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## CENTENNIAL GALA EXTRAVAGANZA

The Rotary Club of Laurens marked its historic 100th anniversary milestone with a spectacular Centennial Gala. More than 100 people were at the Laurens County Museum to help the club celebrate.

The event was a culmination of a year-long celebration planned by a special committee led by Joe Babb, Director and Chairman-Centennial Gala, along with club president Amber Graydon, president-elect Ashley Smith, secretary John Young, Sergeant-at-Arms Kim Chalmers, and Amanda Munyan,

The gala kicked off with a reception, setting the stage for an unforgettable evening.

President Amber Graydon welcomed the enthusiastic

crowd, expressing gratitude for the Rotary Club's century-long journey of service and community impact.

The highlight of the evening was the insightful and inspiring address by Rotary Geek PDG Tiffany Ervin, Executive Director of CART.

A Centennial Time Capsule was presented, giving the guests a unique opportunity to contribute something inspirational to be preserved for future generations, a gesture symbolizing the club's commitment to a lasting impact on Laurens and beyond. The crowd gathered for a commemorative toast with special keepsake champagne glasses. The capsule will be buried on the Historic Courthouse grounds.

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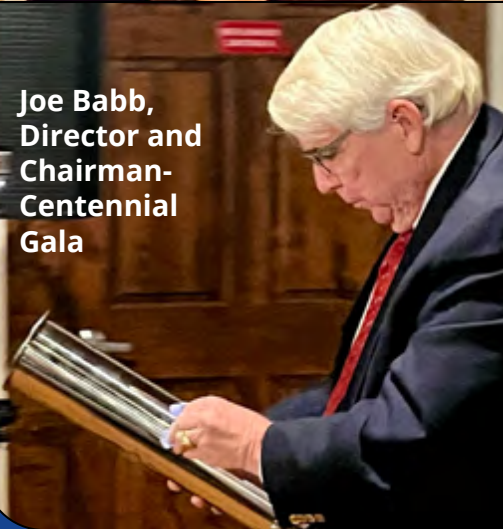
PDG Tiffany Ervin from Spartanburg and Executive Director of CART was speaker for the Centennial Celebration.



The evening included entertainment by The Shag Doctorz, keeping attendees on their feet, dancing and celebrating the Rotary Club of Laurens' remarkable century of service.

# LAURENS CENTENNIAL GALA EXTRAVAGANZA





**Joe Babb,**  
Director and  
Chairman-  
Centennial  
Gala

### Five Laurens Rotarians presented with Centennial Plaque

A special moment unfolded as the Centennial Plaque was presented to individuals who have played a pivotal role in the club's legacy. Byron H. Brown, Cecil Y. Brown, James E. Yarbrough, L. Leon Patterson, and Thomas J. Thompson (not pictured), were honored for their exceptional contributions and unwavering commitment to the Rotary motto, Service Above Self.

The culinary delights for the evening were provided by Rotarian Rey Stoddard's catering business, Stoddard's Catering. Attendees were treated to an exquisite spread, setting the stage for camaraderie and celebration.



**THE ROTARY CLUB OF LAURENS EXPRESSES HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO ALL ATTENDEES, SPONSORS, AND CONTRIBUTORS WHO MADE THE CENTENNIAL GALA A NIGHT TO REMEMBER. AS THE CLUB EMBARKS ON ITS NEXT CENTURY OF SERVICE, THE SPIRIT OF FELLOWSHIP AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WILL CONTINUE TO BE AT THE FOREFRONT OF ITS MISSION.**

# LAURENS CENTENNIAL GALA EXTRAVAGANZA





**Fort Mill  
serves  
shelter...  
...then  
enjoys  
social  
time**

Members of the Rotary Club of Fort Mill served 116 meals at the Bethel Men's Shelter in Rock Hill on January 31 and enjoyed a club social afterwards. Rotary service and fellowship too.



### **Clemson community Rotaract club members help with Cupid Shuffle Run**

Members of the Rotaract Club of Greater Clemson Innovation are pictured getting ready for the start of the annual Cupid Shuffle 5K Run/Walk, held by the Clemson Sunrise Rotary Club on February 10. From left are : Jay Stowers, Brittany Stowers, Alnessa Hickmon, Sherece Smith and Maggie Majors. Brittany is the club president.



## Pleasantburg author and son entertain/impact students

Crystal Ball O'Connor, a children's author, presented a literacy program and project to students at Cherrydale Elementary School recently. The project was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Pleasantburg. Pleasantburg Rotarians volunteered and presented children with books signed by the author to take home. As a special surprise, Crystal's son, Jake (a student at Furman) appeared and met the students. This was especially impactful as Jake is the main character in one of the books presented to students.



**BASIC EDUCATION  
AND LITERACY**



# HEALTHY CLUB

## MENU by DG Renee Stubbs



Great Rotary Clubs Do Not Happen by Accident:

# THE INGREDIENTS OF SUCCESS

I was reading the Rotary magazine, and this title hit home. Through my visits to your Rotary Clubs, I have learned there is no one way to do Rotary, but some key ingredients make a difference in success.

My experience as a mathematician and musician has trained my brain to look for patterns.

So, when sorting through the notes I had taken at club meetings, I reflected on each experience and noticed similarities and differences. D7750, like Rotary International, thrives on the diversity of its clubs and members.

Yet, amid this diversity, patterns emerge – deliberate combinations of passion, effective leadership, and a shared vision for service.

**In District 7750, the success of great Rotary Clubs is not a stroke of luck but a result of intentional effort.** The following are a few unique ingredients that set some of our clubs apart and make them a force for positive change.

### GROWING MEMBERSHIP BEYOND CLUB WALLS

Successful clubs in D 7750 are not confined by their meeting spaces. They step outside, becoming visible through festivals and fundraising events that invite the community. One club's tree-planting venture sparked curiosity, leading people to ask, "What's Rotary?" The lesson is clear: break free from the club's walls, showcase Rotary's impact, and keep membership applications at the ready. The community might be more eager to join than you think.

### MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT THROUGH MICRO-PROJECTS

Move beyond traditional meetings; engage members with micro-projects that blend service and fellowship seamlessly. Whether packing care bags for teachers or writing Christmas cards to Veterans, these activities foster a sense of value and

involvement. Service doesn't have to be an add-on; it can be integral to every meeting, creating a stronger sense of purpose and connection.

### ROTARY HAPPY: WHERE FUN MEETS FELLOWSHIP

Replace routine programs with games like Rotary Jeopardy, Kahoot competitions, or creating Wordles. Injecting fun into meetings isn't just a luxury – it's a necessity. Laughter and camaraderie create a positive atmosphere, making members feel good and foster a deeper sense of community. If you need a Rotary Jeopardy Game format, just call me.

### DEPTH IN LEADERSHIP: BUILDING A STRONG FOUNDATION

Leadership isn't a solo act; it's a symphony. Successful clubs boast not only a President-Elect but also a President-Nominee, an engaged membership chair, and a committed Foundation Chair. These leaders don't just lead; they immerse themselves in the Rotary experience, attending PrePETS, PETS, RLI, and district events. This depth in leadership ensures a seamless transfer of responsibilities, fostering a strong sense of belonging and keeping the club attuned to the pulse of the district and Rotary International. Be the "conductor" of your club, not a "soloist."

In District 7750, the unity of members under a shared purpose isn't happenstance; it's a conscious choice. Our impact transcends individual efforts as members contribute their time, talent, and treasure. Rotary Clubs in D 7750 are a testament to the intentional cultivation of a culture where service, fellowship, and leadership converge for a lasting and meaningful difference. Whether you are a small club or a large club, this is the Rotary spirit that transforms good clubs into truly great ones.

Thank you, D 7750 Rotarians, for your dedication and Rotary spirit.





**7750 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR**  
Butch Hughes  
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# EXPAND OUR REACH

## on the road to '24 (use our ambassadors)

**“EXPAND OUR REACH”** is one pillar of Rotary’s Action Plan. Many Rotary clubs in District 7750 have been in a 5-year decline of two or more members each year.

Continued membership decline leads to ever-smaller clubs with an ever-declining ability to serve their communities.

With four months left in this Rotary year, we intend to help clubs learn how to attract members, using the best-known practice of holding a standalone Rotary Information Event – a date, time, and place where club members bring potential Rotarians for an overview of Rotary and their Rotary club. This is a time-tested

strategy in several of our district clubs and other districts.

We have formed a team of experienced Rotarians (Ambassadors) who have been contacting club Presidents personally, either by phone, Zoom, or in person, to accomplish several objectives:

Clubs will be selected for assistance based on their membership progress, where the data indicates they need help.

*Our first attention will go to those who are in need and willing to accept our assistance.*

We have 15 team members working with 2-3 clubs each. They are discussing with Presidents where they are with respect to membership growth

goals in their club.

Their aim is to help Presidents understand WHY a membership growth strategy is essential, even if it’s just a moderate growth of a few members per year. If the club’s intention is to break even, they will typically fall short. A moderate growth strategy results in the long-term growth of a club.

Ambassadors are eager to help each participating club President organize and execute their Rotary Information Event in their community.

We are looking for clubs to set a date and time for a mid-March to early April Membership Information Event.

I look forward to reporting the results in April.

## Club self-check: Be sure your product is good

Follow DG Renée’s menu and take stock of what your club is doing/offering. Make adjustments as needed to help you attract (and keep) members. Here are some areas to self-check:

### ☐ **MEANINGFUL SERVICE:**

Service projects that address the needs and interests of the local and global communities. The club identifies and evaluates the problems, plans and implements the solutions, and monitors and reports the outcomes. The club also partners with other Rotary clubs, organizations, and beneficiaries to maximize the impact and sustainability of the service. ***Look at York’s literacy project on page 16.***

☐ **ACTIVE AND ENGAGED MEMBERS:** Members are passionate about Rotary’s mission and values, and participate regularly in club meetings, projects, and events. Members seek to recruit new members who can bring diversity, skills, and enthusiasm to the club. ***Look at page 4 to see how Fort Mill combined service and fellowship to engage its members.***

☐ **VIBRANT FELLOWSHIP:** Fellowship activities that strengthen the bonds and friendships among members and their families. The club celebrates the achievements and milestones of its members, supports them in times of need, and provides opportunities for fun and socialization. The club also cultivates a sense of belonging and pride among its members and the Rotary family. ***Pleasantburg’s Winter Party on page 12 is a good example.***

# GROW (OR MAINTAIN) ROTARY THROUGH E-CLUB

E-Clubs have been around for about 15 years. But unless you've actually been a member of such a club, you might not understand what they are, how they work, and who can most benefit from such a club.

The Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas is based in D7750. It is a club where Rotarians can find a home if, for whatever reason, they cannot attend an in-person meeting.

It is also a place where members moving outside the district geographically can find a 7750 home: For example, PDGs Sue Poss and Lance Young, now living outside the district boundaries, remain connected through their membership in the E-Club of the Carolinas and both are still very active in 7750.

The club meets weekly via Zoom,

engages in service projects, contributes to The Rotary Foundation, sends students to RYLA, and just about anything else a traditional in-person club does.

Perhaps when members are leaving your club because of time constraints or conflicts, or a physical disability (either permanent or temporary) they can find a Rotary home at the E-Club of the Carolinas.

The club meets via Zoom on Tuesdays. Contact E-Club of the Carolinas president Candace Wyman at [candacewyman@gmail.com](mailto:candacewyman@gmail.com) if you want more info about our 7750 e-club.

*If you have members leaving your club, suggest the E-Club to them. It will help them stay connected to Rotary and perhaps when their circumstances change they will be able to rejoin you.*

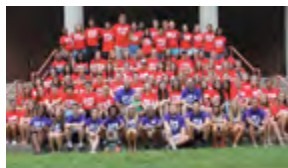
**Retaining members in Rotary can be just as important as recruiting new ones. The Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas is one option for retaining members.**

## Need a program at the last minute? E-Club can help

The E-Club of the Carolinas can also help you if your scheduled speaker couldn't make it at the last minute or if you need program ideas. Go to the club's Program Library on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/@rotarye-clubofthecarolinas> where you can find a variety of programs from Rotary in Ukraine to the South Carolina Small Business Association. You are welcome to use these at your club meeting.—Candace Wyman, president, E-Club of the Carolinas

**rotary  
youth  
leadership  
awards**

**Get your students  
registered by April 5.**



**Where** Erskine College | Due West, SC

**When** June 9-14, 2024

**Who** Rising Juniors & Seniors

**How** High School Recommendation  
Form to local Rotary Club by  
April 5, 2024



Find more information  
& forms here





## Pleasantburg's Interact Club at St. Joe's works with Partners in Literacy Haiti



Students from St. Joe's Interact Club, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Pleasantburg, worked with children at Partners in Literacy Haiti's recent literacy event at First Baptist Church in Greenville. The St. Joe's Interact Club is a vibrant and active club of motivated students who want to serve and give back to their communities.





# Issaqueena's Last Ride April 20

This is an annual joint fundraiser/ community event sponsored by the **WALHALLA AND WESTMINSTER ROTARY CLUBS**. Riders come from 36 states. It is important in the cycling world because it is a tune-up for the prestigious "Assault on Mt. Mitchell," but it is also great for "piker bikers" and families.

## INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ILR2024/>

Registration: <https://runsignup.com/Race/SC/Walhalla/issaqueenaslastride>

Website: <https://ilrsc.com/>

**THE REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES PRE-RIDE COFFEE AND BAKED GOODS, POST-RIDE MEAL, T-SHIRT, CUE SHEETS, SAG, AND FULLY STOCKED REST STOPS.**

**ISSAQUEENA'S LAST RIDE** is a challenging, mountain ride through the Blue Ridge Mountains and Foothills of South Carolina.

The three longer rides are highlighted by the climb to Wigington Overlook where one is rewarded with expansive views of Lake Jocassee and the surrounding Carolina Piedmont.

The 30 and 52 mile rides stay in the flatter areas of Salem and Tamassee where the roads are gently rolling with no difficult climbs. All routes feature scenic rural roads with little traffic.

The Ride begins and ends at St Johns Lutheran Church located at 301 W. Main St in Walhalla.





This project can be replicated by any Rotary Club. Click the button above to see this project in more detail on Rotary Showcase.

## E-CLUB: ACTS OF LOVE FOR McCORMICK COUNTY MEALS ON WHEELS

**BY CANDACE WYMAN, PRESIDENT**

*Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas*

The Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas committed Acts of Love for Meals on Wheels as our February 2024 group service project.

We got together at Voodoo Brewing in Fountain Inn and assembled wellbeing packages that included a handwritten note, a reusable water bottle, a pair of cheerful socks, two individually wrapped snacks, and a Band-aid dispenser (the latter donated by the Abbeville Area Medical Center).

The notes and water bottles were branded with the Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas' logo. All items were packed inside a red recyclable bag with a heart sticker on it. We delivered them to the Senior Center, and the packages were distributed to participants by MOW volunteer drivers for Valentine's Day.

This project aligns with a Rotary focus on mental health and wellbeing.



## 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/>.





### PLEASANTBURG HELPS KEEP GREENVILLE CLEAN

Pleasantburg Rotarians and friends collected a lot of trash during their recent Adopt A Highway project on Stone Avenue in Greenville. Pictured Rotarians are Lale Dogan, Larry Lee, Eric Baker, Don Vandersloot, Karen Baker, Linda Lee, Bobby Elrod, Val Vandersloot, John Kimbell, Tracy Tiddy.



### GOLDEN STRIP SUNRISE ADOPTS A STREET

Golden Strip Sunrise is the first applicant to be approved for the Adopt a Street program, working hand in hand with the City of Simpsonville to make that community cleaner and greener. The first clean-up was on Feb. 15. Left to right: Dee Vaughan, Sam Stamps, Jim Caprell, and Bill Harclerode.



Justin Campbell, Community Relations Specialist from Simpsonville, provided a summary of the Simpsonville Simply Proud Litter Prevention Program to the Rotary Club of Golden Strip Sunrise. He is pictured with club member Bill Harclerode.







## Pleasantburg's WINTER PARTY

### HUNGARIAN EXCHANGE STUDENT ENTERTAINS AT WINTER PARTY

Youth Exchange student Kristof Jakab from Hungary entertained Pleasantburg Rotarians at their annual Winter Party. Rotarians pictured are Karen Baker, Eric Baker, Kathy Sharpe, Carolyn Maier, Ed Maier, John Kimbell.



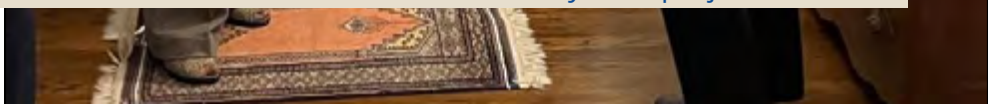
### Hungarian meal

Pleasantburg Rotarians Travis Seward and Wade Cleveland prepared a Hungarian meal (in honor of exchange student Kristof Jakab) for Pleasantburg Rotarians and special guests, DG Renee Stubbs and husband Steve, at the club's annual winter party.



### PLEASANTBURG ROTARIAN SARA MANSBACH RECEIVES MAJOR DONOR RECOGNITION

District Governor Renee Stubbs attended the Rotary Club of Pleasantburg's annual Winter Party and presented Pleasantburg Rotarian Sara Mansbach with a major donor recognition. Also pictured are Tracy Tiddy, Henry Dupre, and Carolyn Maier. Sara has been the driver behind the Partner in Literacy Haiti project.



## Golden Corner continues with 30th anniversary donations



### ←OUR DAILY BREAD AND THE TRIBBLE CENTER

Golden Corner Rotary Club president Cammie Kaiser, center, presents donations to Richard Ledford with Our Daily Bread and Meloney Stokes with The Tribble Center as part of the club's 30th anniversary.

### →GRACE'S CLOSET

Steve Hanvey, right, an associate superintendent with the School District of Oconee accepts a contribution for Grace's Closet from Patrick Lee president-elect for the Golden Corner Rotary Club. Another contribution recognizing the club's 30th anniversary.



### ←RIPPLE OF ONE TO HELP WITH SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Ernestine Williams with Ripple Of One updated the Golden Corner Rotary Club about the organization's expansion into Pickens and Greenville counties and accepted a check from president-elect Patrick Lee. Ripple Of One helps clients become self-sufficient. Another contribution honoring the club's 30th anniversary.





# 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.

## SENECA GOLDEN CORNER GED Scholarships \$1,000

Seneca Golden Corner Rotary Club will provide scholarships for GED students who need financial assistance to pay for the four GED readiness assessment tests and the GED exams. The club also will have a fundraiser for this project and several Rotarians will be present when the scholarships are presented. About 18 students will benefit, and 22 Rotarians will participate in the project.

## SIMPSONVILLE Rotary Christmas \$500

Simpsonville Rotary Club will provide gifts to families at Christmas through the Simpsonville Police Department Advocacy Program. About 40 people will benefit from the project, and 20 Rotarians will participate by helping select the families and helping with shopping day.

# Featured District Grants 2023-2024

Club .....	Project .....	Grant
Seneca Golden Corner ....	GED Scholarships .....	\$1,000.00
Simpsonville .....	Rotary Christmas .....	\$500.00
Simpsonville .....	Dictionaries.....	\$2,000.00
Spartan West .....	Mental Health Pack .....	\$2,000.00
Spartanburg .....	Spartanburg Sings .....	\$1,000.00
Travelers Rest .....	Park Bench .....	\$750.00
Union .....	Rotary Creates Hope.....	\$2,500.00
York.....	Hands on Minds .....	\$2,500.00

## SIMPSONVILLE Dictionaries \$2,000

Simpsonville Rotary Club will present dictionaries to all third-grade students at eight elementary schools. About 20 Rotarians will participate in the project, and approximately 1,300 students will benefit.

## SPARTAN WEST Mental Health Packages \$2,000

Spartan West Rotary Club will work with the Spartanburg Mental Health Center to assist the agency by providing roughly 50 care packages for their clients. The SMHC has provided a list of needed items which include the following: toiletries, restaurant gift cards, snacks, sanitizer, first aid supplies, bus passes. (Their client base is mostly homeless.) There will be 50 beneficiaries, and 29 Rotarians will participate.

## SPARTANBURG Spartanburg Sings \$1,000

Spartanburg Rotary Club will continue its tradition of hosting the event that serves the All-County Middle School Honors Chorus. Spartanburg Sings provides an opportunity for exceptionally talented students to sing, perform, and build better friends. About 1,000 people will benefit, and 25 Rotarians will be involved in the project.

## TRAVELERS REST Park Bench \$750

Travelers Rest Rotary Club will install a park bench in Trailblazer Park in Travelers Rest. This is a project for inclusive public recreation and interaction between people with and without disabilities. The club will also install several pieces of needed park equipment beyond the park bench. Four thousand people will benefit, and 16 Rotarians are involved.



## NEWS FROM YORK



### York members assemble supplies for literacy project

Members of the Rotary Club of York are preparing “learning kits” for the York School District One Parent Partnership program which serves preschool children of the school district. **The materials were secured through a District grant focused on literacy.** The materials will be distributed to parents for their preschool children during home visits by the school district’s parent educators to reinforce literacy through books and inquiry activities.

### Grants—

#### UNION ROTARY CLUB

##### Literacy

**\$2,500**

Union Rotary Club will continue its reading initiative with kindergarten students by purchasing and distributing grade-level reading materials to children in four elementary schools in Union County. The Union Club will also provide similar books to students in

grades 3K through 5th grade.

Thirty Rotarians will participate, and 440 students will benefit from this project.

#### YORK ROTARY CLUB

##### Hands on Minds

**\$2,500**

York Rotary Club will provide kits to students and their parents to prepare pre- kindergarten students for school. A total

of five different kits will be provided and each one covers a specific developmental skill or school readiness milestone related to physical development and motor skills, approaches to learning, emotional and social development, mathematical thinking, and language and literacy. Thirty Rotarians will participate, and 375 students will benefit from this project.





## SMILES (AND WATER) IN GUATEMALA

There's a lot of photos and information on the next pages about the 7750/ Aiken Sunrise Water project in Guatemala. But the bottom line of this project is right here in these faces: **A whole lot of people now have easily accessible fresh water because of your gifts to the Rotary Foundation.**



Site Visit—January 2024  
Chimaltenango, Guatemala

### STATUS REPORT ON GLOBAL GRANT 2345995

## Project to decrease chronic childhood malnutrition by improving water supply

**BY JOHNNY WALKER**

*Rotary Club of Aiken Sunrise*

In January, I visited Cojol Juyu in the Department of Chimaltenango, Guatemala, to assess the progress of the water distribution system for **Global Grant 2345995**.

Work on the water distribution system began in August 2023 and the majority of the work was finished in December 2023. All of the 411 families in Cojo Juyu now have running water in their homes. There remain a few shake-down items to be completed.

ABPD, a Guatemalan NGO, provides on the ground expertise for District 7750 projects to reduce childhood malnutrition in Guatemala. They have trainers for sanitation and hygiene, social workers to teach family dynamics and women's rights, and agriculturists to instruct in diet and nutrition. They also manage the construction of water distribution systems to provide clean water to reduce childhood digestive diseases.





## WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE



Johnny Walker, standing center back, visited Cojol Juyu in the Department of Chimaltenango, Guatemala, to assess the progress of the water distribution system for **Global Grant 2345995**. Norma Baján, the Executive Director of ABPD (the local government group overseeing the project), and two ABPD Water and Sanitation engineers provided local insight. They were greeted by the Women Promoters for the village and the Water Committee of the Cocode (village government).

### Well was previous, sometimes unreliable, source of water

The original source of water, a community well, would sometimes run dry and the women would have to buy water from a truck sent from the nearby municipality of Comalapa. Some days the truck would not come and the families would do with what they had in storage or do without.

The families expressed their happiness to have water directly available to them. One villager said it used to take a half a day to collect water necessary for cooking, clothes washing, and hygiene.



Global Grant 2345995 is a joint project of Rotary District 7750, 7790 (Maine and Canada), and 4250 (Guatemala, Honduras and Belize). The in-country Rotary host club is La Antigua, Guatemala.





Five of the eight distribution lines. The color system makes it easier to identify the source of a problem.

## How the water system works

Running water is now available every other day to the villagers. They store water in their pilas (combination sink/water storage/washing station) for the off days.

Water is pumped from the well in the center of town to a 75,000 gallon water tank constructed on a nearby hill. Water delivery is gravity-fed to the homes.

A diesel generator operates for only four hours a day to provide the electricity to operate the pump.

The pump and generator can provide enough water to supply every home with water every day. However, the cost of diesel fuel is too high for the village to run the generator for eight hours a day every day.



Temporary Excess Heat Solution in the Diesel Generator Building (holes punched in walls and upper half of wall removed)



Diesel Generator.

Still, a diesel pump is the most economical option. Villagers pay 50 Quetzales per month (about \$6) for water and to maintain the system.

The water tank has eight main distribution lines, each noted by a color written on the pipe. Each family knows the color of the main line that services their house. If there is a problem with water delivery, it can be quickly isolated by the color of the main line.

A village technician opens and closes four of the lines each day by the colors assigned for that day.

The generator building must undergo some revisions. It is a cinder block building that trapped the heat from the diesel generator causing the generator to shut



Water Pump with access (PVC) pipe to measure water levels in the well.



75,000 Gallon Concrete Water Storage Tank (overlooking the municipality of Comalapa).

down. A temporary fix was noted during our visit in the form of holes punched through the cinder block. The upper half of the cinder block wall was partially removed.

Metal bars will be installed to replace the cinder block.

Maintenance and problem solving for the generator/pump system is currently conducted by the village water technician describing the problem to a remote engineer. Photographs taken by cell phone can be sent to the engineer.

The village water committee said it hopes to have direct wireless access for the engineer in the future to make system adjustments remotely.

**THE PROJECT IS AN OVERWHELMING SUCCESS. VILLAGERS CURRENTLY OPERATE ALL THE FACETS OF THE SYSTEM. IT IS A SUSTAINABLE WATER DELIVERY SYSTEM THAT PROVIDES WATER TO EVERYONE IN THE VILLAGE.—JOHNNY WALKER**



↑ Maria Duncan (PH+4) and Pamala DeLabarre (PH+2) with president Nick Setzer.



## York starts 2024 with lots of Foundation recognitions—thanks to members' gifts

The York Rotary Club began the 2024 year with a deluge of members gaining multiple Paul Harris Fellowship levels from 1 to 6.



↑ President. Nick Setzer (PH+1); Greg Greiner (PH+2); Suzanne Edson (PH+6); Ryan Blanke (PH+6).

← LaToya Dixon (PH) and Cindy Spragg (PH +1) with president with Nick Setzer. These donors are all smiling—and so are people in Guatemala and around the world who will have a little better life because of these gifts..

## MAKE THE CONNECTION:

Gifts like these from York members (\$10, \$100 or \$1,000 at a time) made the global grant for fresh water in Guatemala and all the district grants listed on pages 14-15 possible.



**Our dollars go in. Good stuff comes out!**  
(like clean water to fight malnutrition)



## CART Fundraiser— through March 17



The Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas is sponsoring a fundraiser for the CART Fund through mid-March.

Suggested Donation: \$10/candle  
Donations may be made here: <https://www.rotaryclubofthecarolinas.com/>. Once on the website, use the DONATE link in the left column.

Note if the donation is made in honor of:

- ☐ A Loved One (First Name)
- ☐ A Caregiver (First Name)
- ☐ In Hope for a Cure

Include your donor name or specify "Anonymous."

Thank you for the Gift of Hope: 100% of your donation is designated for research.

## LIGHT A CANDLE FOR



A Loved one

(First Name)



A Caregiver

(First Name)



Hope for a Cure

**SUGGESTED  
DONATION:  
\$10**

Want to know more about CART?

<https://www.cartfund.org/>  
Click here to hear more from D7750  
CART Chair Cara Hamilton

## KEY FOUNDATION DATES MARCH 31, APRIL 30 IMPORTANT DEADLINES

**FROM FOUNDATION CHAIR  
BETH PADGETT**

Yes, we can see the finish line for Rotary year 2023-24. Before we get there, club presidents and presidents-elect should keep a few key dates in mind.

1. Is your club nearing the completion of your District Grant for this year? If not, do you have a plan to have it completed by March 31? If not, what do you need to do to ensure the timely completion of your project?
2. Yes, the Final Report for the 2023-24 District Grant is due March 31. If your club is having a problem with its project, the time to reach out to DRFC Beth Padgett at [bpadgettrotary@outlook.com](mailto:bpadgettrotary@outlook.com) is today! If you wait until the deadline to alert Beth and/or District Grants Chair Bill Harley about an issue with your grant, you risk having to repay the full amount of the District Grant.
3. The grant applications for the 2024-25 District Grant are due April 30. The President-Elect should ensure that the deadline is met. This doesn't mean that the PE must write the grant, but next year's president should make sure a complete grant application will be submitted on time if the club is eligible in 2024-25. A club that misses the deadline risks not receiving grant funding in 2024-25.
4. Has your club treasurer been sending Rotary Foundation donations to RI on time? Is your club sitting on some Foundation funds? Please turn these funds in as soon as possible.

**Thank you for your support of The Rotary Foundation, Together, we are doing good in the world and in our own communities.**

# ROTARY RV RALLY



**Lake Greenwood State Park**  
Ninety Six, SC

**October 10-13**

2024 | Thursday through Sunday

**For Reservations:**

<https://reserve.southcarolinaparks.com/lake-greenwood/camping>. Select Campground 2.

- Fellowship
- Evening Socials
- BBQ
- Visit with local Rotary clubs
- Service project

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# Celebrate Rotary

Service, Fellowship, Learning,  
and Most Importantly FUN!

## 2024 District Conference

May 17 - 19

### Hyatt Regency

Greenville, SC  
220 N. Main Street

### Featured Speakers

#### Sat. Workshop and Morning Speaker

Topic: Rotary Happy



**Jenny  
Stotts**

This fun-filled, high-energy, high-impact session focuses on building strong, resilient Rotary clubs through responsive, meaningful member engagement. You'll learn practical tips and strategies to energize your membership and grow your club. In this session, you'll probably laugh; roll your eyes; and you'll definitely be Rotary Happy.

#### Sat. Evening Speaker

Topic: Sustainable Communities



**Andrew  
Predmore, PhD**

#### Sat. Workshop and Lunch Speaker

Topic: Three Keys Rotary Leaders Need to Lead



**Dr. Clemson  
Turregano**

Clemson is the Founder and CEO of Global Leadership Services, an international firm specializing in executive education and leadership development services. With a passion for cultivating effective leaders on a global scale, he continues to focus on enabling leaders to accomplish more than they ever thought possible.

#### Sun. Morning Speaker

Topic: Mentoring



**Alicia  
Brewster**

### Saturday Morning Workshop Choices

Are my Rotary Club Members Happy? Led by Jenny Stotts

Hearing and being Heard Led by Clemson Turregano

How to Make Your Fundraising a Win-Win Led by Bob Howard

Successful and Engaging Service Projects Led by Various Clubs

Register at [bit.ly/DC7750](https://bit.ly/DC7750)

### Schedule of Events

#### Friday Afternoon | Service

- Upstate Forever
- Rotary House of Friendship

#### Friday Evening | Fellowship

- Rotary Carnival Theme Celebration with Games, Prizes, and Music

#### Saturday AM & PM | Learning

- Morning Workshops
- Featured Speaker Sessions
- Evening Dinner

#### Saturday Group Excursions | FUN!

- Wine Tasting & Roof Top Wine Visit
- Bourbon Tasting
- Museum Tours
- Oil & Vinegar Tasting
- Greenville Drive Baseball Tour (with game tickets for Sunday afternoon)
- Shopping
- Falls Park on the Reedy
- More Planned Activities to Come

#### Sunday AM | Learning

- Youth Services Program

### Why Attend?

1. **Networking:** Meet fellow Rotarians, make new friends, and exchange ideas.
2. **Inspiring Speakers:** Get motivated by listening to speakers who are leaders in their fields.
3. **New Perspectives:** Gain fresh insights into Rotary projects and initiatives.
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.



## New Members in January

### 36 new members in January

Mitchum, Tiffani Tyner	Abbeville	Beam, Lindsey	Golden Strip Sunrise
Fontenot, Anne	Aiken Sunrise	Petrell, Vince	Golden Strip Sunrise
Stephenson, Zeke	Anderson	Taylor, Noah	Greater Anderson
Kinsey, Chase	Anderson	Schroder, Caroline	Greenville
Torbert-Moorer, Nicole	Anderson	Novak, Victoria	Greenville
Salter, Patricia	Anderson Satellite	Laughlin, Jennifer	Indian Land Lunch
	Electric City	Steele, Janice	Lancaster Breakfast
Bedford, Ethan	Chester	Mathis, Evan	Lancaster Breakfast
Scott, Stacy J.	Chester	Covington, John	Newberry
Lee, Bryan	Clemson Sunrise	Northcutt, Vince	Newberry
Stratford, William	Clemson Sunrise	Dobyns, Paul	Newberry
Womack, Jr., Huey	Easley	Torrey, David Alan	Pickens
Biffle, Alexander	Emerald City	Shewmaker, Paul	Simpsonville
Bechelli, Joe	Emerald City	Maddox, Robert	Spartanburg
Tobik, Amy	Fort Mill	Talbot-Metz, Molly	Spartanburg
Newkirk, Ryan R	Fort Mill	Fleming, Jenna	Union
Cairco, Tammy	Fort Mill	Jeter-Brannon, Brandi	Union
Beason, Noah J	Gaffney	Williams, Dolton	Union
Lankford, Terry	Gaffney		

**JANUARY 2024: 36 NEW MEMBERS —9 TERMINATED MEMBERS (1 DECEASED). Data from DaCdb.**

**January was a good month for membership. We had 36 new members added in DaCdb and only 9 terminated. According to RI, we started the 2023-24 year with 2,397 Rotarians. As of Feb. 26, we were up 29, to 2,426.**

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

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