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# 7750

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

JUNE

Rotary Fellowships

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Maternal and Child Health

## This year we have indeed created hope in the world

**(BUT REMEMBER: WE STILL HAVE A MONTH LEFT TO DO EVEN MORE)**

Dear District7750 Rotarians,

I am filled with so much overwhelming gratitude and pride that I could fill the whole newsletter with wonderful memories of this Rotary year!

My first newsletter article asked these questions:

- What will your Rotary club look like at the end of this Rotary year?
- Will you provide more service, attract more members, and contribute more to The Rotary Foundation?
- Will you become more engaged in District activities and events?

### And You Did!

As I reflect on the year, serving as your district governor has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I am honored to have had the opportunity to work alongside such dedicated and passionate individuals.

Throughout this journey, I have witnessed the remarkable impact that our collective efforts have had on our communities. From implementing mental health initiatives and literacy programs to supporting the environment and The Rotary Foundation, we have *Created Hope in the World* for so many and demonstrated the true spirit of Rotary: Service Above Self.

The projects we have completed and the lives we have touched are testaments to the power of collaboration and the unwavering commitment of our members. Each of you has played a role in these achievements and I am deeply appreciative of your hard work and dedication.

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I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the district leadership team, club officers, and every Rotarian who has contributed their time, talent, and treasure to our cause. Your support and enthusiasm have been critical in making this year a success for our district.

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As I pass the flag to DGE Rysheeka, I am confident that our district will continue to thrive and make a difference in our communities and the world. I encourage you all to keep up the great work, stay engaged, and continue to embrace the Rotary core values of fellowship, integrity, diversity, service, and leadership.

Thank you once again for the privilege of serving as your District Governor. I look forward to continuing our journey together as we strive to make a positive impact in our communities and beyond.

Yours in Rotary Service, Fellowship and Fun,  
DG Renée



The district conference was just one highlight of the 2023-24 year under Renée's leadership.





## Bench placed in Falls Park in memory of PDG Ed Irick

**BY MEG COFFEY**

*Rotary Club of Reedy River*

Falls Park in Greenville has a new bench named for PDG Ed Irick.

Ed was a founding member of the Reedy River Club in Greenville. After he died last year from pancreatic cancer, the Board and Club were looking for a way to properly memorialize his service to the Club.

We decided to purchase a bench at Falls Park, home of the Reedy River Duck Derby that Ed helped start 20 years ago.

We selected the location for the bench, which has an excellent view of the falls, where thousands of ducks tumble over on the first Saturday each May.

After unveiling the bench and location to Ed's family, a small reception was held for family and Rotarians from clubs around the upstate who knew and loved Ed. We salute you, Ed!

▲ DG Renee Stubbs and PDG Bobby Brown, seated.  
Standing: PDG Terry Weaver, DGND Eric Kirchbaum, PDGs Frank Cox, Carol Burdette and Beth Padgett.  
Eric is a member of the Reedy River Club and replaced Ed as Head Duck. He will serve as our governor following Rysheeka Bush and Dave Brenner, thus the title of District Governor Nominee-Designate.

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IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN DONATING TO THE COST OF THE BENCH FOR ED, DONATIONS ARE STILL BEING TAKEN BY THE CLUB. CONTACT [ALAN CALLOWAY](#) FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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Members of Ed's family at the dedication of the bench.



Rotary Club of Union President Charlie Wilson presented a check for \$1,000 to Union County High School Drama Department Director James Burns during the Rotary Dinner Theater production of "Matilda."

## ROTARY CLUB OF UNION

### Matilda fundraiser will help numerous local organizations

The Rotary Club of Union has been partnering with the Union County High School Drama Department for more than 25 years to sponsor the annual dinner theater event. The dinner theater is one of two major fund-raising events that the club holds each year. The money that is collected from these fund-raisers goes to benefit people and organizations in Union County, such as:

- Union County Carnegie Library
- Union County Historical Society
- Dixie Youth Baseball
- Dixie Girls Youth Softball
- Crime Stoppers
- Meals on Wheels
- Union County YMCA
- Palmetto Boy Scouts
- Union County High School Jacket Games (Special Needs)
- Union County High School Career & Technology Scholarship
- Union County High School Interact Scholarships (4 years)
- RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)
- Performing Arts Partnership with UCHS Drama Department

<https://www.abbevillerotary.com/>

### Abbeville's new website designed to attract potential Rotarians

**BY AUSTIN WALKER**

*Abbeville Rotary President*

The Abbeville Rotary Club has launched a new website. The redesigned site is the club's first social media effort at connecting not only current Rotarians with the current state of the club, but also connecting potential Rotarians to resources and community members to program information. It carves out a piece of cyberspace just for the club!

The website includes upcoming weekly club programs as well as events and programs we put on in the community. Forms for things like our grant and scholarship applications are easily findable and it's easier to visually communicate our mission and vision!

We've also established a blog that will continue to build our SEO (Search Engine Optimization) so that we can start ranking on Google sooner.



This is the cover photo of Abbeville's new website.

**A STRONG SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE WITH THE RIGHT CONTENT IS ONE WAY TO DRIVE MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT.**





## Newberry installs duck boxes, signage as part of environmental project

**BY NIKKI GARDNER**

*Rotary Club of Newberry*

The Rotary Club of Newberry has installed new duck boxes around Hidden Lake at the Newberry Recreation Complex. Hidden Lake has always been a natural habitat for waterfowl, and these new duck boxes provide shelter for hens to safely nest.

The boxes were made by students at the Newberry County Career Center.

The project was paid for with from the 7750 Makulinski Environmental Grant, a City of Newberry grant, and the club's own funds.

The grants also made it possible for the club to donate new environmental signage to be placed along the 0.77 mile walking trail around the 5-acre lake. The signage educates visitors about the wetlands and the lake's native plants, animals, and complex ecosystem.

The Rotary Club of Newberry was very excited to collaborate with the school district, community members, and local governing organizations to beautify our outdoor spaces



**ENVIRONMENT**



Union Club  
members  
recognize  
Rotary  
Scholars.

## ROTARY SCHOLARS

The Rotary Club of Union held his annual Rotary scholars day at its regular club meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 2024. Honored were the top four students in grades 9 through 12 at Union County High School, and the top student in grades 9 through 12 at Union Christian Day School. Each student was presented with a certificate and a Rotary Scholars T-shirt.



Union Christian Day: Senior Natalie Garner, Freshman Sophie Hagen, Sophomore Chlora Dragoo and Junior Kaden White.



Union County High School seniors: Dylan Davis, Raina Smith, Tristan Yi and Noah Ketterman.



Union County High School Juniors: Emily Henderson, Aryn Freeman, Jo West and Joshua Lee.



Union County High School sophomores: Harmony Gilliam, Calee Childers, Reid Barnado and Donald Hullett Jr.



Union County High School freshmen: Ally Williams, Kalli O'Shields, John Michael Lawson and Will Reeves.





# Abbeville

## ROTARY SCHOLARS

Each year the Abbeville Rotary Club selects several high school seniors who exemplify the ways of Rotary to be the recipients of a merit based scholarship. Each student must excel academically as well as be involved in service to their school and their community. This year, five students were selected from various high schools to receive \$1,000 toward their higher education goals.



## MEET THE 2024 ABBEVILLE SCHOLARS *Pictured above from left to right*

### **SLADE BROWN** CALHOUN FALLS CHARTER SCHOOL

Involvement: Future Farmers of America, Football, Baseball, Shotgun

Community Service: Community Trash Pick Ups, Angel Tree

Slade plans to attend Lander University to pursue a degree in Computer Information Systems.

### **CLAREN JOHNSTON** DIXIE HIGH SCHOOL

Involvement: Rotary Youth Exchange, RYLA

Community Service: JRM Store Volunteer, Angel Tree, Friendship Worship Center

Claren plans to attend Erskine College to pursue a degree in Early Childhood Education.

### **AUBREY GRABER** DIXIE HIGH SCHOOL

Involvement: Interact Club, Beta Club, Prom Committee, Yearbook Committee, Volleyball

Community Service: Angel Tree, Operation Christmas Child, Food Drives, Sunday School, Thanksgiving Shut-in Food Delivery

Aubrey plans to attend Anderson University to pursue a degree in Kinesiology.

### **BRIANA FELTER** DIXIE HIGH SCHOOL

Involvement: CNA Dual Enrollment, Basketball, Track, Cross County, FFA, HOSIA, National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society

Community Service: Angel Tree, Dog Shelter, Bags of Blessings, Free Clinic

Briana plans to attend Bob Jones University to pursue a degree in Nursing.

### **TYMON THOMAS** ABBEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Involvement: Academic Team, Beta Club, National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, Basketball

Community Service: Angel Tree, Special Olympics

Tymon plans to attend Clemson University to pursue a degree in computer science.

**AWARDS AND  
INSTALLATION BANQUET**

**NORTH AUGUSTA  
JUNE 28**

**MEMBERSHIP  
SUMMIT**

**NEWBERRY  
AUGUST 24**



### 12TH GRADE SCHOLARS

Ellisen Caronell Berry  
Claire Elizabeth Lindsey  
Alice Kathryn Story  
Cesar Imanol Vite  
Thatcher Ryan Wittrock

## **Seneca** ROTARY SCHOLARS

The Seneca Rotary Club held its annual Seneca Rotary Scholars program on May 2. The club recognized the top five academic achievers from Seneca Middle and High School, grades six through twelve.

Seneca Rotary Scholars are named by using a weighted-average calculation by the Oconee County School District based on the South Carolina Uniform Grading Scale.

Congratulations to these outstanding students and future Rotarians.

Eight graduating seniors received a cash reward paid directly to the student totaling over \$7,000. The amount is based on the number of years the graduating senior was a Seneca Rotary Scholar.



### PREVIOUS ROTARY SCHOLARS (12TH GRADE)\*

Sidney Kuuipo Doyle  
Haley Brook Fitzgerald  
Turner Law Wilson

**MORE SENECA SCHOLARS ON THE NEXT PAGE** 





## 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Noah Thomas Barton • Ryleigh Vivian Greene •  
Aryana Mae Langley • Audrey Tuyet Ma •  
Carter William Reid • Rishi Embar Santhanam,



## 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Stephen Dexter Goodroe • Connor Holt Greene •  
Bracken Christopher Nations • Anna Chantelle  
Riche • Brylee Kaysen Stinnett



## 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Parker Holland Brown • Miriam Ellis Gourdin •  
Zoe Zoraya • Kamden Matthew Smith • Samuel  
Steven Wald



## 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Ava Kinsley Alexander • Abbey Ellen Crenshaw  
• Emma Faye Dover • Tyler Benjamin Johnson •  
Andrew Ralph Lambert



## 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Mariana Beatriz-Pinto • Alana Jean Madden • Hope  
Catherine Martin • Addison Grace Steele • Tillman  
Ryan Sullivan



## 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Breckenridge Slade Alexander • Celia Peyton  
Gully • Margaret Elizabeth Nation • Brett Anthony  
Raymark • Caleb Eric Zeller

THE REST OF THE SENECA SCHOLARS



# Union

## ONE STUDENT TWO SCHOLARSHIPS



### UNION PRESENTS STUDENT WITH SCHOLARSHIPS TOTALING \$2,500

The Rotary Club of Union presented two scholarships totaling \$2,500 to Tristan Yi at Union County High Schools Senior Awards Day Program on May 17. Tristan was awarded the Interact scholarship as well as the Rotary Career and Technology scholarship. Scholarship Committee member Lewis Jeter (L) and club president Charlie Wilson (R) presented Tristan with his scholarships.

# Blacksburg

## ESSAY SCHOLARSHIPS FOUR WAY TEST

### BLACKSBURG PRESENTS TWO STUDENTS WITH SCHOLARSHIPS

The Blacksburg Rotary Club presented scholarships to two Blacksburg High School seniors at the school's awards ceremony. The recipients were selected based on submitted essays relating to the Rotary Four-Way Test. Scholarships were presented to Jayda Saults, left, daughter of David Saults and Tammy Dodd and to Abbe Kate Wisher, daughter of Tim and Trena Wishere.

Past club president Carolyn Batchler is pictured with these scholarship winners.





## Aiken awards \$7,500 in scholarships to 23 local students

**BY LYDDIE HANSEN**

*Rotary Club of Aiken*

This is a story of numbers. There were 11 Rotarians on the Scholarship Committee seeking 23 worthy students. Contributions were made by over 160 Rotarians in addition to community supporters including the Albrecht Educational Trust. Each student was to be awarded a \$7,500 scholarship.

**The net result was the Rotary Club of Aiken awarded \$172,500 in college scholarships and forever changed the lives of the winners during a luncheon celebration May 6.**

For many years, the Rotary Club of Aiken has sought to identify students who demonstrate Service Above Self and could use a “hand up” to take the next step in their education. Eight years ago, the scholarship award was raised to \$5,000 per student. Beginning in 2023, the club was able to award \$7,500 per student to help offset the rising cost of education.

We took a leap of faith that we could raise enough

money to still help at least 20 students at the \$7,500 level. We have a great committee that works diligently to raise the funds and to pick the worthiest winners.

The 23 students were selected on more than just academic achievement. They were evaluated on financial need, the challenges they have faced, and how they have demonstrated Service Above Self.

The impact of the scholarships is more than just money.

One 2024 winner, Kristin Qui said, “Being selected as a recipient of the Rotary Scholarship has boosted my confidence and commitment.

One mother of another winner confided that they had given up hope that their child would be able to afford college this year. They saw this scholarship as a miracle.

Contact with each of the winners is made to see how they are doing as they progress in their

“ **You took a chance on me, and I promise you won’t regret it.** ”

— 2024 recipient *Karly Bouchillon*





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## olden Corner

## WAYNE FRADY FIRST MEMORIAL WINNER SCHOLARSHIP

Brandon Bibb, center, a senior at Walhalla High School, is the first recipient of the Wayne Frady Memorial Scholarship presented by Brenda Frady. At left is Jonas Crooks, Bibb's pre-engineering instructor at the Hamilton Career Center. Bibb is attending Tri-County Technical College as an engineering major. The scholarship is sponsored by the Golden Corner Rotary Club.




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WAYNE FRADY WAS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE GOLDEN CORNER ROTARY CLUB. HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN HELPING THE CLUB ESTABLISH THE ROBOTICS PROGRAM AT THE HAMILTON CAREER CENTER. WAYNE WAS ALWAYS SUPPORTIVE OF THE CLUB'S COMMUNITY PROJECTS. —DAVID WILLIAMS

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## Aiken— from the previous page

college studies. The results have proven to be that our choices have been sound ones.

Perla Hernandez was a 2023 winner of a Rotary Club of Aiken scholarship and has completed her first year of college as a nursing major. She said, "For me the scholarship has honestly been life changing. The scholarship has assisted me with college tuition and the expenses of textbooks, which I couldn't have afforded. I will be forever be thankful for it!"

Another 2023 winner, Peyton Hall, said, "Winning the Rotary Scholarship has allowed me to fully focus on my studies without financial worries. I am deeply grateful for this support, which has

been instrumental in my academic success. I earned a 3.66 GPA this year as a civil engineering major."

Each year the winning students are reminded that their obligation is not only to use the funds for college, but that they are expected to look for opportunities to continue to live the Rotary Motto of Service Above Self.

Perhaps the most gratifying part of the Rotary Club of Aiken Scholarship Program has been seeing the students grow into adults worthy of being Rotarians.

The Rotary Club of Aiken is truly changing lives and creating hope in the world . . . one student at a time. That is the most important number of all.

## Previous scholarship recipient establishes one of her own

This year the Rotary Club of Aiken heard from a previous winner who has graduated and is a working professional. She wanted club members to know that she had not forgotten the club's support and she has established a scholarship at her local high school.

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# Travelers Rest

## FARMING VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Rotary Club of Travelers Rest presented its 2024 Vocational School Scholarship to Caleb Graybill.

Caleb is a senior at Travelers Rest High School and will be attending Piedmont Technical College in the fall. Caleb will pursue a degree in Animal Husbandry with the hope of one day owning his own farm.

The scholarship is presented jointly by the Rotary Club of Travelers Rest and the Lion's Club of Travelers Rest.



Assistant Governor and DGND Eric Krichbaum, Caleb Graybill, and TR President Harvey Choplin.



**All  
clubs  
should  
attend!**

*Save the Date*

## MEMBERSHIP SUMMIT

**Saturday, August 24**  
Piedmont Technical College  
Newberry, SC

Rotary   
District 7750



### 2024/25 Membership Goal

Club Membership Growth by Net 2 or 5%





### Pleasantburg's Youth Exchange student

Pleasantburg Rotarians had the opportunity to hear from their exchange student Kristof Jakob at their May 16 meeting. Kristof shared information about his home country of Hungary and his experiences as a guest of the Rotary Club of Pleasantburg and District 7750.



### Spring Sing volunteers

Pleasantburg Rotarians Margaret Marcum, Henry Dupre and Steve Banks joined with Peace Center ushers to volunteer and make the April 9 Spring Sing a huge success.

## PLEASANTBURG at the 7750 conference



Linda Lee and Travis Seward made a new friend, Reedy Ribbet.



Treasurer elect Tammy Harrison  
President Tracy Tiddy  
Past president Regina Coulomb  
President-elect Lale Dogan

## Rotary Club of Greenwood hosts annual fundraiser

# SOUTHERN STYLE SUPPER

The Rotary Club of Greenwood welcomed about 300 guests and volunteers at its annual major fundraising event, a Southern Style Supper (formerly known as The Oyster Roast & Seafood Bash) at the The Maine Event in Greenwood.

Guests enjoyed chicken, fish and low country boil while fellowshiping with friends and neighbors in the community.

**SAM LEAMAN  
LEN BORNEMANN  
STEVE DORN**



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*As its longstanding tradition, the membership of the Rotary Club of Greenwood works every day to fulfill its commitment of service above self. This year's major charity fundraiser project came together through the efforts of dedicated Rotarians and support from the community. I am so thankful for all of our event sponsors and all those volunteers, including our Interact youth, who have helped make this such a worthwhile endeavor. —Fundraising chair Len Bornemann*



100% OF THE  
PROCEEDS— EXPECTED  
TO TOP **\$10,000**—  
WILL FUND GRANTS  
TO LOCAL CHARITABLE  
ORGANIZATIONS.

**DEBORAH PARKS AND  
FRANK WIDEMAN WITH  
ONE OF THE SERVERS.**

**Rotary**  
CLUB OF GREENWOOD





# GOLDEN CORNER



**NEW AUDITORIUM IN SENECA**—Riley Johnson, left, Events Coordinator for the city of Seneca updated the Golden Corner Rotary Club about the city's new 740-seat auditorium in the former Harper building and Seneca's Juneteenth and Fourth of July celebrations. Pictured with Riley are Rotarian Teddy Martin and club president Cammie Kaiser.



**RYLA UPDATE**—The Golden Corner Club got an update on Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) from the two Seneca High School students the club sponsored at Erskine College in Due West last year. Pictured from left are Macie Ellen White, Meg Nation and the club's RYLA coordinator Gene Williams.

## MEMBERSHIP

**EMPHASIS**—7750 Membership Committee member Kylie Herbert, right, member of the Anderson Rotary Club and development director for Habitat for Humanity of Anderson County, encouraged members of the Golden Corner Rotary Club to bring in new members.



## MEMORIAL DAY 5K TO BENEFIT VETERANS—

Scott Smith, right, and Scott Long spoke to the Golden Corner club about the third annual Oconee County Memorial Day 5K. All proceeds from that event went to the Oconee County Veterans Council to support Oconee veterans.





Greenville County Elementary School students perform at the Peace Center, directed by Dale Duncan.



## *Pleasantburg's* Spring Sing

The Rotary Club of Pleasantburg partnered with Greenville County Schools to present the 42nd Annual Spring Sing at the Peace Center which featured the district's most talented elementary and middle school choral students.

The students had the opportunity to perform to a full house in a premier concert venue and learned from a talented clinician.

In addition to providing a wonderful experience for the students and their families, **the club provided a scholarship to Leah Rutherford, an incredibly talented jazz vocalist, and raised nearly \$1,200 for Polio Plus.**

William Armstrong— Accompanist  
Leah Rutherford —scholarship recipient  
Kristof Jaka—exchange student from Hungary  
Scholarship sponsor—Greenville Federal Credit Union





## SPRING SING AND DISTRICT CONFERENCE

### ST. JOSEPH INTERACT CLUB MEMBERS AT SPRING SING

These are some of the members of the St. Joseph's Interact Club with their faculty advisor Kevin Stanton. The club is sponsored by Pleasantburg. They were at the Peace Center to act as greeters at the Spring Sing.



Paul Harris showed up at the conference, looking a lot like PDG Carol Burdette.



The Rotary Club of Anderson and its Satellite Electric City at the conference.



These Rotarians who attended the Saturday afternoon Bourbon tasting at the Grand Bohemian during District Conference reported it was superb.







## Greer members have fun at district conference

**BY MARK MORENO**

*Rotary Club of Greer*

The Rotary Club of Greer was well-represented at the District Conference with 14 members present. Most of us stayed at the Hyatt so we decided to host a hospitality suite for our members and guests.

During the conference we were involved in many areas:

- Frank Antifonario and Stacey Matsuda presented our Dining Around Greer program during the “Service is what we do” sessions.
- Carrie Krause and Kerry Krause represented our club in the House of Friendship.
- I was asked to lead the 4 Way Test during Saturday’s opening session.



**NEXT FIVE MINUTES:** Eastside girls soccer takes next step toward state B1

# The Greer Citizen

SOUTH CAROLINA'S PREMIER WEEKLY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024

GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA VOL. 111 NO. 19 \$1.00

THE WEEK PRIOR TO THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE GREER ROTARIAN MARK MORENO SET UP A CONFERENCE CALL WITH RENEE, HIMSELF, AND A REPORTER FROM THE GREER CITIZEN.

THE NEWSPAPER RAN THIS FRONT PAGE FEATURE WHERE RENEE WAS QUOTED EXTENSIVELY.

## Rotary Clubs to gather at May 17 conference

Greer club to speak on community works

**BY MACY COCHRAN**  
(10/18)

The Greer Rotary Club will join the District Rotary 7750 All Clubs Conference on May 17 through 19.

The 50-plus club conference will take place at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Greenville, beginning that Friday evening with a party. Rotarians are invited to bring guests or potential Rotary members.

District Governor Renee Stubbs and instigator of the conference said that since most Rotary Clubs work independently in their community groups, coming together once a year somewhere in the upstate of South Carolina is

**“There’s something there for everybody.”**

a great time for fellowship and making friends. “What we want to do is bring them together so they can share their ideas and share across the district and bring people together. Rotary is really big on networking and vocational service, so this

is a great way for people to make business connections and make new friends,” she said. Stubbs said Friday night will include a party for fellowship among Rotarians and any visitors who would like to join them. “There’s something

**Renee Stubbs**  
Rotary District Governor

there for everybody,” she said. That night will include a live band, playing a variety of music, and the staging and decorations are going to be Candy Land-themed for a human-sized, immersive experience. Stubbs explained that the classic board game Candy Land was developed for children to play in the Polio wards back in 1949. “Rotary’s philanthropy is to eradicate Polio from the world,” she said. SEE ROTARY JAS





## Golden Strip Sunrise Rotarian donates a kidney to a stranger

Chuck Crews, of the Golden Strip Sunrise Club, donated a kidney to a deserving recipient in May. Chuck had tested as a match for a good friend of the family last November but was not a match. Chuck did not even know his recipient before the transplant, but the families met afterwards.

◀The photo is Chuck Crews and his parents.

GOLDEN STRIP SUNRISE AND FOUNTAIN INN:

## Teacher appreciation day at Fountain Inn High School

During the Teacher Appreciation Week at Fountain Inn High School, the Golden Strip Sunrise and Fountain Inn Rotary Clubs provided coffee, doughnuts, bagels and smiles with the teachers and staff. The Interactors even set up a photo booth to capture the moments.



▲ Golden Strip Sunrise members Trip and Melinda Gilreath, Becky Miller, Bill Harclerode, Jacque Gray, SamStamps and Mack Poole.

►Fountain Inn Club President Stephan Thomas, Interact Sponsor Lindsey Beam and Golden Strip Sunrise Club President Dee Vaughan.





## Golden Strip Sunrise has success with its first golf tournament



Jim Cash, on the Godsey Gibbs team, came within 4 inches of winning the Toyota Camry. Pictured is the Godsey Gibbs team.

Godsey Gibbs Team with almost a hole in one.



Trip and Melinda Gilreath with grandson Mack.

On May 13, the Golden Strip Sunrise Club hosted its first Golf Tournament at Fox Run Country Club in Simpsonville.

Not only was it a fun way to spend the day on the golf course, but it was a successful fundraiser for the organizations they support.

The inclusion of a Silent Auction, raffle and ball drop added an exciting element to the event, giving participants more opportunities to contribute to a good cause.

There was also a chance to win a gold cart or Toyota Camry for a hole-in-one! The event was so successful next year's tournament has already been scheduled for May 12, 2025!

## Golden Strip Sunrise and Simpsonville host Business After Hours

The Golden Strip Sunrise Club and the Simpsonville Club jointly hosted a Business After Hours event on April 30. It was a perfect occasion for Rotarians to connect with prospective members in a more relaxed atmosphere. This enabled the fostering of relationships, the exchange of ideas, and showcased the wonderful work Rotary does in the community.

Dee Vaughan, Lisa Wilson and Lori Dredge.







**Top: Dee Vaughan, Becky Gault, Holly Caprell, and Shelly Savage serving pizza at Generations Group Home. Left: Trip Gilreath calling Bingo.**



## **Golden Strip Sunrise feeds/entertains boys at group home**

On May 24, the Golden Strip Sunrise Club participated in a STAR party at Generations Group Home. The party celebrates the boys who have shown exemplary behavior. The club served pizza and desserts and entertained with a rambunctious Bingo game.

The mission of this facility in Greenville County is to prevent sexual abuse by helping neglected and/or at-risk adolescent and pre-adolescent boys overcome abusive behaviors.

—Rebecca Miller



## E-Club: Making the most of their time together

The members of the Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas see each other via zoom every Tuesday. But a couple of times a year, they see each other face-to-face at district events. In the top photo are the members on Saturday night all dressed up at the District Conference.



## Awards and recognition day!

After the conference closed on Sunday, the members enjoyed a picnic at Westside Park in Greenville. President Candace Wyman, standing at far right, recognized several members for their continuing contributions to the club. It wasn't your typical awards banquet but this is not a typical club!

## Four new members

Back at its Zoom meeting on Tuesday after the conference, the E-Club inducted four new members: Rebecca Evans, Dee Rappley-Sayles, Chuck Harrison and Carol Roan.

# MEMBERSHIP: FAST & FURIOUS FOR '24

## BY BUTCH HUGHES

We have 1 month left in this 2023-2024 Rotary year. For some clubs, that's four meetings remaining, and for other clubs, that's two meetings.

It's not too late to add membership. What can your club do to add member in the last month?

- Intentionally invite prospects to attend a club meeting. If your club has a service project planned, invite the prospect to work beside you and other club members at that service project.
- If your club has a Discover Rotary session planned this month, invite your prospect to attend Discover Rotary.

If all 49 Rotary clubs in District 7750 added 1 new member this month, you strengthen your club this year and you will have momentum going into the new Rotary year; and the district will have stopped the 5-year membership decline. That is a win-win for all concerned.

2,400 members in 2024 is within reach. Let's work hard to add that 1 new member!

As Membership Chair, I'm available to assist you and your club. Email me at [bhughes864@yahoo.com](mailto:bhughes864@yahoo.com) or call and text me at 864.276.4440.

# Make Foundation donations by June 15

**BY PDG BETH PADGETT**

*7750 Foundation Chair*

The end of the 2023-24 Rotary year is almost here, and it is critically important to turn in your Club's donations to The Rotary Foundation. Rotary International asks that all donations are mailed no later than June 15, but they really should be in the mail before then.

We've still got to make up some ground this year with our donations to Annual Fund – SHARE, and there's a good chance that some of that money is sitting in a Rotary Club's bank account. Please act immediately. With each donation, you are "Doing Good in the World" and changing the lives of countless people.

Donations mailed after June 15 may not make it through our slow mail system on time. Also, if you are making donations online or by phone, please do not wait until June 29 or 30 to try to make the donation. The last-minute volume of traffic is terrible, and it is often not possible to make the donation during the last couple days of the Rotary year.

Also, please make sure that donations go to Annual Fund -SHARE. This is the Rotary Foundation fund that brings 50% of the donations back to our Rotary District. Up to half of that money can be used for District Grants, and the other half can be used for our Global Grants.

In great news, we have had the best year ever for raising money for PolioPlus, in large part due to the robust response to the Doug and Sally Kauffmann PolioPlus Challenge Match. We have raised \$171,619 for PolioPlus this year. We

have set a new record for one-year donations to PolioPlus by surpassing last year's record giving of \$168,961.

If mailing a donation, make sure you use the correct address, and that you put your Rotary Member ID Number, and Club and District numbers for each donation. Otherwise, the donation will be treated as an anonymous gift. If you sign into Rotary.org using your email address and password, that means you have signed in associated with your Member ID. Also, do not mail a donation that needs a receipt. Donations go to a secure collection box, and those donations then are counted at another site. There is not a person involved who can sign a receipt.

## HOW TO SEND DONATIONS TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION:

### BY CHECK:

The Rotary Foundation  
14280 Collections Center  
Drive  
Chicago, IL 60693, USA

### ONLINE:

[ROTARY.ORG](https://rotary.org) -- <https://my.rotary.org/en/donate>

### BY TELEPHONE:

866-976-8279, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
CST

### NEED HELP?

Contact District  
Rotary Foundation  
Chair Beth Padgett at  
[bpadgettrotary@outlook.com](mailto:bpadgettrotary@outlook.com).

**WE'RE BEHIND: ON MAY 24, WE HAD RAISED \$362,540 FOR THE FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL FUND. THAT IS ABOUT \$12,000 LESS THAN WE HAD RAISED THIS TIME LAST YEAR – A YEAR THAT WE ULTIMATELY RAISED \$484,000.**



**D-7750 Foundation Chair**  
**PDG BETH PADGETT**  
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# Join our Million Dollar Campaign for The Rotary Foundation

**BY PDG BETH PADGETT**

*7750 Foundation Chair*

Thank you for what you do to support The Rotary Foundation and make it possible for us to do good in Honduras, Guatemala, and Haiti, and here in our own District where we help our neighbors.

To ensure that we continue to have the Foundation funds needed to Do Good in the World, we made an exciting announcement at the All Club Conference. Rotary District 7750 has launched a Million Dollar Campaign for The Rotary Foundation. Earlier this Rotary year, our District officially started the “quiet phase” of the Million Dollar Campaign, and to date about \$500,000 has been committed through Major Gifts and Bequests. By

November of 2025, we want to raise \$1 million through Major Gifts, Endowment Gifts and Bequests to The Rotary Foundation. And we need you!

Early donors to our campaign are Terry and Pam Weaver, Doug Kauffmann, Johnny Walker, John McRoberts, and Beth Padgett. We understand that all Rotarians in our District will not be able to participate in a Million Dollar Campaign. We appreciate your continued support of The Rotary Foundation. We do not want this special campaign to be a hardship on anyone.

Many Rotarians can participate, and some of you don't even realize that you can. With the assistance of Rotary Foundation Major Gifts Officer Jon Teich, we will be able to help many potential donors find ways to participate in this campaign. You may be able to participate through a Bequest or an increase in an existing one, a Major Gift pledge, a Charitable Gift Annuity or other methods. Some donors who made a Bequest 10 or 15 years ago may discover they are close to qualifying for a new Bequest Society level simply because of the growth of their assets. And, like other Rotary Districts, we surely have Rotarians who have left The Rotary Foundation in their will or as a beneficiary, but you have never told anyone. Simply reporting that legacy gift could make you a participant in our Million Dollar Campaign.

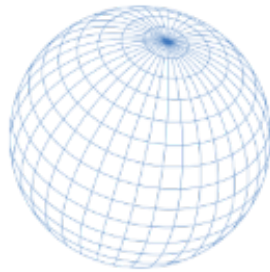
This campaign will be about bringing in new money. With a Major Gift of \$10,000 or a Bequest of at least \$10,000, you can join us in creating a bright future for Rotary. With a pledge to make a Major Gift of \$10,000 over the next three years, you can join us. Perhaps you have a sizable IRA and now are required to take a minimum distribution each year – or will be required to do that over the next couple of years. Through a Qualified Charitable Distribution, you

may be able to make a gift to The Rotary Foundation and reduce your income tax bill at the same time.

Ultimately though, this campaign isn't about money. It's about changing lives

through the work that we can do through these gifts. It's about more water projects in Honduras. More work in Haiti and Guatemala. Maybe new global projects in places where our District 7750 Rotarians have not been.

Over the next 12 months, our committee will work with clubs and individuals to help you find ways to be part of this exciting effort. Co-chairing this campaign is PDG Lance Young. Outgoing Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator Lorraine Angelino, our former District Rotary Foundation Chair, will play a major role in this campaign. Our committee members will introduce themselves to you soon. We look forward to working with you.



**\$1 MILLION**  
*impact*

The  
**Rotary**  
Foundation





DG Renée Stubbs and DGE Rysheeka Bush  
Invite You to Attend the



# *Awards and Installation Celebration*

**Friday, June 28, 2024**

**Crown Plaza Hotel  
North Augusta, SC**

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**Reception will begin at 6 PM  
Dinner and Awards to follow at 6:30 PM**

**Register Online in DACDB**





## New Members in April

### 52 new members in April

Rousey, Andy	Abbeville	Gillespie, Diane M.	Greenwood
Weinspach, Robert G.	Aiken	Billings, Buckley D.	Greenwood
Ennis, Lisa	Aiken	Faulks, Rick	Greenwood
Hatler, Bea	Anderson	Hensel, Robin K	Indian Land
Thornton, Lane	Anderson Satellite		Evening Satellite
	Electric City	Payton, Blake	Indian Land
White, Brian	Anderson Satellite		Evening Satellite
	Electric City	Sauer, Crystal	Indian Land Lunch
Hogan, Sarah	Anderson Satellite	Cook, William E Jr.	Indian Land Lunch
	Electric City	Roper, Donald Robert	Lancaster
Hardin, Laura	Carolina Foothills	Fitzpatrick, Raashad	Lancaster
Davis, Matthew	Carolina Foothills	Jefferson, Theresa N.	Lancaster
Shehan, Barbara	Clemson	Blackham, Gary R.	Lancaster
Fouts, Jerry J	Clemson	Rinard, Samantha	Lancaster Breakfast
Maguire, Amanda R	Clemson	Yarbrough, Bob	Laurens
Talbert, Lisa R	Easley	Raymond, Tim	Newberry
Byrd, Darian L	Easley	Owens, Bryan Jackson	Pickens
Cauthen, Jonathan R.	Easley	Ball, Quentin	Pleasantburg
Cleveland, Elliot	Easley	Ross , Henry B.	Spartanburg
Duncan, Marcia A.	Gaffney	Marcus, William J. Jr.	Spartanburg
Kadanec, Paul C	Gaffney	Campbell, Blake S. Jr.	Spartanburg
Falls, Jeffrey Jordan	Gaffney	Hubbard, Christy	Walhalla
Gawel, Paul	Golden Strip Sunrise	Galloway , Sheila	Walhalla
Gilreath, Mack D	Golden Strip Sunrise	Lawrence , Michael	Walhalla
Carter, Michael	Greenville	Jones, Kelly-Jo	Walhalla
Argo, Steve	Greenville	Acree, Gena	Walhalla
Sanders, Jason	Greenville City	Watt, James Ray Jr	Westminster
	Center	Thomas, Joshua	Westminster
Manley, George S	Greenville City	Clark, Kimya M	Winnsboro
	Center		

**APRIL 2024: 52 NEW MEMBERS — 28 TERMINATED MEMBERS (1 DECEASED). Data from DaCdb.**

**AS OF THE END OF MAY, WE HAVE 2,425 MEMBERS, WHICH MEANS WE ARE AHEAD OF OUR GOAL OF 2,400. BUT, TYPICALLY CLUBS DROP MEMBERS IN JUNE, WHICH MEANS WE MUST STILL TRY TO RECRUIT A FEW MORE TO ENSURE OUR MEMBERSHIP SUCCESS THIS YEAR.**

## Deadline for July newsletter is June 25.

Send items to newsletter editor Sue Poss, [pdgsueposs@gmail.com](mailto:pdgsueposs@gmail.com).