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Logan Sommer arrives in France
to a big welcoming committee!

Our three long-term outbound Youth Exchange Students are in place:

Who and where
they are on pages
11-12.

GIVE THANKS CHANGE LIVES

It's Rotary Foundation month and Thanksgiving is coming too. What a better time to give thanks for what you have by making a gift to the Rotary Foundation to help bring another person's life up a notch or two. Your gift of \$25 or \$250,000 CAN change a life.

- You might help them get clean water or a flushing toilet.
- You might help a child learn to read or save them from polio.
- You might teach them a trade so they can support themselves and their family.
- You might (make that **WILL**) help make peace in the world.

AND WHEN YOU SIT DOWN AT YOUR THANKSGIVING TABLE THIS YEAR, GIVE THANKS FOR THE LIFE YOU CHANGED WITH YOUR GIFT. (IT MIGHT BE YOURS.)



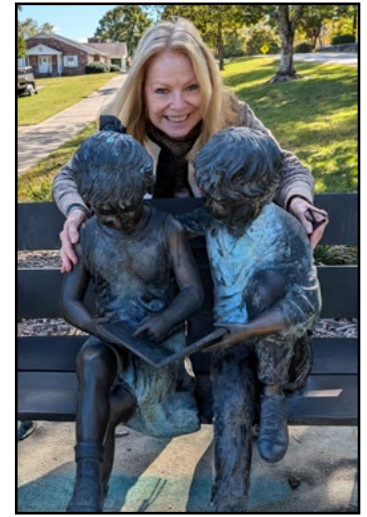
If you need help navigating the giving channels, PDG Beth Padgett, our Foundation Chair, can tell you exactly how to do it.
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Together we
can create
long-term,
sustainable
change that
empowers
individuals
and
communities
to build
better
futures for
themselves.

**NOW THIS IS THE WAY TO
HELP PEOPLE DISCOVER
ROTARY! SHOW AND DO,
DON'T TALK SO MUCH!**



↓ Rotarian Susie Graves at the D.A.R. sculpture representing the mission of the D.A.R. school to love and educate children.



Logan Hunter, After School teacher
Jon Holland, DAR School CEO
Rotarian Susie Graves

Amanda Donald, Asst. Director for After
School and Summer programs
Bailey Duncan, Communications Director

Discover Rotary event in Area 2 leads to coloring books for Tamassee DAR School

BY STEPHEN GRAVES

Rotary Club of Walhalla

The Rotary Clubs of Walhalla, Seneca, Seneca Golden Corner, and Westminster hosted a “Discover Rotary” on October 9 but we did more than just talk—we did a service project on the spot!

In advance of this after-hours event, we identified the most outstanding young leaders in our area who were not already Rotarians, and we invited them by personal letter, postcard, email, calls, and, where possible, personal invitation.

The turnout was amazing, and each club representative shared about Rotary, and about what makes their club special.

Before the program, though, we introduced a “mini service project” for us to accomplish then and there! After all, if we’re interested in service to our community, why wait?!

Our project was to make goodie bags for the children of the Tamassee D.A.R. School, which serves largely at-risk or underprivileged children.

The bags included treats, school supplies, and small toys, but, also, a personalized “Rotary Four-Way Test” coloring book. All attendees colored an insert page and shared a personal message of encouragement.

Later, members of Walhalla club

pitched in to finish all the bags. Rotarians Steve and Susie Graves distributed the bags and books to the children with the help of the school staff, and the children were all delighted with their goodies, and happy to discover that there were people they didn’t even know who cared about them.

The administration and staff all shared how affirming it is to know that their work matters to the community. It’s a great reminder that **service projects can come in all shapes and sizes and that there are many different needs and opportunities.**

We couldn't take photos of the the kids for privacy reasons, but they LOVED their goodie bags and their Rotary coloring books. The teachers were so thrilled that each child's coloring book was personalized and carried a personal message.—Steve Graves



Autumn Lawhun, Alex Lawhun, Mark Moreno (sponsor), and Jim Nichols (President)



Membership chair Kerry Krause welcomes representatives of the club's new Corporate Members, Greenville HealthMarkers: Monica Prince, Jeff Leichter, and Josh Crumley



New member John Bartlett, center with his sponsor Mark Moreno, left, and club president Jim Nichols, right.

New members at Rotary Club of Greer

TWO INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS; ONE CORPORATE

BY CARRIE KRAUSE

Rotary Club of Greer

The Rotary Club of Greer is thrilled to welcome our newest members: John Bartlett and Autumn Lawhun, as well as our new corporate member Greenville HealthMarkers. These additions bring fresh energy and expertise to our club, and we look forward to the positive impact they'll have as we work together to serve our community.

7750 MEMBERSHIP SUCCESS TRACK



This chart shows 7750 clubs are on the right track. We're slightly ahead of where we should be in membership growth.

ONE NEW MEMBER

One new member in a Rotary Club can make a significant impact.

It can mean fresh ideas, new perspectives, and additional hands to help with community projects.

It can foster networking and friendship, enriching the club's dynamic.

Plus, that single new member might just be the catalyst for further growth and increased engagement within the community.

These three new members in Greer are already having their impact on the club!

What's the VALUE PROPOSITION of Rotary?

BY TERRY WEAVER

Zone 33 Rotary Coordinator

We talk a lot about growing membership in Rotary, and many people think that's a conversation about numbers. Perhaps justifiably, as numbers are the metric. But let's take another look at that.

Let's be clear—this is not about membership numbers. It's about your club's members, and the value they get from Rotary.

In more than 40 years of Rotary in four different clubs, I've gotten a lot of value out of Rotary—not from the clubs but from the members. I've found friends, advisors, mentors, customers, suppliers and service providers in other Rotarians. And if they couldn't help me themselves, they knew someone else who could.

So, I've come to believe the real value proposition of Rotary is the members. It stands to reason, then, that more members in a Rotary club provide more value to each other. It feeds on itself

A successful, sustainable club has an intentional approach to membership – consistently and moderately growing the number of members in the club year over year. We're not talking about a 20-member club growing to 50 – we're talking about growing to 21 or 22, then to 24 or 25. That's how a club makes itself more valuable to its members.

Besides that, new members in a Rotary club bring:

1. New ideas
2. New perspectives
3. New candidates for future leadership – we won't have to be president 2-3 times
4. New skills and talents
5. More hands – we can do more or bigger projects
6. More fundraising capacity
7. MOST IMPORTANTLY, **the value proposition of Rotary membership is the network of other Rotarians** –
 - More members = more value to all members
 - Fewer members = less value to all members
 - People who can help with challenges or opportunities in your life or business
 - People who know others outside Rotary who could be helpful to you
 - A durable, lifetime network that's not going away (like your school network did or like your work network will)
 - High quality people of high personal integrity

MEMBERSHIP

VALUE PROPOSITION

A value proposition is a clear statement that explains how a product or service solves a problem or fulfills a need, the specific benefits it provides, and why it's better than other options available. It's essentially the reason customers should choose a product or service over competitors. In Rotary, we can use value propositions to communicate the unique value that our clubs offer to our communities.

When someone is talking about consistent, moderate membership growth, don't think of the numbers. Ask yourself: **"WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOUR MEMBERS?"** The fact is, they get more value and more benefit from a club that's larger, rather than smaller. Think about this question: What could your club do if you had more members?

Golden Strip Sunrise at work

Club recognized by Group Home

On September 26, The Golden Strip Sunrise Club was recognized at the Generations Group Home Volunteer Appreciation dinner on Sept. 26 for the events the club participated in throughout the year, such as STAR parties, Fall and Spring Festivals, Christmas Wish List, and Food Truck Events.

Pictured are Jim Caprell, Trip Gilreath, Becky Miller, Jim Cashion, Dee Vaughan, and Melinda Gilreath.



Target leftovers help Community Services

Golden Strip Sunrise Rotarians pick up food from a local Target store every Monday and delivers to the Center for Community Services Bill Harclerode is loading a recent delivery and CCS director Tammy Boggs is all smiles.



Food boxes for Feed & Seed

On October 15 Rotarians packed fresh food boxes for Feed & Seed, a non-profit food hub serving local farmers and families in the Upstate South Carolina.

Pictured from left are Rotarians Steve Epps, Randy Gordon, Melinda Gilreath, Jim Caprell, Trip Gilreath, Dee Vaughan, Sam Stamps, Becky Miller, Bill Harclerode





While delivering some hurricane relief supplies. Golden Strip Sunrise Rotarian Jim Cashion (on the left) met another Rotarian doing the same thing. Imagine that!

Golden Strip makes Helene Donations to several outlets

Golden Strip Sunrise provided needed items for hurricane Helene relief:

- A load of supplies for Airlift Relief that were helicoptered to North Carolina.
- A carload of supplies to replace staple items at United Ministries in Greenville.
- A truckload of supplies, including 2500 new plastic jugs for water, that were sent to Weaverville NC.

E-Club service project for October helps HOPE of Lancaster County

The Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas is always looking for innovative ways to do service. During October, the club joined the Rotary Clubs of Lancaster, Lancaster Breakfast, and Indian Land Lunch in a food drive to support HOPE of Lancaster County. (Hope stands for: Helping Other People Effectively)

Club member Chuck Harrison, who lives in Indian Land, led the E-club's effort to collect peanut butter, jelly, juice, pasta and grits. Members either sent money to Chuck and he made the purchases, or they ordered directly and had the items shipped to Chuck. Chuck and member Dan Dunn delivered the contributions to HOPE.



E-Club member Chuck Harrison went shopping for staples to help meet some needs in Lancaster County. E-Club advantage: We will pitch in to help any community.



Polio vaccine connection

At the 2024 Zones 33-34 Institute in Pittsburgh, PDG Carol Burdette had a chance to spend some time with Dr. Peter Salk, the son of Jonas Salk who developed the polio vaccine. What a connection to history!

News from PLEASANTBURG

Consistency!

Pleasantburg will use District Grant to buy coats again this year

The Rotary Club of Pleasantburg will again use its District Grant to provide clothing for 100 students from Cherrydale Elementary School in Greenville.

For the fifth straight year, Old Navy at Cherrydale Plaza will adjust store hours for three consecutive spring mornings to enable club Rotarians to accompany the students and their parents on an exclusive \$100 shopping trip through the store.

With the extension of additional discounts and store promotions, the students typically acquire approximately \$120 worth of new clothing, including items that meet the school dress code.

Rotarians are joined by Old Navy employee

volunteers from the Cherrydale Plaza and other stores who assist the shopping families and distribute “goody bags” to the children.

In 2024, in fact, Old Navy’s District Manager dressed as the Easter bunny to add to the festive atmosphere!

The club’s foundation matches the District’s \$5,000 grant with an additional \$5,000 for a total project budget of \$10,000.

Club members cherish this collaboration with Old Navy and Cherrydale Elementary School as truly meaningful hands-on community engagement.



First-time PHF: An excited Judy Cromwell, right, receives her first Paul Harris Fellow recognition, presented by Pleasantburg club president, Lale Dogan, left, and DG Rysheeka Bush.



Winter coats: Pleasantburg club president Lale Dogan delivered winter coats collected by club members for students at Cherrydale Elementary School in Greenville.



Bahama Guest: On October 1, the Pleasantburg club welcomed first time guest Jude Johnson of the Rotaract Club of East Nassau, Bahamas to its lunch meeting.

Pleasantburg provides needed supplies for Helene assistance in western North Carolina

BY LINDA LEE

Rotary Club of Pleasantburg

With the assistance of 7670 DGE Alpo Portello, the Pleasantburg Rotary Club connected with Past ADG Bill Swift of the Franklin, NC, Rotary Club who is coordinating donations of materials from South Carolina clubs. The Pleasanturg Club purchased 50 each of the following requested items to be shipped to Bill Swift’s team in Franklin:

- Heater Buddy Series Hose Assemblies which enable heaters and cook stoves already received to connect to large propane tanks with a longer life than small pre- filled propane bottles.
- Ecoey Carbon Monoxide Detectors with a 10-Year warranty for homes receiving propane heaters and cook stoves.

Greenville club feeds two local groups during Helene recovery

In the midst of the challenges Greenville faced from Hurricane Helene (especially extended power outages), the Rotary Club of Greenville had the opportunity to give back to two groups who contribute to the community constantly.

On October 4, the held a Taco Lunch for Alexander Elementary School families, most of whom were still without power. The club sponsored the event, and Rotarians Scott Powell and Roger Heitzeg helped prepare more than 600 tacos!

That afternoon, members attended a thank-you reception hosted by the Ronald McDonald House. The Greenville club had been delivering hot meals to the residents throughout the week and helped restock their refrigerators and freezers after the power was restored.

Unfortunately, they had lost a significant amount of food that spoiled during the outage, so the club's support was especially appreciated.



Feeding the kids: Kerry Pilkey, left, a 4th grade teacher at Alexander Elementary with Roger Heitzeg, president of the Rotary Club of Greenville, feeding kids and teachers during Greenville's extended power outage.

Partners included Marti Spencer, CEO of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Carolinas, and Kimberly Chandler, Director of Operations for the organization.



◆ Rusty Infinger, Hillary Perry, Thomas Sanders.

◆ Pam Weaver, Roger Heitzeg, Lisa Mangione. Middle Terry Weaver, Ann-Marie Schell and Beth Padgett. Back: Mary and Tony Cordaro. On slide: Kimberly Chandler and Marti Spencer of the Ronald McDonald House.



GREENVILLE AFTER-HOURS CLUB AT WORK

The Rotary Club of Greenville's new After Hours Club has partnered with A Child's Haven in support of their dedication to the growth and success of the children and families that they serve.

On October 19, club members gathered to build two Book Nooks, which are special spaces on the campus where children can discover the joy of reading. This is in support of their planned launch of Betty's Book Buddies early next year. This is championed by community leader Betty Farr.

We are so proud of our After Hours Club for their fantastic work on their inaugural Rotary project and are thankful for the lunch club members who also turned up to help out.



◆ Amy Randall
Chris Randall
Jeremey Ackles,
Brett Sterbini
Tommy Abbott
Jess Abbott
Tanya Camunas,
Hillary Perry
Rusty Infinger
Terry Weaver,
Christina Wieland
Thomas Sanders.

SENECA GOLDEN CORNER



Golden Corner supports adult education testing

Rotarian Steve Moore, right, the School District of Oconee County director of Adult Education, spoke to the Golden Corner Rotary Club about the adult education program that graduates 60-70 students of all ages a year.

The Golden Corner Rotary Club provides scholarships to students for the costs of testing which is often more than \$150.

Pictured with Steve is co-presidents Beth Brown.



Mini-golf raises funds for GED support

The Golden Corner Rotary Club held a mini golf tournament to raise funds to support the club's GED scholarships and other community programs. Pictured from left are Evi and George Bakogiannis, third place winners; club co-President Patrick Lee and Neal and Lilly Nimmons, second place winner. Not pictured is first place winners Michelle and Ryan Robinson.

Anderson club member speaks to Golden Corner about membership

➡Kylie Herbert, right, a member of the Rotary Club of Anderson, spoke to the Golden Corner Rotary Club on efforts to expand club membership by inviting potential members to the club's breakfast meeting. Pictured with Kylie is club co-President Patrick Lee. Now, can Golden Corner make this growth list??? It won't take much.

Leading clubs in Membership Growth in 7750			
	Start	Current	Increase
Indian Land Lunch	53	58	5
Pickens	30	35	5
Greenville City Center	45	50	5
Lake Wylie	34	38	4
Rock Hill	65	69	4
Greer	40	44	4
E-Club of the Carolinas	23	26	3



STORY TIME ON THE SQUARE

Local children and their parents came out to the Pendleton Town Square on Oct. 12 as volunteers from the Rotaract Club of Greater Clemson Innovation (GCI) and the Clemson Sunrise Rotary Club read aloud to them.

This was the second annual Story Time On the Square event to bring awareness to the importance of literacy.



↑ **SHERECE READING:** Sherece Smith (Rotaract Club of Greater Clemson Innovation) reading to three young children.

↓ **SANCHO READING:** Ri' Cha ri Sancho (Clemson Sunrise Rotary Club) reading to a young child and their family.



↑ **STIS VOLUNTEERS:** (back row), Rayn Sancho, Jay Stowers (both from Rotaract Club of Greater Clemson Innovation). from left to right (front), Sherece Smith (Rotaract Club of Greater Clemson Innovation), Jacquelyn Wilson and Ri' Cha ri Sancho (both from Clemson Sunrise Rotary Club).



ROTARACT CLUB OF
GREATER CLEMSON
INNOVATION

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AIDEN JOHNSON SPAIN

sponsored by Rock Hill Rotary Club

One of Aiden's goals as an exchange student is to become fluent in Spanish. To his credit, he was already well on the way at the time of his departure in early September for a year in Vigo, Spain.

A 2024 graduate of Connections Academy, Aiden is an avid outdoorsman, who enjoys rafting, hiking, rock climbing, and spelunking. He served as vice president and president of a Venture Scout group, which is a program of the Boy Scouts for older scouts with a particular interest in more challenging outdoor activities. Among his accomplishments are rafting the New River in West Virginia and completing the rim-to-rim hike at



the Grand Canyon.

Aiden also has a keen interest in the work of Emergency Medical Technicians. He has taken EMT courses, volunteered for a local EMS, and worked part-time as an EMT. At the time of his departure for Spain, his plan was to pursue science and paramedic certification at Western Carolina University.

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JANE LAURENCE BOLIVIA

sponsored by Clemson and Clemson Sunrise Rotary Clubs

A May graduate of the South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities, where she focused on creative writing, Jane is spending this year in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

As with Aiden and Logan, Jane counts strong foreign-language skills among her accomplishments – Spanish, in her case.

An avid reader, Jane attributes her ability to view and appreciate the lives of other people to her love of literature, and says this inspires her to want to meet and learn about people from different cultures. In her words, "I believe it is this open-mindedness, and my adventurous eating habits, that have made me such an eager traveler and aspiring linguist."



Among her extracurricular interests are working with her school's service-learning club, serving as an ambassador to prospective new students, reading poetry for a literary magazine, and volunteering for an organization that seeks to address the youth mental health crisis. Jane also frequently volunteers

with political campaigns and humanitarian causes. She loves "upcycling" vintage clothes and collecting postcards.

In the future, Jane plans to pursue degrees in public policy and creative writing. She is confident that her time in Bolivia will offer fruitful material in both of these areas.



LOGAN SOMMER FRANCE (sponsored by Pleasantburg Rotary Club)

Logan completed the tenth grade at Greenville High School this past May. Given her ten years of studying French, she obviously requested a year-long exchange experience in France. She is now living in La Bassée, in the far northeast corner of France, near Lille.

Her goals as an exchange student are "to be able to make lasting friendships, experience a completely different

culture from my own, and develop a better understanding of French."

In addition to her linguistic accomplishment, Logan plays on the varsity tennis team and plays viola in her school's orchestra. She also enjoys baking, backpacking, and rock climbing. On a trip to Honduras with her dad, Logan earned her certification as a scuba diver.

Upon her return from France, Logan will re-join her class at Greenville High School and graduate with them in 2026. In college, she hopes to major in French and some type of science.

Help our high school students study abroad

BY WADE CLEVELAND
7750 Youth Exchange Chair

Make sure high school students in your community know that they can study abroad with Rotary Youth Exchange. No student in District 7750 should ever lament that he or she missed out on this opportunity because we as Rotarians didn't get the word out.

Rotary Youth Exchange is

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currently accepting applications from American high school students for both the short-term (three weeks to three months) and long-term (ten to eleven months) exchanges in 2025-26.

Here's how you can help spread the word:

1. Announce the opportunity at your club meetings, in your club newsletter, and on your club's social media posts.
2. Tell your children, grandchildren, friends, neighbors, work associates, etc.
3. Post the opportunity on your personal social media accounts
4. Inform your club's Interact club.
5. Give information to your club's scholars and other youth who are club guests.
6. Contact your local school principals, guidance counselors, and teachers (especially foreign language teachers).
7. Set up information meetings for interested students.
8. Print and pass out the post card.



What is Rotary Youth Exchange?

Youth Exchange is a study-abroad opportunity for young people who spend anywhere from a few weeks to a full year living abroad with a host family, attending school, and enjoying the hospitality of a host Rotary club. It's available both before and after high school graduation.

Am I Qualified? You're qualified if you are 15 to 18-1/2 years old, are above average academically, are flexible and willing to try new things, are open to cultural differences, have demonstrated leadership in your school and community, and wish to serve as an ambassador for our country.

How Much Does It Cost? Costs vary from country to country. Local Rotary clubs generously host students, secure room and board with an appropriate host family, assure free school attendance, and provide students a small monthly allowance. Participants are responsible for roundtrip airfare, insurance, travel documents, extra spending money, and optional travel and tour fees.

How Do I Get Started? Send an email to the Youth Exchange Chair for local Rotary District 7750 (Western South Carolina) to express your interest and we'll help you and your parents decide if this is the right experience for you. YouthExchange@Rotary7750.org

This could be your next great adventure!

Download the post card.

Help students in your community grow, learn, and become true citizens of the world by making them aware of this fantastic program! Contact Wade with questions or if you need help. rye7750@gmail.com.



Rotarians from Pickens and Easley clubs help with park clean-up to bring awareness to polio

BY MELANIE JOHNSON

Rotary Club of Easley

Located at the midpoint of the Doodle Trail, Rotary Park serves as a welcome rest stop for bicyclists and walkers who need a break on the trail between Easley and Pickens.

With shady areas that offer a cool respite in the afternoon, Rotary Park has become a valued feature of the trail. Originally developed as a part of the former railway corridor, the Doodle Trail opened in May 2015, transforming this historic path into a recreational space.

While the cities of Easley and Pickens helped with initial site preparation, it was the Rotary Clubs that raised the \$15,000 necessary to bring the park to life. www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/pickens-county/2016/09/13/doodle-trails-rotary-park-rest-stop-dedicated/90314962/

In the spirit of service and community support, the Pickens and Easley Rotary Clubs recently came together to restore and clean up Rotary Park along the Doodle Trail. This joint effort has been a longstanding tradition since the park's establishment in 2016 to ensure the park remains a safe and inviting

Milledge Cassell (guest)
Karen Culley (Foundation Chair, Pickens)
John Littlefield (guest) Amy Briley (guest)
Nath Briley (Membership Chair, Pickens)
Betty McDaniel (Secretary, Pickens)
Harold Alexander (Pickens)
Melanie Johnson (President, Pickens)
Danny McMullen (President, Easley)
Brandon Cunningham (guest)
Michael Cunningham (Pickens)
Tim Johnson (guest),
Linda Cassell (Treasurer, Pickens)
Evan Matocha (guest)

Not Pictured:
Elliott Cleveland
(Easley) & Todd
Matocha (guest)

space for residents and visitors. This year was a little different, though as Hurricane Helene left much debris and damage.

RECOGNIZING WORLD POLIO DAY

In addition to their cleanup efforts, Rotary members used the opportunity to share information about Polio Plus in honor of World Polio Day on October 24.

The clubs passed out educational materials, highlighting Rotary's long-standing commitment to eradicating polio worldwide, a mission that resonates with members locally and internationally. This awareness campaign served as a reminder of Rotary's global reach and dedication to improving lives.

Through their joint efforts, the Pickens and Easley Rotary Clubs exemplified the power of collaboration, service, and community spirit. Rotary Park, a symbol of this dedication, will continue to serve the community and remind trail-goers of the lasting impact of local Rotarians.



↑Eric Grace, Bart Davey, Melanie Outlaw, Jodie Plyler, Steve Plyler, Faynette Waldrop, and Wayne Carter

Lancaster club helps clean up greenway

The Rotary Club of Lancaster club has gone twice recently to assist with cleaning the local Lindsey Pettus Greenway. Lindsay was a long-time member of the Rotary Club of Lancaster Breakfast.



↑Veronica Mayfield, Jodie Plyler, Alston DeVenney, Susan DeVenney, & Kayla Vaughn.



Top giving clubs through 10-22-24

Top 5 Total Giving Clubs to Annual Fund

1. Greenville	\$31,900
2. Emerald City	\$8,174
3. Anderson	\$6,475
4. Aiken	\$5,481
5. Fort Mill	\$5,213

Top 5 Per Capita Giving Clubs to Annual Fund

1. Greenville	\$192
2. E-Club of the Carolinas	\$160
3. York	\$116
4. Reedy River	\$101
5. Emerald City	\$97

Top 5 Total Giving Clubs to PolioPlus

1. Greenville	\$25,500
2. E-Club of the Carolinas	\$2,100
3. Anderson	\$1,565
4. Newberry	\$1,300
5. Lake Wylie	\$1,008

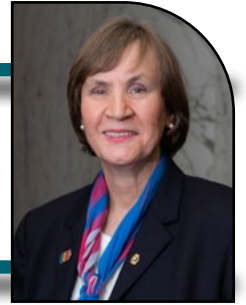
Doug and Sally Kauffmann PolioPlus Challenge Match

Doug Kauffmann is once again offering a PolioPlus Match to District 7750 Rotarians. Sally Kauffmann died earlier this year, and the Kauffmann PolioPlus Challenge Match will continue to carry her name. Doug is a member of the Rotary Club of Greenwood and is our District PolioPlus Chair. The Kauffmann PolioPlus Challenge Match has been tremendously successful for the past four years.

Between October 1, 2024, and December 31, 2024, Doug will match every gift of \$100 or more given to PolioPlus by individual Rotarians, up to \$40,000 for the District. The Gates Foundation will match that money two more times. That way for every Rotarian that gives \$100 or more, each gift will generate another \$500. (For example, a Rotarian contributes \$100 for PolioPlus, Doug will contribute \$100 to PolioPlus, and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will contribute \$400 to PolioPlus to match that \$200 for total impact of \$600.)

You can make your PolioPlus contribution through your Rotary Club as long as the donations arrive at Rotary International by December 31, 2024. Or you can make that [contribution online](#) or over the phone

D-7750 Foundation Chair
PDG BETH PADGETT
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with the Rotary Support Center 866-976-8279. Please make sure your Rotary Membership ID Number is associated with your donation so you and your club get credit.

Every Rotarian who gives \$100 or more will also receive that many Rotary Foundation Recognition Points up to a maximum of 500 points. PolioPlus giving does count toward a Paul Harris Fellow.

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



Commit to
donate at
least \$100
a year to
PolioPlus

Consider joining PolioPlus Society

District 7750 created a PolioPlus Society three years ago, and it's easy to be a member. All you have to do is donate at least \$100 to PolioPlus and pledge to do this each year (as long as you are able) until the world has been certified as free of the poliovirus.

HOW? Send an email to District Rotary Foundation Chair Beth Padgett (bpadgettrotary@outlook.com) that you've made this commitment and that your donation has gone to Rotary International.

We ask that this special donation be in addition to your normal Foundation contribution to Annual Fund – SHARE. You will get an annual reminder about your PolioPlus Society Pledge.

Rotarians who join the PolioPlus Society will be honored with a special pin and printable certificate noting their contribution and commitment to ending polio. Eradicating polio has been the top priority for Rotarians since 1985 when Rotary International launched PolioPlus with an initial fundraising goal of \$120 million.



YOU ARE INVITED
TO CELEBRATE

The Rotary Foundation

November 8, 2024 | 7:00 PM

The Greenville Marriott
One Parkway East
Greenville, SC

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

Keynote speaker:
Vanessa Ervin
Past District Governor, District 7730

\$65.00

Hotel rooms available for \$129

Register in DACdb Calendar or via link provided

New Members in September

Burger, Justin K.	Abbeville	Thompson, David	Greenville
Ross, Raweewan A.	Abbeville	Cavalli, Sabina	Greenville City Center
Watson, Teresa G	Anderson	Baggett, Stephen D. Jr.	Greenwood
Sanders, Blake	Anderson	Nicholson, Whitney R.	Greenwood
Buresh, Lisa	Clemson Sunrise	Mitchell, James	Greer
Irimiter, Kay	Clemson Sunrise	Leichter, Jeffrey	Greer
Ackerman, Kipper Edens	Clinton	Lawhun, Autumn	Greer
Raynal, Andrew	Clinton	Bartlett, John	Greer
Hess, Danielle	Easley	Mcmanus, Morgan K	Indian Land Lunch
Brown, Lauren G	Easley	Johnson, Revery D	Indian Land Lunch
Knox, Nate	Greater Anderson	Davy, Bart W	Lancaster
Baringer, Jack	Greenville	Mottel, Brian	North Augusta
Shew, Jean	Greenville	Brask, Dean	North Augusta
Rigby, Chris	Greenville	Dyar, Roger D	Seneca
Campbell, Maggie	Greenville	Gilstrap, Billy Joe	Travelers Rest
Edgar, Michael	Greenville	Fuesser, Mike	York
Bourret, Bryan	Greenville	Whistine, Nicole	York

SEPTEMBER 2024: 34 NEW MEMBERS — 19 TERMINATED MEMBERS (0 DECEASED). Data from DaCdb.



Happy DG Visit

Looks like the members of the Rotary Club of Anderson were happy to see Rysheeka at her official visit to their club in October!

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