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Peace and Conflict Prevention/  
Resolution

MARCH

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# 2024 District Conference

## May 17 - 19

**Hyatt Regency**  
**Greenville, SC**  
220 N. Main Street

## Why Attend?

1. **Networking:** Rub elbows with fellow Rotarians from different clubs, exchange ideas, and make new friends! It's like a Rotary family reunion.
2. **Inspiring Speakers:** Get motivated by listening to speakers who are leaders in their fields. They'll leave you feeling inspired and ready to take on the world!
3. **New Perspectives:** Gain fresh insights into Rotary projects and initiatives. You might discover new ways to make a difference in your community.
4. **Learn and Grow:** With speakers as great as ours it's a wonderful time to listen and learn from others! Also, visit the Rotary House of Friendship to become inspired by the service projects of Rotary Clubs across the District.
5. **Team Building:** Strengthen your club by attending as a group. It's a fantastic team-building opportunity!
6. **Make Memories:** District conferences are a blast! You'll come away with unforgettable memories and stories to share with your club.

## Featured Speakers:



**Jenny  
Stotts**

Topic:  
Rotary Happy



**Clemson  
Turrengo**

Topic:  
Rotary Leadership



**Andrew  
Predmore**

Topic:  
Sustainable Communities



**Alicia  
Brewster**

Topic:  
Greenville Mentoring  
Collaborative



Mark your calendars and get ready  
for an unforgettable experience at  
this year's District Conference!





# uniting for peace

BY RENÉE STUBBS  
7750 DISTRICT GOVERNOR

**CALL FOR UNITY:** With a shared vision for a better world, the call for more Rotarians echoes louder than ever. In a time when the world yearns for positive change, Rotary stands as a beacon of hope. Our collective efforts to support peace and conflict resolution are not just a monthly theme but a continuous commitment that defines the essence of Rotary.

**FROM LOCAL TO GLOBAL:** As members of Rotary clubs in District 7750, we are privileged to be part of an international organization that places global peace at the forefront of its priorities. The journey toward peace begins at home and radiates outward to our communities, shaping a world where compassion and understanding prevail.

**COMMUNITY-BUILDING INITIATIVES:** Our District 7750 Rotary clubs are at the forefront of sponsoring community-building opportunities. Initiatives like Happy Feet, Dress a Child, and adopting schools exemplify our dedication to creating positive change in the lives of those around us. The Peace Center Stage offers a platform for children to share their voices. Providing bicycles to handicapped children symbolizes our commitment to inclusivity.

**FUNDRAISING FOR NOBLE CAUSES:** Our District fundraising endeavors, from supporting Alzheimer's and eradicating Polio to contributing to community charities, exemplify our commitment to making a tangible difference. Events like Paddle for the Cure, Casino Nights, Pints or Pies for Polio, and the Duck Derby showcase the power of community coming together for a common cause, raising substantial funds that propel our humanitarian efforts forward.

**GROWING OUR IMPACT THROUGH MEMBERSHIP GROWTH:** To sustain and expand these impactful projects, we recognize the need to grow our membership. Every Rotarian has the power to be an ambassador, spreading the word about Rotary clubs in their communities. When others witness the good we do, the question of how to become part of this transformative journey naturally follows.

**THE RIPPLE EFFECT OF SERVICE:** Our service extends beyond bringing hope and peace; it builds friendships and enhances mental well-being. As a humanitarian organization, **peace is not just a goal; it's a cornerstone of our mission.** The belief that local efforts can have a global effect drives us to continue our work with unwavering dedication.

## About Rotary's Global Peace Involvement:

- **PRACTITIONERS:** Our work in fighting disease, providing clean water, supporting education, and growing local economies directly contributes to building the optimal conditions for peaceful societies.
- **EDUCATORS:** Rotary Peace Centers have empowered over 1,700 peace fellows to become catalysts for peace in various fields.
- **MEDIATORS:** Our members actively participate in negotiating humanitarian ceasefires, ensuring polio vaccinators reach children in conflict zones.
- **ADVOCATES:** We play a crucial role in peace processes and post-conflict reconstruction, fostering connected, inclusive, and resilient communities.

**ROTARY'S JOURNEY TOWARDS PEACE IS A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY AND A TESTAMENT TO THE STRENGTH OF COLLECTIVE ACTION. LET US CONTINUE TO SPREAD THE MESSAGE OF ROTARY, INVITING OTHERS TO JOIN US IN MAKING A POSITIVE, PEACEFUL IMPACT ON THE WORLD.**





## Pleasantburg Rotarians work with Partners in Literacy Haiti

Solange Maxime from Atlanta joined Pleasantburg Rotarians Sara Mansbach, Eric Baker, Larry Lee, Jerry Lieberg, and Erika Larson to volunteer at a Partners in Literacy Haiti literacy event at First Baptist Church Greenville on January 14. At right above, Erika Larson works with a student at the event that promoted literacy generally and particularly provided support for Haitian Americans in the Upstate area. PILH provided Kreyol books to children of Haitian Americans so they can read in their native tongue. Sara also provided books in English and Spanish to local, non-Haitian children and volunteers read to and worked with the children in attendance.

## What your club can do to promote peace, help resolve conflict

Rotary's Peace and Conflict Resolution Month takes place each February. It is a time for Rotary clubs around the world to focus on promoting peace and resolving conflicts in their local communities and beyond. This month is an opportunity to take action towards building a more peaceful world. During this month (or any time) your club can promote peace by:

1. Hosting events that bring together people from different backgrounds and cultures. This could include cultural festivals, community service projects (like the one featured at the top of the page), or educational seminars on topics related to peace and conflict resolution.
2. Supporting local organizations that are working towards peace and conflict resolution. This

could include donating funds, volunteering time, or partnering with local organizations to develop programs that address issues related to peace and conflict.

3. Engaging in advocacy and awareness-raising activities. This could include writing letters to elected officials, organizing rallies or marches, or using social media to spread awareness about peace and conflict resolution issues.

Rotary's Peace and Conflict Resolution Month is an important opportunity for individuals and clubs

to take action towards building a more peaceful world.



## Member of Rotary Club of Reedy River

# **Eric Krichbaum is our Governor Nominee Designate (DG 2026-27)**

Congratulations to Eric M. Krichbaum, member of the Rotary Club of Reedy River in Greenville, for being selected to serve as District 7750 governor for 2026-2027.

Eric joined the Rotary Club of Cedar Rapids, Iowa in 2001, and was a member for 3 years. After relocating to Simpsonville, he joined the Greenville Evening Rotary Club (now the Reedy River Greenville Rotary club) in 2015.

Eric served as the Club President in 2017-18. He has been on the Club's Board of directors and the held positions of Community Service Chair, Charities Treasurer, fundraising project Logistics Committee Chair and Head of the Planning Committee.

Eric was the District 7750 Community Service Committee Chair from 2019-2021 and is currently the Assistant Governor for Area 12. He is an RLI graduate, Multiple Paul Harris fellow and a PolioPlus Society member.

While in Iowa, he served as a Board member for the Cedar Rapids Science Center and the Cedar Rapids Community Theater. Eric was also on

the Advisory Board of the Kansas City

Manufacturing Network. Eric worked in leadership positions with various companies throughout his 39 year professional career and retired in April of 2022.

Eric received his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, graduating as a member of Pi Tau Sigma, the International Mechanical Engineering Honor Society. He later received an MBA with a concentration in Marketing from the University of Nebraska.



RYLA in D7750 is a week-long intensive experience organized to help young people develop leadership skills while having fun and making connections.

*Scratch  
That!*



**2024**

## **June 9-14**

### **Ersine College**

**The wrong dates were published last month. Normally RYLA is held the first week of June but because of a school conflict, the 2024 event will be the second week.**

**RYLA=ROTARY YOUTH  
LEADERSHIP AWARDS**





**7750 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR**  
Butch Hughes  
[bhughes864@yahoo.com](mailto:bhughes864@yahoo.com)

# RECALCULATING

## on the road to '24

**T**he Rotary Membership Growth Strategy is our GPS to direct us to where we need to go with membership to keep our Rotary clubs vibrant and vital in our communities.

It is helpful and provides the best advice and direction on how we can accomplish our membership journey each year. If we don't follow those directions, we lose members, and it weakens our clubs.

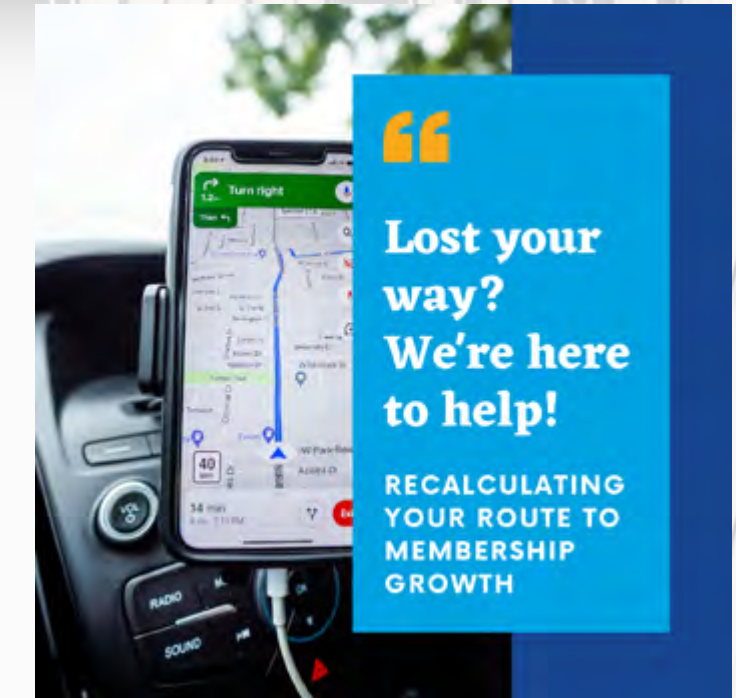
District 7750 has seen a decline each year in the past 5 years—from a high of 2,648 on July 1, 2019, to a low of 2,348 on July 1, 2023.

We have veered off track and our GPS is blaring an abrupt “RECALCULATING!” with a voice that seems annoyed that we did not listen to the best advice.

All of us have heard that voice blaring “RECALCULATING!”

Our district leadership will be rolling out new directions to enable clubs to finish this year with at least as many members your club had to begin the year.

Your club president and club membership chair will be contacted by a district representative to commit to hosting a standalone Rotary Information Event at a date, time, and place in late February or early March where club members



bring potential Rotary member prospects for an overview of Rotary and their club.

This is a time-tested strategy, used successfully in hundreds of Rotary clubs around the world.

Let's follow these directions to get where we need to go so, we don't have to hear our GPS blaring another annoying “RECALCULATING!”

**We're 20 members short of where we needed to be as of Jan 1. An additional new member in just HALF our clubs would get us back on track. We need our clubs to figure out how to find 20 additional members right away, and then keep on finding a few per week. Membership growth is simple—it's just not easy.**

**—PDG Terry Weaver, Zone 33 Membership Coordinator**

## A few points that might help you recalculate your way to membership growth in 2024

—or at least get them thinking about joining your club or supporting you in some other way

*Is your club struggling with membership growth despite your best efforts? Do you feel you need a new route? Maybe you can use some of these points to entice someone to at least consider joining you/us.*

*While some prospects may be most interested in friendship, others may like the service aspect. Try to find out what interest a prospect most and tell them how your club can meet that desire.*



01

### Networking

Rotary clubs provide a platform for professional networking and expanding one's circle of business, community, and professional acquaintances.

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### Cross-section

Members represent a cross-section of the community's owners, executives, managers, political leaders, and professionals—people who make decisions and influence policy.



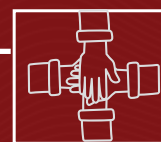
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### Service

Rotary club members have many opportunities for humanitarian service, both locally and internationally. Service programs address concerns such as health care, hunger, poverty, illiteracy, and the environment. Rotarians gain an understanding of humanitarian issues through international service projects and exchange programs.

04



### Friendships

One of Rotary's highest objectives is to build goodwill and peace throughout the world. Rotary was founded on fellowship, an ideal that remains a major attraction of membership today. Club members enjoy the camaraderie with like-minded professionals, and club projects offer additional opportunities to develop enduring friendships. Rotary club members who travel have friendly contacts in almost every city in the world.

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### Ethics

Rotary encourages high ethical standards in one's profession and respect for all worthy vocations. Being a Rotary leader provides further experience in learning how to motivate, inspire, and guide others.



## CELEBRATE COMMUNITY



### In Anderson: Rotary, Sertoma, Lions, Kiwanis, **CELEBRATE COMMUNITY** with a book drive for The Champions Center

**BY LIZ BROCK**

*Rotary Club of Anderson*

Following a lead from the Rotary magazine, the Rotary Club of Anderson decided to “Celebrate Community” by asking other civic clubs to join in a book drive for The Champions Center. We were fortunate to have DGRenee Stubbs helping us. Thank you to the Anderson County Library for being so helpful!

Pictured left to right back row:

Ben Phillips, president of the Anderson Sertoma Club

Phil Cahaly, President of Anderson Lions Club

Sylvia McLeod, president of Greater Anderson Rotary Club

Liz Brock, president of Rotary Club of Anderson

Evan Price, President of Kiwanis Club

Renee Stubbs, District 7750 Governor

Julie Shepard, The Champions Center

Laura Cappell, The Champions Center

Front row:

Liz Baysden, The Champions Center

Annie Sutton, Anderson County Library

Rotary Club of Anderson

Rotary Club of Greater Anderson

Anderson Sertoma Club

Anderson Kiwanis Club

Anderson Lions Club

#### **CIVIC CLUBS WORKING TOGETHER CAN:**

- Build stronger relationships between different kinds of clubs and their members.
- Promote a sense of community and encourage people to get involved in local events and initiatives.
- Raise awareness about important issues and causes in the community.
- Foster a spirit of collaboration and encourage people to work together toward common goals.





## Pleasantburg raises money for Foundation/ Rotary projects at Christmas Auction

Pleasantburg Rotarians enjoy their annual Christmas Auction at Bocca Pure Italian Restaurant where they successfully raised funds for the Rotary Foundation, Polio Plus, and other local charities. Rotarian Brian Thomas (aka Buddy the elf) served as auctioneer.



## VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH PROGRAM AT GREER

Kevin Comer and Karin Gierman, the Vocational Service Committee for the Rotary Club of Greer, spoke at the club January 16 to recognize Vocational Services month.



Our clubs in D-7750 have been big supporters of The CART Fund (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust) for many years. You can throw your change (or bills) in the blue buckets at your meeting or donate online at [www.mycart-fund.org](http://www.mycart-fund.org).





## NEWS FROM UNION

← Allan Charles, President of the Union County Historical Society accepted a donation from Rotary Club of Union President Charlie Wilson. Union County Museum Executive Director Howard Lawson is at right.

→ Rotary Club of Union President Charlie Wilson is with Deputy Wes Foster and Sheriff Jeff Bailey, who addressed the club on Jan. 16. Bailey spoke about upgrades the sheriff's office has been able to purchase with grants. Foster spoke about the Sheriff's Office Police Explorer Post #119, which he supervises.



## Golden Strip Sunrise has a golf tournament scheduled for May 13

The Rotary Club of Golden Strip Sunrise is sponsoring a Golf Tournament on Monday, May 13 at Fox Run Country Club.

Shotgun start at 11:00 am. Sign up as a team of 4 players or as an individual to be paired with others.

Event packages include Team & Hole Sign for \$500, Hole Sign Only for \$125 and more! Plus, you'll have a chance to win great door prizes and bid on incredible items in our silent auction.

Register now for a day of fun and friendly competition on the greens! Find more details and sign-up at <https://www.goldenstripsunriserotary.com/>.



## Golden Corner continues with 30th anniversary donations



### ←OCONEE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

Cortni Nations, left, with the Oconee Memorial Hospital Foundation, updated the Golden Corner Rotary Club about the programs the foundation supports including pediatric, emergency and hospice. The club also made a contribution to the foundation in recognition of the club's 30th anniversary. Pictured at right is club president Cammie Kaiser.

### →FOSTERING FAITHFULLY AND WILD HEARTS EQUINE THERAPY CENTER

Golden Corner presented two more organizations with contributions to honor the club's 30th anniversary. Pictured from left are Susan Pirkle and Kim Singleton with Fostering Faithfully, Golden Corner Rotary Club president Cammie Kaiser and Janine Hartley with Wild Hearts Equine Therapy Center.



### ←OCONEE COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY TO BUILD NEW COMMUNITY

Another recipient of the 30th anniversary donations is Oconee County Habitat for Humanity. Club president Cammie Kaiser presented the check to John Prather. Habitat for Humanity has launched a campaign to build a community near West Union. It has enough land for up to 27 houses and is now doing the surveying and site preparation. Golden Corner member David Williams said a lot of retired engineers and project managers live nearby on Lakes Hartwell and Keowee and will be able to help with the new Habitat Community.





## THE ROTARACT CLUB OF GREATER CLEMSON INNOVATION (GCI) PLANTING TREES WITH TREESUPSTATE

A few of the members of Clemson Rotaract Innovation joined with TreesUpstate and other \ community members for a service project at the Clemson Park. The collaborative effort saw the successful planting of 25 trees, contributing to the greenery and sustainability of the Gateway Crescent Trail.

The event was more than just learning proper techniques for planting and nurturing trees; it was about fostering a sense of environmental responsibility and educating ourselves on sustainable practices.

By Brittany Stowers.  
2023-2024 President  
Rotaract Club of Greater  
Clemson Innovation



ENVIRONMENT



## FUNDRAISING EVENT

ENJOY FOODS FROM AMAZING RESTAURANTS

**SUNDAY, FEB 18 2024**

START AT 1PM - 3:30PM

GREER CITY HALL, 301 E POINSETT ST, GREER, SC 29651

**Come to Rotary Club of Greer's amazing charity event "Dining Around Greer" featuring Local restaurants and Caterers offering delicious food items for attendees to taste. Music by Singer/Songwriter/Rotarian Jim Mitchell - Raffles - Food & Fun. Event tickets are \$25 per person in advance.**

GET YOUR TICKETS HERE



Ticket's \$25.00 in advance or \$30.00 at the door

**Rotary**  
Rotary Club of Greer



# Celebrate Rotary and Peace on February 23—

## It's the 119th birthday of Rotary International and World Peace and Understanding Day

BY PDG BETH PADGETT

Happy Birthday, Rotary. People around the globe commemorate World Peace and Understanding on Feb. 23 every year. This celebration is linked to the birthday of Rotary.

On Friday, February 23, Rotary will celebrate its 119th birthday. This was the day in 1905 when Rotary founder Paul Harris and three of his friends met in a downtown office building in Chicago for what was to become the first meeting of a Rotary Club. Paul Harris surely had no idea what he was creating when he put together this small group to exchange ideas and build a network for meeting people and making new friends.

Soon Rotary Clubs were springing up all over the country in large cities, and within years those large clubs were venturing out to places such as the Upstate of South Carolina to form other clubs. And then, Rotary crossed the borders to other countries, and by 1922 Rotary clubs were on six continents.

Paul Harris said at the time, “Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves.”

Rotary has achieved much in those 119 years. It was a leader in the movement formed in the mid-1980s to eradicate polio. Today, we are “this close” to delivering a polio-free world to the children of the world. For more than a century, Rotary has changed lives – both in the local communities where Rotarians live and across the globe in places where people need clean water, access to basic health care, and schools that make a better life possible.

Rotary also has distinguished itself by promoting goodwill and peace in the world. It is appropriate that World Peace and Understanding Day occurs each year on February 23. To help fulfill its mission in this area, Rotary International has set up Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution in eight universities around the world.



**Don't misunderstand me—we are not going to end polio or bring peace to the world by waving a wand and saying some funny words. It's up to you. You create the magic with every project completed, every dollar donated, and every new member.**

—RI President-Elect Stephanie Urchick,  
speaking to the incoming class of District Governors last month



## Kauffmann PolioPlus Challenge raises more than \$42,000

**BY DRFC BETH PADGETT**

Thanks to another enthusiastic response to this year's Doug and Sally Kauffmann PolioPlus Challenge Match, District 7750 is having one of its best years ever for raising money to eradicate polio.

This good news comes on the heels of setting a record in 2022-23 for donations in a single year for PolioPlus donations.

Many thanks to Doug and Sally who are members of the Rotary Club of Greenwood. Doug also is serving as the District PolioPlus Chair for the fourth year.

Our District had **\$42,367.90** in individual contributions this year that qualified as donations under the terms of the challenge. Doug also donated 26,585 of his Foundation Recognition Points to donors who qualified for a match

for donations given during the time.

Also, we had quite a few Major Donors and Paul Harris Fellows +8 who gave generously even though they aren't eligible for Recognition Points.

We had another \$8,980.73 given to PolioPlus by Rotary Clubs that are not eligible to receive matching points.

Doug initially had announced a goal of raising \$40,000 this year for PolioPlus from Rotarians in the District and that he would match that amount dollar for dollar. He quickly agreed to match the amount raised during the PolioPlus campaign with a \$43,000 donation.

**PolioPlus Society: Are you interested in joining the District 7750 PolioPlus Society? It's easy. Give \$100 to Polio Plus this year and preferably in addition to your regular Foundation Annual Fund contribution. Contact DRFC Beth Padgett at [bpadgettrotary@outlook.com](mailto:bpadgettrotary@outlook.com) for more details.**

Doug and Sally Kauffmann have inspired Rotarians in District 7750 to increase their donations to PolioPlus. Please find an opportunity to thank them for their commitment to eradicating polio.

Thank you for giving generously to The Rotary Foundation and for supporting our work to End Polio Now.



### **7750 Polio Plus Chair**

**DOUG KAUFFMANN**

Rotary Club of Greenwood

[dkauffmann123@gmail.com](mailto:dkauffmann123@gmail.com)

864-551-9922

### Here are the encouraging numbers on new polio cases in 2023.

#### Wild Polio Virus Cases

Afghanistan—6 cases

Pakistan—6 cases

Other countries—0 cases)

Circulating Vaccine Derived Cases worldwide is 447, down from 878 in 2022. This number is going down significantly.

## Summary of Polio eradication efforts in 2023

Afghanistan and Pakistan remain the only two countries where the Wild Polio Virus (WPV1) is endemic. Wild polio transmission has now been limited to just a few districts in eastern Afghanistan and one province in nearby Pakistan. Through continuing efforts in 2023 the number of “zero dose” children, those who have yet to receive a first vaccine, is dwindling.

Also, thanks to a newly developed oral vaccine type 2 (nOPV2) which reduces the chances of “vaccine derived” poliovirus transmission, the numbers of the variant poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) continues to

greatly decline.

Nearly 1 billion doses of the nOPV2, a safer, effective, more genetically stable version of the oral vaccine, have been administered across 35 different countries in recent years.

In 2023 global health workers vaccinated more than 400 million children.

If you have any questions or desire a speaker on our fight against Polio, please contact Doug Kauffmann, District 7750 PolioPlus Chair by email at [dkauffmann123@gmail.com](mailto:dkauffmann123@gmail.com) or 864-551-9922.

## 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 some 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.

### NORTH SPARTANBURG

#### **Mobile Medical Clinic \$2,000**

North Spartanburg Rotary Club will help with a mobile medical clinic that will be in a donated bus that will serve homeless people in Spartanburg County. Rotarians will help with funding medications and medical supplies as well as promoting this project to the media. Up to 10,000 people will benefit from this project, and a dozen Rotarians will be involved.

### NORTH SPARTANBURG

#### **Teaching Garden \$500**

North Spartanburg Rotary Club will help St. Luke's Free Medical Clinic develop a Community Teaching Garden at Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Spartanburg to educate and help provide vegetables, herbs, and fruit to food-challenged persons. About 1,600 patients will benefit from the project, and two Rotarians will be involved.

## Featured District Grants 2023-2024

Club .....	Project .....	Grant
North Spartanburg .....	Mobile Health Clinic.....	\$2,000.00
North Spartanburg .....	Teaching Garden.....	\$500.00
Pickens .....	Garden Project .....	\$1,000.00
Pleasantburg .....	Dress A Child .....	\$5,000.00
Reedy River.....	Supplies.....	\$2,250.00
Reedy River.....	Uniforms .....	\$1,675.00
Reedy River.....	Child Educational .....	\$1,500.00
Reedy River.....	Museum Tickets.....	\$2,500.00
Rock Hill .....	Little Free Library.....	\$1,000.00
Seneca .....	Equine Therapy.....	\$2,500.00

### PICKENS

#### **Garden Project \$1,000**

The Pickens Rotary Club will create a vegetable garden to be maintained by the special needs adults in the Pickens County Board of Disabilities and Special Needs. One hundred special needs individuals will benefit, and 40 Rotarians are involved.

### PLEASANTBURG

#### **Dress A Child \$5,000**

The Pleasantburg Rotary Club will provide \$120 worth of clothing to needy children at Cherrydale Elementary School. This project was developed in part because of a study that found children who are well dressed tend to perform better in school. One hundred children will benefit from this project and 25-plus Rotarians are involved in the project. Old Navy also is a partner and contributor to this project.

### REEDY RIVER GREENVILLE

#### **School Supplies \$3,000**

The Reedy River Greenville Rotary Club will provide school supplies, books, and equipment for children in nine classrooms at A Child's Haven. The agency treats children with developmental delays as a result of limited resources, abuse or neglect and provides support and education for their families. The supplies will benefit 150 students and 10 Rotarians will be involved.

### REEDY RIVER GREENVILLE

#### **New Uniforms \$1,675**

The Reedy River Greenville Rotary Club will supply uniforms and financial support for special events for children with variable levels of physical and/or mental developmental challenges for children in the Mauldin Miracle League. This is an organization that believes "Every Child Deserves a Chance to Play Baseball." The participants will receive a trophy at the end of the season as well. There will be 225 beneficiaries and 10 Rotarians involved.







## Paul Harris Fellows at Pleasantburg

Pleasantburg Rotarians receive Paul Harris Fellows for their support of the Rotary Foundation. From Left to Right: Jerry Lieberg, Regina Coulomb, Tracy Tiddy, Susan Hughes, Susan Spencer, Ed Maier, and Steve Banks.

## District Grants—

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### **REEDY RIVER GREENVILLE** Early Childhood Education **\$1,500**

The Reedy River Greenville Rotary Club will help young low-income children with reading, spelling, math, and comprehension skills. Funds will go towards scholarships for students in poverty. On average, it requires \$325 of tutoring costs for a child to advance one grade level, over a 4 - 6-week period. There will be 350 beneficiaries and 10 Rotarians involved.

### **REEDY RIVER GREENVILLE** Museum Tickets **\$2,500**

The Reedy River Greenville Rotary Club will support the

Upstate Play Partners scholarship program at The Children's Museum of the Upstate that will serve approximately 690 children who have barriers to affording entry to the museum. Ten Rotarians will participate in the project that also will involve packing "Brain Bags" that contain activities that will be used by one of the outreach programs.

### **ROCK HILL** Little Free Library **\$1,000**

The Rotary Club of Rock Hill will replace a number of Little Free Libraries that it has built over the years. These LFLs have seen wear from the weather and need replacing. The project will promote early learning through the replacement of Little Free

Libraries in communities where at-risk children experience a shortage of available age-appropriate books and access to transportation may be limited. There will be 1,000 beneficiaries and 30 Rotarians involved.

### **SENECA** Equine Therapy **\$2,500**

The Seneca Rotary club will assist those individuals who need equine therapy with the cost of sessions that they need to help with physical and emotional therapy. This also benefits the horses as many are rescued horses. This project helps individuals and animals. The total cost of the project is \$5,000 and 30 Rotarians are involved. There are 40 beneficiaries.

# Rotary Leadership Institute

**March 2, 2024**

**Tri-County Tech Anderson**

**511 Michelin Blvd.**

Register at [www.midatlanticrli.org](http://www.midatlanticrli.org)  
or the District Calendar in DACdb

Join us for an RLI event to learn about our Rotary history, our Foundation, strategies for why and how to grow membership and the latest public image/public relations ideas. Learn, share, and network with fellow Rotarians about how they serve our community and the world. All sessions are highly interactive and fun.

**CONTACT:** Carol Burdette, RLI District 7750 Chair  
[dg2018@rotary7750.org](mailto:dg2018@rotary7750.org)



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## KEY INFO/DATES FOR DISTRICT GRANTS

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- Final reports for 2023-24 District Grants are due by March 31.
- Grant applications for 2024-25 are due by April 30.
- Also, any Rotary Club that is having an issue implementing its current District Grant should immediately contact District Rotary Foundation Chair Beth Padgett at [bpadgettrotyary@outlook.com](mailto:bpadgettrotyary@outlook.com).



## New Members in December

### 24 new members in December

Amidon, Brandy H.	Travelers Rest	Kuto, Paul	Lake Wylie
Britton, Katie	Lake Wylie	Lindell, Lynette F	Abbeville
Brock , Amanda	Walhalla	Mahaffey, Jordan	Reedy River
Chappelear, Craig	Anderson	Maiers, Ryan	Lake Wylie
Dodge, Gary	Lake Wylie	McFeeters, Mike	Lake Wylie
Eller, Kyle J.	Lake Wylie	McMorrow, Michael	York
Engledow, Jay S.	Spartanburg	Palmer, Tiffany	Fort Mill
Gordon, Melanie C	Pleasantburg	Persinski, Rafal	York
Gregory, Keith	Lake Wylie	Shuler, Virginia H	Spartanburg
Gregory, Kelly	Lake Wylie	Stoddard, Catherine	Greenville
Keppler, Ted	Fort Mill	Vecchio, Diane C	Spartanburg
Kuto, Grace	Lake Wylie	Zawadzki, Phil	North Spartanburg

**DECEMBER 2023: 24 NEW MEMBERS —59 TERMINATED MEMBERS (4 DECEASED). Data from DaCdb.**



## PrePETS

**February 24, 2024**

Piedmont Technical College  
Newberry Campus

## PETS

**March 15 - 16, 2024**

Sheraton Hotel  
Greensboro, NC

**Deadline for March newsletter is February 25.**

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