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AUGUST

Membership and New Club Development

SEPTEMBER

Basic Education and Literacy

7750

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



23 new members from two clubs in last year's Fast and Furious membership drive

What better way to kick-off membership month than to applaud the Rotary clubs of Walhalla and Greer for their very successful Fast & Furious year of membership growth in 2023-24 with increases of 12 and 11.

Butch Hughes, membership chair last year, has just announced these successful numbers as it took a while for the final tallies to be reported. And in fact we still don't



know the winner of the large club Fast and Furious campaign because data is still being reported.

Medium Club: Greer increased from 29 to 40 members.

Small Club: Walhalla increased from 22 to 34.

But now is not the time to sit back and just applaud these successes. Since this is Membership Month on Rotary's calendar, it is the perfect time to be sure your club has its membership growth and retention plan in place so that this time next year, you'll have bragging rights to a dozen-member increase.

2023-2024

Small Club <26

INCREASED BY 12 MEMBERS

Rotary Club of Walhalla

2023-2024

Medium Club 26-55

INCREASED BY 11 MEMBERS

Rotary Club of Greer

Large Club? Two clubs are neck and neck and the final result will not be available until mid-August. Look for that news in next month's newsletter.

Albert Blackmon and his membership team are ready to help you reach your goals for 2024-25. More inside about membership.

August is Membership Development and Recruitment Month!

If you answer **NO** to either of Rysheeka's two questions...

Be at the membership summit Aug. 24

MAKE YOUR CLUB



The world of Rotary recognizes August as **MEMBERSHIP AND NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH**. As we move forward in the year, I challenge you to really think about your club's health and expansion.

I am a mental health professional by trade. I invite you to venture with me on a bit of guided imagery. You are sitting at a table at your Rotary meeting and as you sit, questions are going through your mind.

1. "Do I (underscore) **WANT** to be here?"
2. "Do I **enjoy** my club experience?"

Please sit with that thought for just a moment. Now, if your answer is yes,

fantastic! Expanding your club's reach will be a breeze.

If your answer is no, attend the **AUGUST 24TH MEMBERSHIP SUMMIT**. You will find the tools you need to make your club Simply Irresistible.

The Magic of Rotary is real. RI President Stephanie Urchick believes that the power of Rotary lies within its people. When Rotarians put their minds to something, there is nothing we can't accomplish, together.

I believe that as we shift our attention to truly consider our impact, reach, engagement, and adaptability, the magic will shine through. Let's continue to be magical friends.

—DG Rysheeka Bush



Put it on your calander and register now through DaCdb.

MEMBERSHIP SUMMIT

Saturday, August 24
Piedmont Technical College
Newberry, SC



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



2024/25 Membership Goal

Club Membership Growth by Net 2 or 5%

Let's celebrate Rotary's MEMBERSHIP MONTH

One of the key measures of success for any organization is its growth. While businesses gauge growth through profits and product/service expansion, one of Rotary's key measurements of success is the quality of its members, whom we proudly call Rotarians.

The more dedicated Rotarians we have, the greater our impact on local and global communities. Therefore, it is in our best interest to expand our reach to maximize our positive influence worldwide. Some have accurately said, "Do More Good In The World."

As we enter **MEMBERSHIP MONTH**, I encourage you to focus on expanding our reach in your community by engaging in conversations about your Rotary club with two of your friends or colleagues.

It's often said that it all begins with an ASK, and I

sincerely believe it's that simple. I encourage you to start these conversations now and arrange an informational session soon to invite potential members to learn more about Rotary.

As I've mentioned many times in my professional career, it's a process. This process begins with a conversation from a trusted friend and colleague like you.



D-7750 Membership Chair
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Do NOT disappoint Albert

The **2024 MEMBERSHIP SUMMIT** will be held on Saturday, August 24, in Newberry, and we would love for you to join us at this exciting event.

Your district membership team has thoughtfully crafted an informational program that not only warrants your attendance but also encourages your active participation.

Attendees will leave the summit with a range of innovative strategies and tools to help expand our reach in their local communities and beyond.

Frankly, **I WOULD BE DISAPPOINTED** if each attendee didn't depart with at least two actionable strategies for their respective clubs.—*Albert*

TAKING ON THE ROLE OF 7750 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR IS ALBERT'S FIRST DISTRICT LEVEL JOB AND HE'S JUST GETTING STARTED. DO NOT DISAPPOINT HIM! COME TO NEWBERRY AND TAKE SOMETHING VALUABLE HOME WITH YOU. (And if you don't know where Indian Land is in 7750, you can ask him that too.)

TWO SIMPLE MEMBERSHIP GOALS FOR 2024-25

- 1** Achieve 5% membership growth from your July 1 membership base OR a net increase of 2 members, whichever is greater.
- 2** Maintain an attrition rate of less than 15% by the year's end.



The E-Club of the Carolinas is a viable option for those Rotarians who find themselves needing to terminate their membership due to various obstacles such as difficulty in attending a face-to-face meeting, busy travel schedules, family care needs, or job relocation. Help us RETAIN quality Rotarians by offering the E-Club of the Carolinas as an alternative solution when these obstacles are presented.

FYI: Three Past District Governors are members of the E-Club.

E-Club of the Carolinas

<https://www.rotaryclubofthecarolinas.com>

For 2023-24 Recognitions made at the June Awards Banquet

Gold Clubs

Aiken	Greenwood
Abbeville	Greer
Anderson	Indian Land Lunch
Clemson	Lancaster
Easley	Lancaster Breakfast
E-Club of the Carolinas	Laurens
Emerald City	Newberry
Golden Strip Sunrise	Pleasantburg
Greater Anderson	Reedy River
Greenville	Spartanburg
Greenville Breakfast	Union

Silver Clubs

Aiken Sunrise
Blacksburg
Greenville City Center
Seneca
York
Mauldin
Spartan West

Bronze Clubs

Clemson Sunrise
North Spartanburg

REPRESENTATIVES FROM GOLD CLUBS



THE ROTARY CITATION is awarded by the Rotary International President and recognizes the hard work clubs do throughout the year. Taking action toward achieving the citation goals helps clubs engage their members, stay relevant in their communities, and operate more efficiently. When clubs work to achieve these goals, they also contribute to the overall health and culture of Rotary for generations to come.

Abbeville	Golden Strip Sunrise	North Spartanburg
Aiken Sunrise	Greater Anderson	Pickens
Anderson	Greenville	Pleasantburg
Chester	Greenville Breakfast	Seneca
Clemson	Greenville City Center	Spartanburg
Clemson Sunrise	Greer	Spartan West
Clover	Lancaster	Reedy River Greenville
Easley	Lancaster Breakfast	Travelers Rest
E-Club of The Carolinas	Laurens	Union
Emerald City	Mauldin	York
Fort Mill	Newberry	

2023-24 CLUBS OF THE YEAR for 2023-24 were recognized at the awards and installation banquet for their accomplishments in implementing the action items in the Governor's Excellence Award as well as recommendations from their area AGs.



Small Club of the Year for 2023-2024 **GOLDEN STRIP SUNRISE**

Trip Gilreath
Jim Caprell
Dee Vaughan
Melinda Gilreath
Becky Miller

The Golden Strip Sunrise Rotary also received the Rotary Citation, Every Rotarian Every Year award and the Governor's Gold Excellence award.



Medium Club of the Year for 2023-2024 **PLEASANTBURG**

Renée Stubbs, 2023-24 DG
Tracy Tiddy, 2023-24 Pleasantburg President
Wade Cleveland
Travis Seward
Eric Baker, Assistant Governor
Karen Baker



Large Club of the Year for 2023-2024 **EMERALD CITY**

Rachel Strayer
Renée Stubbs, 2023-24 DG



Club of the Year for 2023-2024 **ANDERSON**

Cody Hiott
Cara Hamilton
Elizabeth Hiott
Rick Smyth

Cody Brock
Liz Brock
Lee Hancock
Vanette Wilson

Butch Hughes
Faith Line
Wendy Smith



↑ Good club camaraderie.

Golden Strip Sunrise at Greenville Drive Game

The club hosted the residents of Generations Group Home at a Greenville Drive baseball game. Generations provides group home treatment for boys with a history of sexual abuse. (We cannot post photos of the boys.)

Dan Savage
Chuck Crews
Dee Vaughan
Melinda Gilreath
Trip Gilreath
Sam Stamps
"Reedy"
Becky Miller
Sam Gault
Jim Cashion

Breakfast with Ronald McDonald

Golden Strip Sunrise members provided breakfast for the residents and staff of the Ronald McDonald House in Greenville, then toured the facility on July 25.



↑ Good public image.



↑ Good community service.

At Ronald McDonald House: Becky Miller, Sam Stamps, Jim Caprell, Executive Director/CEO Marti Spencer, Dee Vaughan, Melinda Gilreath, Trip Gilreath, Steve Epps.

Can you see the balance this club has? No wonder it was named Small Club of the Year.

THE GOVERNOR'S CREATE HOPE AWARD

Presented to the Rotary Club of Union for its outstanding accomplishments in Leadership, Membership, Foundation, and Service, which were accomplished by a club that was struggling with all of these areas the year before. They implemented nearly every strategy we shared at district events to create a sustainable club for the future.

Renée with 2023-24 Union club president Charlie Wilson. ➡





ABOVE: The 2024 RYLA class. At right: Reggie Patterson was a 2006 RYLA graduate. He returns to RYLA every year as a Senior Counselor.

Oh, What A Week 66

BY DGE DAVE BRENNER

Rotary Club of Greenville Breakfast

On June 14th, 66 rising High School Juniors and Seniors from across Western South Carolina experienced a week they will never forget at RYLA 2024.

This was by far the most delegates to attend RYLA since pre-covid. There were also several clubs that sponsored a RYLA student that had not done so for several years.

Those are not just numbers, that means more of the young people in our district had the opportunity of a lifetime. They had fun, they developed leadership and teamwork skills, and they made new friendships.

Thank you Rotarians for your support of our youth. We also had two of our inbound Exchange Students attend this year.

RYLA director Mark Peeler told me that having Exchange Students at RYLA makes the week even more special for the kids. He hoped that we will continue to have them participate, and I know Youth Exchange Chair Wade Cleveland is excited to do just that.

The RYLA delegate day begins early, before

breakfast, and ends with lights out at 11:00. During each day they learn about leadership and personal development from knowledgeable instructors. They work in small groups, each with their own counselor for the week, on projects and of course some competition between groups.

At the end of the week parents are invited to the closing ceremony where the students perform skits to demonstrate what they have learned during the week.

The delegates, who were nervous at the beginning of the week, now exhibit confidence in themselves and their fellow

delegates. Of course, there are a few tears of joy for the fun they have had, and a few tears of sadness as they say good-bye to the many new friends that they have made. But they have had an experience they will long remember and appreciate.

The counselors told me that this group of 66 delegates was extraordinary. District 7750 is very fortunate to have such a fantastic, week-long RYLA program. Not every Rotary District has such a great RYLA program.

More RYLA, next page



The high schools and Rotary clubs should be commended for their selection process for RYLA 2024. In my 23 years of coordinating RYLA this was the best group—1-66—that we have ever had. **Please let everyone know how thankful we are for that.** —RYLA Coordinator Mark Peeler



I hope that every Rotary club will send a rising Junior or Senior to RYLA next summer.

—DGE Dave Brenner



If your club would like to hear more about RYLA please contact RYLA Chair Liz Brock at Liz@uwandsc.org or Past District Governor Frank Cox at fcx63@yahoo.com. Either will be glad to attend your club meeting and provide more information about our district's RYLA program.



Saturday, August 17
8:30 am
Spartanburg
Community College
1875 E. Main Street
Spark Center
Duncan, SC 29334

Parts I (FULL), 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 3:45 pm

A Virtual Part 1 will be on August 26-27. Part 1 only will be offered in Aiken on Oct. 5.

GREER NEWSPAPER OUT OF

BUSINESS The paper often gave the Greer Rotary Club front page coverage

BY CARRIE KRAUSE

Rotary Club of Greer

The Rotary Club of Greer has often found its news on the front page of *The Greer Citizen*.

Unfortunately, now that paper—like many other small town newspapers—is closing its doors.

The last issue of the paper, published July 17, featured our club's leadership change and achievements from the District Awards banquet.

This local news source has been a great supporter and go-to for promoting our club in our community. Time now for some PR work to find a new outlet for informing the community about our club and service opportunities!

Any club that needs help revamping/rethinking the way it tells its story to the local community may contact D7750 Public Image Chair Maggie McMahon for ideas.



D-7750 Public Image Chair

MAGGIE MCMAHON

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Maggie is now a member of the Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas.



Pleasantburg delivers food to elementary school

Pleasantburg Rotary continued its busy calendar of service by supporting youth and families in the community. Club members collected and delivered two carloads of much needed non-perishable food items to Cherrydale Elementary School's year-round food closet. The food closet for the Title I school had been depleted by school's end in June.

Cherrydale staff celebrate the food delivery by Pleasantburg Club members Judy Cromwell (right), Reginal Coulomb (second from right) and Tracy Tiddy (behind the camera).

↑ Good community service.

Pleasantburg's president reconnects with Turkish Rotary friends in Istanbul

Before Lale Dogan took over as Pleasantburg's 2024-25 president, she went to Turkey to reconnect with two Rotarians from her past experience.

Lale met Sebnem Demirel, Past President of Caddebostan Rotary club, when they were both Youth Exchange students from Turkey D2420 to the United States in 1994.

Lale met Tolga Bastanci, D2420 Administrative Secretary, when they were Rotaractors together in 1995 in college in Turkey.

They reconnected in 2022 as their respective clubs (Caddebostan and Pleasantburg) supported a Rotary Foundation grant that funded a mobile medical clinic in Adiyaman, Turkey following the devastating earthquake that claimed 55,000 lives.

Club members supported an additional grant in 2024 to provide Adiyaman farmers with equipment that enabled them to earn a living in the wake of the earthquake.



Above:
Sebnem Demirel
Tolga Bastanci
Lale Dogan

At right: Sebnem
and Lale.



Travis Seward plates the dolmas (stuffed grape leaves) that Lale prepared for the dinner.

And then comes home to a Turkish dinner



Club members Sara Mansbach, Quentin Ball, Judy Cromer, and club treasurer Tammy Harrison enjoyed the Turkish meal.

Feasting on a dinner of traditional foods from Turkey in honor of their 2024-25 Club President, Lale Dogan, the Pleasantburg Rotary Club celebrates the Magic of Rotary and recognizes the accomplishments of its club members. Travis Seward and Wade Cleveland hosted the dinner at their home in Greenville's Hampton-Pinckney Historic District.

↑ Good club camaraderie.



LAST ADVICE: Wade Cleveland, 7750 Youth Exchange Chair and member of the Rotary Club of Pleasantburg, has some last words of advice for Kristof Jakab as he leaves the US to go home to Hungary.



GOING HOME: Pleasantburg club members wish Youth Exchange student Kristof Jakab safe travels as he prepares to board his flight home to Budapest, Hungary on July 5. Left to right: Karen Baker, Wade Cleveland, Eric Baker, Jerry Lieberg, Kristof Jakab, Travis Seward, Clay Brown (Kristof's Rotary Dad), Linda Lee, and Henry Dupre.

Pleasantburg's long-term commitment to the Youth Exchange program continues as the club annually sponsors both incoming and outgoing Youth Exchange students.



Larry Lee named Pleasantburg's Rotarian of the Year

Larry Lee (left) and Tracy Tiddy, Past President, share a moment as Tracy recognizes Larry as the Pleasantburg Rotarian of the Year for 2023-24.



COMING HOME: Adelaide Brown, daughter of Pleasantburg Rotarian Clay Brown, shares her excitement as she returns home in late June after her year in France as a Youth Exchange student.



↑Good community service

Club members deliver backpacks to Rice Elementary

Chuck Davidson, club service projects chair

Stephanie Boozer, assistant principal

Anna Haynes, principal

Anne Hancock, club member

Jessica Garcia, club board member

John Heydel, club president

Christi Loudon, club director and Greenwood 50 school district assistant superintendent.

Greenwood stuffs supplies into 60 back-to-school backpacks

Members of the Rotary Club of Greenwood stuffed 60 back-to-school backpacks for first-grade students at Eleanor S. Rice Elementary School at their July 23 meeting. The backpacks contain all the supplies required for these students.

Rice Elementary is a Title I school that receives additional funding to ensure all students have equal access to a high-quality education.

After the club president John Heydel and other members delivered the backpacks to school principal Anna Haynes.

“We are delighted to serve the most vulnerable members of our community and thank all our Rotarians who volunteered their time and donated for the purchase of the supplies,”

John said. “A special thanks to Chuck Davidson, our service chair, for organizing this project.” Club members raised \$1,100 for the project and the club contributed an additional \$500.

“These backpacks will go to students who are living below the poverty level and may otherwise not have the supplies they need to succeed in school.”

—Christi Loudon, Rotarian and Assistant Superintendent, Greenwood 50 School District

SENECA GOLDEN CORNER



CO-PRESIDENTS AT GOLDEN CORNER (left photo): The Rotary Club of Seneca Golden Corner has co-presidents this year: Patrick Lee, left and Beth Brown. Assistant Governor Steve Graves, member of the Rotary Club of Walhalla, installed the new club leaders.

HOSPICE EXPANDING IN SENECA (right photo): Kevin McHugh, right, and Lisa Ludwig updated the Golden Corner Rotary Club about Hospice care and the Cottingham House. Kevin is the new director for the Cottingham House and plans call for the facility to expand from 15 beds to 25. Lisa is the director of volunteer services.



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.

NEXT H&H: NOV. 11

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

Our best year yet for Foundation giving!

Thank you! Our District had its best year ever for giving to The Rotary Foundation during 2023-24. We smashed the record for both Annual Fund and the new record set last year for PolioPlus. You should be proud of yourselves. You are "Doing (a whole lot of) Good in the World."

Rotarians in our 49 Rotary clubs contributed \$517,537 to our Foundation's Annual Fund and gave \$177,358 to PolioPlus.

These contributions are about much more than breaking records, however. This means that we are doing more than ever to help fulfill our promise that one day soon children will live in a world free of polio.

And through the contributions to the Annual Fund, we are increasing our District's ability to do more at home through District Grants and more through our Global Grants in places such as Honduras, Guatemala and Haiti.

To me, this says that Rotarians in District 7750 see the value of giving to The Rotary Foundation and appreciate the life-changing work that takes place because of our contributions.

It's easy to see the good we do in our own communities through our District Grants. Increasingly, Rotarians are seeing the importance of the life-saving work that we are doing internationally.

With each gift to Annual Fund – SHARE, you are helping us do good at home and throughout the world.

As we start this new Rotary year, please consider how you can support The Rotary Foundation, both as an individual and as a club.

- Let every club strive to be a 100% Foundation Giving Club.
- Consider joining the Paul Harris Society if you're able to make an annual pledge of at least \$1,000 a year.
- Think about leaving a legacy of change by becoming a member of the Bequest Society.

And please join us at the Greenville Marriott on November 8 as we celebrate this outstanding year that we had in giving to The Rotary Foundation and the good that we are able to do each day through it.



D-7750 Foundation Chair
PDG BETH PADGETT
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Foundation Facts

July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024

Annual Fund Goal	\$ 405,615
	49 of 49 – 100%
Annual Fund Total	\$ 517,537
	127.6% goal
Annual Fund Per Capita	\$ 220.40
	2,348 members
Other Funds.....	\$790
Endowment Fund.....	\$ 69,996
PolioPlus Goal.....	\$ 112,447
	49 of 49 – 100%
PolioPlus.....	\$ 177,358
	157.7% goal
Polio Per Capita.....	\$ 75.54
	2,348 members
Total Giving	\$ 765,681
\$0 AF Clubs	0
	0 of 49
\$0 Polio Clubs.....	0
	0 of 49
DDF Transfer – Polio	\$ 46,000
Major Gifts	10
Major Donors	16
Paul Harris Fellows.....	514
Bequest Society	3
Benefactors.....	6
EREY	2,058
	2,348 members – 87.7%
Sustaining Members.....	1,339
	2,348 members – 57%
Paul Harris Society Eligible	124
Paul Harris Society Members.....	103
	+0 for year
Rotary Direct	100
	+13 for year

ALL-TIME FOR DISTRICT

Paul Harris Fellows.....	6,078
Benefactors.....	852
Bequest Society	117
Major Donors	139



Golden Corner becomes All Paul Harris Club under leadership of Cammie Kaiser

Cammie Kaiser, right, led Seneca Golden Corner to be a 100 percent Paul Harris Club. She herself received her Paul Harris Plus Eight. Incoming co-President Beth Brown presented Cammie with a cutting board to recognize the many dishes she served at Golden Corner Rotary Club functions. Cammie is a long-time member and leader of Golden Corner.



PAUL HARRIS

+1 Receiving their Paul Harris Plus One were, from left, Don Estep, Steve Rushton, Teddy Martin and George Bakogiannis. Also receiving the Paul Harris Plus One were Steve Moore and David Williams.



PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS (FIRST TIME AND+6) Beth Brown, Luke McPhail and Sandy Peirce became Paul Harris Fellows. Eddie Perry (behind) received his Paul Harris Plus Six.



PAUL HARRIS +2

Receiving their Paul Harris Plus Two are from left Gene Williams, Patrick Lee, Vic Holley and Lorraine Harding. Also receiving the PHF+2 was Louis Holleman.

OTHERS NOT PICTURED:

Others receiving their Paul Harris Fellows at various levels were Jill Dolly, Hugh Pearson, and Doug Wilson.



WE HAD RECORD GIVING IN 2023-24 BECAUSE OF GENEROUS GIFTS LIKE THESE.

Beth's August challenge to presidents

- 1** Show your Rotary Club that you believe in our Rotary Foundation by donating to Annual Fund-SHARE.
- 2** Make sure your club president and club Foundation chair meet in August to plan how to implement your Foundation goals. While you're at it, make sure those goals are in My Rotary.
- 3** Talk about the importance of The Rotary Foundation during at least one meeting in August.
- 4** Get in touch with District Rotary Foundation Chair Beth Padgett (bpadgettrotary@outlook.com) when you have questions, need ideas, or want to plan a Foundation program.



District Grant checks coming soon

Our District soon will receive our District Grant Funds from Rotary International and those checks will be sent to club Treasurers shortly after we receive the money.

As soon as you receive and deposit your District Grant check, you can start your projects. Most of the checks will come from the District Grants Account but some will come from Rotary District 7750's main account.

Our District has provided some supplemental funding to ensure as many clubs as possible can undertake needed local projects.

Make sure to keep a copy of your bank statement that shows

when you deposited the check. You will need that when you submit your final report.

Also, please remember that you must have receipts for all purchases made with the grant funds and with your club's match of those funds.

Finally, Rotary International will not accept any receipts for purchases made before the club received and deposited the grant check.

Bill Harley is the longtime District Grants Chair. He does a great job every year, so please tell him "thank you" when you see him.

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JUNE 2024 SITE VISIT TO GUATEMALA

Global grant for more wells delayed

BY JOHNNY WALKER

Rotary Club of Aiken Sunrise

Rotary Global Grants support the people of Guatemala and improve life in indigenous Mayan communities.

Our WASH projects and Maternal and Child Health programs encourage Mayans to live, work and stay in their homes.

Our Global Grants also provide goats, chickens, or rabbits to families for micro-economic entrepreneurship. Eggs, milk, or animals can be sold in local markets to provide an income to the families.

The U.S. supports economic development on a larger scale to provide jobs in factories and farms for indigenous people. The more opportunities Guatemalans have at home the more likely they are to stay there.

In January I visited the village of Paquixic. This is the village District 7750 supported with a Maternal and Child Health Grant to reduce childhood malnutrition in 2022.

We are currently working on a proposed Global Grant for a Water Distribution System in the same village. This WASH project has been delayed because the well drilled did not supply enough water to meet the needs of the whole village.



▲Johnny Walker at the Paquixic well site, January 2024.



◀The first Paquixic well, January 2024.

During my most recent visit, I learned that a second well would be drilled. Both wells are funded by another NGO and no Rotary funds have been spent on the wells.

The new estimated start date for the water distribution system is January 2025. The global grant application has been delayed until we are sure of an adequate water source for all the villagers.



Johnny meets with government official

While Johnny was in Guatemala, he met with the Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs to exchange ideas.

He learned that the top Guatemalan priority is extension of Temporary Protected Status to Guatemalans displaced by

hurricanes and global climate change. The minister also told Johnny that he hopes the U.S. will provide oversight of elections later this year for the Guatemalan Supreme Court and lower justices.

Johnny will share these requests as appropriate.

Put November 8 on your calendar for the District Rotary FOUNDATION CELEBRATION. You don't want to miss it!

Friday, Nov. 8, 2024 in Greenville

PDG Vanessa Ervin to speak at Foundation Celebration

Vanessa Ervin, a highly regarded speaker in Rotary Zone 33, will deliver the keynote speech at our District Rotary Foundation Celebration on Friday, Nov. 8. The event will be at the Greenville Marriott in Greenville. This location is accessible to Rotarians throughout our District.

Our Rotary Clubs have much to celebrate after a record-smashing year of giving to The Rotary Foundation and PolioPlus in 2023-24. Vanessa is widely regarded as a speaker who can inspire and excite an audience. "We are delighted that she is returning to our District for this important celebration in November," said Beth Padgett, District Rotary Foundation Chair.

Vanessa was born in Chicago. She holds a Doctor of Ministry from Covenant Seminary, dual master's degrees in Rehabilitation



Vanessa Ervin

Administration and Business Administration from the University of San Francisco and received her B.A. in Special Education from the University of New Mexico.

Since 1991, Vanessa has served as the President/CEO of Carobell, Inc., a licensed, private non-profit that provides Care Management

through "One Health."

Rotary is Vanessa's passion and the Rotary Foundation her charity of choice. She is a Past District Governor of District 7730 in eastern North Carolina. She has served in numerous positions of support at the club, district, and zone level. With the help of a global grant awarded to District 7730, she assisted with the establishment of the first Rotary Hemodialysis Center in Giridih, India, leading a Vocational Training Team with a Doctor, Dietician, and Rotarians.

Vanessa is the recipient of the 2021-22 Rotary International Service Above Self Award, awarded to only 150 leaders world-wide. Her life motto is: ***"if you don't care who gets the credit, you can change the world."*** —Beth

The
Rotary
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Doing Good In The World



Basic
Education
& Literacy



Maternal &
Child
Health



Peace &
Conflict
Prevention/
Resolution



Disease
Prevention
&
Treatment



Water,
Sanitation
& Hygiene



Community &
Economic
Development



Support the
Environment

Historic giving for polio during the past Rotary year

Dear Rotarians of District 7750:

Congratulations on District 7750 Historic Giving Achievement in 2023-2024!!

Congratulations to all of the Rotarians, PolioPlus Coordinators, Presidents, and the Rotary Clubs and of our district for your financial support and educational efforts on behalf of our PolioPlus campaign in the 2023-2024.

This past Rotary year our district raised the largest dollar amount we have ever achieved in one year...\$177,358.

That amount is approximately \$9,000 more than last Rotary year's total. With the two-for-one dollar match provided by the Gates Foundation, our financial impact last year toward eradicating polio was \$532,074. Thank you for your compassion and generosity!

Current PolioPlus News from around the World

As of July 23, 23 cases of the Wild Polio Virus have been identified in the two remaining endemic countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan. Afghanistan has reported 10 cases and Pakistan has recorded 13.

The number of Circulating Vaccine Derived Polio

Need a PolioPlus Educational Program?
Please feel free to contact me.

7750 Polio Plus Chair

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Cases worldwide is approximately 350 year to date.

Vaccine Derived Polio Cases develop from time to time because the Oral Polio Vaccine that is used in most of the world as we continue to vaccinate millions of children every year does utilize a small amount of the live polio virus to help achieve immunity in each child who receives it.

On occasion, that live polio virus remains active in a child's body for many weeks and can develop into a virus that can be dispelled from a child's body and infect another person, especially in communities with poor health and cleanliness conditions.

When such cases arise, special efforts are made to address those geographic areas, carry out vaccinations, and reduce the possibility of spread.

Participate in the Doug and Sally Kauffmann PolioPlus Challenge

Doug is once again offering a PolioPlus Match to District 7750 Rotarians in celebration of World Polio Day on October 24.

Between October 1 and December 31, Doug Kauffmann will match every gift of \$100 or more given to PolioPlus by individual Rotarians up to \$40,000 for the District.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will match that money two more times.

Every Rotarian who gives \$100-\$500 will also receive that many Rotary Foundation Recognition Points.

Contributions can be made online at <https://my.rotary.org/en/polioplus-fund> (make sure you sign in as a Rotarian) or over the phone with the Rotary Support Center at 866-976-8279 will be



processed immediately. PolioPlus giving does count toward a Paul Harris Fellow.

Doug is a member of the Rotary Club of Greenwood and is District Polio Chair. Sally was a member of the Rotary Club of Greenwood until her death June 12. Doug is repeating their PolioPlus

Challenge Match that was so successful the past four years.

Note: Anyone with a PHF+8 or a Major Donor will not be awarded points but your financial contributions will count and be greatly appreciated! Recognition Points are of no value to these donors.

How your gift multiplies:

1. You give \$100 to PolioPlus.
2. Doug matches that with \$100 so now your gift is worth \$200.
3. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation matches the \$200 two times over, ie \$400 more.
4. Now your \$100 has turned into \$600 for polio.

Have you joined our Million Dollar Campaign?

BY PDG BETH PADGETT

D7750 Foundation Chair

Have you already joined our Million Dollar Campaign created to ensure the sustainability of our work done through The Rotary Foundation around the globe and in our own communities?

Several District 7750 Rotarians have joined those who participated in “the quiet campaign” announced at our 2024 District Conference.

We’ve had at least one new Bequest Society member as well as several Rotarians share with us that they plan to give at least \$10,000 in new dollars between July 1, 2023, and January 31, 2026.

We have other Rotarians who are setting up a special session to talk to Jon Teich (jon.teich@rotary.org), our Rotary Major

Gifts Officer, who is eager to help prospective donors learn about various ways to make a Major Gift.

Some of you, however, may already be a member of our Million Dollar Campaign and you don’t know it! How did that happen? Here are some examples:

1 You have added The Rotary Foundation to your will or as a beneficiary to your IRA or a life insurance policy, but you have not told us about that.

If you’re in this category, let us and The Rotary Foundation know about your intentions. You don’t have to make it public if that’s your desire. By telling The Rotary Foundation about your estate plans, you can ensure that your donations will go to the specific

cause that is near to your heart. And you can make sure that all the necessary information is correct in your estate plan.

2 Some Rotarians joined the Bequest Society a decade or more ago by making The Rotary Foundation a beneficiary on their IRA. Perhaps they made the Foundation a beneficiary at 10% of the amount of the IRA. Guess what? That pledged gift may be worth double that amount or more after the specular gains of the stock market.

If you are in this group, let us know. You may have already increased your pledge to The Rotary Foundation by \$10,000 or more without doing anything!

Please remember, this campaign isn’t about money. It’s about changing lives through the work that we can do through these gifts. It’s about increasing our ability to do more good in our world.

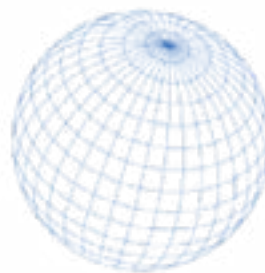
Ensure our future of doing good in the world

To ensure that we continue to have the Foundation funds needed to Do Good in the World, Rotary District 7750 launched a Million Dollar Campaign for The Rotary Foundation.

This effort is critical to ensuring we have the financial means to continue our robust work at home and in other countries. We will share information about this campaign throughout this Rotary year.

This campaign is about bringing in **new** money.

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.



\$1 MILLION
impact

For more information, contact District Rotary Foundation Chair Beth Padgett at bpadgettrotary@outlook.com.

AUGUST IS


MEMBERSHIP AND
EXTENSION MONTH

WHAT IS YOUR CLUB DOING FOR YOUR MEMBERS? YOUR COMMUNITY? OUR WORLD?

ONE LAST REMINDER: AUGUST IS THE PERFECT TIME TO REFLECT ON YOUR CLUB'S MEMBERSHIP STRATEGIES AND EXPLORE WAYS TO STRENGTHEN OUR ROTARY FAMILY!

CELEBRATE MEMBERS: Recognize and appreciate your club members for their contributions. Highlight their achievements and community service.

ENGAGE PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS: Reach out to potential members in your community. Host informational events, share Rotary's mission, and invite them to participate in club activities.

DIVERSIFY MEMBERSHIP: Aim for diversity in age, profession, and background. A varied membership enriches club discussions and projects.

STRENGTHEN CLUB CULTURE: Foster a welcoming and inclusive environment. Encourage camaraderie, active participation, and collaboration.

CREATE NEW CLUBS: Explore opportunities to establish satellite clubs or new Rotary clubs. These additions expand Rotary's reach and impact.

Your 2024-25 membership team

Team Members:	Assigned Role:
Albert Blackmon	District Membership Chair
Watson Dorn	Club Training Lead
Candace Wyman	Innovative Clubs Lead
Pam Weaver	Club Communications
Ben Hagood, III	Task Force Lead
Babette Sabia	RI Leads Management
Ri"Cha ri Sancho	DEI & Safety and Care Lead
Dee Vaughan	Task Force
Kylie Herbert	Task Force
Ritchie Russell	Task Force
Charlie Wilson	Task Force
Laura Biggerstaff	Task Force

New Members in June

Hulsizer, Barbara	Anderson	Vinchery, Derly	Greenville City Center
Morel, Ian	Anderson	Slusser, Brantlee J	Greer
Gillespie, Lisa	Anderson	Slusser, Dennis	Greer
Campbell, Shelby	Clemson	Covert, Ann	Greer
Evans, Rebecca Ann	E-Club of the Carolinas	Covert, J. R.	Greer
Rappley-Sayles, Deidre	E-Club of the Carolinas	Spalding, Andrea	Greer
Harrison, Charles	E-Club of the Carolinas	Elliott, Michael Brian	Lancaster
Roan, Carol A.	E-Club of the Carolinas	Ware, David	Pleasantburg
Peters, Matthew R.	E-Club of the Carolinas	Harvey, Ryan	Rock Hill
Dye, Alex C.	Easley	Kitchens, Stephanie	Union
Price, Jeremy	Easley	Pope, Donovan	Walhalla
Oxendine, Josh	Easley	Kelly, Beth	Greenville After-Hours
Nelson, Jacob W	Easley	Perry, Hillary	Greenville After-Hours
Fox, Lauren	Easley	O'Connell, Lisa	Greenville After-Hours
Mardis, Bobby T.	Gaffney	Abbott, Jess	Greenville After-Hours
Savage, Shelly K	Golden Strip Sunrise	Ackles, Jeremy	Greenville After-Hours
Greene, Rashidi	Greenville	Camunas, Tanya	Greenville After-Hours
Dunbar, Jennie	Greenville	Sterbini, Brett	Greenville After-Hours
Lybrand, Taylor	Greenville	Huss, Richard	Greenville After-Hours
Kenyon, James	Greenville Breakfast	Nelson, Leesa	Greenville After-Hours
Taylor, J. Michael	Greenville City Center		

JUNE 2024: 41 NEW MEMBERS — 62 TERMINATED MEMBERS (3 DECEASED). Data from DaCdb.

Fourteen members were dropped in DaCdb in June for non-attendance, lack of participation, or not interested. Does your club have members like this? If so, try to find out how you can better engage them now before it's too late.

7750 Rotary Club members at start of past six years (from RI)	
July 1, 2019	2,648
July 1, 2020	↓ 2,512
July 1, 2021	↓ 2,426
July 1, 2022	↓ 2,409
July 1, 2023	↓ 2,348
July 1, 2024	↑ 2,391

Preliminary year-end figures show 7750 with an increase in members for the first time in at least five years. Let's hope last minute data doesn't change this.

Deadline for September newsletter is August 25.
Send items to newsletter editor Sue Poss, pdgsueposs@gmail.com.