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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



Rysheeka's magical year of leading us coming to end

Greetings Rotary family:

As my term as District Governor comes to an end, I reflect on the 'Magical' journey.

I had the honor of observing the manner in which Rotarians care about their community and neighbors around the world. The care taken with each project and the lives changed...we are indeed People of Action.

Mother Nature entered our ranks in the form of Hurricane Helene. Rotarians sprang into action to assist each other and their community. There were fun and meaningful fundraisers to continue the great work of service.

Membership events and initiatives to enhance recruitment efforts. New Interact Club's were formed to cultivate the next generation of Rotary.

The Million Dollar Dinner Campaign is in full swing to increase the District's ability to continue doing good in the world.

Our Magical District Conference was one for the books! There were engaging speakers who both challenged and encouraged us, impactful service projects, an exchange of ideas, and a magic show! This year has indeed been magical.



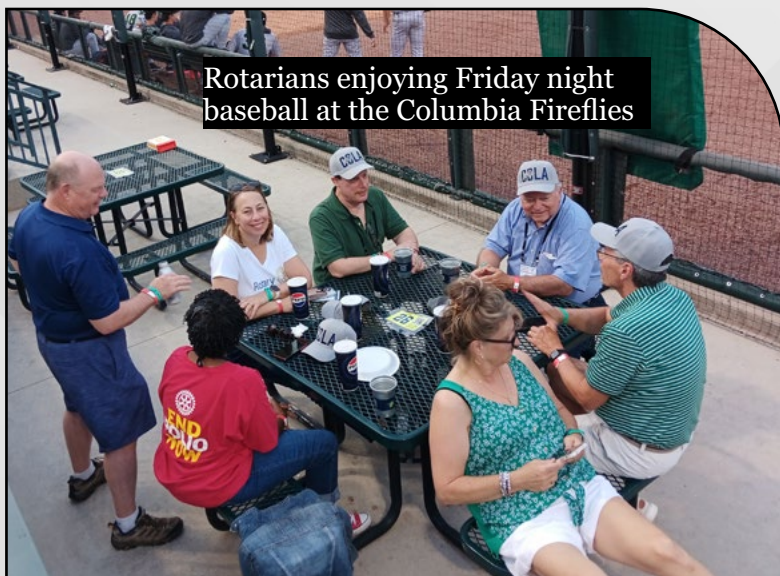
Service Panel lead by Albert Blackmon and representatives from Indian Land, Greer, York, and Lake Wylie.

Each club visit was special and memorable. I've visited areas of the state for the first time and was welcomed with open arms. There were lots of laughs and great food to go around.

Serving as District Governor has been one of the greatest honors of my life. There is nothing we can't accomplish together. I am more inspired than ever to continue the work of Rotary.

I hope to see you on July 18th in Greenville to celebrate this year's accomplishments.

Honored to have served you,
DG Rysheeka



Rotarians enjoying Friday night baseball at the Columbia Fireflies



REPRESENTATIVES OF GREER'S GRANT RECIPIENTS (from left):

Cops for Tots
Greer Relief
Greer Soup Kitchen
Creative Advancement Center
Club president Jim Nichols
Upstate Warrior Solution
Adaptive Pickleball
Greer Community Ministries.
Not pictured: Leadership
Greer Class 45 Health Kids
Initiative



Alvaro Sosa is the recipient of the scholarship provided by the Rotary Club of Greer. At left is Brad Dill, the learning coordinator at Bonds Career Center and at right, club treasurer Melissa Patterson.



Greer president Jim Nichols presents Paul Harris Fellow pin to Amy McBurnie.



Greer Goes Global: Eric Bridge was the participation coordinator

Greer club celebrates SERVICE, RECOGNITION, AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

BY CARRIE KRAUSE

Rotary Club of Greer

The Rotary Club of Greer has had an eventful and inspiring spring season, marked by meaningful service, heartfelt recognition, and impactful giving.

At a recent club meeting, we proudly honored Amy McBurnie with her Paul Harris Fellow +1, celebrating her continued commitment to Rotary ideals and her generous support of The Rotary Foundation.

Beyond club walls, members also took service to the streets at Greer Goes Global, a local festival celebrating international culture and community. Club members engaged with the public, shared Rotary's mission, and invited others to join our global network of service and fellowship.

The highlight of the season was our annual Dining Around Greer awards presentations. Proceeds from this signature fundraising event allowed the club to award eight community grants, each supporting a vital local organization. In addition to these grants, we presented our 2025 Rotary Scholarship to Alvaro Sosa, an exceptional local student with a bright future ahead.

From recognizing dedicated members and serving at public events, to funding education and supporting local nonprofits, the Rotary Club of Greer continues to live out Rotary's motto of Service Above Self. We're proud of the impact we're making—together.

Innovative Clubs: Expanding and retaining membership

Discover Rotary sessions have proven to be effective in attracting new members. Another impactful strategy is the establishment of Innovative Clubs, which provide alternative meeting formats and structures to engage a wider audience and retain members. Here are a few key considerations for creating an Innovative Club:

FOCUS ON PURPOSE:

Rather than getting caught up in naming conventions (Satellite, Companion, Service only, etc.), prioritize what you want to achieve: alternative meeting times, targeted vocations, attracting young professionals, service-focused projects, or community outreach.

LEADERSHIP: Ensure experienced Rotarians are

involved in guiding the new entity effectively.

FORMATION: Only eight Rotarians are needed to start an Innovative Club.

CLUB CULTURE: The host club manages administrative functions and should foster a welcoming environment with proper shepherding.

BYLAWS: Update club bylaws to reflect the new structure.

INTEGRATION: There are easy ways to ensure your Innovative Club

members are fully aligned with the host club and District/RI platforms. Let the ICA team help you navigate the process! Contact Roger Heitzeg (rotaryclubofgreenvilleprez25@gmail.com) to connect.

D-7750 Membership Chair

ALBERT BLACKMON

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District 7750 has successfully launched **THREE** official Innovative Clubs:

CLUB NAME	HOST CLUB	INAUGURAL DATE	#Members
Greenville After Hours	Greenville	September 18, 2024	31
Oconee After Dark	Wahalla	January 22, 2025	15
Professional Development	Indian Land	March 13, 2025	11

Currently we have 3 additional innovative clubs we expect to launch this upcoming Rotary year, and we have room for more. Please reach out to Roger Heitzeg (rotaryclubofgreenvilleprez25@gmail.com) to add your innovative club to the list.

Find out what your members think!

Now is an ideal time to conduct a club survey to gather members' feedback. A ready-to-use survey is available in DACdb under the "Membership Success Center" (MAP). Take advantage of this resource to identify areas of improvement.

Club Leaders, this process is EASY.

1. In DACdb, select the My CLUB tab
2. Select the "Membership Success Center" icon (MAP)
3. Once you're in MAP, you'll see the Survey link on the left side of the screen
4. Follow the step-by-step instructions to distribute the survey

Fellow Rotarians, if your club distributes a club survey, please take a few minutes to share your honest feedback as your intent is to magnify those things that are going well and identify those potential areas of improvement that are often blind spots to the leadership team.



I'M SO GLAD TO SEE
WALHALLA TAKE
THE LEAD. —ALBERT

NEW MEMBER RANKING REPORT AS OF MAY 16

RANKING	Club Name	Member Count @ July 1 2024	Member Count @ Current	New Members YTD	New Member Percent
1	Walhalla	34	47	23	68%
2	Indian Land	53	71	27	51%
3	Fountain Inn	33	38	10	30%
4	Blacksburg	10	13	3	30%
5	Greer	40	47	12	30%
6	Travelers Rest	14	17	4	29%
7	Pickens	30	34	8	27%
8	Mauldin	12	14	3	25%
9	North Augusta	16	20	4	25%
10	Greenville City Center	45	56	11	24%
11	Greenville	166	176	40	24%
12	Seneca	25	28	6	24%
13	E-Club of The Carolinas	23	27	5	22%
14	Fort Mill	65	76	14	22%
15	York	29	33	6	21%
16	Lake Wylie	34	35	7	21%
17	Westminster	26	27	5	19%
18	Clinton	30	31	5	17%
19	Winnsboro	19	21	3	16%
20	Pleasantburg	45	49	7	16%
21	Anderson	109	108	16	15%
22	Lancaster Breakfast	53	57	7	13%
23	Easley	72	74	9	13%
24	Union	40	44	5	13%
25	Greenwood	99	102	12	12%
26	Abbeville	47	50	5	11%
27	Reedy River	21	18	2	10%
28	Newberry	64	67	6	9%
29	Chester	54	57	5	9%
30	Batesburg-Leesville	22	23	2	9%
31	Golden Strip Sunrise	22	23	2	9%
32	Clemson	90	89	8	9%
33	Aiken	162	158	14	9%
34	Gaffney	59	56	5	8%
35	Clover	26	27	2	8%
36	Rock Hill	65	68	5	8%
37	Spartanburg	175	181	12	7%
38	Clemson Sunrise	32	34	2	6%
39	Greenville Breakfast	16	16	1	6%
40	Emerald City	84	80	5	6%
41	Carolina Foothills	19	15	1	5%
42	Lancaster	60	57	3	5%
43	Spartan West	26	25	1	4%
44	Greater Anderson	62	61	2	3%
45	Simpsonville	32	30	1	3%
46	Aiken Sunrise	38	37	1	3%
47	Laurens	50	44	1	2%
48	North Spartanburg	28	24	0	0%
49	Seneca Golden Corner	20	19	0	0%

FROM OUR DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Albert Blackmon completes term; Returns to club president role!

THANK YOU for the opportunity to serve as your District Membership Chair. It has been my sincerest pleasure to serve and interact with so many of you. I've gained so many new friends and contacts within and beyond our district and I'm truly most grateful for these relationships. This has been a great learning experience for me, and I've added so many best practices to my arsenal to use in my home club.

While I'm excited to return as the Club President in Indian Land, I'm optimistic about our District's continued growth as we've had some major increase in membership expansion and retention. I encourage you to continue to work those items on your "golden ticket" as we have so many tools at our disposal.

We are indeed "PEOPLE OF ACTION!" —Albert

INCOMING



Jamison Tinsley

2025-26 Membership Chair

Jamison lives in Greenwood, is a member and past president of the Rotary Club of Emerald City, and has been assistant governor for area 9.

**UNITE
FOR
GOOD**



**Ongoing
presidential
theme starting
July 1.**

SHOWCASE IMPACTFUL STORIES –

People connect with real stories. Highlight successful projects, member contributions, and community transformations through engaging social media posts, short video testimonials, and even go old-school with newspaper articles. Use platforms like LinkedIn, Instagram, and

Why? The more people in your community who understand what your club does, the more likely you are to be able to recruit members.



Facebook to share compelling narratives that demonstrate the club's positive influence.

Don't know how to do this? Get help from 7750 PI Chair Maggie McMahon (maggieamcmahon@gmail.com) OR find and enlist a prospective member with this skill-set!

Discover Rotary at Seneca Golden Corner

Members of the Golden Corner Rotary Club gathered at Keowee Brewing in downtown Seneca for a Discover Rotary meeting with the community. Pictured from left are Rob and Sandy Peirce, Kate Matthews, club Co-president Beth Brown and David Williams.



“I recruited Bhuvnesh more than a year ago to Reedy River Rotary. He joined in August 2024 and is already a Rotarian in the true sense of the word.” —Ann Golden, Rotary Club of Reedy River, Greenville

From 30,000 Feet to the Reedy River:

How a chance encounter led me to Rotary—and 14,000 Ducks

BY BHUVNESH SHARMA

Rotary Club of Reedy River, Greenville

I usually don’t talk to fellow passengers while flying. I’ve taken countless flights across continents, and my usual companions are noise-canceling headphones,



a good book, or my own thoughts. But something was different on that March 2024 flight from Greenville-Spartanburg to Philadelphia. That’s when I met Ann Golden.

What started as small talk with a kind stranger quickly evolved into a conversation on global topics—environment,

healthcare, and technology. Ann was not only a great listener, but also an engaging initiator. At some point, she paused and said, “You have a pretty interesting global perspective. Why don’t you come to a meeting at our Rotary Club? It’s a place where like-minded people talk about serving the community—both locally and with a global reach.”

She also mentioned something intriguing—a quirky event called the Reedy River Duck Derby, held each year on the first Saturday of May in Falls Park, Greenville. “Thousands of rubber ducks race down the river!” she said with a sparkle in her eye.

A Return and a New Beginning

I promised Ann I’d check it out when I got back. Although I missed the Duck Derby that year, I did make it to a Rotary meeting. It was lively, welcoming, and surprisingly international. One of the attendees was a teenage Rotarian from Hungary, doing an assignment in Greenville. I was impressed—this was more than just a local club. It was a window into community service with a global heartbeat.

I brought my wife along to the next meeting, and

that sealed it. We both felt like we had stumbled into something good. I joined the club.

From Trash Bags to Social Media Campaigns

Over the next few months, I attended meetings, joined a few volunteer events, and slowly started understanding the Rotary ethos: Service Above Self. Toward the end of the year, I joined Eric Krichbaum and a few other members for an “Adopt-A-Road” cleanup near Conestee Park. It was fun, earthy, and unexpectedly energizing.

It was then that Eric nudged me into something more structured: “How about leading communications for the Duck Derby next year?” That meant managing our Facebook, Instagram, and email campaigns. I took it on—slightly nervous but curious—and began learning about the event’s goals, the storytelling needed, and the quirky joy of marketing rubber ducks.

Our social media traction fluctuated, but by late April, things picked up. The Duck Derby was selling out—all 14,000 ducks adopted before race day. That felt like a win.



Duck Derby Day: Chaos, Community, and a Splash

On the first Saturday of May, I arrived at Falls Park at 6:00 a.m.—though some club members beat me to it! There was a flurry of activity: setting up stages, organizing souvenirs, herding inflatable ducks, and prepping the race logistics.

By 2:30 PM, the

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I came for the ducks. I stayed for the people.



Bhuvnesh Sharma, seated left, and other members of the Rotary Club of Reedy River planning the 2025 Duck Derby.

Membership recruitment can happen anywhere, anytime

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crowd had thickened. Liberty Bridge was packed, families gathered on every corner of the park, and then it happened—14,000 bright yellow rubber ducks were released into the Reedy River.

It was a sight to behold.

I was stationed at the finish line to help collect ducks. I didn't have a jumpsuit, but I figured I could direct things. Well, that plan sank faster than I did—I slipped into the water. But instead of retreating, I decided to stay in and help. Working side by side with the team in the river, we corralled the ducks with nets, tarps, and a whole lot of determination.

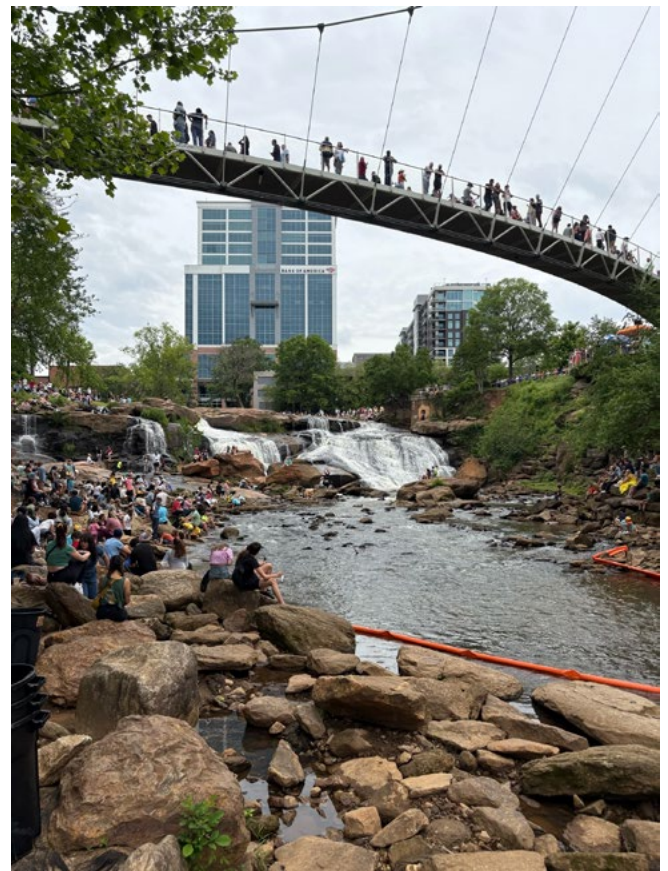
By day's end, soaked but satisfied, we packed up tents, chairs, and the last of the inflatable ducks. Tired? Yes. But more than anything, I felt connected—to the people, the city, the cause.

Reflections on a Rubber Duck

Looking back, what amazes me is how it all began: **a random flight, a thoughtful conversation, and a simple invitation.** That led me into a community where I could not only contribute but also grow.

If you're in Greenville around the first weekend of May, don't miss it. Come for the spectacle, stay for the service.

And if you have a chance to mention Rotary to someone beside you on a flight, do it. You never know where it might lead.



A random flight
A thoughtful conversation
A simple invitation
...Leads to the Reedy River Rotary Club
and the Duck Derby!



Partners in Literacy Haiti (PILH) distributed 70 of 165 new dictionaries provided by the Rotary Club of Reedy River, 28 PILH-produced Kreyòl Alphabet Charts, and 29 Haitian Heritage books donated at the 7750. PILH will present dictionaries to the English as a Second Language students at a different time.

PILH celebrates Flag Day with Greenville area Haitian community

More than 100 families celebrated Haiti's Flag Day on May 18 at the First Haitian Church in Fountain Inn. The event was attended by members of Partners in Literacy Haiti and other Rotarians in the Greenville area. PILH distributed educational materials that included dictionaries and Kreyòl Alphabet Charts, to support literacy initiatives in Haiti.

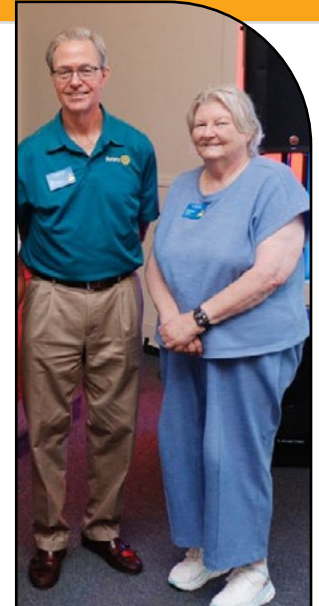


The flag's creation in 1803 symbolized the Haitian people's unity and their passion for freedom from slavery and French rule. It is celebrated annually as a reminder of pride and heritage in the face of adversity. —Sara

When our club (Reedy River) saw the District Conference service project option with the First Haitian Church in Fountain Inn, the members were eager to utilize some extra dictionaries we had to help the cause. We spoke with Sara about our plan to donate the dictionaries and were pleased to learn that they would meet the needs of the church members. Having the opportunity to visit the church and meet some of the leadership and members reinforced the value of and enthusiasm toward receiving the dictionaries. They will provide a long-term, on going benefit to the recipients.

—DGN Eric Krichbaum

➡ Reedy River Club members
DGN Eric Krichbaum and Prudence Taylor



The Rotary Club of Golden Strip Sunrise has donated funds to help Partners in Literacy Haiti and the Mauldin Interact Club has donated crafts and games.

PARTNERS IN LITERACY HAITI

<https://www.haiti-literacy.org/>



Success! Grave identified and flag planted by AG Eric Baker

**Pleasantburg, Greer Rotarians,
other volunteers plant flags**

Joint Memorial Day project honors veterans, brings attention to Rotary

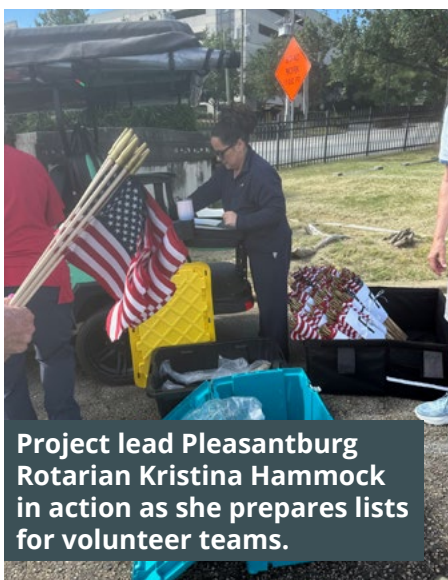
Springwood Cemetery in downtown Greenville, a National Historic Site, is the final resting place for more than 10,000 people, including hundreds of US military veterans. In honor of Memorial Day, a team of volunteers coordinated by Pleasantburg Rotarian Kristina Hammock marked the graves of veterans with American flags on Saturday May 24. The volunteers included Pleasantburg and Greer Rotarians, members of the congregation of Christ Church Episcopal, and other community members. NBC affiliate WYFF filmed the event, reporting on it during both the 6:00pm and 11:00pm news that night. Volunteers returned after the holiday to remove the flags, which will be planted again on Veteran's Day.



Bundled flags, ready for distribution to volunteers assigned to different sections of the cemetery.



Pleasantburg Club volunteers, left to right: Carlton Owen (husband of Rotarian Brenda Owen), Susan Hughes, Kristina Hammock, Larry Lee, Bill McCann, Brenda Owen. Behind the camera: Linda Lee.



Project lead Pleasantburg Rotarian Kristina Hammock in action as she prepares lists for volunteer teams.



Volunteers teaming up for assignments.



Veteran, Pleasantburg member, and District AG Eric Baker and his wife Karen.



>>Donate to CART

Two clubs raise \$\$\$\$ for CART

D7750 clubs 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.mycartfund.org. Many breakthroughs come from small-scale, innovative research projects, but there are not many grants available to them. CART provides funds each year for this cutting edge research with the change you put in the buckets or fundraisers like these in Walhalla and Greenville.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GREENVILLE CITY CENTER RAISED \$500 FOR CART BY SPONSORING A CAR SHOW. CITY RANGE GRILL OFFERED ITS PARKING LOT TO HOST THE EVENT.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WALHALLA RAISED \$400 FOR CART WITH A BARBECUE MEAL FUNDRAISER.

◆Members of Greenville City Center at the car show it sponsored in May.



Rich's widow, Jan, preented Mac Lawson with this year's scholarship in memory of Rich.



Rich Waugh Scholarship awarded to Mac Lawson

Mac Lawson is the recipient of the 2025 Aiken Sunrise Rich Waugh Service Above Self scholarship.

Rich was a past president of the Aiken Sunrise Club and was governor of D7750 in 2006-07.

The \$1,000 scholarship was established at his death in 2021 and is donated by Jan Waugh to honor an Interact Club member who best represents the qualities of Service Above Self.

Mac was an Interact student during his high school years and is a 2025 graduate at the Mead Hall Episcopal School.



Laurens packs 200 bags of food

In partnership with the South Carolina Empowerment Centre, the Rotary Club of Laurens organized a local food drive and came together to pack 200 bags of food to support families in its community. A big thank-you to everyone who donated, volunteered, and helped make a difference right here at home.



Golden Corner hears school highlights

Ashley Ramirez, principal at Seneca High School highlighted the numerous accomplishments at the Oconee County school including record number of graduates, girls state championship in track and the school's highly-recognized music and chorus programs. Ramirez told the Golden Corner Rotary Club that she is already looking forward to the 2025-2026 school year. Pictured from left are club co-presidents Patrick Lee, Beth Brown, Ramirez and Rotarian Louis Holleman.



Clover dedicates new Little Free Library

The Clover Rotary Club dedicated a Little Free Library at the Clover Assistance Center on May 21. The library box was repaired with help from Clover High School and Rotarians Steve Tripi & Marty Cotton. After the dedication, Cameron Hurst, Executive Director of the Clover Assistance Center, gave Rotarians a tour through their new facility.

Fort Mill donates adaptive bikes to two schools

The Rotary Club of Fort Mill donated adaptive bicycles to Doby's Bridge and Kings Town Elementary schools in York County. These bikes will provide students with special needs the opportunity to build motor skills, stay active, and have fun in the process.



North Spartanburg member at Walnut Grove

Wayne Scholtes, member of the Rotary Club of North Spartanburg, dedicates time to educating visitors at Walnut Grove on US Military History. Walnut Grove Plantation recounts how free and enslaved people settled the South Carolina Backcountry, fought for independence, and built a new nation.

Make Foundation donations by June 15

Need help? Contact Beth.

The end of the 2024-25 Rotary year is almost here, and it is critically important to turn in your Club's donations to The Rotary Foundation. Rotary International asks that all donations are mailed no later than June 15.

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

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

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

On May 24, our District had raised \$398,635 for the Foundation's Annual Fund. We also had raised \$150,230 for PolioPlus.

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

How to send donations to The Rotary Foundation:

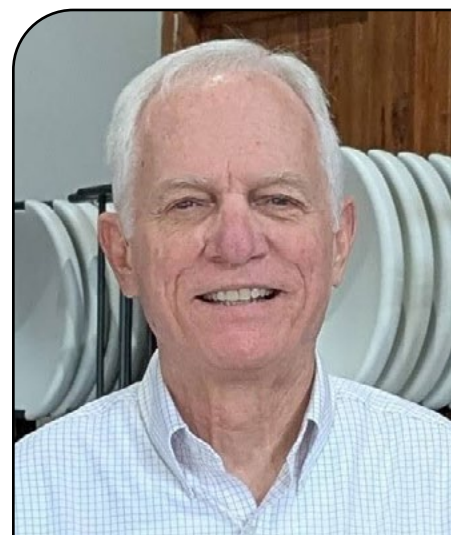
By Check: The Rotary Foundation
14280 Collections Center Drive
Chicago, IL 60693, USA

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

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D-7750 Foundation Chair
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Paul Harris +4 at Walhalla

Danny Edwards received a Paul Harris Fellow +4 pin for his contributions to The Rotary Foundation. He has been a member of the Rotary Club of Walhalla since July 2000.



Paul Harris +1 at Golden Strip Sunrise

Steve Epps received his Paul Harris Fellow +1 for his contributions to The Rotary Foundation. Steve is a charter member of the Golden Strip Sunrise Rotary which was started in 1998.



**ROTARIANS
MADE THIS HAPPEN**



A VILLAGE GETS WATER... AND SO MUCH MORE

Kathy Sharp of the Pleasantburg Club and Johnny Walker of the Aiken Sunrise Club went to Guatemala to inspect the LLano Grande WASH project, made possible by a Global Grant. Their week-long trip took them to several other Rotary projects in the Mayan Highlands.

The water project provided clean water to 341 people—including the children in the photo above—who live in Llano Grande. The village is set in the high plains of western Guatemala in the heart of Mayan country. An existing water system built 23 years ago is failing and villagers are getting water from a river one and a half hours away.



Kathy and Johnny hauling rock for a kitchen floor foundation.



↑ Kathy and Johnny at a school and kitchen project in Las Cruces. The shoulder bags were a gift from the children of another school and were handmade by the children's mothers.

➡ It was a steep and difficult climb down to a spring site but Kathy (in the middle) was up to the challenge.

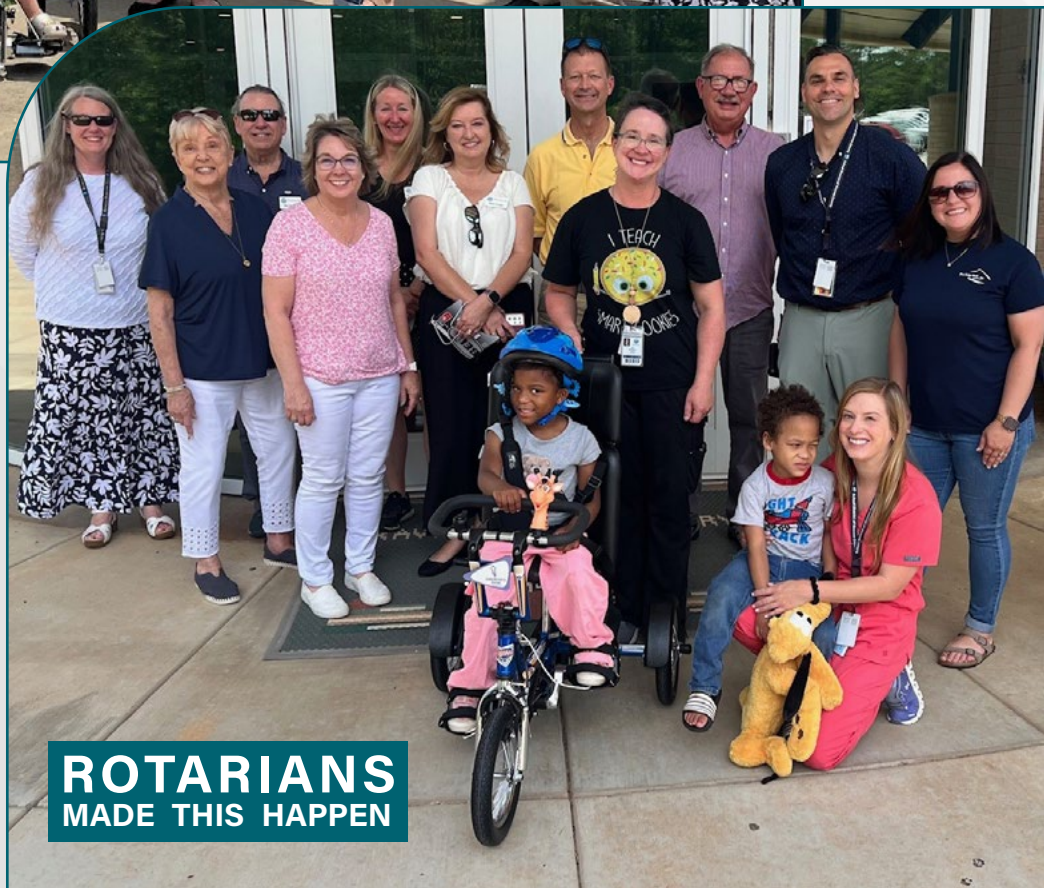


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**CLICK RIGHT HERE TO READ JOHNNY'S ENTIRE REPORT ABOUT THIS PROJECT,
MADE POSSIBLE BY ALL OF OUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION.**



Seneca provides adaptive bikes to two elementary schools



The Rotary Club of Seneca Rotary presented an adaptive bike from Pedals Possible to Northside and Ravenel Elementary Schools during May. Seeing the joy as each child got to ride a bike on their own was truly heartwarming. The bikes were purchased with a District Grant that was matched by the club from its successful fundraisers. Thanks to the community for supporting the club and its fundraising efforts that made these moments happen. — Holleigh Evans

RI President Stephanie Urchick to speak at Foundation Dinner

Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick will be the keynote speaker at the District Rotary

Foundation Celebration on Friday, Oct. 24. Urchick is serving as RI President in Rotary year 2024-25. She also will participate in a special afternoon reception for Rotarians who have participated in the Million Dollar Campaign to raise funds for The Rotary Foundation.

This year's Foundation Celebration will be at the Greenville Marriott Hotel on One Parkway East Greenville. The venue is easily accessible for most Rotarians in District 7750.

Stephanie Urchick is a member of the Rotary Club of

McMurray, Pennsylvania. She has been an RI director and Rotary Foundation trustee. She has served RI in numerous capacities, including as training leader, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator,

and RI president's representative. In addition, Stephanie was a representative and member-at-large to three sessions of the Council on Legislation.

Stephanie has also served as chair of the Rotary Strategic Planning Committee and The Rotary Foundation's Centennial Celebration Committee, as well as a member of various Rotary committees, including the Election Review Committee and Operational Review Committee.

A Rotary member since 1991, Stephanie has participated in a variety of international service projects, including National Immunization Days in India and Nigeria. In Vietnam, she worked with clubs to help build a primary school and travelled to the Dominican Republic to install water filters. A student of several Slavic languages, she has mentored new Rotary members in Ukraine and coordinated a Rotary Foundation grant for a mammography equipment and a biopsy unit for a hospital in Poland. In its commemorative book, the Rotary Club of Krakow, Poland, noted Stephanie as a key figure for helping the rebirth of Rotary in post-Communist Poland.

"I am excited to have Stephanie Urchick attend our Million Dollar Celebration in October," said Beth Padgett, District 7750 Rotary Foundation Chair. "She is a great speaker and an even greater Rotarian. Our District hopes to surpass its goal of raising more than a million dollars in new Foundation donations." To participate in the Million Dollar Campaign, Rotarians must donate or leave a Bequest of at least \$10,000 each in new Foundation donations."



The
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FOUNDATION DINNER AND CELEBRATION: OCTOBER 24



Who We Are?

Rotary District 7750 is committed to Doing Good in the World through the Rotary Foundation. Your generous support helps fund projects that improve health, support education, alleviate poverty, respond to crises, and create lasting change in communities both locally and globally. Together, we are building a better, more hopeful future through service and impact-driven initiatives.

How to Join

Join the campaign with a new gift or commitment of \$10,000 or more made between July 1, 2023, and January 31, 2026. This can include:

- An outright gift to the Annual Fund or PolioPlus
- A three-year pledge
- Cumulative giving during the campaign period
- A bequest or gift to the Foundation Endowment

Are You Already a Member?

You may already be part of Rotary District 7750's Million Dollar Campaign without realizing it! If you've:

- Included The Rotary Foundation in your will, IRA, or life insurance policy,
- Made a bequest years ago that has grown in value,
- Have already committed to give \$10,000 or more between July 1, 2023, and January 31, 2026

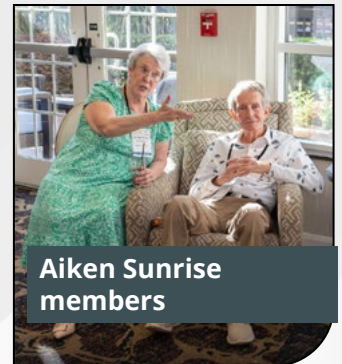
Why it Matters

Securing \$1 million in gifts and commitments ensures that we can continue responding to urgent needs in our communities and around the world. These gifts provide the resources to launch new projects, sustain long-term efforts, and empower future generations of leaders and volunteers.

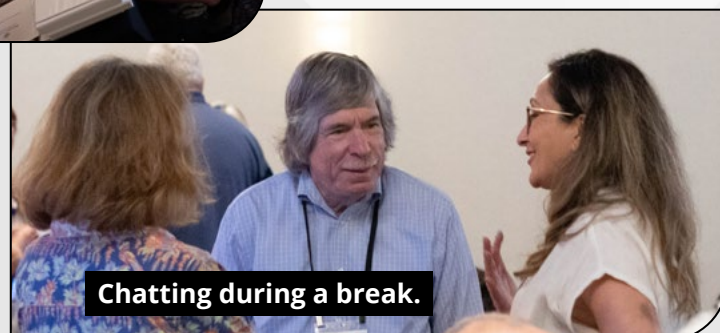
This campaign is our commitment to lasting impact—today, tomorrow, and for decades to come.

Will You Join Us in Giving?

For all donation information or questions please contact
District Foundation Chair Beth Padgett at bpadgettroary@outlook.com



Photos from District Conference



Celebrate our clubs' successes during
Rysheeka's Governor's Year.



Rotary 
District 7750

*Awards and Installation
Celebration*

JULY | 18 | 2025

Poinsett Club
Greenville, SC

5:30 PM Reception
6:30 PM Dinner

Cash Bar Only. No Credit Cards
Business Casual Attire
No Jeans or Tennis Shoes

The poster features a dark blue background with a gold border. It is decorated with several gold and white balloons and a shower of gold confetti at the bottom. The text is centered and uses a mix of serif and sans-serif fonts, with the main title in a large, elegant script.

Recognize and install those who will be working
in key positions with Dave in 2025-26.

2025 Council on Legislation report

Rotary's governing body passes numerous changes to operating procedures

BY PDG CAROL BURDETTE

Rotary Club of Anderson

It is my honor to serve as District 7750's Council On Legislation Representative for a three-year term. Although it is three years, you only go to an in-person meeting once during that time, the other work is done virtually.

In April 490 delegates representing Rotary districts from around the world gathered in Chicago for the 2025 Council On Legislation. There were over 90 enactments to be voted on during the week we were there. All delegates are expected to be present for every session from Sunday afternoon until the closing at lunch-time on Thursday. You have assigned seating based on your first name for 3 days and your last name for the remaining 2 days. Because my first and last names are the beginning of the alphabet, I was on the second row in front of the podium the entire time...no time for napping!!

After studying and preparing, it was time to start voting. Enactment sponsors had the opportunity to tell us the "why" behind their proposals. For those who spoke in a language other than English we had an interpreter, and interpreters for those who speak other languages.

The items listed at right are just highlights of what we did. All decisions are on the RI website.

THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO REPRESENT YOU IN THIS CAPACITY. I WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE THE UPCOMING ROTARY YEAR AS WE REVIEW THE RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED.

PDG CAROL BURDETTE
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Some of the highlights include:

- To amend the purpose of Rotary Clubs to add "community" before service projects (passed)
- To amend the deadline for mid-year Financial Reports for Districts from December 31st to January 31st (passed)
- To limit number of honorary members in a club (failed)
- To amend duties of a governor to add "support to assistant governors" (passed)
- To provide for the non-political nature of RI (passed)
- To limit term of General Secretary to 10 years (failed)
- To increase per capita dues over a 3 year period of approximately \$11.00 (passed)
- To amend deadlines relating to enactments (passed overwhelmingly)
- To amend how often the Council On Legislation meets (increase from 3 to 5 years) (failed)
- To remove requirement to hold an annual district conference (passed)
- To amend the names of the presidents-elect training seminar to using term learning seminar (passed, but is optional)

There were two enactments to limit the age of Rotaractors but both failed.



Council on
legislation
2025

Find Your Passion in Rotary!

Rotary Leadership Institute

August 9, 2025

SPARK Center, Duncan, SC

Register at www.midatlanticrli.org
or the District Calendar in DACdb

Join us for an RLI event to learn about our Rotary history, our Foundation, strategies for why and how to grow membership and the latest public image/public relations ideas. Learn, share, and network with fellow Rotarians about how they serve our community and the world.

All sessions are highly interactive and fun.

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Community minded people,
passionate & fun people,
practical & resourceful people,
helpful people who want to
lead Rotary into the future.

New Members in April

Antrim, Kate	Aiken	Darlow, Andrea	Greenville City Center
Rickert, Douglas	Batesburg-Leesville	Nase, Mary Lind	Greenville City Center
Roark, Hope A	Blacksburg	Taylor, J. Michael	Greenville City Center
Robbins, Jennifer	Blacksburg	Uldrick, John H	Greenwood
Cothran, Amy	Carolina Foothills	Quinn, Sarah C.	Greenwood
Fox, Sarah Woods	Clemson	Hensel, David A Sr.	Indian Land
Gustafson, Charles	Clinton	Alford, Jane	Indian Land
Thornton, Kaci	Clinton	Wilshire, L. Brent	Indian Land
George, Brittany	Clinton	Lomax, Courtney	Indian Land
Smithers, Joseph	E-Club of the Carolinas	de la Guerra, Karl L.	Indian Land
Hopper , Levi E.	Easley	Belk, Bryce	Lancaster
Richey, Ben	Fort Mill	Trull, Nicole	Lancaster Breakfast
Emrich, Peter	Fort Mill	Guthrie, Kim	Mauldin
DeLong, Skyler P	Fort Mill	Huckabee, Chad	North Spartanburg
Shah, Birju D	Fort Mill	Graves, Chrysostom	Oconee After Dark
Cramer, Jesse	Fort Mill	Holliday, Joshua	Oconee After Dark
Bennett, Derrick	Fort Mill	McClain, Lynn	Oconee After Dark
Case, Roger	Fountain Inn	McClain, Milissa	Oconee After Dark
Duckett, Roy	Fountain Inn	Moore, Lacey	Oconee After Dark
Nelson, Justin	Fountain Inn	O'Dell, Amber	Oconee After Dark
Muller, Thomas	Fountain Inn	Pope, Jordan	Oconee After Dark
Simmons-Kinard, Quantella	Greater Anderson	Welch, Amy	Oconee After Dark
Jenko, Mimi	Greenville	Aguilar, John	Oconee After Dark
Thompson, Christine	Greenville	Burton, Brandon	Oconee After Dark
Fuller, Grayson	Greenville	Ferree, Ashley	Oconee After Dark
Redden, Abby	Greenville	Rosenberger, Ben	Pleasantburg
Goff, David W.	Greenville	Potter, Sean	Rock Hill
Boffey, Jason	Greenville	Hawkins, Kristy	Seneca
Brunner, Bob	Greenville	Ruzicka, Lori	Union
Abbott, Linn	Greenville	Kyle, AJ	Union
Gillespie, Jason	Greenville	Whidden, Dennis	Walhalla
Skey, Nicholas	Greenville	Holladay, Pamela	Walhalla
Gresham, Jay	Greenville	Quick, Brian Zackary	Walhalla
Hoffman, Matthew	Greenville	Bailes, Rosemary F.	Walhalla
Zepel, Rick A	Greenville City Center	Crenshaw, Mike	Walhalla

APRIL 2025: 71 NEW MEMBERS — 32 TERMINATED MEMBERS (1 DECEASED). Data from DaCdb.

Deadline for July newsletter is June 25.

Send items to newsletter editor Sue Poss, pdgsueposs@gmail.com.

Feel free to send your news items throughout the month.