

JULY

Maternal and Child Health

AUGUST

Membership and New Club Development

SEPTEMBER

Basic Education and Literacy

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Rotary Club of Greenville Breakfast

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Every club understands the needs of its community and should focus its efforts on initiatives that bring meaningful benefits to those it serves. —Dave

The year ahead: Here's what Dave is thinking

BY DAVID BRENNER

7750 DG, 2025-26

July 1 is the exciting date when we begin the new Rotary Year. It is the date that all club presidents and the district governors begin their one-year terms.

It is my honor and a privilege to serve as the district governor for Rotary District 7750 for 2025-2026. I accept this responsibility with a bit of humility and trepidation.

I am very proud of being a Rotarian and to be working with the wonderful, dedicated Rotarians in our district.

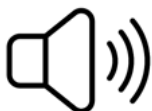
My goal is simple: it is to support every club and every Rotarian in our district in any way I can.

I am fortunate to have an experienced, well-qualified team of AGs and District chairs to help me. Rotary is a club based organization and your district team is here to support you and your club.



Our annual week-long RYLA program at Erskine College is one way we collectively work with youth in District 7750. And our clubs do many different things to help the young people in the areas they serve.

Many of you have asked me several questions about my thoughts, goals and plans for this year. Look for my answers to five of the most asked questions scattered throughout this newsletter starting at right with the question about my focus for the year.



DAVE 1 Do you have any particular areas of focus?

In keeping with RI, I will not have a specific objective that I want the clubs to focus on this year. Every club understands the needs of its community and should focus its efforts on initiatives that bring meaningful benefits to those it serves.

However, having said that, I have a particular interest in helping **youth**. After all, they are our future. Most, if not all of our district's clubs, have projects working with youth in their community. Whether it is part of our Rotary Youth Services or another effort like adopting a school, or working with after school projects, or reading to kids.

As I visit clubs in our district, I will be particularly interested to hear about and see your youth activities.



↑The girls of the Miriam Foundation and Rotarians celebrate the dedication of the garden at Fountain Inn Elementary School. This is the kind of youth-related project that Dave wants to hear about when he visits your club.

Golden Strip Sunrise plants Pollinator Gardens

BY REBECCA MILLER

Rotary Club of Golden Strip Sunrise

With the district grant the Rotary Club of Golden Strip Sunrise received last Rotary year, we were able to establish pollinator gardens in three locations:

- Fountain Inn Elementary School
- Fountain Inn Activity Center
- HIS Daycare

Participating in the project was the Miriam Foundation, an organization that provides support and resources to help girls and young women stay on track to reach their potential. They will learn to grow and cultivate vegetables, and how to prepare them for meals for their families.

They focus on academics, leadership, community, and health and wellness. The girls were actively involved in the build of the garden as well as the planting.

Interactors from Fountain Inn High School also assisted in the building and planting, and will be responsible for maintaining the gardens.

The garden kits were purchased from the Clemson University Cooperative Extension Service, the layout was provided by Lichtenfelt Nursery where the plants were purchased, and benches complete with a Rotary medallion were assembled by Rotarians. Plants included milkweed, lantana, and blueberry bushes. Herbs such as thyme, rosemary and sage were planted along with cucumbers, squash, bell pepper and sweet potatoes. In addition to the positive impact the gardens will have on the environment, the project was a learning and service opportunity for the Miriam Foundation participants and the Fountain Inn High School Interactors.



↑Malinda Epps in the background, Foreground Mary-Langton Willis Don (Executive Director of the Miriam Foundation) assists one of the Miriam girls in planting the herbs.

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This is part of the Pollinator Garden. The bench in the background has the Rotary logo on it.

ROTARIANS MADE THIS HAPPEN (WITH HELP)

THIS PROJECT WAS POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF SEVERAL COMMUNITY PARTNERS. **DON'T GO IT ALONE.** LOOK FOR OTHERS IN YOUR AREA WITH SIMILAR INTERESTS TO HELP!!



↑Rotarians Mike McCourry, Sam Gault, Sam Stamp & Vince Petrell assemble the garden base.

What are pollinator gardens?

Pollinator gardens are spaces intentionally cultivated to attract and support pollinating species such as bees, butterflies, birds, and other insects. These gardens play a critical role in sustaining biodiversity, ensuring the health of flowering plants, and supporting agricultural productivity.

Pollinators are essential to the environment, responsible for the reproduction of over 75% of flowering plants and nearly 35% of global crop production. However, many pollinator species face declining populations due to habitat loss, pesticide use, climate change, and disease. By creating pollinator gardens, individuals can provide safe, food-rich spaces that mitigate these challenges and foster the survival of these indispensable creatures.



↑C2 Miriam Foundation participants
Mary-Langston Willis Don
Trip Gilreath
Becky Miller
Steve Epps
Dee Vaughan



The garden at the elementary school is dedicated to Francis Scott, mother of Senator Tim Scott. Francis has a foundation "Raising Up the Lowcountry," committed to helping and supporting working single moms.

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR CLEMSON EXTENSION WILL PROVIDE A VARIETY OF VEGETABLES SUCH AS ONIONS, CABBAGE, KALE, COLLARDS, GREEN BEANS AND PEAS. (WHAT A GOOD PARTNER!)

Finishing a good year for The Rotary Foundation

BY BETH PADGETT

District Rotary Foundation Chair

Thank you to every Rotarian in our District who has given to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund – SHARE and to PolioPlus. With 8 days left in this Rotary year, our District is finishing strong with its donations that will do so much good in the world. Thank you!

We will publish our final contribution numbers for 2024-25 in the August newsletter.

With 8 days to go in the 2024-25 Rotary year, District 7750 Rotarians have contributed \$490,777 to the Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund – SHARE program. This is a remarkable record of Foundation giving this year, and with each dollar Rotarians are changing lives across the globe and in their communities.

We also are having another good year for giving to PolioPlus – and that's after setting an all-time record last year. Many thanks to Doug Kauffmann for continuing the Doug and Sally Kauffmann PolioPlus Challenge Match that inspired many Rotarians to donate to PolioPlus. D-7750 Rotarians so far have donated \$159,137 to PolioPlus. We were saddened by the death last year of Sally, and we are thankful for the legacy that she has left to the eradication of polio.

Giving to The Rotary Foundation isn't about setting records. It's about changing lives through our collective gifts. We continue to bring clean water to Honduras and Guatemala. We are looking at new grants in other parts of the world. For decades

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

Thank you for your support of the life-changing projects that we are able to accomplish through our gifts to The Rotary Foundation.



D-7750 Foundation Chair

PDG BETH PADGETT

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BETH'S CHALLENGE TO CLUB PRESIDENTS FOR THE NEW YEAR IS THIS:

- 1 Every club president will make at least a \$25 donation to Annual Fund – SHARE in July. This will ensure our District has 100% Giving Clubs during the first month of the year. And while we're at it, how about every Rotarian consider making a \$25 donation in July. That's a great way to start a new Rotary year.
- 2 Make sure your club has entered its Foundation goals for 2025-26 in My Rotary at www.rotary.org. If you don't know how, contact your Assistant Governor, or me at bpadgettrotary@outlook.com.
- 3 Have a Foundation Minute (or more!) at a club meeting during the month of July. This signals the importance of The Rotary Foundation — our charity as Rotarians — to all club members.

➔Dee Vaughan and Melinda Gilreath, Co-Presidents at Golden Strip Sunrise, will be working hard to meet Beth's Presidents' Challenge.



District Grants approved for 2025-26

The District Grants Committee has approved almost \$120,000 in District Grants for 2025-26.

These grants will enable Rotarians in District 7750 to do tremendous good in their communities through projects that address such issues as food insecurity, lack of support for poor schools, and a need to improve our environment.

Bill Harley chairs the committee.

The goal is to have checks to Rotary Clubs by late August.

Rotary International must approve and fund the grants before clubs can start their projects.

Please remember that none of the grant funds can be spent before a club has received and deposited its grant check.

All receipts of any project must be dated after the grant check has been deposited.

The final report for these grants will be due March 31, 2026.

Questions throughout the grant process should be directed to Bill

Harley or Beth Padgett, District Rotary Foundation Chair.

“These local grants are funded through the donations that Rotarians make to The Rotary Foundation. Almost 25% of these donations come back to the District to help our clubs do important work in their communities,” Beth said. “We believe in helping people around the world as well as our neighbors here at home.”

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CLUB	PROJECT	GRANT
Abbeville	Bags of Blessing	1000.00
Abbeville	Family Resource	1000.00
Aiken	Supporting Shelters	4,000.00
Aiken Sunrise	Dictionary & Dignity	4,000.00
Anderson	Homeland Park	4,000.00
Blacksburg	Book Vending	1,000.00
Clemson	Op School Supply	3,500.00
Clemson	Pedals Possible	900.00
Clemson Sunrise	Literacy /Hope	2,000.00
Clover	Comm Greenhouse	800.00
E Club of the Carolinas	Cocky Reading Expr.	2,000.00
Easley	Shine Soup Kitchen	2,000.00
Emerald City	Rotary Has Heart	2,400.00
Emerald City	Inspire Love Read	4,000.00
Fort Mill	Food Insecurity	5,000.00
Fort Mill	Literacy Picnic	3,000.00
Fountain Inn	Books for Youth	800.00
Golden Strip Sunrise	Community Services	3,627.00
Greater Anderson	Improved Reader	4,000.00
Greenville	Childs Haven	2,000.00
Greenville	Alexander Elem	5,200.00
Greenville Breakfast	PMAC Mentoring	1,730.00

CLUB	PROJECT	GRANT
Greenville City Center	River Meadow	2,000.00
Greenwood	Backpacks Food	2,000.00
Greer	Adaptive Wheelchair	1,963.30
Indian Land Lunch	Literacy Project	2,000.00
Lake Wylie	Hydroponics	4,000.00
Lancaster	Environmental Ed	4,000.00
Lancaster Breakfast	Bookmobile	4,000.00
Laurens	Backpack Program	4,000.00
Mauldin	Rise Against Hunger	1,918.00
Newberry	Feed Thy Neighbor	4,000.00
North Spartanburg	Rebuilding S'burg	2,000.00
Pickens	Library Story Walk	2,000.00
Pleasantburg	Dress A Child	4,000.00
Reedy River	Next Steps	6,400.00
Rock Hill	Worthy Camp	2,000.00
Seneca	Beds for Children	2,000.00
Seneca	BackPack Food	2,000.00
Simpsonville	Shop with a Cop	500.00
Simpsonville	Dictionary	1,500.00
Union	Unite for Good	4,000.00
Walhalla	Mother Child	2,000.00
York	Hands on Minds	3,000.00
Total		119,238.30

→Carrie Krause, center, was the recipient of the Rotary Club of Greer's Jim Mitchell Award. She also received a Paul Harris Fellow and (on behalf of the club) the Zones 33-34 EPIC award for its public image efforts That's president Jim Nichols and IPDG Rysheeka Bush with her.

Greer Rotary June Highlights: New members and special recognitions

BY CARRIE KRAUSE
Rotary Club of Greer

The Rotary Club of Greer wrapped up the 2024–2025 year on a high note, welcoming three new members into its growing fellowship: Lincoln Gomes, Heloiza Gasparin, and Mica Tholen. We are so excited to get to know them better and know they will make an impact on our presence in the community!

The club also recognized the generosity and commitment of several members by honoring Melissa Patterson, Deanna Austin, and Carrie Krause with Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

In a special moment of the evening, the club presented its Honorary Jim Mitchell Rotarian of the Year award to Carrie Krause, in appreciation of her outstanding leadership and tireless work on behalf of the club throughout the year.

With fresh energy, meaningful recognition, and strong momentum, the Rotary Club of Greer truly closed out the year with a bang!



President Jim Nichols
Melissa Patterson, PHF
Secretary Amy McBurnie



Greer president Jim Nichols
presented Deanna Austin
with her PHF recognition.



NEW MEMBERS AT GREER:
Lincoln Gomes
Heloiza Gasparin
Mica Tholen



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**NEED HELP
 DECIDING WHERE
 TO FOCUS YOUR
 EFFORTS OR HOW
 TO BUILD A PLAN?
 I'M HERE TO HELP!**

—MAGGIE

PUBLIC IMAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

You don't have to do it all

When it comes to social media, quality matters more than quantity. Your club doesn't need to be active on every platform—just the ones that work best for your audience and capacity.

1. Start with what's manageable. Facebook is often a great fit for Rotary clubs because of its local reach and event features.
2. Consider your community. If your members and partners use Instagram or LinkedIn, focus there.
3. Be consistent. It's better to post regularly on one platform than sporadically on several.
4. Make it meaningful. Use your chosen platform(s) to tell your club's story, highlight service, and invite others to get involved.

DAVE **2** What do you view as our biggest challenge?

The biggest challenge we face inside Rotary is getting more members actively involved. And to bring in new members, we need to promote what Rotary is and what we do.

Every club in our district is doing amazing work—but not enough people know about it. We need to be more visible in our communities and break the old stereotype. This isn't "your grandfather's Rotary" anymore and it hasn't been for a long time! Thus, the need for a strong public image plan.



Social media works. I've seen clubs share great posts and even attract new members through them. Let's keep that momentum going and take it further.

But Rotary isn't just about service—it's also about personal growth, travel, learning (like RLI and our Learning Center), and friendships that span beyond South Carolina. I've made lifelong friends through Rotary.

Want a simple way to spark interest? Wear your Rotary pin, shirt, or hat—just like you'd wear your favorite team's gear. Be proud. Show it. That's how conversations start. I joined because someone asked me to a meeting. It really can be that simple.



Seven clubs were recognized at the zone level for their successful public image strategies in 2024-25. Can we get more in 2025-26?

Rotary Zones 33/34



The name of the recognition for public image in Rotary Zones 33/34 is Excellence in Public Image Coordination (EPIC) Award. You can learn more and see the 12-month goals for public image at <https://www.rizones33-34.org/public-image>.

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

Seven successful EPIC clubs in 2024-25

7750 EPIC AWARD RECIPIENTS

Club	Tasks Completed	Award Level
Aiken Sunrise	9	Platinum
Clemson	10	Platinum
E-Club of The Carolinas	10	Platinum
Emerald City	3	Bronze
Greenville	8	Gold
Greer	10	Platinum
Pleasantburg	9	Platinum

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

EPIC TASKS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER 2025-26

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

Month	Goal	What to do	Due
July	Public Image Audit	Conduct an AUDIT of your club's online resources—social media, websites, print materials, cloud storage, email addresses, etc. —along with respective access credentials (e.g. usernames and passwords) and users. Also include guides to ensure correct and consistent branding across all channels and collateral.	10-31-25
August	Public Image Plan	Create a PUBLIC IMAGE PLAN for your club by outlining what content you'll share, when you'll share it, where you'll share it, and how you'll get the word out.	10-31-25
September	Content Calendar	Create a CONTENT CALENDAR for your club activities this Rotary year so everyone knows what and when the public image focus will be each month. The calendar will support your plan by having content each month based on your club activities, Rotary monthly themes and special observances, member celebrations, and other information. Meet with your other club committees and incorporate their initiatives. Your calendar will continue to evolve throughout the Rotary year, but this should be your starting point.	10-31-25

Three places to start:

1. Get in touch with Maggie to help you develop a plan.
2. Rotary Brand Center is the place to find the right logos, colors and fonts.
3. Look at all the public image resources available to you at the Zones 33-34 website and focus on the ones that best suit your needs or abilities. <https://www.rizones33-34.org/public-image/epic-award/>

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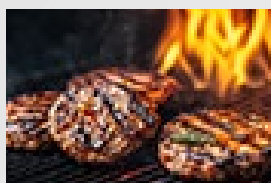


Discover Rotary is a success +5 at Golden Strip Sunrise

by Rebecca Miller

The Discover Rotary event held at the home of Sam and Becky Gault on June 6 was a great success. Attendees enjoyed a cookout with grilled burgers and all the sides, followed by an informative Discover Rotary presentation.

The event yielded impressive results, with two full-time memberships and three service-only memberships obtained.



"Discover Rotary sessions really work! If you have not had one, you need to get on it right away."

— Dee Vaughan, Golden Strip Sunrise Membership Chair for 2024-25



DEE VAUGHAN, PHF+3

Congratulations to Dee Vaughan, left, Rotary Club of Golden Strip Sunrise, for achieving the Paul Harris Fellow +3! This is a significant recognition and reflects Dee's dedication and contributions to the Rotary mission and vision. With Dee is 2024-25 president Becky Miller.

UNITE FOR GOOD



Go to Brand Center on the Rotary website to download this logo in various approved styles, including this one and the one at the top of the page.

<https://brandcenter.rotary.org/en-us>

DAVE 3 What is the Rotary theme this year?

Rotary no longer has annual themes. The reason for eliminating annual themes and special RI President initiatives is to have more continuity from year to year.

However, Rotary International President-elect Mario Cesar Martins de Camargo, before he sadly had to step down for personal and health reasons, issued his Presidential Message for us. The Message is "Unite For Good."

One might consider this the same thing only by a different name, but I believe it is different. Many of our annual themes over the years were more of a description of Rotary ("The Magic of Rotary" or "Rotary Opens Doors"). We have had wonderful themes in the past that have created enthusiasm throughout our organization.

However, the President's Message for us is a call to action. Mario, in delivering his message, said that individually we can do good things, but by uniting with Rotarians, other clubs and/or other organizations outside of Rotary we can do even greater good.

Think about what we accomplished with Polio by uniting with organizations like WHO, UNICEF, the Gates Foundation, and others. We truly changed the world and are very close to completely eradicating this horrible and crippling disease. Children and parents around the world have less to fear from this disease. —Dave



RI PRESIDENT AREZZO

Francesco Arezzo of Italy was selected to be the 2025-26 president of Rotary International, following the resignation of Mário César Martins de Camargo. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy. This appointment comes after the Board of Directors held a special session to address the unexpected resignation of de Camargo.

[Read more about him.](#)



SERVICE TO **YOUTH**

BLACKSBURG SCHOLARSHIP

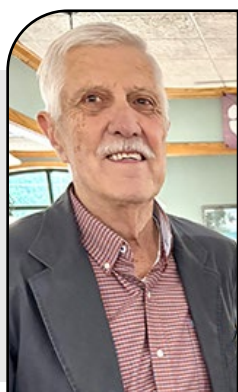
The Blacksburg Rotary Club presented a scholarship to Blacksburg High School senior Jansen Ham at the school's awards ceremony. Jason was selected based on submitted essays relating to the Rotary Four-Way Test. With Jansen is Rotarian Carolyn Batchler



SERVICE TO **YOUTH**

SHORT-TERM YOUTH EXCHANGE

Bem vindo a São Paulo, Lauren Boffey! Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Greenville, Lauren received a warm welcome upon her arrival in São Paulo for a short-term exchange. Her host sister there will return with Lauren in July to spend time in South Carolina. RYE doesn't have to be a full year. Talk with Wade Cleveland if you have students who would enjoy the RYE experience.



Seneca Golden Corner

Charles H. Lutz, author of "Unpopular Causes: A Career in Service to America," told the Golden Corner Club about his service in the U.S. Army in Vietnam through later being in charge of drug enforcement for the United States in Southeast Asia.



Steve Rushton was sworn in as the new president for the Golden Corner Rotary Club 2025-2026. Steve was joined by his wife Cheryl who will join the club as its new treasurer. 2024-25 Co-Presidents Patrick Lee and Beth Brown are at left.



Riley Johnson, an Atlantic Coast Conference football official, updated Golden Corner on the new rules governing football players and Name, Image and Likeness (NIL). Pictured with Riley is Rotarian Teddy Martin.

DAVE 4 What events are you planning this year?

Your district team is working hard to plan great events for you this year.

One reason many Rotarians remain in Rotary is because they like being part of something bigger. We are working hard to have district events that help our members learn things that will help them in Rotary and outside of Rotary.

I hope you are planning to attend the **Awards and Installation Celebration July 18** at the Poinsett Club. The clubs in our district have done tremendous good this year and it is time to recognize and celebrate your achievements. Your 2025-2026 club and district leadership will be officially installed at the Celebration.

Rotary Leadership Institute isn't a district-led program but it can benefit all of our clubs. The next event in 7750 is **August 9 in Duncan**. Come to this to learn from Rotarians across our district and elsewhere. You might get a couple of new ideas to enhance your club.

The **Vibrant Club Forum** will be on **August 23** at the Kroc Center in Greenville. This fun event will give you some ideas on how to strengthen your club and attract new members.

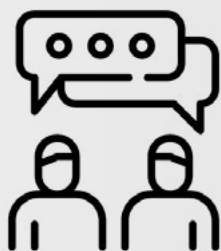
Our **Foundation Dinner** will be **October 24** at the Greenville Marriott. We are excited that 2024-2025 Rotary International President Stefanie Urchick will be the keynote speaker. It is always a special event for a district when a Rotary International President visits and shares their experiences with us.

Then get ready to have fun and be inspired about Rotary at our "Rotary in Motion: Unite, Lead, Serve" **All Clubs Conference April 24-26** at the Hyatt in Greenville. The conference committee is already at work to create a memorable event for you. You will hear more about the Conference as the year goes on but I guarantee this will be one conference you won't want to miss. —Dave

7750 EVENTS

2025-26

JULY 18	AWARDS AND INSTALLATION CELEBRATION	POINSETT CLUB GREENVILLE
AUGUST 9	ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE	SPARK CENTER DUNCAN
AUGUST 23	VIBRANT CLUB FORUM	KROC CENTER GREENVILLE
OCTOBER 24	FOUNDATION DINNER	MARRIOTT GREENVILLE
APRIL 24-26	ALL CLUBS CONFERENCE	HYATT GREENVILLE



The conversations you have in the hallways or around the table at these events are often as beneficial as the programmed event. There's no podium, no script—just talking about your club and hearing others tell their stories. Sometimes, the best work gets done between the meetings. And you might make a new friend or two!

Fort Mill host Literacy Picnic for first graders

The Rotary Club of Fort Mill hosted its annual Literacy Picnic for all 1st graders and their families in the Fort Mill School District.

Every first grader in attendance picked out two books to take home and add to their library for summer reading.

As part of the event, we invited three local writers. One author had an interactive book walk allowing families to read a book together at the picnic. Additionally, fun activities like face painting encouraged attendee participation.

The themed booths set up by each of the 11 elementary schools allow 1st graders in attendance to see their teachers at the event promoting reading outside of the classroom setting.

Local first responders attend with fire trucks, police cars, and ambulances attend to allow students to learn about these professions and explore these vehicles. Local Boy Scouts and Interact Clubs from the Fort Mil School District volunteered to help direct attendees to each booth and select books that each 1st grader would enjoy reading.

Various groups from middle and high schools performed including choirs, drum lines, cheer and dance teams, and JROTC. These performances not only entertained attendees but encouraged 1st graders (and siblings) to continue achieving highly in their learning to reach these extracurricular opportunities in higher grade levels.



Amy Tobik (Rotarian at front of photo)



Book Tent



Face Painting

Jamison leading effort to engage, grow and retain

I'm thrilled to kick off what's sure to be an energizing and impactful year for District 7750! Our focus for 2025-2026 is simple but powerful: **engage, grow, and retain.**

Every club in our district has set a membership goal, and now's the time to roll up our sleeves and make it happen. As you welcome new members, don't forget to plan for the natural attrition that every club experiences - because net growth is where we truly make a difference! Every club's goal this year should be whichever is greater between net growth of two or five percent net growth.

So how do we get there? It starts with creating a club experience that's dynamic, fun, and meaningful. When we focus on bringing energy and purpose to our clubs, we:

- ◆ Keep our clubs relevant to new and longtime members
- ◆ Attract and engage passionate new Rotarians
- ◆ Boost our visibility and influence in the community
- ◆ Make a bigger, lasting impact on the causes we care about
- ◆ Strengthen our financial sustainability through greater support and donations

SMALL STEPS CAN SPARK BIG CHANGE SO TOGETHER, LET'S UNITE FOR GOOD!



D-7750 Membership Chair
JAMISON TINSLEY
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Contact me or any of the other members of our district membership team for ideas, questions, suggestions, or issues you have as it relates to membership this year so we are all ready to hit the ground running as this year starts.

Membership Team: Call, email, or shout for help!

If you're looking for ideas, inspiration, or hands-on support, your Club Membership Support Team is ready to help!

Simply log in to DACdb, click the District tab at the top, go to the District Committees folder, and select Club Membership Support Team. Make sure you have Club Year 2025-2026 selected and reach out to any of these fantastic team members!

This team will be glad to help in any way that you need help and will especially focus on helping clubs

hold successful Discover Rotary events. Jim Nichols from the Greer Club is the chair of this team.

If you are thinking about starting a new club, contact Roger Heitzeg from the Greenville Club as he is the New Club Development Chair for the district. He will spearhead a team that assists in creating innovative new clubs so that we can expand Rotary's reach in our district.

Kylie Herbert from the Anderson Club will be our district's Membership Engagement Chair. She will be happy to collaborate with clubs to help make clubs more engaging to existing members as well as potential Rotarians.

ENGAGE
GROW
RETAIN

Discover Rotary	Jim Nichols	Greer	Every club should strive for 1. Net growth of two OR 2. Five percent net growth
New Club Development	Roger Heitzeg	Greenville	
Membership Engagement	Kylie Herbert	Anderson	

AND HERE'S SOMETHING YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS—the BECOMING A VIBRANT CLUB FORUM on August 23 in Greenville. This is your chance to gather fresh strategies, swap ideas, and get fired up for the year ahead. We will also have fun playing Membership Jeopardy for prizes. Registration is open in DACdb. I hope to see you there!

DAVE

5 How do you plan to increase membership?

I've already said that membership is still our biggest internal challenge. But let's stop calling it "membership" and say what it really is: more Rotarians doing more good!

We hear "membership" and think numbers—but it's people doing more service, taking leadership in our clubs, supporting our Foundation to fund projects and build community.

The good news is that our district has grown for two straight years—well done! To keep it going:

1. Membership Chair Jamison Tinsley and the Club Support Team stand ready to help your club attract new Rotarians. One proven approach is Discover Rotary or an Information Hour—done right. The team can guide you.
2. Another strategy: start new clubs. Our district has launched several new companion clubs recently, and a New Club Development Team chaired by Roger Heitzeg is here to help. Experienced Rotarians are ready to assist.

Growth also means retention. Life happens, but let's be honest—some leave because they don't feel value. If all we offer is service, they can get that elsewhere. What keeps Rotarians engaged is a meaningful Club Experience: enjoyment, connection, learning, and purpose.

Rotary is club-based. People join clubs, not districts. Our job at the district level is to support clubs however needed to attract and retain members. Don't hesitate to tap into the Grow Rotary team.

And start now. Don't wait months to begin. A July or August Information Hour sets you up for success.

Want to grow your club and connect with Rotarians who've done it? Attend the Vibrant Club Forum on August 23rd at the Kroc Center in Greenville—it'll be engaging, practical, and fun.

Also, check out our zone's monthly membership webinars—great insights, every time. —Dave

Our biggest internal challenge is growing Rotary.

BUT INSTEAD OF CALLING IT MEMBERSHIP, LET'S THINK OF IT AS MORE ROTARIANS DOING MORE GOOD.



Membership Chair Jamison Tinsley and the Club Support Team can help your club.



Host an Information Hour this July or August.



Attend the Vibrant Club Forum on August 23rd.

KEEPING CURRENT MEMBERS



What keeps Rotarians coming back is the Club Experience—connections, learning, leadership, purpose.

LET'S KEEP GROWING ROTARY—TOGETHER

VIBRANT CLUB FORUM
August 23 | Kroc Center | Greenville



Membership = More Rotarians Doing More Good

It's about:

- More people serving
- More club leaders stepping up
- More support for our Foundation
- More friendships and impact

IF YOUR CLUB NEEDS TO GET A FEW MORE HANDS SO YOU CAN DO MORE GOOD IN THE WORLD, SEND TWO OR THREE REPRESENTATIVES TO THE VIBRANT CLUB FORUM ON **AUGUST 23.**



Becoming a **VIBRANT CLUB** Forum

August 23, 2025 - Greenville

(Formerly The Membership Summit)

- ❖ Join Rotary District 7750 leaders and club members for a membership forum different from any other!
- ❖ Small group breakouts on best practices on topics like Rotary Information Hour, Orientation, and Membership Attraction.
- ❖ Small, medium, and large club breakouts to share successes and concerns relevant to your club's size. Share ideas on topics such as fundraising, community service, succession planning, and PI-PR.
- ❖ Play Membership Jeopardy to win prizes!

**DISCOVER HOW HAVING
A MORE DYNAMIC,
VIBRANT, AND FUN
CLUB CAN HELP:**

- Keep clubs relevant to new and existing members
- Attract and engage members
- Increase your club's visibility and influence in the community
- Make a greater impact on the community
- Increase donations and financial sustainability

**UNITE
FOR
GOOD**

**ENGAGE
GROW
RETAIN**

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.


Mid Atlantic RLI

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www.midatlanticrli.org

Rotary Leadership Institute

August 9 | SPARK Center, Duncan

Learn more about Rotary history, the Rotary Foundation, strategies for why and how to grow membership and the latest public image ideas.

Sessions are interactive and fun.

Register at www.midatlanticrli.org or go to the District Calendar in DaCdb.

Contact: 7750 RLI Chair PDG Carol Burdette, carolburdettesc@gmail.com



ONCE YOU'VE ENLISTED A FEW MORE HANDS TO HELP YOUR CLUB, SEND THEM TO RLI SO THEY ARE MORE AWARE OF ALL THAT ROTARY DOES IN THE WORLD, AND HOW WE DO IT.



RI CONVENTION—Some of our 7750 Rotarians at the Rotary International Convention in Calgary.

Helping children in foster care

Program speaker sparked a new service project for Pleasantburg

A new service project inspired by a program speaker in April closed out the 2024-25 Rotary year for Pleasantburg Rotarians.

In June, club members gathered and donated more than 90 new and gently used duffle bags, backpacks, and pieces of luggage to Fostering Great Ideas, a Greenville based 501c3 nonprofit that works to restore dignity and increase stability for children and families impacted by foster care.



Circumstances often require foster children to move from one living situation to another quickly, without proper means for transporting personal belongings. These donated items will help provide a sense of security and dignity to children impacted by disruptive and frequent moves. In addition to the luggage items, the club donated gift cards to support Sib-Link. Sib-Link is a program of Fostering Great Ideas that provides drivers and activities to maintain connections among siblings separated by foster care.

Pleasantburg Club President Lale Dogan and club member Ben Rosenberger loaded Ben's truck with donated items for delivery to Fostering Great Ideas. Needless to say, the volume of donations exceeded the truck's capacity!



David White, Founder and CEO of Fostering Great Ideas, (and a former Rotarian!) speaking at a Pleasantburg club meeting in April. His remarks sparked the interest of the club which began a new service project to help foster kids.

Clubs interested in learning more about Fostering Great Ideas may contact the CEO, David White, at david.white@fgi4kids.org.



**Celebrate our clubs' successes during
Rysheeka's Governor's Year.
Recognize and install those who are working
in key positions with Dave in 2025-26.**

A blue poster with gold and white balloons and confetti. The text is centered and reads: 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.

Rotary
District 7750

*Awards and Installation
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JULY | 18 | 2025

**Poinsett Club
Greenville, SC**

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Cash Bar Only. No Credit Cards
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**REGISTRATION INFO IS ON THE
DISTRICT CALENDAR IN DaCdb.**

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AREA 1

Anderson
Clemson
Clemson Sunrise
Greater Anderson

AREA 2

Seneca
Seneca Golden Corner
Walhalla
Westminster

AREA 3

Greenville
Greenville Breakfast
Greenville City Center
Pleasantburg

AREA 4

Carolina Foothills
North Spartanburg
Spartan West
Spartanburg

AREA 5

Blacksburg
Clover
Gaffney
Lake Wylie

AREA 6

Fort Mill
Indian Land Lunch
Rock Hill
York

AREA 7

Chester
Lancaster
Lancaster Breakfast
Winnsboro

AREA 8

Aiken
Aiken Sunrise
Batesburg-Leesville
North Augusta

AREA 9

Abbeville
E-Club of the Carolinas
Emerald City
Greenwood

AREA 10

Clinton
Laurens
Newberry
Union

AREA 11

Fountain Inn
Golden Strip Sunrise
Mauldin
Reedy River
Simpsonville

AREA 12

Easley
Greer
Pickens
Travelers Rest

New Members in May

Miller, Lena	Abbeville	Willis, Kirsten	Indian Land
Davis, Camden L	Anderson	Reddy, Sunitha	Indian Land
Wages, James Dylan	Anderson	Hammack, Melanie	Pleasantburg
Haase, Curt A	Clemson	Ortiz, Diana	Reedy River Greenville
Todd, Mark A	Clemson	Campbell, Andrew	Seneca
Cooper, Lynn W III	Clinton	Wald, Andi	Seneca
Johnson, Matthew	Fountain Inn	Gunn, William Ussery III	Spartanburg
Hayes, Heather	Greenville	Watson, Krystal Lynette	Spartanburg
Zimmerman, Nikki	Greenville	Limehouse, Kevin	Spartanburg
Louris, Toby	Greenville	Shayeb-Helou, Barbara H.	Travelers Rest
Willis, John Talmedge	Greenville Breakfast	Schneider, Ronald D.	Travelers Rest
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Fletcher, Natalie	Greenville City Center	Webb, Ed	Travelers Rest

MAY 2025: 26 NEW MEMBERS — 32 TERMINATED MEMBERS (1 DECEASED). Data from DaCdb.

Near the end of the 2024-25 year, RI has D7750 with 2412 members, 64 honorary members, and 78 Rotaractors. These are NOT official year-end numbers and clubs are still entering data for 2024-25. We had 2397 members at the beginning of 2024-25 according to RI.



AT THE CALGARY STAMPEDE

Yep, that's Rysheeka wearing a cowboy hat at the RI convention in Calgary. While the convention culminated her year as our governor, she reported that she still has some things to share with us so look for that info in next month's newsletter.

FACTOID 1: More than 15,000 Rotarians from 120 countries came to celebrate service, share ideas, and spark global collaboration at this year's convention.

FACTOID 2: A limited edition craft beer honoring Rotary's fight against polio debuted at the convention. It's called the Iron Lung Ale, produced by Fahr Brewing in Diamond Valley, Alberta, Canada.

Deadline for August newsletter is July 25.
 Send items to newsletter editor Sue Poss, pdgsueposs@gmail.com.
 Feel free to send your news items throughout the month.