies, get some Rotary Information Hour (Discover Rotary) sessions scheduled and begin promoting guest registrations among your members.

New Members in October

36 new members in October

Villa, Ann	Aiken	Baldwin, Pamela Kay	Greer
Whitney Mellon, Louise	Aiken	Birchfield, Donnie R	Indian Land Lunch
Wiles, Daphne	Anderson	Little, James S.	Indian Land Lunch
Aviles, Vic Jr.	Anderson	Silvera, Jake T	Indian Land Lunch
Duncan, Steve	Anderson	Girardeau, Christopher	Lancaster
Coone, Cameron	Clinton	Shannon, Ashley N	Lancaster
Aiken, Shebby Neely	Clinton	Glenn, Tara	Laurens
Maddalena, Gabriele J.	Easley	Moss, Paula	Laurens
Yebba, Tara	Emerald City	Scharton, Craig	Laurens
	Evening Satellite	Holcombe, Marty	Mauldin
Nazzaro, Helen	Emerald City	Ferguson, Benny Pryor III	Newberry
	Evening Satellite	Morris, Al	Pickens
Standridge, Felixicity	Gaffney	Cromwell, Fannie I.	Pleasantburg
Geary, Benjamin Reid	Gaffney	Williamson, Jeff	Rock Hill
Price, Crystal S	Gaffney	Davis, Curtis E.	Seneca
Ward, Heath D	Gaffney	Krieger, Nikki	Seneca
Adias, Keita	Greenville	Moore, Herbert B. Jr.	Spartanburg
Stover, Dake	Greenville Breakfast	Crain, Amber	Walhalla
Brackett, Allison J.	Greenwood	Lee, Davy	Walhalla

OCTOBER 2023: 36 NEW MEMBERS —29 TERMINATED MEMBERS (0 DECEASED)

SEASON OF JOY AND GIVING

Happy Holidays

to all the Rotary District 7750 family

Deadline for January newsletter is December 26.
Send items to newsletter editor Sue Poss, pdgsueposs@gmail.com.