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Economic and Community Development

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# 7750

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## HURRICANE HELENE

The severe impacts of Hurricane Helene affected every county and town in District 7750. Our Rotary clubs began almost immediately to assess needs and take action to provide water, food and shelter, even when many places did not have electricity, and many roads, homes and yards were flooded.

More work/  
help is needed  
and because  
we are **PEOPLE  
OF ACTION**, it  
will be done.



We'll be sending p-mails and posting to Facebook as it becomes clearer on how we—as a district—can support long-term recovery efforts beyond meeting the immediate basic needs.



Above left: Mason McDonald and his mom.

Mason was the umpire's assistant.

Above right: Team Australia with Easley Rotarians.

Right: Rotarians Betty Garrison, Kent Dykes, Danny McMullen, Don Lesley, Tripp Martin, Christman Short.



## Easley Club provides food for Little League Baseball world series

**BY DANNY McMULLEN**

*President, Rotary Club of Easley*

For the past 22 years, the Rotary Club of Easley has been a supporter of the Senior League Baseball World Series (SLBWS), providing meals for approximately 230 participants and 100 local volunteers, including umpires.

Each year, the menu varies from BBQ to Chick-fil-A sandwiches. This tradition is something the Easley Rotarians look forward to, and we are consistently impressed by the gratitude and respect shown by the players, umpires, and volunteers.

In addition to fostering camaraderie, club members enjoy learning about the diverse cultures represented by the teams and their families.

Tournament Director Kimber Nelson acknowledges the essential role our club plays in the tournament's success, saying, "The Rotary club's

members are a valuable asset to help make the World Series a success. I can always count on them to pitch in and assist when asked. We always get compliments on how kind and friendly our local supporters are. The Rotary club makes all of the participants and volunteers feel welcome as they are feeding us."

Easley takes great pride in hosting the Senior League Baseball World Series and has done so for 22 years.

The city's residents and Rotarians, guided by the motto "Service Above Self," work together to ensure a memorable experience for the young athletes and their families.

The Easley community feels honored to be part of such a meaningful event and is proud to continue its tradition of hospitality and service.

### WHAT IS THE SENIOR LEAGUE BASEBALL WORLD SERIES?

SLBWS is a tournament for players aged 13 to 16. It was established in 1961 and is part of Little League International.

It is one of seven tournaments organized by Little League International, bringing together baseball teams from around the world across four age divisions. The tournament is divided into two geographical groups: United States and International regions.

Teams from each group compete in a six-team modified double-elimination bracket, with the winners advancing to the semi-finals. The winners of the semi-finals face off in the championship game, broadcast on ESPN. Both the semi-final and championship games are single-elimination, adding intensity to the competition.



Front Row: President-Elect Debbie Hartness, PDG Renée Stubbs, President Melody Harrison  
Back Row: Ed Stallworth, Lee Foster, Hunter Perry, Sean Johnson, Dale Mamele, Woody Jones, Willie Morris, AG Kimberly Kitchens, Steve Stubbs

## Newberry plants Peace Pole on World Peace Day

**BY PDG RENEÉ STUBBS**

*Rotary Club of Newberry*

To honor the United Nations World Peace Day on Sept. 21, the Rotary Club of Newberry planted a Peace Pole with the words “May Peace Prevail on Earth” in English, German, Irish, American Sign Language, Cherokee, Braille, Spanish, French, and Dutch.

This Peace Pole is now one of more than 200,000 in 180 countries. It is planted at the Rotary Scout Hut on Speers Street in Newberry.

Planting a Peace Pole is a way of bringing people

together to inspire, awaken and uplift the human consciousness the world over. They remind us to think, speak and act in the spirit of peace and harmony.

The theme for this year’s Peace Day was ‘Cultivating a culture of peace’ which draws inspiration in the belief that wars begin in the minds of humans. Hence, cultivating peace means instilling values of dialogue and mutual respect at a young age.

**The Newberry club hopes to create a PEACE POLE GARDEN and add more Peace Poles in different languages.**



# SUCCESSION PLANNING

## Getting members to raise their hands

BY DGE DAVE BRENNER

*Rotary Club of Greenville Breakfast*

DG Rysheeka has been talking about the need for succession planning during her visits to the Rotary clubs in our district. Succession planning is vital in a Rotary club to ensure continuity of leadership, sustain momentum in projects, and maintain a vibrant irresistible club.

So why is it so difficult to achieve? Many of us struggle in our clubs to ensure adequate succession planning. Without succession planning club presidents have to spend an inordinate amount of time identifying the person to succeed them as president. This is certainly not fair to club presidents as they are trying to begin their year of leadership in their club.

As DGE, I am very concerned that **there are 13 clubs in our district that do not have a President-elect** and registration for PETS starts in roughly 5 weeks.

So the question becomes how do we, as a Rotary district, overcome this hurdle that we seem to face

year after year?

In an effort to better understand the issues around succession planning, I gathered a group of presidents and past presidents to brainstorm how we could do a better job with succession planning.

The group represented clubs that regularly have good succession plans and clubs that currently do not have a president-elect. The overwhelming reason given by those clubs that have a good succession planning system was new member attraction. How many times have you heard from your members "I have already been president, find somebody else."

New members bring new ideas to our clubs and are eager to learn and develop their leadership skills.

So again, as we have heard with many issues that we face in our Rotary Clubs, **it comes down to new member attraction. If we get membership right everything else is easy.**

## No new members? Then what?



Despite some clubs' best efforts, they are still struggling to recruit new members. So what can they do in the meantime?

A couple options that were discussed by the group of club leaders were:

- 1) Have the president serve a second year, and
- 2) Co-presidency, that is two Rotarians serve as club president for the year.

In fact, there are clubs in our district that are doing both of these options this year.

Please note that if your president is going to serve a 2nd year he or she must attend Pre-PETS and PETS.

The same is true of co-presidents. If both cannot attend, then at least one is required to attend And since Pre-PETS and PETS build upon each other the same person should attend both.

Also, if your club determines they must have co-presidents it is imperative that the duties of each be well defined and agreed upon beforehand.

**Your club must get approval from the incoming District Governor for either of these options.**

**I CANNOT EMPHASIZE ENOUGH THAT THE OPTIMUM SOLUTION IS TO:**

- 1. ATTRACT AND EDUCATE NEW MEMBERS.**
- 2. INSTILL AN ACTIVE AND ONGOING SUCCESSION PLAN IN YOUR CLUB.**





**ADOPT A STREET** – The Rotary Club of Golden Strip Sunrise completed its third road clean up on September 14 as part of Simpsonville SIMPLY PROUD Adopt-a-Street Program. From left are Rotarians Mike McCourry, Jim Caprell, Sam Stamps, Chuck Crews, and Vince Petrell



**LITTLE FREE LIBRARY**—The Golden Strip Sunrise Club completed the installation, painting, and branding of the new Little Library located at the Center for Community Services in Fountain Inn.

## ROTARY CLUB OF GOLDEN STRIP SUNRISE



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



### CART update at Pleasantburg

District CART Chair Cara Hamilton (center) spoke to the Pleasantburg Club on Sept. 5. Cara updated the club on recent CART giving, grants awarded, and new ways to connect online through the CART website to make donations and obtain information. Cara is flanked by Club president Lale Dogan, left, and club CART chair Linda Lee, right.

# Cultivate a CULTURE OF INVITING

**D-7750 Membership Chair**

**ALBERT BLACKMON**

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As active members of one of the largest civic organizations in the world, Rotarians can't contain the greatness of this organization as we are impacting lives throughout the world. How many times did you talk about Rotary to non-Rotarians this week?

Every day is a good day to introduce a potential member to Rotary. There are literally MILLIONS of people out there who have a heart for service and who just haven't been asked to join a Rotary club.

My challenge to you is to help D-7750 cultivate a "CULTURE OF INVITING" — to make it a regular occurrence that you invite someone you know to consider Rotary as part of their life. Many of you would agree, when done right, joining Rotary is indeed a life changing event for those who are serious about local and global community service. Service is what we do!

Speaking of when done right, many individuals fail to realize that people leave membership organizations every year—most for reasons beyond anyone's control. You've heard us use

terms like retention, attrition, reduction, and loss.

We must have solid retention plans in place to ensure those who are leaving our ranks are due to those factors beyond our control. Regardless of our desire to lower our attrition rate to less than 15%, it turns out that the rate of member loss is highly predictable, based on past annual terminations.

That means it's essential to be visionaries and replace those members IN ADVANCE—to anticipate an average rate of member loss and to find new members to fill those seats. Beyond that, we need a few additional members to moderately grow our club—at a rate of, say, the greater of 5% or a net gain of 2 members. That expands our Reach into our communities AND ensures we have a consistent flow of new potential club leaders.

Does your club have a plan, starting early in the Rotary year, to "pre-replace" its potentially terminating members?

Do you know how many you need?

Can you be part of that solution?

## I HAVE A **2X2** CHALLENGE FOR YOU THIS MONTH.

**INVITE** and bring **two** potential members to join you for a Rotary Information Session meeting this month.

**PLANT** a Rotary seed with **two** additional prospects this month. This seed is simply an informational session sharing the mission of Rotary, Service Above Self and what your club is doing in the community.

**SHARE** your results with your Club Presidents and/or Club Membership Chair as I know they would want to capture this information in DACdb for tracking.

Shoot fire, I'd like to hear how you're doing too. Send me an email [albert.blackmon@sc.edu](mailto:albert.blackmon@sc.edu) with the subject line "Challenge Accepted – I DID IT" and let me know the outcome of your 2X2 reach.



Getting your “ASK” started and ending your “ASK” are the hardest parts of the conversation. What’s happening within your club is the easy part. Here are two conversation starters:

I have no idea why I haven’t talked with you about Rotary. Did you know our motto is Service Above Self? Here are a few things our club is doing in our community.

Our club is a team of like-minded folks focused on making things better for our local and global communities. No religious or political focus, just people who walk the talk relative to service to our communities.

Don’t forget your “ASK!” Linda, I think you’d be a great fit for Rotary, which Tuesday during lunch works best for you to join me for a meeting?

## TOP 10 CLUBS LEADING IN MEMBERSHIP GAINS AT SEPT. 1

CLUB	Members at July 1	Members at Sept. 1	Net Gain
Pickens	30	35	5
Greenville City Center	45	49	4
Lake Wylie	34	38	4
Indian Land Lunch	53	56	3
E-Club of the Carolinas	23	26	3
Aiken	162	164	2
Clemon Sunrise	32	34	2
Emerald City	84	86	2
Pleasantburg	45	47	2
Walhalla	34	36	2
District Totals	2,396	2,409	13

These figures are from DaDdb and lag behind where the club actually is. The +/- column is net after terminations/additions.

Special thanks to PDG Terry Weaver, District Communications Officer, for his contributions to this membership information.—Albert



**PDG TERRY WEAVER**  
District Communication Officer

Since the top 10 clubs have gained 29 members and the district is up by only 13, quick math tells us that some of our clubs have decreased in membership during the first two months of the year. **If your club is one of these, now is the time to change your trajectory.**



## Inbound Youth Exchange

Our three 2024-25 inbound Youth Exchange students are:

1. Yehor Horbenko from Ukraine, hosted by Greenwood
2. Lou Borrás from France, hosted by Pleasantburg
3. Agustin Olazabal from Bolivia, hosted by Clemson and Clemson Sunrise

Inbound orientation sessions were held in early September and included bowling, boating, a movie, and good food.

## Chester recognizes two outstanding members

John Evans Davis was the recipient of the Arthur Gaston Rotarian of the Year Award for 2023-2024 at the Rotary Club of Chester.

The award is given to a member who has exhibited "Service Above Self" in their daily lives and embodied the true spirit of a Rotarian."

Gaston was a third generation Rotarian who was a member of the Chester club for 61 years.

The Bessie Vastis New Member Award for 2023-2024 went to Stacy J. Scott.

This award is given to a new member who "boldly embraced the principles of the 4 Way Test in the things that she thinks, says and does."

DG Rysheeka presented both awards at her official visit to the Chester Club.



**Indian Land Lunch gave dictionaries to third-graders at Indian Land Elementary School. These students got right to work using their new dictionaries!**



## Dictionaries in Indian Land



**DG Rysheeka Rysheeka and ADG Jamison Tinsley meeting with the Rotary Club of Emerald City in Greenwood. Looks like a happy bunch!**



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## TWO IDEAS TO IMPROVE YOUR CLUB'S PUBLIC IMAGE

**SHOWCASE IMPACTFUL PROJECTS:** Highlight the club's service projects and humanitarian efforts through various channels like social media, local newspapers, and community events. Sharing success stories and testimonials can demonstrate the club's positive impact on the community.

**ENGAGE WITH THE COMMUNITY:** Organize and participate in local events such as marathons, recycling drives, or fundraisers. These activities not only raise awareness but also foster a sense of community involvement.

### ZONE 33 PUBLIC IMAGE GOALS FOR SECOND QUARTER OF 2024-25

Month	Task	Specifics	Finish by
October	World Polio Day	Share one or more images/graphics of what your club did for World Polio Day to educate your community about Rotary's efforts to End Polio Now and/or to support the PolioPlus Fund	Nov. 30
November	Foundation Month	How is your club spreading awareness of the crucial work that our Foundation undertakes in our local communities and across the globe every single day. How do you communicate the importance of supporting our Foundation?	Dec. 31
December	Feedback	Provide feedback on how the Zones 33/34 Public Image Teams have supported your efforts to enhance your public image and how we can further assist you – What are we doing well? How can we improve? And what type of content would be beneficial as you share your Rotary story?	Jan. 31

# It's economic and community development month

## WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR OUR CLUBS?



### 1. Empowering Local Entrepreneurs and Leaders

Our clubs are well-positioned to support local entrepreneurs and community leaders. By providing training, resources, and networking opportunities, we can help individuals develop the skills needed to start and grow businesses. This not only fosters economic growth but also builds a sense of community pride and self-sufficiency.

### 2. Creating Sustainable Solutions to Poverty

One of our core missions is to provide sustainable solutions to poverty. Nearly 800 million people live on less than \$1.90 a day. Our clubs can implement projects that offer long-term benefits, such as vocational training, microfinance programs, and access to financial management institutions. These initiatives help individuals and communities break the cycle of poverty and achieve economic stability.

### 3. Building Community Resilience

Community and economic development projects often focus on building resilience. This includes preparing communities to better withstand economic downturns and other challenges. **We can play a crucial role in this by supporting local infrastructure projects, disaster preparedness programs, and other initiatives that enhance COMMUNITY RESILIENCE.**

HOW  
RELEVANT  
IS THIS!

Every one of our 7750 Rotary clubs has the resources, expertise, and commitment needed to drive meaningful community and economic development. By focusing on sustainable, inclusive, and community-driven projects, your club—no matter its size—can make a lasting impact on the lives of individuals and the overall health of YOUR community.

### 4. Fostering Inclusive Growth

We are committed to inclusivity and diversity. By involving women, men, youth, and marginalized groups—whatever a cross-section of your community looks like—in economic development projects, Rotary ensures that growth benefits everyone in the community. This inclusive approach not only promotes social equity but also taps into a broader range of talents and perspectives, driving more innovative and effective solutions.

### 5. Enhancing Community Engagement

By involving local residents in the planning and implementation of development projects, we can ensure that these initiatives are tailored to the community's specific needs and priorities. This participatory approach fosters a sense of ownership and commitment among community members, increasing the likelihood of project success and sustainability.

### 6. Leveraging Global Networks

With our vast network of global members and resources, local clubs can draw on international expertise, funding, and best practices. By leveraging these connections, we can implement high-impact projects that might otherwise be beyond their reach.

### 7. Promoting Peace and Stability

Economic stability is closely linked to peace and social stability. By addressing economic disparities and providing opportunities for productive work, Rotary clubs contribute to a more peaceful and stable society. This aligns with our broader mission of promoting peace and understanding worldwide.

## SENECA GOLDEN CORNER



The Seneca Recreation Department and Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie O'Kelley updated the Golden Corner Rotary Club on the new children's downtown playground and the former Seneca Middle School property next to the Shaver Recreation Complex. The city hopes to use the school's gym to provide expanded recreational opportunities to the community. Pictured from left are Ronnie O'Kelley, Rotarian Louis Holleman and recreation officials Michelle Robinson, C.J. Gleason and Mike Bewley.



Micah Black, left, the solicitor-elect for Anderson and Oconee counties updated the Golden Corner Rotary Club about plans to update the Tenth Judicial Circuit computers and their interactions with law enforcement. Micah is a native of Iva. Also pictured is Rotarian Lorraine Harding.

## District Governor 2027-28 nominations being accepted

**APPLICANTS MUST HAVE SERVED AS A ROTARY CLUB PRESIDENT** and preferably in a district-level role such as AG or Committee chair. Be aware that this is a **minimum three-year commitment** as the nominee would serve as District Governor Nominee in 2025-26; as District Governor Elect in 2026-27; then as DG in 2027-28. Each level has training events which the nominee is required to attend and/or to organize and lead. Thus, a flexible life schedule is important. **HOW TO APPLY:** Contact your club president for a nomination form. A committee of past district governors, led by immediate PDG Renée Stubbs, will interview candidates and select the nominee.

### NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 22

#### 6 REASONS TO APPLY:

##### Shape the Future of Rotary D7750

**Elevate Your Leadership:** Challenge yourself by guiding our Rotary clubs and leading impactful initiatives. Your leadership will inspire and empower others.

**Expand Your Influence:** As a District Governor, you will connect with top leaders from all over the world, fostering relationships that will enrich both your personal and professional life.

**Leave a Legacy:** Your work as District Governor will leave a lasting imprint on our district and beyond.

**Access Exclusive Resources:** Rotary International provides unparalleled support, resources, and training to help you succeed in this prestigious role. You'll be equipped with everything you need to make a difference.

**Personal Fulfillment:** Experience the profound satisfaction of leading our organization which is dedicated to "Service Above Self."



ROTARACT CLUB OF GREATER CLEMSON INNOVATION

**Rotaract**  
DISTRICT 7750



**CLEMSON INNOVATION:** District Governor Rysheeka Bush and Assistant Governor Kylie Herbert visited with the Clemson Innovation Club on Sept. 8. Pictured are DG Rysheeka, Secretary Maggie Majors, President Brittany Stowers, PR Chair Rayn Sancho, Treasurer Sherece Smith, Jay Stowers, and AG Kylie.

## Literacy Awareness Event

The Rotaract Club of Greater Clemson Innovation is planning a reading event on Oct. 12. **We can use volunteer readers** and would love for others to join us and spread the word.

—Brittany Stowers  
2024-2025 President  
Rotaract Club of Greater  
Clemson Innovation

### \*\*Volunteers Opportunities:\*\*

Volunteers needed to read engaging books to children.

### \*\*Reading Opportunities:\*\*

Children can read aloud to adults, building confidence and skills

### \*\*Raffle Draw:\*\*

Exciting prizes to win! All proceeds will benefit the service projects of the Community Rotaract Club of GCI

### \*\*Book Donations:\*\*

Book donations are needed for children 12 and under



**SATURDAY, OCT. 12 | 10 A.M.-12 NOON**  
**PENDLETON TOWN SQUARE**

USE THE QR  
CODE TO LEARN  
MORE AND  
VOLUNTEER.





From left:

**TERRI GOWDY**, Miriam Foundation Board member  
**BECKY MILLER**, Golden Strip Sunrise Rotary Club  
**DEE VAUGHAN**, Golden Strip Sunrise Rotary Club  
**MARY-LANGSTON** Willis Don, Miriam Foundation Director  
**FRANCES SCOTT**, for whom one of the gardens will be named  
**MELINDA GILREATH**, Golden Strip Sunrise Rotary Club  
**HOPE BLACKELY**, Miriam Foundation Board member

## Golden Strip Sunrise District Grant will help girls in the tip of Greenville County

The Golden Strip Sunrise Club's 2024 District Grant will benefit the Miriam Foundation.

This organization provides weekly mentoring, enrichment, and academic support, and incorporates social emotional learning for girls in the southern tip of Greenville County.

The grant will be used to build and maintain pollinator and vegetable gardens in three locations.

At a luncheon on September 20, at which the photo was taken, it was announced that one of the gardens will be named for Frances Scott, who has created a foundation—Raising Up the Lowcountry—in the Lowcountry for single mothers. She is the mother of South Carolina Senator Tim Scott.

Rotary  
Club of Greer SC



**\$5 donation at the door**

50/50 Raffle



Proceeds will go to **Upstate Warrior Solution**, a Greer Rotary charity.

## HEALTH & HAPPINESS

A Gathering of Upstate Rotary Clubs & Potential Rotarians

Veteran's Day

**Monday, Nov 11 • 5-7PM**

**LA JOYA**  
BAR & GRILL

219 Trade St – Greer SC

**\$4.50 Margarita Specials**

Please bring adult-sized gloves, scarves and warm hats to be distributed to homeless veterans.

# CLUBS MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES

## District Grant projects for 2024-25

Here are how some Rotary Clubs are using their District Grants to make a difference in their local communities.

### CLOVER

#### AED

**\$782**

The Rotary Club of Clover will provide a refurbished AED to be on site at the RideAbility Therapeutic Riding Center that was formed in 2012 to help improve the lives of children and adults with special needs. Club members will attend the dedication and installation of the AED.

### CLOVER

#### Wood Duck

**\$800**

The Clover Rotary Club will help provide live cameras that allow local students to observe and learn about the nesting and hatching processes of wood ducks. The project encourages environmental awareness and conservation among youth.

### E-CLUB OF THE CAROLINAS

#### Pollinator Garden

**\$750**

The E-Club of the Carolinas will construct sensory and pollinator gardens at McCormick Elementary School while engaging students to learn about the

## FEATURED DISTRICT GRANTS THIS MONTH

Club .....	Project .....	Grant
Clover .....	AED .....	\$782.00
Clover .....	Wood Duck .....	\$800.00
E-Club of Carolinas .....	Pollinator Garden .....	\$750.00
Easley .....	Rotary Park .....	\$2,500.00
Emerald City .....	Palmetto Plants .....	\$5,000.00
Emerald City .....	Inspire Love of Reading .....	\$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 .....	Pollinator Garden .....	\$2,750.00
Greater Anderson .....	Improved Reader .....	\$5,000.00

importance of pollinators and the humane treatment of animals.

### EASLEY

#### Special Needs Adaptive Bike

**\$2,500**

The Easley Rotary Club will address the needs of students in Pickens County with mobility constraints. The adaptive bike from Pedals Possible will allow children normally restricted to wheelchairs or with limited mobility to increase their physical activity.

### EMERALD CITY

#### Palmetto Plants

**\$5,000**

The Emerald City Rotary Club will set up greenhouses at the Burton Center and allow the special needs residents of the Burton Center to garden in those greenhouses. The goal is to allow the residents to sell their crops at some point. The planter beds will

allow easy access to wheelchairs, etc. One hundred residents will be involved and 40 Rotarians will participate.

### EMERALD CITY

#### Inspire Love of Reading

**\$4,000**

The Emerald City Rotary Club promotes early childhood literacy in Greenwood County through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. There currently are over 1,700 children in the program who get free books.

### FORT MILL

#### Food Insecurity

**\$5,000**

The Fort Mill Rotary Club supports a number of projects each year aimed at addressing food insecurity. The funds will help community agencies that the club partners with to make a bigger impact in the community.

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## 2024-25 District Grants—

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### FORT MILL

#### Literacy Picnic

**\$5,000**

The Fort Mill Rotary Club will invite 1,600 first graders and their parents and siblings to a Literacy Picnic where they are given books at their reading level. Sixty Rotarians are involved, and the total project budget is \$15,000



#### New PHF

Chuck Crews, member of the Rotary Club of Golden Strip Sunrise Club, is one of our newest Paul Harris Fellows. Gifts like Chuck's make District Grants and other Foundation projects possible.

### FOUNTAIN INN

#### Books Baseball Camp

**\$2,500**

The Fountain Inn Rotary Club will provide a book for each second grader titled "What to Do with an Idea." The club currently reads to the kindergarten and first-grade class at Fountain Inn Elementary School, and this will be an extension of that project. Also, the local Police Department has a summer camp to help keep youth out of trouble. Some of the grant will go to help students attend the camp.

### GOLDEN STRIP

#### Pollinator Garden

**\$2,750**

The Golden Strip Rotary Club will install three pollinator gardens to attract Monarch butterflies at Fountain Inn Elementary, Fountain Inn Activity Center and His Daycare. Roughly 900 youth will benefit from this project, and 20 Rotarians are involved. Total project budget is \$6000.

### GREATER ANDERSON

#### Improved Reader

**\$5,000**

The Greater Anderson Rotary Club will work with the five School Districts in Anderson County to identify the most improved readers in the elementary schools in each District. Students earning the award will receive 8-10 books with Rotary stickers, Rotary pencils, a plaque and parents will receive a most improved reader bumper sticker. Forty Rotarians will participate in the project that benefits 119 students.

## Beth's October challenges for all of us

**1** Participate in World Polio Day on October 24<sup>th</sup> and contribute to PolioPlus as part of the Doug and Sally Kauffmann PolioPlus Challenge Match.

**2** Register for the District 7750 Rotary Foundation Celebration. It will be Friday, November 8 at the Greenville Marriott Hotel at 1 Parkway East. It's an easily accessible location. Vanessa Ervin, a Past District Governor and current District Rotary Foundation Chair from District 7730 in North Carolina, will be the keynote speaker.

**3** Participate in your Rotary club's District Grant. And if your club didn't get a District Grant this year, urge your club leaders to make sure you qualify for next year.



YOU ARE INVITED  
TO CELEBRATE

# *The Rotary Foundation*

**November 8, 2024 | 7:00 PM**

The Greenville Marriott  
One Parkway East  
Greenville, SC

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**Foundation Dinner  
Club Foundation Awards  
PHF and Major Donor Recognitions**

Keynote speaker:  
Vanessa Ervin  
Past District Governor, District 7730

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**\$65.00**

Hotel rooms available for \$129

Register in DACdb Calendar or via link provided

If your club wants to apply for a District Grant for next year, you must have a representative attend the Grant training.

## Foundation & Grant Training November 8 in Greenville

Each year the District provides training and updates on The Rotary Foundation and District and Global Grants. This is a requirement of Rotary International. Also, each club must have someone attend this training in order to be qualified to apply for a District Grant. Likely club representatives are the club president, club president-elect, club Foundation chair, and club community service chair.

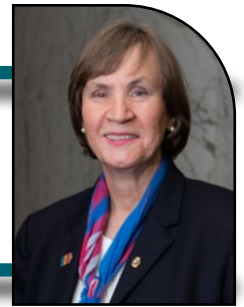
The training will be on **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8**, before our Annual District Rotary Foundation Celebration. Please plan on staying for the dinner that follows. It will be a fun and inspirational evening. Rotary Past District Governor Vanessa Ervin of North Carolina will be our keynote speaker. Registration has opened on the DACdb calendar and is being promoted later through a link in emails leading to the event.

Foundation and Grant Training will be at the Greenville Marriott at 1 Parkway East in Greenville. The location is easily accessible from Interstate 85. Registration begins at 2:30 pm, and the Rotary Foundation and Grants Workshop will be from 3 – 5:45 pm. After the training, there will be a reception at 6:30 pm. The dinner follows at 7 pm with club and individual Foundation awards and the keynote speech by Dr. Ervin. We had our best year ever for giving to both The Rotary Foundation and PolioPlus so there will be lots to celebrate.

This year, we are emphasizing that club

representatives attending the grant training should be someone who will help manage or oversee the District Grant. The Club President Elect also should attend the training if possible. There is a strong recommendation that the Rotarian attending the training present at a club board meeting or even a club meeting about the information learned. Special attention should be given to requirements for District grants including the final reports, deadlines for the

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grant process, and recommendations on how to ensure that the club supports the project that will be funded by the District Grant.

**EACH CLUB MUST HAVE ONE PERSON AT THE FOUNDATION AND GRANT TRAINING IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR A DISTRICT GRANT FOR 2025-26.**

There is a cost of \$10 per person that can be paid when you register for this training on DACdb. Registration information is on the DACdb calendar for the date of November 8, 2024.



### Paul Harris gifts in Walhalla and York

In Walhalla, DG Rysheeka presented **MEGHAN MCPHAIL** Ketterman with her Paul Harris Fellow. From left are President Morton White, Rysheeka, Meghan, and Tim Merrill, Meghan's PHF sponsor.

And in York, **AMY HAGNER** reached the level of Paul Harris Fellow +4. Gifts like Amy's and Meghan's—and those of Rotarians throughout 7750—make our District Grants possible.

**DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD**

**T**he Rotary Flame went through District 7750 and made a stop at the Clemson Sunrise Rotary Club on Friday, September 13.

This Rotary Flame is making its way around the world as Rotarians start our Countdown to History when the world is declared free of polio.

District Rotary Foundation Chair Beth Padgett picked up the flame in North Carolina and presented it to District Governor Rysheeka Bush during her official visit to Clemson Sunrise. The flame went to another location in North Carolina later that day.

The Rotary Flame has been making its way around the world since India was certified polio-free in 2014. The Flame has been traveling through Rotary Zones 33 and 34 for almost a month as it makes its way to Pittsburgh in late October for the Zone Summit.

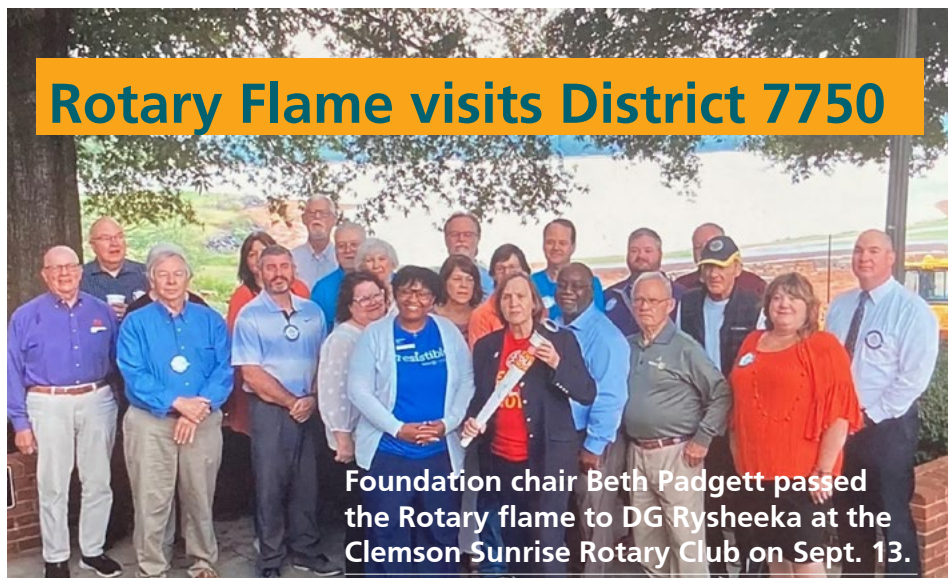
Afghanistan and Pakistan are the last two countries where polio is endemic. The Flame is a powerful reminder that we really are “this close” to “ending polio now!”

**WORLD  
POLIO DAY**  
24 OCTOBER



**World Polio Day is an opportunity to raise awareness in your local community about Rotary and our main humanitarian initiative. Whether you want to promote your event specifically or World Polio Day in general, you have access to a wide selection of graphics, videos, public relations templates, and more in the Rotary Brand Center.**

## Rotary Flame visits District 7750



Foundation chair Beth Padgett passed the Rotary flame to DG Rysheeka at the Clemson Sunrise Rotary Club on Sept. 13.

## It's not too late to plan a promotional event/activity/speaker for World Polio Day

Each year on Oct. 24, Rotary joins with our partners, global health organizations, and public health advocates to mark World Polio Day.

Rotary clubs have a critical role in World Polio Day by hosting events and activities to increase awareness about polio and raise funds toward eradicating it.

If you haven't started planning your World Polio Day event or action, it's not too late. Go to Rotary Brand Center for a guide that will help you plan an event.

Here are some ideas:

- Host a club presentation: Bring in doctors or health experts who can speak to your club members about the importance of polio eradication at the meeting nearest to 24 October.
- Organize a light show in your city: Raise awareness by projecting the End Polio Now

logo on buildings, theaters, or other landmarks in your area.

- Set up a booth in a market, shopping mall, or public square where members wear End Polio Now shirts or hold banners. You could also organize a walk or bike ride with other clubs, districts, or local organizations.
- Establish a fundraiser for PolioPlus: Hold a dinner or a concert. Use Raise for Rotary, or start a fundraiser on Facebook. You can also make a club donation directly to PolioPlus. Booths, shows, and sporting events are other good ways to raise funds.
- Partner on a social media campaign: Work with other Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact clubs in your area on a campaign to share engaging content on social media about the vital role that Rotary plays in the fight against polio.

## Chair, International PolioPlus Committee

# Mike McGovern to speak at E-Club of the Carolinas Zoom meeting Oct. 22

PDG Mike McGovern, chair of Rotary's international committee on polio, will speak to the Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas on Oct. 22, just before World Polio Day Oct. 24.

Rotarians and anyone else interested in polio is invited to attend the Zoom meeting to hear Mike's update on the progress we are making toward eradicating polio, and the challenges and opportunities we face.

Mike has chaired the Rotary International PolioPlus Committee since October 2014. He also represents Rotary on the Polio Oversight Board which governs the global polio eradication initiative partnership and chairs its Finance Accountability Committee.

The Rotary IPPC oversees all elements of Rotary's polio eradication efforts including annual grants to UNICEF and WHO, relationships within the polio partnership, advocacy to governments, Rotarian engagement, polio communications and fundraising.



## About Mike

Mike joined Rotary in 1986 as a member of the Rotary Club of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth, Maine. After serving as a club president, he was a district governor in 1999-2000 and has served in many Rotary positions including as a director and vice president of Rotary International and as a trustee and vice chair of the Rotary Foundation.

He served his entire professional career with the Town of Cape Elizabeth, Maine beginning as an intern in 1977 and serving as the chief appointed officer (town manager) for 31 years until his retirement in 2016 and again for five months in 2024.

*Mike has previously spoken in our district so he knows a little bit about who we are and how we talk!*



## ZOOM MEETING DETAILS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22  
Noon

To join the Zoom Meeting:  
Meeting ID: 876 0367 8273  
Passcode: 4waytest

**NOTE: THIS ZOOM CALL IS TWO DAYS BEFORE WORLD POLIO DAY.**



## New Members in August

Adams, Donna L.	Emerald City	Leggieri, MaryKate	Emerald City
Baldwin, Samuel J	Aiken	Lemon, Davis	Greenville City Center
Blanton, Eric G	Gaffney	Melton, Bryan James	Rock Hill
Comer, Lynne Ann	Clover	Moore, Danny	Greenville
Condor, Tom	Greer	Mullins, Paul J	Spartanburg
Copeland, Nathan B.	Gaffney	Niedrach, Charlie M	Greenville City Center
Crane, Richard M	Indian Land	Pollock, Casey	Rock Hill
	Evening Satellite	Rowley, Lauren	Rock Hill
Dunn, Dann G.	E-Club of the Carolinas	SDOC, Seneca Area	
Dunson, CB	Pickens	Principals	Seneca
Gilreath, Tiffany	Walhalla	Sharma, Bhuvnesh	Reedy River Greenville
Gomez, Natalie R	Rock Hill	Stanton, Kevin	Pleasantburg
Hammock, Kristina	Pleasantburg	Steiner, Vanessa	Aiken
Hartz, Charles	Aiken	Teague, Michael	Clemson
Haynes, Tiffany	Indian Land Lunch	Walker, Lindsay H	Gaffney
Hemingway, Tony	Winnsboro	Zeller, Timothy Aaron	Walhalla
Kimbrough, Barry R.	Pleasantburg		

**AUGUST 2024: 31 NEW MEMBERS — 15 TERMINATED MEMBERS (2 DECEASED). Data from DaCdb.**



**At York**

### Meet two of 7750's newest members

Among the recent new members in D7750 at the Rotary Club of York are Nicole Whistline, from the Family Trust Federal Credit Union, and Mike Fuesser, the mayor of York. DGE Dave Brenner inducted and welcomed the new members. Club president Cynthia L Spragg is at right.

York has 30 members and is +1 for the year.

**Deadline for November newsletter is Oct. 25.**

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