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Let's be SIMPLY Irresistible

BY DG RYSHEEKA BUSH

Greetings Rotary family. It is my absolute delight and pleasure to serve as your District Governor for Rotary year 2024-25. I am grateful to be a part of an organization in which people give so selflessly of their time, talents, and treasure to serve their neighbors, near and far.

Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick is extending the charge for all Rotary clubs to be *Simply Irresistible* and we are going to do just that. She feels that the power of Rotary is in its people, and we are indeed People of Action.

It is my intent this year to share *The Magic of Rotary* with each of you. As I visit your irresistible clubs, I want to learn about the amazing projects that enrich your community and the world. I want to talk and fellowship with you about your impact, reach, engagement, and adaptability to the ever-changing world in which we live.

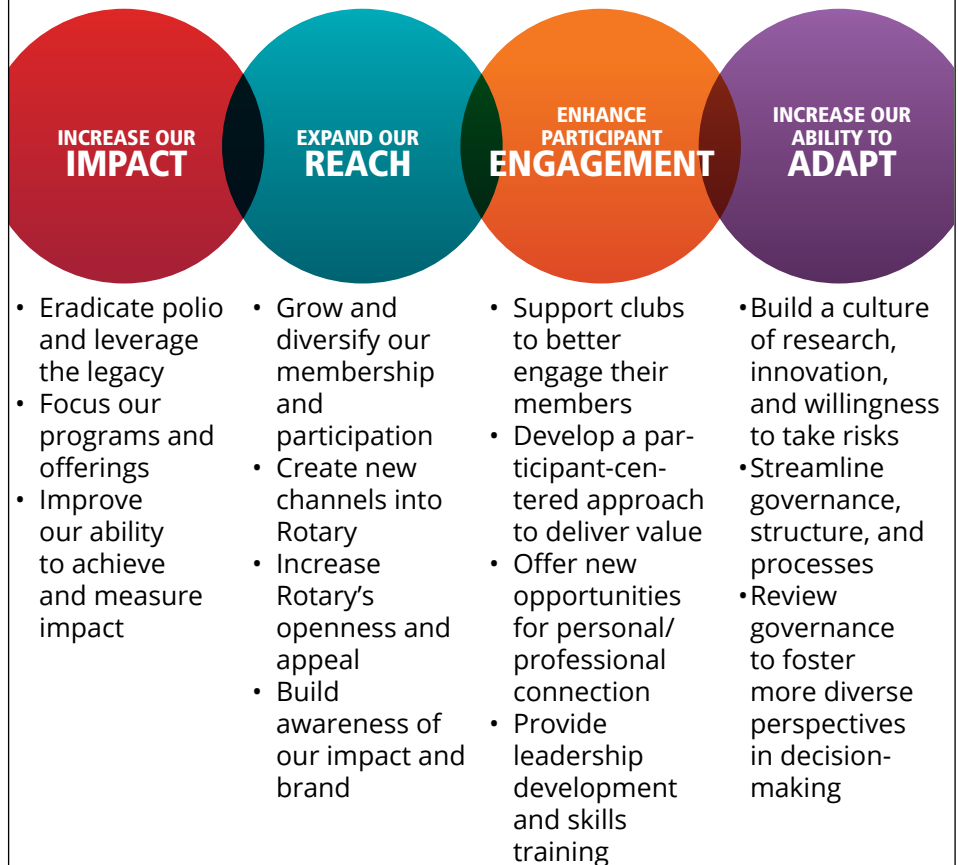
We will have engaging learning experiences from District leaders. They are so excited to share effective strategies and initiatives with you. We are all on board to make this Rotary year one of the most Magical yet! Let's be *Simply Irresistible*.

The ROTARY ACTION PLAN



TOGETHER WE SEE A WORLD
WHERE **PEOPLE** UNITE AND TAKE ACTION
TO **CREATE** LASTING
CHANGE ACROSS THE GLOBE
IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND IN OURSELVES

As we stand on the cusp of eliminating polio, we find ourselves poised for our next challenge. **The time is right to move toward realizing a new vision that brings more people together, increases our impact, and creates lasting change around the world.** To achieve the vision of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation, we have set four priorities that will direct our work over the coming years.



Year-end at Greer is a celebration for lots of reasons

BY CARRIE KRAUSE

PI Chair, Rotary Club of Greer

The Rotary Club of Greer had a fun-filled final meeting for our 2023-2024 year. With three guests in attendance and a surprise visit from outgoing District Governor Renée Stubbs, we inducted three new members and recognized a new Paul Harris Fellow.

The evening was rounded out by a recognition of the outgoing board, an induction of the new board, and the passing of the baton to our new president, Jim Nichols.

**INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS • FOUNDATION GIVING
• SUCCESSFUL YEAR • INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**



NEW MEMBERS: Greer president Mark Moreno with new members Ann Covert and JR Covert with their sponsor Jim Mitchell. Right, new member Andrea Spalding.



District Foundation Chair PDG Beth Padgett was the evening speaker. She updated the club on the work the Foundation is doing and recognized Amy McBurnie as the club's newest Paul Harris Fellow by presenting her with the PHF pin.



We celebrated and honored our outgoing president, Mark Moreno, for an amazing year of service and leadership. Mark, at left, passed the gavel to incoming president Jim Nichols.

2023-24 DG Renée Stubbs made a surprise visit to Greer's last meeting of the year.



2024-25 BOARD MEMBERS: Frank Antifonario, Jim Manning, Jim Nichols, Kerry Krause, Carrie Krause, Anna Ryan, Melissa Patterson, Amy McBurnie, Mark Moreno.

Four clubs receive Zone 33 Public Image Citation

Four of our clubs were recognized in Zone 33 for their public image efforts in 2023-24. They earned this recognition by completing specific tasks outlined in the Zones 33-34 Public Image Citation.

Can we do better in 2024-25? We know our clubs are sending news to their local newspapers, are posting regularly on Facebook and other web services, and are active and being seen doing their community service projects. But how many actually have a PI plan?

The Zones 33-34 EPIC award program will guide you to be more strategic in your public image efforts, and also help you plan for continuity as others take on the public image role.

| 2023-24 ZONE 33 PUBLIC IMAGE CITATION | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| CLUB | TASKS COMPLETED | AWARD LEVEL |
| Aiken Sunrise | 3 | Bronze |
| Clemson | 10 | Platinum |
| Clover | 4 | Bronze |
| Emerald City | 5 | Silver |

| ZONE 33 PUBLIC IMAGE GOALS FOR FIRST QUARTER OF 2024-25 | | | |
|---|--------------------|---|-----------|
| Month | Task | Specifics | Finish by |
| July | Public Image Audit | An audit of your club's on-line resources – social media, websites, cloud storage, email addresses, etc. – along with respective access credentials (e.g. usernames and passwords), as well as, who is authorized to use everything and correct and consistent branding across all channels. | Oct. 31 |
| August | Public Image Plan | Lay out where you are going to spread the word about what your club is doing, what is your club story, when are you going to share it and what vehicle(s) are you going to use to deliver the news. Plan it out and don't forget to make sure you have help sharing all your Public Image content in all your various news platforms. | Oct. 31 |
| September | Content Calendar | Create a Content Calendar so everyone knows what and when the Public Image focus will be each month while also designing a set communication plan as part of your club calendar and Public Image plan, so that everyone is always on the same page about communication needs, what will be shared and when. | Oct. 31 |



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In 2024-25, the name of the zone recognition is Rotary Zones 33/34 **Excellence in Public Image Coordination** (EPIC) Award. You can learn more and see the 12-month goals for public image about this at <https://elevaterotary.org>.

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|------------|---------------------|
| Platinum*: | Complete 9-10 tasks |
| Gold*: | Complete 7-8 tasks |
| Silver: | Complete 5-6 tasks |
| Bronze: | Complete 3-4 tasks |

*To achieve Platinum or Gold recognition, your club must have completed the monthly tasks for July, August, and September.

Clemson

Rotary Scholars

BY BRIAN BAKER

Rotary Club of Clemson

The Rotary Club of Clemson celebrated the outstanding achievements of D.W. Daniel High School students during its annual awards presentation.

The event honored recipients of the 2024 Scholarship Awards, showcased their talent and dedication, and recognized their contributions to both their school and the community at large.

These students demonstrated exemplary leadership, scholarship, and commitment to their communities, embodying the values of excellence and service.

Through their actions and achievements, these young individuals inspire hope and optimism for the future, reminding us all that the potential for positive change lies within each of us.



◀Matthew Smith and Kyle Stevens

▲Sydney Hapeshis and Saniya Burns

RYLA Attendees: Bailey Choi and Tanjim Manan

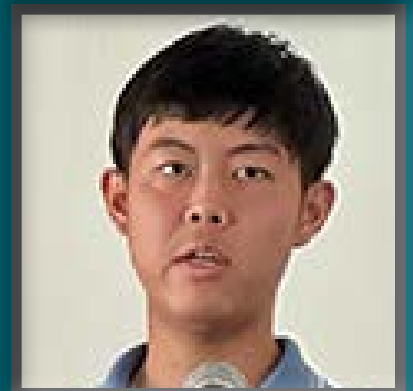
2023 Girls State Representatives: Sydney Hapeshis and Saniya Burns

2023 Boys State Representatives: J.P. Chandler and P.C. Russell

J. Roy Cooper Scholarship Recipient: Ty Plumblee

Laws of Life Essay Contest Winners: Allen Hong (winner) and Keyla Zhao (1st runner up)

Albert B Marx Outstanding Cadet Award and Leadership Award: Matthew Smith and Kyle Stevens



Allen Hong and Keyla Zhao.



Some of the leaders of the Interact Club at Daniel High School:

Hannah Brown
Harrison Finneran
Maja Jerzmaowska
Riya Zutshi
Maddie Bruce
Bailey Choi
Eva Harding
Dana Philips
Trev-in Pyles
SB Wells
Ashby Williams
Abram Ballato
Juliana Tang
Lilly Tidwell

at Rotary Club of Clemson

Daniel High Interact student leaders recognized

The leadership of the D.W. Daniel High School Interact Club, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Clemson, was recognized for their outstanding contributions to community service.

In the past school year alone, the Interact Club completed an impressive 273 hours of community service, undertaking various projects aimed at making a positive impact. From hosting canned food drives to assisting with the Cupid Shuffle 5k,

building beds for needy children, and participating in a suicide prevention workshop, these students exemplified the spirit of “Service Above Self.”

D.W. Daniel High School faculty members Chuck Conrad, Meghan Chandler, Suzanne Rushing, and club member Jacob Kennedy supported and mentored the Interact Club members.



WALHALLA

LAUNDRY DETERGENT

Our Rotary clubs are helping their communities in all kinds of ways—big and small. The members of the Rotary Club of Walhalla brought laundry detergent to its June 3 meeting to support Lakeview Assisted Living, a 19-bed facility in Walhalla.



With a new member in mid-June, Walhalla is up to 34

Donovan Pope of Golden Corner Insurance is the newest member of the Rotary Club of Walhalla. His family was present for his induction. Walhalla has inducted 16 new members this year for an unofficial total of 34.



These are some of the members of the Rotary Club of Walhalla that helped make the 2023-24 Rotary year so successful. From left: Susie Graves, presenter • Amber Crain, Rising Star Award • Meghan Ketterman, Service Above Self Award • Danny Edwards, Friend of the Foundation Award • Steve Graves, presenter • Gene Dukes, Rising Star Award • Broadus Albertson, Rotarian of the Year • Michael Thorsland, Unsung Hero Award.

Walhalla president didn't forget to say thanks

Outgoing Walhalla President David Hyatt didn't forget a crucial part of leadership: He publically thanked those who helped the club have such a successful year:

- Danny Edwards for his work with the Rotary Foundation;
- Jennifer Wilson for putting up with him and with DaCdb;
- Michael Thorsland for taking over the Treasurer's job,
- Frank Guldner for his years of service,
- Broadus Albertson for his job of recruiting speakers and potential members;
- Gene Dukes for accepting a job although he was a new member in the club;

- Johnny and Lisa Kelley for always setting up the tables and chairs;
- Meghan Ketterman for organizing the Oktoberfest Luncheon and the Pedals Possible donation;
- Mark Eckert for constantly volunteering for jobs AND providing table covers;
- Dawn Moore Smith for PR and Facebook posts;
- Steve & Susie Graves for their enthusiasm for Rotary.

With all these engaged members, no wonder Walhalla has had such a good year, especially with membership growth.

WALHALLA

AWARDS PRESENTED

FRIEND OF THE FOUNDATION

Danny Edwards

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Meghan Ketterman

RISING STARS

Gene Dukes

Amber Crain

UNsung HERO

Michael Thorsland

ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR

Broadus Albertson

WALHALLA HAS GROWN FROM 22 TO 34 MEMBERS THIS YEAR.



Next RLI event in 7750

Saturday August 17
9:00-3 p.m.
Spark Center
1875 E Main St,
Duncan, SC 29334

Parts I, II and III will be offered (You must have taken Part I to take Part II, Part II to take Part III.)

Cost: \$95 includes lunch
 Registration: 8:30 am
 Classes: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Let RLI strengthen your club and build your leadership skills

BY JULIA LARSON

Chair, 7750 Rotary Leadership Institute

Rotary Leadership Institute will strengthen your club and strengthen your life.

Rotary provides an opportunity for all of us to provide service to our community and throughout the world. With that service comes a learning experience in leadership, team building, planning, marketing, communication, and organization.

RLI provides an opportunity to enrich that learning through

sharing experiences and ideas with other Rotary members throughout the region.

If you have started but not completed the RLI journey, maybe you can get back to it this year.

If you are new to Rotary or you are a seasoned Rotarian who has not attended RLI, this is your opportunity to get more involved and informed.

ABOUT ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

1. There are three parts to RLI.
2. Each part has five sessions.
3. You can choose where and when you attend an event.
4. Nobody lectures you (at least not much!).
5. You share ideas and learn from one another.
6. Rotarians from any district can attend any RLI event, bringing more diversity to the conversation.
7. Leaders are trained in facilitation methods and can come from any district.
8. You learn leadership skills that will help you in all areas of life.
9. You pick up on aspects of Rotary you might have missed.
10. You gain an appreciation for the big picture of Rotary beyond your club.

About 7750 RLI Chair and E-Club president Julia Larson

Julia Larson, the president of the Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas, has begun a term as D7750 Chair for Rotary Leadership Institute.

Julia, a veterinarian, is a long-time Rotarian who has lived in Alaska and California. In mid-2022 she moved to Lake Thurmond in McCormick County and joined the E-Club.

In preparation for her year as E-Club president, she attended RLI for the first time and quickly worked her way through all three parts. She liked it so much that she then took the class to become a Facilitator.

Julia first joined Rotary in 2004 in District 5160 in California. She served as club president in 2011-2012 and later was Assistant Governor.

“Having attended PETS three times in those roles, I had been exposed to quite a bit of Rotary leadership learning opportunities,” she said. “But,

as a lifelong learner, I thrill at learning new things and there is always something new and exciting to discover about Rotary. I was pleasantly surprised at how much I enjoyed the RLI courses considering how many Rotary leadership courses I had already taken.”

“As we start this new Rotary year, I was asked to step into the role of RLI District Chair—once again, being challenged to expand my knowledge and share my Rotary passion in a new way. We grow the most when we stretch ourselves and often we do that best when someone we respect believes we can do it!”



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Blacksburg Rotary supports Iron City Ministries with food drive

BY CAROLYN BATCHLER

Rotary Club of Blacksburg

The Blacksburg Rotary Club held a food drive at the local Food Lion to benefit the Iron City Ministries food pantry on Saturday, June 15.

Iron City Ministries assists Blacksburg individuals and families with food, clothing, household items, and furniture needs.



Rotarians Ed Elliott, Chris Phenicie, and Mason Standridge with Iron City Ministries Director Melissa Green.



As part of the food drive, Rotarians gave interested customers going into the grocery store a list of the charity's most needed items. Enough food items were donated to completely fill the van belonging to Melissa Greens, Iron City Ministries Director.



Anderson has successful year under Liz's leadership

The Rotary Club of Anderson celebrated a successful year under the leadership of president President Liz Brock. As the year ended, the club inducted 3 new members:

Ian Morel
Barbara Hulsizer
Lisa Gillespie

And Cara Hamilton became a Paul Harris Fellow +3.

Greenville Area Health & Happiness

August 12

5-7 PM drop-in
Bridgeway Brewing Company
Mauldin

hosted by the Reedy River
Rotary Club
For Rotarians, guests &
potential members



\$5 donation per person



Mingle with Rotarians from other clubs, hear what they have going on, share what your club is doing while enjoying delightful bites provided by sponsoring venue,

Drawings for prizes and Networking

Let us know if your Rotary club would like to host the November 11 event. Contact Suzy Tumblin (864)275-6882 or Sunny Handa (864) 346-7878 with questions.

**MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT OPPORTUNITY
PUBLIC IMAGE OPPORTUNITY**

Membership:

Let's keep the momentum we had in 2023-24

BY ALBERT BLACKMON

D7750 Membership Chair

Greetings from the 2024-25 District Membership Committee (Team).

Before diving into our plans for the upcoming year, I'd like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to Butch Hughes for an incredible year in 2023-24, which led to a net positive membership growth for the first time in five years. Our aim is to sustain this momentum and build on the membership expansion and retention successes of 2023-24.

As your new District Membership Chair, I am excited to discuss our plans to maintain this momentum and elevate our efforts in attracting and retaining quality Rotarians. Our membership goals for each club in District 7750 are twofold:

- Achieve a net growth of either 2 members or 5% of your membership base, whichever is greater.
- Limit annual attrition to less than 15%.

With strategic planning and a passion for effective execution, these goals are very attainable. However, it is crucial for each club to take full ownership of these membership targets. We understand that some member loss is inevitable, but our focus is on

addressing factors within our control to retain quality Rotarians.

Your District Membership Team is dedicated to helping you achieve and exceed these goals. Our team

consists of 12 seasoned Rotarians, including Past Club Presidents, club membership chairs, and assistant governors, all with extensive Rotary experience. **We have assembled this team to provide you with the best support and resources to succeed.**

To kickstart the 2024-25 Rotary year, we invite you to attend the Membership Summit on Saturday, August 24 in Newberry. Registration is open in <https://www.dacdb.com/>. This summit will equip you with

new tools and ideas to help you exceed your goals for the year.

Consider this your official invitation to join us in making the 2024-25 Rotary year a record-breaking one for membership expansion, retention, and community contributions.



D-7750 Membership Chair
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Your 2024-25 membership team

| Team Members: | Home Rotary Club: | Assigned Role: |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Albert Blackmon | Rotary Clubs of Indian Land | District Membership Chair |
| Watson Dorn | Greenwood | Club Training Lead |
| Candace Wyman | E-Clubs of the Carolinas | Innovative Clubs Lead |
| Pam Weaver | Greenville | Club Communications |
| Ben Hagood, III | Anderson | Task Force Lead |
| Babette Sabia | Rotary Clubs of Indian Land | RI Leads Management |
| Ri"Cha ri Sancho | Clemson Sunrise | DEI & Safety and Care Lead |
| Dee Vaughan | Golden Strip Sunrise | Task Force |
| Kylie Herbert | Anderson | Task Force |
| Ritchie Russell | Lake Wylie | Task Force |
| Charlie Wilson | Union | Task Force |
| Laura Biggerstaff | Greer | Task Force |

THINK AHEAD TO BE PREPARED: August is Membership Month

Here are three effective activities a club can undertake during Membership Month to strengthen their club:

1. **HOST A MEMBERSHIP DRIVE EVENT:** Organize a special event, such as an open house or a community service project, where current members can invite friends, family, and colleagues. This provides a great opportunity to showcase the club's activities and impact, making it easier to attract new members.
2. **ENGAGE CURRENT MEMBERS:** Focus on member retention by ensuring current members feel valued and engaged. This can be done through regular check-ins, recognizing member achievements, and involving them in planning and decision-making processes. Engaged members are more likely to stay and contribute actively.
3. **LEVERAGE SOCIAL MEDIA AND ONLINE PRESENCE:** Use social media platforms to highlight the club's projects, events, and member stories. Regularly updating the club's website and social media pages with engaging content can attract potential members who are looking for ways to get involved in their community.



These activities not only help in attracting new members but also in retaining and engaging the existing ones, thereby strengthening the club overall. Plan now to grow your club during the year ahead. Need help? Be at the Membership Summit on August 24.



Put it on your calendar and register now through DaCdb.

WHERE, WHEN AND HOW MUCH

Piedmont Technical College
Newberry Campus:

1922 Wilson Road

August 24 from 9:00-3:30

On-site check-in begins at 8:30

Coffee and donuts + Lunch

Cost is \$35 per person

MEMBERSHIP SUMMIT

Saturday, August 24
Piedmont Technical College
Newberry, SC



2024/25 Membership Goal

Club Membership Growth by Net 2 or 5%

PLEASANTBURG



Pleasantburg Rotarians and a potential new member enjoy the club's June social at Hans & Franz Biergarten— From front of left side of table to front of right side of table: Larry Lee, Jerry Lieberg, Tracy Tiddy, Margaret Banks, Steve Banks, Karen Baker, Eric Baker, Kristina Hammock (potential new member), Susan Hughes, and George Hughes.



Pleasantburg hears from RYLA attendees— Boy Scouts Jonathan Kissel and Burke Moorman attended Rotary Youth Leadership Institute (RYLA), at Erskine University. The students were sponsored by the Rotary Club of Pleasantburg. They visited the Club on June 20 and shared their experiences. Not only did Jonathan and Burke have a great time and make lots of new friends, they learned about “servant Leadership.”

EASLEY



Easley distributes books: “Who do you want to be?”

The Rotary Club of Easley distributed books to the kids at Camp I-Rock at West End Elementary School. The books, signed by the author Paula Faris, accompanied her presentation, which revolved around the theme, “WHO do you want to be when you grow up?”

July is Maternal and Child Health Month on the Rotary Calendar.
Be aware: It's not just an issue in foreign places.

There's a disparity right here in South Carolina

Rotary International places a strong emphasis on maternal and child health, aiming to reduce the high rates of maternal and child mortality worldwide. **Each year, approximately 5.9 million children under the age of five die due to malnutrition, inadequate healthcare, and poor sanitation.** Rotary addresses these issues by providing education, immunizations, birth kits, and mobile health clinics.



One of Rotary's key strategies is to improve access to quality healthcare for mothers and children. This includes training healthcare workers, distributing clean birth kits, and promoting practices such as breastfeeding and regular health checkups.

Rotary also focuses on preventing mother-to-infant HIV transmission and protecting against diseases through immunizations.

In addition to healthcare, Rotary supports sustainable programs that empower women and improve their access to skilled health personnel, including doctors, nurses, and midwives¹. For example, in Haiti, Rotary provided a fully equipped medical Jeep to reach mothers and children in remote areas. In Nigeria, Rotary launched a pilot program to save lives during home deliveries and has repaired over 1,500 obstetric fistulas.

In South Carolina, maternal and child health needs are significant. Our state ranks 8th highest for maternal mortality in the United States, with a pregnancy-related mortality ratio of 32.3 deaths per 100,000 live births

Non-Hispanic Black women face nearly four times the mortality rate compared to non-Hispanic White women. The leading causes of maternal deaths include mental health conditions, thrombotic embolism, and cardiomyopathy. More than 90% of these deaths are preventable.

Addressing these disparities and improving access to quality healthcare is crucial for the well-being of mothers and children in South Carolina.

Rotary RV Fellowship Rally

Lake Greenwood State Park
Ninety Six SC
October 10-13

Make your reservation
in Campground #2
soon: <https://reserve.southcarolinaparks.com/lake-greenwood/camping/>

Campsites for the Fall Rotary RV Rally at Lake Greenwood State Park are filling up so make your reservation now if you can attend and want a camp site.

If you are NOT a camper but live within easy driving distance, there will be opportunities for you to enjoy the fellowship and service:

- BBQ
- Fishing Derby
- Silent Auction of camping/recreational gear,
- Service Day in conjunction with Emerald City Rotary and other D7750 Area 9 Rotary clubs.

Let us know you're coming and we'll send you the details:
Candace Wyman, candacewyman@gmail.com, 423-946-8005.

Sponsored by Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas

SENECA GOLDEN CORNER



1972 Youth Exchange student talks about her year in Pennsylvania

Lilia Davis, right, a native of Guatemala who now calls Oconee County home, talked about her time as a Rotary Youth Exchange student in Pennsylvania in 1972. Davis described leaving a major metropolitan area where her father was a doctor to attend high school in rural Pennsylvania.

The speed of AI

Tony Laiewski, left, computer security expert with Meriplex of Houston, Tex, updated the Golden Corner Rotary Club about AI and the speed with which it can create documents. In less than one minute Laiewski created an entire PowerPoint presentation about baseball legend Willie Mays. Also pictured are members Sandy Peirce and Patrick Lee.



Salvation Army recognizes Golden Corner

The Salvation Army recognized the Seneca Golden Corner Club by for its bell-ringing volunteers who raised more than \$3,000 during the Christmas season. Rotarian Gene Williams is holding the recognition card and poster.



To give to CART online:

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.

1. Go to www.mycartfund.org or click to link at left to go to the CART page.
2. Enter your DACdb User Name & Password
3. Click on the dark blue sign-in button
4. You'll create an ID in the CART Online Contribution Portal that's tagged to your club and our District.



>>Donate to CART



Dee Vaughan passed the gavel to incoming President Becky Miller. Dee was recognized for her two years as President and Sam Stamps was honored as Rotarian of the Year.

Golden Strip Sunrise: "Pass the Gavel"

Setting Foundation records in 2023-24

BY BETH PADGETT

District Rotary Foundation Chair

Thank you to every Rotarian in our District who has given to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund – SHARE and to PolioPlus. Despite a slow period mid-year when donations slacked off, we are finishing strong! Thank you!

We will publish our final contribution numbers for 2023-24 in the August newsletter. With six days to go in the 2023-24 Rotary year, District 7750 Rotarians have contributed **\$487,881** to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund – SHARE program. This is a remarkable record of Foundation giving this year, and with each dollar Rotarians are changing lives across the globe and in their communities.

We also are having our best single year for giving to PolioPlus – and that's after setting a single-year record last year.

Many thanks to Doug and Sally Kauffmann for inspiring contributions through their PolioPlus Challenge Match. D-7750 Rotarians so far have donated \$176,164 to PolioPlus.

We are saddened by the recent death of Sally, and we are thankful for the legacy that she has left to the eradication of polio.

Giving to The Rotary Foundation isn't about setting records. It's about changing lives through our collective gifts. We continue to bring clean water to Honduras and Guatemala,

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Beth's challenge to presidents

1 Every club president will make at least a \$25 donation to Annual Fund – SHARE in July. This will ensure our District has 100% Giving Clubs during the first month of the year. And while we're at it, how about every Rotarian consider making a \$25 donation in July. That's a great way to start a new Rotary year.

2 Make sure your club has entered its Foundation goals for 2024-25 in My Rotary at www.rotary.org. If you don't know how, contact your Assistant Governor, or me at bpadgettrotary@outlook.com.

3 Have a Foundation Minute (or more!) at a club meeting during the month of July. This signals the importance of The Rotary Foundation —our charity as Rotarians—to all club members.

and soon will help with a Rotary project in El Salvador.

For decades we have brought hope to Haiti. We are delivering on our promise to the children of the world to one day – very soon! – give them a world free of polio. And each year, in communities throughout District 7750, we help our neighbors through our District Grants.

As we look ahead to the new Rotary year, please remember the importance of The Rotary Foundation.

This is our way for “Doing

Good in the World” as Rotarians through a Foundation where all the decisions are made by fellow Rotarians.

It's our way to come together and collectively do things that would be impossible for us individually.

It's our way to help people in other countries while also addressing issues in our communities.

I hope you're proud of what we have achieved this year. I'm proud of you!



**D-7750 Foundation Chair
PDG BETH PADGETT**

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District Grants awarded for 2024-2025

BY PDG BETH PADGETT

7750 Foundation Chair

The District 7750 Grants Committee, chaired by Bill Harley, Rotary Club of Clemson, has announced that because of your generous giving to the Rotary Foundation, the committee was able to approve and fully fund all eligible applications that were received for 2024-25, a total of \$148,672.

Rotary International most likely will send the checks for these grants to Districts in mid-August. It then will take our District a week or so to get the checks to clubs. Please make sure that you do not spend any grant funds until you have received and deposited your check. Rotary International will not accept receipts for projects that are dated before the grant funds are received and recorded by the clubs.

You can find all the District Grants and their amount in this newsletter. (One grant is undergoing revisions.) The figure for each club is the amount of the grant that has been awarded and not the total amount of the project. Please address any concerns with District Rotary Foundation Chair Beth Padgett at bpadgettrotary@outlook.com.

Thank you to the District Finance Committee, acting on behalf of District 7750, for providing a generous supplement as it has for the past few years. With the assistance of \$40,000 from a District account, all qualifying grants have been fully funded.

As clubs are aware, this supplement will be decreased significantly in coming years. A new Grant Eligibility formula will be discussed this fall at Grant Training.

DISTRICT GRANT AWARDS/AMOUNTS FOR 2024-25

| Club..... | Project..... | Grant |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| Abbeville..... | Reading with Rotary | \$1,450.00 |
| Abbeville..... | Bags of Blessing..... | 1,050.00 |
| Aiken..... | One for Books | 2,240.00 |
| Aiken Sunrise..... | Dictionary & Dignity | 4,675.00 |
| Anderson..... | Homeland Park | 2,500.00 |
| Batesburg Leesville..... | Sole Stepping | 2,500.00 |
| Blacksburg | Backpack Ministry..... | 1,000.00 |
| Chester | Pedals Possible | 1,000.00 |
| Clemson | Op School Supply | 3,500.00 |
| Clemson | Pedals Possible | 1,500.00 |
| Clemson Sunrise | Green Crescent..... | 2,500.00 |
| Clemson Sunrise | Path to Hope Student | 2,500.00 |
| Clinton | Musical Kids..... | 2,500.00 |
| Clover | AED | 782.00 |
| Clover | Wood Duck | 800.00 |
| E Club..... | Pollinator Garden | 750.00 |
| Easley..... | Rotary Park..... | 2,500.00 |
| Emerald City | Palmetto Plants..... | 5,000.00 |
| Emerald City | Inspire Love Read | 4,000.00 |
| Fort Mill | Food Insecurity | 5,000.00 |
| Fort Mill | Literacy Picnic | 5,000.00 |
| Fountain Inn | Books, Baseball, Camp..... | 2,500.00 |
| Golden Strip Sunrise..... | Pollinator Garden | 2,750.00 |
| Greater Anderson | Improved Reader | 5,000.00 |
| Greenville | Pathways to Progress..... | 4,000.00 |
| Greenville | Alexander Elementary | 5,000.00 |
| Greenville Breakfast | Food Insecurity | 2,000.00 |
| Greenville City Center..... | River Meadow | 2,500.00 |
| Greenwood..... | Rise Against Hunger | 2,500.00 |
| Indian Land Lunch | Literacy Projects | 5,000.00 |
| Lake Wylie..... | Music to Youth | 2,500.00 |
| Lancaster..... | Flock it Up | 5,000.00 |
| Lancaster Breakfast..... | Conservation | 5,000.00 |
| Laurens | Backpack Program | 5,000.00 |
| Mauldin | Keep Mauldin Clean | 1,000.00 |
| Mauldin | Casa Colibra | 1,000.00 |
| Mauldin | Rise Against Hunger | 2,500.00 |
| Newberry | Therapeutic Service..... | 1,875.00 |
| Newberry | 3rd Grade Literacy..... | 2,000.00 |
| North Spartanburg | Teaching Garden | 2,500.00 |

Sally Kauffman: We've lost a great Rotarian

BY PDG BETH PADGETT

D7750 Foundation Chair

We lost a great Rotarian a few weeks ago with the death of Sally Kauffmann of Greenwood. Sally was a member of the Greenwood Rotary Club and the wife of District PolioPlus Chair Doug Kauffmann. Although most District 7750 Rotarians have never met Sally, you have come to know her over the past four years through our annual Doug and Sally Kauffmann PolioPlus Challenge Match. Please keep Doug, his family, and the Greenwood Rotary Club in your thoughts and prayers.

Here is the official Obituary for Sally.

Sally Hill Kauffmann, 70, resident of Avid Road, wife of Douglas McMurray Kauffmann, died Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at Self Regional Healthcare.

Born September 20, 1953, in Spartanburg, SC, she was a daughter of the late Ruth Thomason Jones and Roscoe Norris Hill. She was a 1971 graduate of Rock Hill High School, a 1974 graduate of Lander College, earning a Master's in Education in 1978 from Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

Sally was the Minister of Music at McCormick First Baptist Church from 1985-1991 and taught music at McCormick Elementary School and McCormick Middle School for more than nine years. She was also the Minister of Education and Music at Connie Maxwell Baptist Church from 1995-2016.

She was a member of Connie Maxwell Baptist Church, Greenwood Rotary Club, and Greenwood Women's Care. She was a board member of Greenwood Food Bank, Greenwood Housing and Community Development, and the Greenwood County Community Remembrance Project.

Surviving in addition to her husband of 47 years are two daughters, Anna Ruth Kauffmann (Brent Edward Germain) of Greenville and Christina Kauffmann Isenhower (Matthew David) of Columbia; two grandsons, Luke Kauffmann Germain, and Jacob Kauffmann Isenhower; and a brother, Robert Norris Hill (Martha) of Lexington.

Funeral services were Sunday, June 16, at Connie Maxwell Baptist Church in Greenwood.



Walhalla's Foundation chair moves to PHF+3

Congratulations to Danny Edwards, right, Foundation Chair for the Rotary Club of Walhalla on receiving his Paul Harris Fellow +3 pin. David Hyatt made the presentation.

Grants— (continued from previous page)

| Club | Project | Grant |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Pickens | Dacusville Difference | 2,500.00 |
| Pleasantburg | Dress a Child | 5,000.00 |
| Reedy River | Brooks Playground..... | 7,000.00 |
| Seneca | Pedals Possible | 2,500.00 |
| Seneca | NOLA Heart | 2,500.00 |
| Simpsonville..... | Rotary Christmas | 500.00 |
| Simpsonville..... | Shop with a Cop..... | 500.00 |
| Simpsonville..... | Dictionary | 1,500.00 |
| Spartan West | Rest Victims | 2,500.00 |
| Spartanburg..... | Piedmont Science | 2,500.00 |
| Travelers Rest..... | Childerens Garden | 800.00 |
| Union | Magic of Reading | 2,500.00 |
| Walhalla..... | Special Needs Bikes..... | 1,000.00 |
| Westminster | Pedals Possible | 1,000.00 |
| Winnsboro | Outdoor Food Pantry..... | 1,000.00 |
| York..... | School Readiness..... | 3,000.00 |
| Total..... | | \$148,672.00 |

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AREA 1

Anderson, Clemson, Clemson Sunrise,
Greater Anderson

AREA 2

Seneca, Seneca Golden Corner, Walhalla,
Westminster

AREA 3

Greenville, Greenville Breakfast, Greenville
City Center, Pleasantburg

AREA 4

Carolina Foothills, North Spartanburg,
Spartan West, Spartanburg

AREA 5

Blacksburg, Clover, Gaffney, Lake Wylie

AREA 6

Fort Mill, Indian Land Lunch, Rock Hill, York

AREA 7

Chester, Lancaster, Lancaster Breakfast,
Winnsboro

AREA 8

Aiken, Aiken Sunrise, Batesburg-Leesville,
North Augusta

AREA 9

Abbeville, E-Club of the Carolinas, Emerald
City, Greenwood

AREA 10

Clinton, Laurens, Newberry, Union

AREA 11

Fountain Inn, Golden Strip Sunrise, Greer,
Mauldin, Simpsonville

AREA 12

Easley, Pickens, Reedy River, Travelers Rest

If you need help during the year ahead, have questions, or just want advice or a sounding board, contact your Assistant Governor or one of these committee chairs.

New Members in May

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|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Bowie, Niki | Abbeville |
| Sutherly, Kristina | Abbeville |
| Tunison, Jim | Aiken |
| Dullaghan, Teresa | Anderson Satellite - Electric City |
| Skidmore, Grayson L. | Chester |
| Robinson, John Shepard | Clinton |
| Thompson, William | Clover |
| Rodriquez, Katherine | Clover |
| Wiley, Timothy H. | Emerald City |
| Denis, Cedric | Fort Mill |
| Aldrich, Stacy | Gaffney |
| Henderson, Jonathon P | Gaffney |
| Arulf, Sandra | Greater Anderson |
| Koonce, Donald B. | Greenville |
| Park, Iris | Greenville |
| Gardner, Stephen | Greenville City Center |
| Thomas, London Goode | Greenwood |
| Goodman, Jonathan | Greenwood |

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| Gonzalez, Ian | Greer |
| Brown, Joseph Lamar | Greer |
| Langford, Blake | Greer |
| Grace, Eric | Lancaster |
| Bufford, Priscilla | Lancaster |
| Yarbrough, Bob | Laurens |
| Stouffer, Bob | Mauldin |
| Lindell, Colen | North Augusta |
| Haines, Jonathan | Pickens |
| Brown, Clay | Pleasantburg |
| Hamilton, Lee | Rock Hill |
| Knox, Suzanne Pearson | Simpsonville |
| Ryan, Susie | Spartan West |
| Halliday, Quincy IV | Spartanburg |
| Hunt, James D Jr. | Spartanburg |
| Burgess, Nikki | Union |
| Jeter, Natalie | Union |
| Galloway , Sheila | Walhalla |

MAY 2024: 36 NEW MEMBERS — 14 TERMINATED MEMBERS (1 DECEASED). Data from DaCdb.

At June 27, RI was showing that we have increased by 87 members this year, from 2,397 to 2,484. However, as is the usual case, clubs tend to drop members as the end of the Rotary year approaches. Stay tuned for a final report when it's available.



New library, courtesy Golden Strip Sunrise

The Rotary Club of Golden Strip Sunrise built and installed a new Little Free Library at the Center for Community Services in Fountain Inn.

Balance continuity and change, both of which animate Rotary's Action Plan. The plan is all about building on our best ideas, not abandoning them. We face a tough balancing act. We must change ourselves and stay true to who we are.

— RI President Stephanie Urchick

Deadline for August newsletter is July 25.

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