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CELEBRATING OUR ROTARY FOUNDATION AT THE BANQUET ON OCT. 24 AT THE MARRIOTT IN GREENVILLE. MORE PHOTOS AND INFORMATION INSIDE.



November is

ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

Support philanthropic endeavors, fund projects and
empower global community initiatives.



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Past RI president
Stephanie Urchick

District 7750 celebrates milestone Foundation year

More than 160 Rotarians from across District 7750 gathered at the Greenville Marriott Oct. 24 to celebrate a milestone year for giving to The Rotary Foundation. Joining the celebration was Immediate RI Past President Stephanie Urchick who brought a message of inspiration and encouragement during the dinner.

District Rotary Foundation Chair Beth Padgett announced that the District's Million Dollar Campaign had raised not just a million dollars, but so far had raised \$2,093,344.82. The campaign officially ends January 31, 2026. The District Million

Dollar Campaign recognizes new major gifts of at least \$10,000 to The Rotary Foundation. Donors can give outright gifts, a three-year pledge, a life income agreement, or a bequest commitment.

"I want to thank everyone who has made this Million Dollar Campaign so successful," Beth said. "This is about increasing our ability to do even more good in the world while also ensuring through legacy gifts that The Rotary Foundation will be strong for decades to come. Please contact me if you would like to become part of our Million Dollar Campaign before it officially closes in three months."

District 7750 Rotarians also celebrated another record-breaking year for annual giving to The Rotary Foundation. Our District set another record by raising \$520,819 for the Foundation's Annual Fund in 2024-25.

GREENVILLE RECOGNIZED FOR HIGHEST TOTAL GIVING

The Greenville Rotary Club was recognized for the highest total giving to The Rotary Foundation. The club raised \$70,236.50 of the \$520,819 given in the district in 2024-25 for the Foundation's Annual Fund.—Beth



E-CLUB RECOGNIZED FOR GIVING/ATTENDANCE

The E-Club of the Carolinas was recognized for being one of the top Foundation donors in District 7750. The E-Club of the Carolinas also traditionally brings one of the largest groups of Rotarians to the annual Foundation Celebration.—Beth

The Rotary Foundation and Polio Plus

BY DG DAVE BRENNER

November is Foundation month in the Rotary world but in District 7750 we got started early with our Foundation Celebration on October 24th.

And what a celebration it was with a record number of Rotarians attending. We celebrated a new record of donating to the Foundation last year. In addition, we celebrated raising over \$2,000,000 for the Foundation during our 3 year Million Dollar Campaign.

And to highlight the evening Immediate Past Rotary International President, Stephanie Urchick was here to help us celebrate and share her inspirational stories.

However, I would like to concentrate my thoughts this month on another reason that October 24th was such an important date. It was also World Polio Day. If you are paying attention to social media you will know that many clubs have had a fundraising event to raise money for polio and to highlight Rotary's work to eradicate polio. A huge thank you to the many clubs in our district that held polio events.

Of course, polio eradication has been a primary goal of Rotary for many years. Sometimes in the US however, we wonder why such a continuous effort on Polio.

We have been fortunate in our country to have eradicated polio a relatively long time ago. So many people in the US have never experienced the tragedy of polio.

But I think it is important to realize the impact that this dreaded disease has had on many people. It is a disease that can leave people crippled for life, if they survive it. When Rotary began its work to eradicate polio there were over 1,000 cases every day! That's 1,000 people a day that would die or be crippled for life by this horrible disease.

I encourage those of you who have never experienced polio to go to your favorite internet site and just take a look at pictures of people who are suffering for a lifetime because of polio.

And what is even more devastating is that this disease attacks our most vulnerable population, our young children.

Think of the millions of mothers and fathers who feared daily that their child would contract polio and



➡ Among those celebrating World Polio Day at the Oct. 24 Foundation Banquet were Aiken Sunrise members Assistant Governor King Lawrence and his wife Teri and Johnny Walker.

die or be crippled for the rest of their life—never able to walk or stand up straight. Today, thanks to Rotary and your support, mothers and fathers around the world do not live with that fear.

However, we are not done. We must continue to give the vaccine to children to prevent polio from reoccurring. And as you know there are still wild polio cases in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Now getting back to our Foundation Celebration on World Polio Day, we recognized the day by conducting a Polio Walk. What an impressive sight to see Rotarians wearing red "End Polio Now" shirts and carrying banners for End Polio Now and Unite for Good.

IPRIP Stephanie Urchick was there to give us these Inspiring words "We walk today for those who cannot walk." Those few words summarize why we as Rotarians are working hard to continue to fulfill the promise that we made to the children of the world "to eradicate polio from the earth."



↑Stephanie Urchick (left), Immediate Past President of Rotary International, congratulates Lale Dogan for the Every Rotarian Every Year Club and 100% Foundation Giving Club recognitions earned by the Pleasantburg club during Lale's 2024-25 term as club president.



➡Pleasantburg Co-Presidents Travis Seward (left) and Wade Cleveland ham it up during the celebratory dinner. Was that before or after Stephanie was bragging on them?

Pleasantburg Rotary Club celebrates at the District Foundation Banquet and Dinner on October 24.

↔Stephanie Urchick (left) commends Pleasantburg club members Bobby Elrod (top right), and Wade Cleveland and Travis Seward (below) for their Rotary Foundation giving levels.



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MILLION DOLLAR RECEPTION

RI Immediate Past President Stephanie Urchick was a key guest at the District's special reception for donors to the Million Dollar Campaign for The Rotary Foundation. Stephanie brought an inspirational and entertaining message about the good being done around the world with our Foundation donations. Pictured: Ann Golden, Reedy River; PDG Lorraine Angelino, Emerald City; PDG Terry Weaver, Greenville; PDG Beth Padgett, Greenville, Stephanie; and DG Dave Brenner at the Foundation celebration.



Our 7750 Polio Chair Doug Kauffman chatting with his fellow Greenwood club member Watson Dorn and Dale Mamele from Newberry.

Doug is giving us two more years of matching polio funds!

We have great news from Doug Kauffman this month. A recent Rotary Voices podcast focused on the past, present, and future efforts to eradicate polio got Doug's attention.

"That podcast inspired me to extend the Kauffmann Challenge for two more years!!" he said. Doug had planned to discontinue his challenge after this Rotary year.

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

7750 Polio Plus Chair

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Listen to the podcast that has resulted in two more years of matching polio funds from Doug's family foundation.

DOUG ALSO LEARNED FROM JON TEICH, MAJOR GIFTS OFFICER BASED IN CHARLOTTE, THAT U.S. GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR POLIO ERADICATION (WHICH WAS REMOVED FROM THE BUDGET) IS BACK IN THE BUDGET— WHENEVER IT IS VOTED ON.

THANK YOU, DOUG, FOR YOUR EXTRAORDINARY SUPPORT OF OUR EFFORTS TO ERADICATE POLIO.



AIKEN SUNRISE PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS+

Three members at Aiken Sunrise upped their giving to the Rotary Foundation and reached another level of Paul Harris Fellows. From left:

Larry Wittenmyer	PHF+3
Will Williams	PHF+2
Forest Mahan	PHF+2



GOLDEN STRIP SUNRISE PAUL HARRIS FELLOW LEVELS 1 & 2

Congratulations to Melinda Gilreath (left photo) who reached the next level of Paul Harris Fellow recognition PHF+2, and Becky Miller who reached PHF+1. This honor celebrates significant contributions to the Rotary Foundation, helping fund life-changing projects around the world. Dee Vaughan presented the recognitions.





Joe Smithers, Craig Semam, Alberto Meloncelli, Dann Dunn, Franca Meloncelli, Greg DeCicco, Candace Wyman, Alberto Meloncelli, Franca Meloncelli, Greg DeCicco, Candace Wyman, and that's Dan Dunn in the front. Most of these are members of E-Club of the Carolinas.



Pints for POLIO – Six clubs celebrate with a Party with a Purpose...AN EXCITING INITIATIVE THAT EMBODIES THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE, FELLOWSHIP, AND GLOBAL IMPACT.



This community-driven event brought great fun, fellowship, and fundraising together to support the eradication of polio. Six clubs in D7750 United for Good: Rock Hill, Fort Mill, Lake Wylie, E-Club of the Carolinas, Indian Land, and York. Donations from the event will go directly to polio eradication initiatives.—Franca Meloncelli



Three PDGs talk Foundation

PDG Bernie Reidel of Hilton Head Island in D7770 is the Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator for Zone 33. He is entertaining/enlightening 7750 PDGs Lorraine Angelino of Emerald City and Sue Poss of E-Club of the Carolinas before the Foundation Banquet. Bernie has been very active in the effort to End Polio Now.

How satisfied are your members?

—If you don't know, ask them!

We are having great membership ideas and events throughout District 7750 as this year keeps moving rapidly along! We have brought in many new faces to our clubs and need to keep doing so throughout the year. Growing Rotary increases the impacts our clubs have in our communities by bringing in more people, new ideas, and more leaders.

I am excited to hear about all the successful Discover Rotary events that have been happening all across the district. I hope each club will do a Discover Rotary event soon and make them a regularly scheduled event at least a couple of times a year—if not more frequently.

Discover Rotary Events can be large, formal events or a cup of coffee in a small group. The key is that we get prospective Rotarians to come to these events where we can give them information about our clubs. Discover Rotary is the most proven way to get new people to join Rotary; it is a low-cost investment that has a high rate of return.

The main thing we need to do to attract new Rotarians and to keep the ones we have is to have a fun, inviting club experience. Having exciting presentations, effective service projects that everyone can play a part in, and making lasting connections with other Rotarians are the major ways to keep our clubs

energetic, engaged, and growing.

I recommend that each club conduct a member satisfaction survey this year. You can create your own survey, but you don't have to. The Membership Success Center tool on DaCdb will create the survey for you.

The best way to know whether your members needs are being met is by asking them. Their feedback is invaluable about where you are doing things right and what areas could use some improvement.

Please let me know what the District Membership Team can do to help you in your efforts to grow Rotary because we are here to help. We have a club support team in place that trains clubs in how to successfully run a Discover Rotary event. Also, Rotary International provides funds for activities or

events that build relationships with prospective and new members. Funds are also available for efforts to engage existing members, improve our public image, and raise awareness of Rotary. Please contact me if you have questions or have an idea that you would like to use these funds for.

Once again, thank you for all of your efforts to give the special gift of Rotary to others who have not yet joined Rotary. I appreciate everyone in our district working to grow Rotary!



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Call or email Maggie with any questions about how your club can improve its public image efforts.



PI challenge for November

Complete the public image courses in Rotary's LEARNING CENTER. For club public image chairs, it is suggested you follow the recommended courses for this role which can be found in the "Club Public Image Committee Basics" learning plan. Deadline Nov. 30.

GROW ROTARY TIPS: GETTING THEM AND KEEPING THEM

GETTING THEM



MAKE THE CONNECTION BETWEEN PUBLIC IMAGE AND MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

Show, Don't Just Tell—Spotlight Service in Action

Why it matters: People connect emotionally with stories, not slogans. Instead of saying “We serve,” show your members in motion—hands-on, heart-forward, making a difference.

HOW TO APPLY IT:

Capture candid moments: Use photos of Rotarians planting trees, mentoring students, or packing food boxes. Skip the posed group shots—action speaks louder.

Use carousel posts on Facebook or Instagram to tell a visual story: before, during, and after a service project.

Feature member voices: Add short quotes or reflections from participants. “I never thought

mentoring could be this rewarding...” adds authenticity.

Geo-tag your impact: Tag locations and use local hashtags to boost visibility in your community.

MEMBERSHIP IMPACT:

Curiosity becomes connection: When prospective members see real people doing real work, they're more likely to ask, “How can I be part of this?”

Authenticity builds trust: Transparent storytelling shows your club is active, inclusive, and mission-driven—not just meeting for lunch.

Visual proof of value: Service snapshots demonstrate that Rotary isn't just talk—it's tangible impact. That's magnetic for purpose-driven joiners.

KEEPING THEM

Attrition is real but it can be reduced



BY DG DAVE BRENNER

Let's think in terms of retaining members as opposed to losing members.

Although we know there is some loss of members due to life experiences such as moving, job change, having children, etc, we also have members leave our clubs because they do not enjoy the club experience.

We can, and frankly should, do something about that. What is the percentage of Rotarians that leave our clubs due to life happens experiences? Hard to say what the exact number is but we have many clubs that have an attrition rate at 13% year over year.

We also have clubs with attrition

rates over 20% and some over 30%.

Although I do not know what part of that attrition is life happens, I doubt very seriously that 1 out of every 3 or even 1 out of every 5 members leaving a club is due to a life happens experience.

So how do we retain members in our clubs.? The answer is simple, have fun. We have to make our clubs enjoyable and worth the money and time that our members spend to belong.

Make your meetings, your projects, your social events fun. If members enjoy the experience, and do worthwhile things they will

remain members of your club.

Are your members having fun? Are they learning things? Are they helping people? Are they doing the kinds of projects that they want to do? Do they look forward to the Rotary meeting?

If you don't know the answer to those questions talk to them and find out—or do a survey. If the answer is not yes, do something about it.

Let's make the club experience fun, exciting and worthwhile and keep our members as Rotarians so we can do good things in our communities.

OUR 2025-26 OUTBOUND EXCHANGE STUDENTS:

7750's Ambassadors to the World

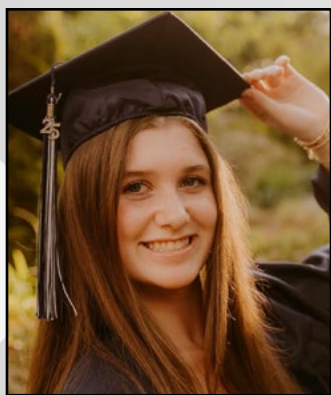
CADENCE SMITH

—DANCER/MUSICIAN

Sponsored by Rotary Club of Spartan West

A 2025 graduate of Dorman High School in Spartanburg County, Cadence is now living in Erba, Italy, near the famous Lake Como and four smaller lakes.

In high school Cadence was a member of the Dorman Dance Team, played violin in a community youth orchestra, and served as president of the Interact Club. She was also a member of the National Honor Society, the Medical Honors Society, Beta Club, and the World



CADENCE SMITH

Language Club. She participated in RYLA in 2024 where she learned about Rotary Youth Exchange.

As her activities demonstrate, Cadence enjoys school. Science classes are her favorite. She also enjoys sports, organizing service activities, and baking. After her exchange year, she plans to attend college and study something in the medical field.

As an exchange student, Cadence hopes to develop lifelong friendships, learn a new language and culture, and make lasting memories. Another goal is to be an outstanding representative of her country, school, and family. Cadence adds, "I would love to come back to America and share my stories to encourage others to study abroad. Being born in Spartanburg, and not travelling much makes me want to see what else the world has to offer."

DUSTIN YODER

—ADVENTURER

Sponsored by Rotary Club of Greenville

Following the path his older sister blazed as a Rotary Youth Exchange student a few years ago (to Taiwan), Dustin finds himself today in Chiayi City, Taiwan. If anyone wonders, Dustin requested to go to Taiwan because he craved the opportunity for a unique experience.

Dustin attended West Oak High School in Westminster (Oconee County) for ninth grade, but switched to home school for the tenth grade. As a home-schooled student, he says he takes more classes than he would in public school. Part of the reason is to enable him to graduate early. History is his favorite subject.

What Dustin misses most about not being in public school are the opportunities for social interaction. In particular, he misses playing football, a sport to which he's been devoted since age 8; he says he even likes the practices!

Dustin describes himself as shy in most social situations, but he more than compensates for this trait with his very flexible and easy-going nature. Dustin is especially open to trying new and different foods, an attitude that should prove quite beneficial in Taiwan. (Pig's blood cake, anyone?) Another beneficial point for Dustin is the impressive amount of Chinese he learned before leaving the US.

Dustin wrote: "As an exchange student, I look forward to experiencing new things and making friends. I want to learn the language and immerse myself in the culture. When I return, I hope to feel more confident and improve my communication and self-expression skills. Most importantly, I want to create lasting memories that I will cherish for a lifetime."



DUSTIN YODER

rotary youth exchange

outbound

HARRISON STEELE

—LIFE SCOUT-PLUS

Sponsored by Rotary Club of Clemson Sunrise

Harrison became interested in Rotary Youth Exchange last year when his family hosted a Rotary student from Bolivia. Now he happily finds himself in Stege, Denmark (population 3,765), the largest town on the island of Møn in the Baltic Sea.



HARRISON STEELE

Scouting is the activity to which Harrison devotes most of his spare time. He has served in several leadership roles such as patrol leader, troop guide, and instructor. He also attended and served on staff for the Boy Scouts' National Youth Leadership Training. Currently holding the rank of Life Scout, Harrison completed his Eagle Scout project prior to leaving for Denmark. His project was

planning and overseeing construction of a new walking trail at Twelve Mile Park in Clemson.

Upon his return from Denmark in June 2026, Harrison will resume his studies as a junior at Daniel High School in Clemson. Harrison's favorite classes are history and English, but he also takes aerospace because he wants to be a pilot. He is quite proud of his family's legacy of military service, which inspires his interest in aviation; his plans after college include flying for the military.

Describing himself as "a very busy person," Harrison proves his point with an impressive list of interests in addition to scouting. He is a member of DECA, an international business club, in which he qualified for the State level; holds a black belt in Kuk Sool Won; plays in the Daniel High marching band (including two years in which the band won State AAA championships); and enjoys music, working out, basketball, and movies.

When asked why he wants to go on exchange, he responded: "I hope to learn more social skills, a new culture and maybe even a new language. I would also like to see a new place and meet new people that I would never be able to do otherwise."

JACKSON PICKHARDT

— FUTURE AVIATOR

Sponsored by Rotary Club of Pleasantburg

Jackson is a 2025 graduate of Mauldin High School and 2024 RYLA participant, where he learned about Rotary Youth Exchange. He currently lives in Frankfurt, Germany. His greatest passion is aviation, to which he dedicates a significant portion of his life. He's a student pilot, who uses much of the earnings from after-school and summer jobs to pay for flying lessons. At the time of his departure for a year in Germany, he had learned to take off, land, and talk to air traffic control over the radio.

Jackson is also deeply interested in technology, to which he applies his entrepreneurial streak. While still in high school he was working to start a business



JACKSON PICKHARDT

focused on assembling and supporting flight simulators. He's already built and sold several thousand dollars-worth of computers to local airports and colleges.

Through his exchange experience, Jackson hopes to gain cultural knowledge, meet new people, and make friends from all over the world. He also hopes to grow as a person and to learn valuable skills, such as overcoming challenges and better self-discipline.

Upon return he hopes to study aeronautical engineering or join an air transport pilot program that will help him secure a job as a pilot. Doing so will fulfill both his dreams of flying and of exploring new cultures.

Help our high school students study abroad

BY WADE CLEVELAND

7750 Youth Exchange Chair

Every time I speak to a group of high school students, at least one of them applies to be a Rotary Youth Exchange student. We owe every young person in District 7750 the opportunity to participate in this wonderful program of Rotary's service to youth.

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 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. We prefer to receive applications by December 31, 2025, but we will continue to accept them after that date.

HOW YOU CAN HELP SPREAD THE WORD

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



Contact Wade with questions or for help, rye7750@gmail.com. Help students in your community grow, learn, and become true citizens of the world by making them aware of this fantastic program! Wade is happy to talk about the program to any Interact Club, school class or assembly, or any other gathering of students your club can arrange.

rotary youth exchange

outbound

Outbound students are high schoolers who embark on a journey abroad of up to a year, immersing themselves in new cultures while serving as ambassadors of goodwill. Through language learning, host family experiences, and community engagement, they develop global understanding and lifelong leadership skills.



OIL PAINTING DOCTOR SPEAKS AT GOLDEN CORNER

Ivan Kershner, center, talked to the Golden Corner Rotary Club about his wife Lynn Kershner who specializes in oil painting restoration including cleaning, patching and re-painting. Reach the oil painting doctor at paintdoctor@gmail.com. Pictured from left are Golden Corner Rotary Club president Steve Rushton, Kershner and Rotarian Cammie Kaiser.

NEWS FROM SENECA GOLDEN CORNER



CUSTOMIZED FINANCIAL PLANS

Rotarian David Chudyk, a certified financial advisor with Parallel Financial, updated Golden Corner about the importance of customized financial plans that fit the individual investor.



ABOUT CALGARY: AG Steve and Susie Graves talked to the Golden Corner club about the highlights of the Rotary International convention in Calgary, Canada. Steve and Susie said they were particularly impressed with the Russian and Ukrainian delegates sitting together.

PDG Beth Padgett will be our Council on Legislation representative

BY PDG CAROL BURDETTE

Past District Governor Beth Padgett has been selected to serve as the District 7750 representative to the Council On Legislation beginning January 1, 2026. Due to changes at this year's COL, representatives will serve two and a half years ending in June 2028.

Beth is a member and past president of the Rotary Club of Greenville, was DG in 2020-2021, and is our current District Foundation Chair among other roles in Rotary.

Not only will she attend the COL in-person meeting, tentatively scheduled for April of 2028, but she will be available to work with clubs who would

like to propose changes to Rotary by-laws. She is also available to speak to clubs about how the COL works.

PDG Rob Hanley, Rotary Club of Greenville City Center, is the alternate.

A nominating committee chaired by PDG Carol Burdette, current COL Representative and appointed by current District Governor Dave Brenner, selected Beth from eligible candidates who expressed interest. The representative must be a PDG.

More information related to Council Representative responsibilities and the COL timeline will be shared.



More photos from the big Foundation celebration on Oct. 24



Members of the Rotary Club of Newberry.



Youth Exchange student Alessio Tosini with Pleasantburg member Crystal Ball O'Conner and her guest Alexa Padgett. Crystal is an author of several children's books. She sold them at the Foundation Banquet and donated a portion of the sales to Polio Plus.



↑Our Foundation leader—PDG Beth Padgett. ◀And where we are with the million dollar campaign.



Greenville club president Kristine Amin, right, and Suzy Tumblin.

A THANKSGIVING MESSAGE TO OUR ROTARY FAMILY

During this season, we pause to reflect on the power of gratitude—and the extraordinary impact Rotarians make every day. Thanksgiving reminds us that service is rooted in appreciation: for our communities, for each other, and for the opportunity to lead with purpose.

This year, we give thanks for the hands that build, the hearts that heal, and the minds that innovate. Whether mentoring youth, feeding families, or advancing peace, your dedication transforms lives in ways that ripple far beyond the moment.

Rotary is more than meetings and projects—it's a movement of hope. And hope grows stronger when shared. So as you celebrate, know that your service is a gift. Your fellowship is a blessing. And your example inspires others to join us in doing good.

May your Thanksgiving be filled with warmth, reflection, and renewed commitment to Service Above Self.

With gratitude and admiration, your 7750 district leaders



A THANKSGIVING MESSAGE
TO OUR
Rotary Family

every day.

From our Rotary family to yours, may your Thanksgiving be filled with warmth, reflection, and renewed commitment to Service Above Self.





OCONEE COUNTY CLUBS HELP WALHALLA CELEBRATE OKTOBERFEST

Oconee County Rotary Clubs helped Walhalla celebrate Oktoberfest with the Rotary 5K Oktoberfest run. Rotarians ran in the 5K event and helped with the registration and refreshments tents. Joining the Rotarians were the Clemson University Tiger mascot, Seneca High's Bobcat, Big Foot and Walhalla High's Razorback. Walhalla was founded in 1850 by the Charleston-based German Colonization Society.

Attention Rotary Club PRESIDENTS-ELECT and PRESIDENTS-NOMINEE:

Mark your calendars for these
upcoming **REQUIRED** meetings.
Details as each event gets closer.

PrePETS: Feb. 28
in Newberry

PETS: Mar. 19-21
in Greensboro

—DGE Eric Krichbaum



TARGETING YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Pleasantburg hosts Roots of Rotary Social

Ben Rosenberger (left) chaired Pleasantburg Rotary Club's first Roots of Rotary Social at Hoppin in Greenville. The Roots Social brought 20 young professionals from the community together with 17 Rotarians from five Greenville area clubs and other local business leaders to build vocational connections and to learn about Rotary's good works in the community.

In addition to Ben, participating Pleasantburg Rotarians included Travis Seward, Melanie Hammock, Lale Dogan, Susan Spencer, Jerry Lieberg, Kristina Hammock, Regina Coulomb, Eric Baker, Tammy Harrelson, Wade Cleveland, and Bobby Elrod.



Ben and attendees at Roots of Rotary Social



Pleasantburg at PorchFest 2025

Pleasantburg Rotarian Carroll Howell (right), her husband Jimmy (center) and Caroline Molenaar of the Rotary Club of Harderwijk in The Netherlands with husband Bert (not shown), keep Rotary's presence up close and personal at PorchFest 2025 in Greenville's Historic Hampton-Pinckney District on October 19. Youth Exchange promotion was a big part of their exhibit.

DG Dave visits the Golden Strip; inducts two new members

BY REBECCA MILLER

Rotary Club of Golden Strip Sunrise

The Golden Strip Sunrise Club had much to celebrate on October 2! First, we were honored to host District Governor Dave Brenner and we celebrated with a cookout. At the meeting the next morning he inducted our two newest members, Patrick Cox and Erica Peden. This brings our total new members in this Rotary year to eight! Membership Chair Chuck Crews stated, "We're just getting started!"



NEW MEMBERS AT GOLDEN STRIP SUNRISE

Dee Vaughan, sponsors Mack and Melinda Gilreath, new member Patrick Cox, Dave, new member Erica Peden, sponsor Jim Cashion.

THE PICNIC FOR DAVE

Sam and Becky Gault hosted the cookout in Dave's honor. That's Becky on the right.



WHY THE GOLDEN STRIP? In the 1940s water lines were first run from northern Greenville County to the southern tip of the county, serving the towns of Mauldin, Simpsonville, and Fountain Inn on the southwestern strip of the county. It was met with such great excitement that everyone said "It's like Gold is running here!" Thus, the Golden Strip was born.

Sam Stamps and Mike Watson.



Community Involvement in the Golden Strip area

For 27 years Fountain Inn and Golden Strip Sunrise Rotary Clubs have sponsored A Rotary Night of Singing. Students from high schools, middle schools, and elementary schools in the Golden Strip area presented their very best to an audience of over two thousand people. Tickets to the event were sold by participating schools, each of which receives \$1,000 for their music budget. Rotarians sell sponsorships to businesses, community agencies and individuals to fund college scholarships to students in the three participating high schools. For the second year in a row Tiffany Ervin, Executive Director of CART, was the emcee for the evening.



↑ Sam Gault, Trip Gilreath, Vince Petrel, Jim Cashion, Dave & Kat Arnold, Mike McCourry, Angie Grunemeier, Shelly Savage, Melinda Gilreath, Becky Miller.

New Members in September

Andersen, Shannon	Lake Wylie	Magliaro, Joan K	Indian Land
Baldwin, James John IV	Anderson	Moretz, Laura Melinda	Spartanburg
Bearden, James Dewitt III	Spartanburg	Pace, Katherine E.	Newberry
Beaty, Lisa	Easley	Pace, Michael W.	Newberry
Benson, Lekesha	Seneca	Parker, Janet	York
Brooks-Madden, Valerie	Greenville Breakfast	Perot, Sharon T	Lake Wylie
Cothran, Caroline	Anderson	Pierce, Emily	Oconee After Dark
Deal, Taylor	Carolina Foothills	Plant, Thomas	Lake Wylie
Evans, Rick	Simpsonville	Ruffrage, Carson R.	Travelers Rest
George, Kenny	Greenville	Scheirer, Chuck	Emerald City
Giordano, Debra	Greenville	Schultz, Briana E	Anderson
Greenway, Scott	Aiken Sunrise	Smith, Matt	Clemson Sunrise
Hall, Jonathan	Newberry	Stonell, Courtney	Laurens
Hendricks, Tom	Greenville	Wilkins, Leah	Aiken
Hinga, Beth	Newberry	Williamson, Blake	Aiken
Hudgins, Dana	Spartanburg	Williamson, Tim	Anderson
Jones, Karen	Greenville	Witt, Andrea	Emerald City
Kinney, Susan W	Emerald City	Yantorni, Thomas	Indian Land

SEPTEMBER 2025: 36 NEW MEMBERS — 35 TERMINATED MEMBERS (0 DECEASED). Data from DaCdb.



Just one more THANK YOU

One last photo from the Foundation Banquet: Past RI president Stephanie Urchick clapping in appreciation of what Rotarians in 7750 have done to support our Rotary Foundation and all of its causes. Thank you to every member who helps us make people's lives better, wherever they are.

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