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WHAT'S UP WITH
WADE? PAGE 5.

Dave's Message: CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT IN GROWTH AND RETENTION

Look for ways to grow Rotary as a new year begins

Happy New Year Rotarians. I hope you are as excited as I am about what the clubs in our district will achieve in 2026.

During the past year I have had the opportunity to travel around our district and meet so many wonderful Rotarians. It has been awesome to attend exciting and vibrant club meetings. I have been so impressed by all the good work that the clubs in our district are doing.

Our Rotary Clubs have taken the Unite for Good challenge from RI President Arezzo and are working with many organizations/schools in our district to do even greater good. I am very proud to be a Rotarian and especially a Rotarian in District 7750.

I am positive that 2026 will be another tremendous year serving our communities, and that we will continue the growth momentum that we have started.

Many clubs are planning an

Information Hour or Discover Rotary during January, and I encourage all clubs to consider a membership growth event during the month. What plan does your club have to grow Rotary in the new year?

In February we will have a Grow Rotary CIGAR summit—Continuous Improvement in Growth and Retention. More news will be coming on that event from District Membership Chair Jamison Tinsley. It will be a zoom event held on Saturday morning, Feb. 14.

I encourage all club Presidents, Presidents-elect, Membership Chairs, and PI Chairs to attend. Plan to join us and hear from clubs that have had success in attracting members, retaining members and starting new clubs. In addition you will learn the significance of the acronym CIGAR. Mark your calendar now and hold that date.

IT'S NOT ABOUT
THE MONEY



IT'S ABOUT
CHANGING
LIVES

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IT'S VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

January highlights Vocational Service, a core Rotary Avenue of Service that emphasizes using professional skills with integrity to benefit communities. Rotarians across diverse professions serve by modeling ethical behavior, mentoring, and sharing expertise. The Four-Way Test guides ethical decision-making. Clubs bring Vocational Service to life through mentoring, scholarships, job training, workplace tours, and recognition of professionals, students, educators, and first responders. These efforts build skills, strengthen communities, and expand members' knowledge. Vocational Service reminds Rotarians that service begins in daily work and in how they use their talents to uplift others. —Dave



See Dave's
full comments
on vocational
service on
page 14.

Join us for the CIGAR summit but know that the only thing smoking that day will be the ideas that will **HELP YOUR CLUB GROW.**



GROW ROTARY CIGAR SUMMIT

FEBRUARY 14TH

C I G A R CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT IN GROWTH AND RETENTION

JOIN US TO LEARN, SHARE, AND GROW! - District 7750

WHEN: Via Zoom on Feb. 14

WHO: Presidents, Presidents-elect, Membership Chairs, and PI Chairs.

WHY: Hear success stories on attracting and retaining members, plus learn the secret behind the CIGAR acronym.



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



PI challenge for January

TELL YOUR STORY FOR MAXIMUM IMPACT

Tell us about your most compelling story that highlights Rotary's local impact in your community. What is the headline, the story, the impact, the call to action? Across what media did you share your story (newspaper, blog, social media, website, etc.). Consider using multiple platforms to maximize your story's reach. Remember to use compelling visuals (photos and videos) and powerful messaging to showcase your club as People of Action. Be mindful of ethical storytelling practices such as accuracy and respect to those represented. When possible, prioritize amplifying the voices of those impacted. Due Feb. 28.

[Click for more info.](#)

Looks like Greer's membership is smoking without CIGAR!

Welcome to the Family

NEW MEMBERS AT GREER

The Rotary Club of Greer is growing. The club welcomed six new members in December.



Karen Hansen
Rob Hansen



Todd Welch
Aaron Bruner
Becky Moreno (sponsor)



Rick St. Peter
Cindy St. Peter

To give to CART online:

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

1. Go to www.mycartfund.org or click to link at left to go to the CART page.
2. Enter your DACdb User Name & Password
3. Click on the dark blue sign-in button
4. You'll create an ID in the CART Online Contribution Portal that's tagged to your club and our District.



Supporting Alzheimer's research matters to Rotarians because this disease affects families in every community we serve. By advancing research, we help move closer to earlier detection, better care, and ultimately prevention. Investing in this work reflects Rotary's commitment to dignity, compassion, and improving quality of life for people facing one of today's most challenging health issues.

Golden Strip Sunrise December projects



TOYS FOR HUB

Throughout the year, Golden Strip Sunrise collected toys in their weekly meetings. These were delivered this month to HUB (Help, Unify and Bless), a group of local churches providing assistance to the needy. Pictured: Steve Epps, Erica Peden, Melinda Gilreath, Trip Gilreath



INTERACT BOOK DRIVE

The Fountain Inn High School Interact club held a book drive and collected a carload for the Golden Strip Sunrise Little Library.

Pictured: Co-President Dee Vaughan.



Lauren Steele from Generations with Rotarian Becky Miller, right.

GENERATIONS GIFT

The Generations Group Home provides specialized care for adolescent males with a history of sexual behavior problems. The Golden Strip Sunrise Club works with them throughout the year hosting events, helping with maintenance at their campus, and providing financial support.

GOLDEN STRIP SUNRISE TARGET TEAM IN ACTION



Mike Watson with pantry volunteers unload a full SUV!



Every week, surplus food from the Target store in Simpsonville—including fruits, vegetables, boxed goods, and even meat and poultry that are slightly past their expiration date but still safe to consume—is collected by members of the Golden Strip Sunrise Club. These Rotarians deliver carloads of these items directly to the food pantry at the Center for Community Services in Fountain Inn, helping to support local families in need. The team includes Trip Gilreath, Randy Gordon, Sam Stamps and Mike Watson.

Wade Cleveland selected to serve as DG in 2028-29

Wade Cleveland has been selected by a Nominating Committee to be the governor of D7750 in 2028-29. He will follow Dave, Eric, and Mark.

Wade joined the Rotary Club of Pleasantburg in 1988 after that club sponsored his participation in a Group Study Exchange trip.

As a club member,

- he led two more GSE trips abroad.
- organized and helped host 14 visits by GSE teams to D-7750.
- organized and participated in a District Rotary Friendship Exchange.
- served as Pleasantburg's club president in 2013-14.

He is serving the club again this year as co-president. Wade is a Major donor (Level 2), a Bequest Society member (Level 5) and a Paul Harris Society member.

Wade's first club role was as a counselor for a Youth Exchange student, a position he filled for four students over several years. His work with Rotary Youth Exchange has continued since that time both in his club and at the district level. From 2004-07 he served as chair of the District Youth Exchange committee and began serving again as chair in 2018, a position he holds today.

His passion for RYE stems from his own experience as a high school exchange student in Iran. Interestingly, he has since learned that the Pleasantburg Rotary Club was partial sponsor of that experience.



DG LINE

2025-26	Dave Brenner Greenville Breakfast
2026-27	Eric Krichbaum Reedy River
2027-28	Mark Moreno Greer
2028-29	Wade Cleveland Pleasantburg

A FRESH START FOR SERVICE AND IMPACT



GIVING

Give to The Rotary Foundation to change more lives.



GROWING

Bring new members into our clubs

GLOWING

Strengthen each club's public image efforts



Let's make this year count. Give generously. Grow intentionally. Glow proudly. Together, we'll amplify Rotary's impact and bring hope to more corners of the world than ever before.

2026: A fresh start for service and impact

As we step into a new year, Rotary District 7750 is brimming with possibility. It's a time to reflect, reset, and re-energize our commitment to doing good in the world—and there's no better way to start than by embracing three powerful opportunities: giving, growing, and glowing.

First, giving to The Rotary Foundation is one of the most direct ways we change lives. Whether it's clean water, literacy, peacebuilding, or disease prevention, every dollar fuels projects that make a real difference. Let's encourage our members to start the year strong with a gift—large or small—that helps Rotary do what it does best: serve.

Second, growing our clubs means expanding our reach. New members bring fresh energy, new ideas, and more hands to help. Think about who in your community shares our values of service and fellowship. Invite them in. A personal invitation can be the spark that leads to a lifetime of impact.

And third, glowing—yes, glowing! That's what happens when our clubs shine through strong public image efforts. Social media posts, local news stories, community events, and even club newsletters help people see Rotary in action. When we tell our story well, we attract support, inspire involvement, and build pride in what we do.—*District Leadership Team*

HERE'S TO A YEAR OF BOLD SERVICE, JOYFUL CONNECTION, AND MEANINGFUL CHANGE. LET'S GET TO IT!

Service, Spirit, and Growth:

A December to Remember at Greer

December was an active month for the Rotary Club of Greer. From honoring veterans to supporting local law enforcement and funding medical research, our members truly stepped up this holiday season.—Carrie Krause



**ROTARY CLUB OF GREER MEMBERS
HONORING VETERANS.**

HONORING OUR VETERANS AT HILLCREST

On December 13, club members gathered at Hillcrest Cemetery in Greer for Wreaths Across America. Through our collective fundraising efforts, we were able to purchase 102 wreaths for the graves of our local veterans. It was a moving morning as we placed each wreath, ensuring that our heroes were remembered and honored during the holidays.



SERVICE TO **YOUTH**

**Greer president Anna Ryan with
Greer Police Chief Matt Hamby.**

SUPPORTING YOUTH WITH GREER POLICE

On December 2, the Greer club took part in the Greer PD Cops for Tots initiative. Members collected a wonderful assortment of toys to help ensure local children have a bright holiday season. We were honored to present the collection to Chief Matt Hamby, continuing our strong partnership with local law enforcement.

ART WITH A HEART: \$600+ RAISED FOR CART

A huge thank you to Rachel Antifonario, who was inspired by our December guest, Tiffany Ervin, to use her creative talents to support the Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust (CART). Rachel raffled off one of her beautiful paintings, raising more than \$600! These funds will go directly toward cutting-edge research to find a cure for Alzheimer's.



Rachel Antifonario



SHOES FOR STUDENTS IN NEED IN FORT MILL

Fort Mill School District Executive Director Gales Scroggs (wearing the tie), with Fort Mill Rotarians PDG Bob Squatriglia, Ian Gail, John Corb, and Anna Schorr. The club provided shoes for 100 students in their school district. The club did not take photos of the recipients of the shoes to honor their privacy.

Fort Mill arranges for 100 local students to get new shoes at Christmas

BY PDG BOB SQUATRIGLIA
Rotary Club of Fort Mill

Because of the generosity of the local Fleet Feet store and Brooks running shoes, the Rotary Club of Fort Mill was able to arrange for highly regarded, expensive shoes, and socks to be donated to 100 deserving children at the three

Fort Mill high schools.

The project included measuring the students for new shoes, sorting the ordered shoes, and delivering the shoes to the students.

Certificates of appreciation

were distributed to the three school counselors with whom the Club happy feet committee worked closely for the successful club service project, along with a certificate to school system liaison officer.

Shoes: Opening the door to everything else

A project like this is exactly where Rotary's values meet real-world need. When a child can walk comfortably, safely, and confidently into school, every other form of support we offer—literacy programs, mentoring, scholarships, leadership development—has a stronger foundation.

Shoes may seem small, but they remove a barrier that keeps students from learning, participating, and dreaming bigger. The students feel included, not singled out for worn or missing shoes.

That sense of belonging boosts self-esteem and helps them thrive in the classroom and beyond. A new pair of shoes tells a child, You matter. Someone sees you. Someone believes in your future.

Caring about something as simple as shoes reminds us that service doesn't always require grand gestures. Sometimes the most meaningful change starts with meeting a basic need that opens the door to everything else.

Taking a look at Foundation giving

The beginning of a new calendar year provides an opportunity to take stock of where we are. So far, it's been a great year for The Rotary Foundation in District 7750.

Our District has almost finished its Million Dollar Campaign that has resulted in \$2.1 million in qualifying gifts. For a donation to be counted, it must be recorded at Rotary International by January 31. There's still time to participate.

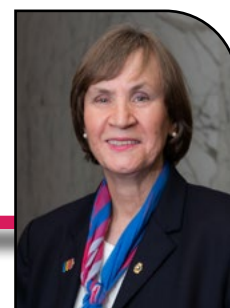
This campaign has been about bringing in new money for The Rotary Foundation. You become part of the Million Dollar Campaign with a Major Gift or Bequest of \$10,000, a pledge to make a Major Gift of \$10,000 over the next three years, or \$10,000 in cumulative giving during the campaign period. Contact Beth Padgett at bpadgettrotary@outlook.com for more information.

Just like our regular annual giving to The Rotary Foundation, this special campaign isn't about money. It's about changing lives through the work that we do. It's about more water projects in Honduras and Guatemala, more District Grants, and maybe global projects in new places around the world.

A brief update on giving to The Rotary Foundation during the first half of the Rotary year is in order.

As of December 23, \$236,293 has been given to The Foundation's Annual Fund. That's \$98.74 per capita. Only four clubs have not sent in a single donation this Rotary year. Our District also raised \$123,123 to date for PolioPlus. Thanks to Doug Kauffmann of the Greenwood Rotary Club for again supporting PolioPlus through the Kauffmann PolioPlus Challenge Match.

Good things have happened in the past 6 months. Thank you! With an equally strong finish to this Rotary year, we will be able to continue doing a tremendous amount of good in the world through our gifts to The Rotary Foundation.



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Any of these Rotarians will be glad to help you strengthen your own personal giving or your club's giving to The Rotary Foundation.



DAVE BRENNER CLAUS

Who can be grinchy when DG Dave Brenner is in the house, much less sporting a most festive tie?!

Pleasantburg ends year raising \$13,000 for polio and the Foundation

The Rotary Club of Pleasantburg closed out the year in a generously festive fashion, raising over \$13,000 for Polio Plus and Annual Fund Share through its annual holiday auction.



FUN TABLE

AG Eric Baker (right) and wife Karen, (left) do their best to keep a lid on (left to right) DG Brenner, club co-presidents Wade Cleveland and Travis Seward, and club member John Kimble.

➔AUCTIONEER BRIAN

Club member Brian Thomas may have a side hustle in his future. His auctioneering skills netted a record haul for the annual event. Items donated and auctioned included everything from an inflatable Santa for the car to vacation weeks at the coast.



TRACKING THE BIDS

Club treasurer Tammy Harrison (left) and new club member Cary Doyle enjoy the festivities as they track and tally the bids.



GOLDEN STRIP SUNRISE HAS A TIP FOR RAISING MONEY ON SMALL ITEMS!

The Fountain Inn Carriage Rides took place December 4 – 18, and the Golden Strip Sunrise Club actively participates by selling hot chocolate and treats. The proceeds from these sales are directed to support CART as well as other local organizations, reflecting the club's ongoing commitment to community service and charitable giving. One tip the club would like to share with you is if you are selling low-cost items such as hot cocoa or treats, you might want to consider just asking for a donation instead of a set dollar amount. Since the club has been asking for donations, the funds raised have more than quadrupled! —Rebecca Miller



Vince Petrell, James Cashion III, Paul Gawel

Greenville Breakfast's last quarter of events

As the year came to a close, the Greenville Breakfast Rotary Club wrapped up the final months with a meaningful mix of local service projects and social gatherings that strengthened both our community impact and our fellowship.—*Mary Kedrowski*

OCTOBER

We observed World Polio Day with a fundraiser at Southernside Brewery, raising funds to support Rotary's global mission to eradicate polio. During the two-hour event, \$165 was raised.

NOVEMBER

In November, we completed our bi-annual Adopt-A-Highway cleanup. Five members gathered for coffee and donuts before heading out to remove litter and reduce roadside debris by an estimated 60%. It was great exercise, great teamwork, and fun.



SMOKING TURKEYS

Brain Rhoades, Tammy Rhoades, Dagne Kedrowski, Visiting Rotarian Rhonda Willis, Tom Kedrowski, John Willis, Janet Cook, Carmie Cook, Eric Baker.

For Thanksgiving, we continued our annual tradition of smoking 30 turkeys. Twelve of the turkeys were donated to Generation Boys Group Home in Fountain Inn. What began as a service project turned into a day filled with fellowship, laughter, and plenty of turkey sandwiches. While distributing the turkeys, members enjoyed time together with our club's pit master, DG Dave Brenner. Proceeds totaling \$950 were donated to Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust (CART Fund).

DECEMBER

We kicked off the Christmas season with our first-ever Greenville Breakfast Rotary Club Cookie Exchange, which proved to be a sweet success. Ten members gathered for two festive hours filled with great conversation, tasty snacks, and—of course—



BELLRINGING

Top row: Anthony Cox, Mary Kedrowski, Katherine Thompson, Jim Kenyon. Bottom row: Tammy Rhoades, John Willis, Joye Hodge.

cookies. Everyone left with at least six dozen treats to enjoy throughout the season.

The table featured a variety of traditional favorites, but one standout was Bill Shuford's festive sugar cookies, each carefully piped with Rotary International's theme, Unite for Good. These edible works of art sparked a renewed sense of camaraderie and team spirit, perfectly reflecting our shared mission during the holiday season.

Throughout December, members also took shifts on Saturdays at the local Sam's Club, ringing bells for The Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign. Funds raised through this effort help provide food, shelter, and hope for families in our community.

Our annual holiday tradition continued with the smoking of 30 hams, which could be purchased or donated to Generation Boys Group Home. Proceeds from the Christmas Ham Smoke benefited Trailhead Farm School, supporting the construction of a new storage shed.

In addition, we continued serving meals at the Poe Mill Achievement Center (PMAC) After-School Program. Members selected dates to prepare and serve dinner to students, ensuring they received a nourishing meal. Through this ongoing effort, Greenville Breakfast is making a meaningful

difference—not only by providing food, but by showing up and demonstrating our commitment to the well-being and success of every child in our community.



COOKIE EXCHANGE Bill Shuford decorating cookies.

Find Your Passion in Rotary!

Rotary Leadership Institute

March 7, 2026

Tri-County Technical College

511 Michelin Blvd.

Anderson, SC 29625

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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Alessio and Travis Seward stuffing the cannelloni



Luna cooking bacon for her German potato salad



Alessio showing off the stuffing for his cannelloni



Lilli serving the rice pudding

Exchange students prepare an International Lunch to conclude December gathering

BY WADE CLEVELAND

Youth Exchange Chair

Our three inbound exchange students gathered in Greenville for an early Christmas celebration December 5-7. They enjoyed The Nutcracker at the Peace Center on Friday night and helped Greenville City Center with their Christmas Parade fundraiser on Saturday.

The highlight of the weekend came on Sunday afternoon, December 7, when they prepared a truly international lunch as a way of thanking their host families, counselors, and club youth exchange officers. They were honored that two special guests, DG Dave Brenner and DGE Eric Krichbaum, joined them for the occasion.

Each student selected and cooked a traditional dish from his/her country, and hosts, Travis Seward and Wade Cleveland, added two additional selections to create a five-course meal for the 24 diners.

Chinese spring rolls, presented in honor of our outbound student, Dustin Yoder (sponsored by Greenville Rotary Club), who is currently in Taiwan, served as an hors d'oeuvres before everyone sat down. The first course at the table was Kuku Sabzi, a frittata/omelet filled with fresh herbs. Wade made this in recognition of his own time (decades ago!) as an exchange student in Iran.

With a nod to a classic Italian meal, Alessio Tosini (Italy, hosted by Pleasantburg Rotary Club), aided by contemporaneous video-call advice from his

grandmother in Naples, served meat cannelloni (i.e. manicotti) with tomato sauce. The dish so impressed one guest, Tracy Tiddy, that she persuaded Alessio to auction it at the Pleasantburg Rotary Club's

Christmas fundraiser for the Rotary Foundation. Alessio (and his grandmother) will soon be making three more pans of cannelloni! This year the district has an outbound student in Italy, Cadence Smith (sponsored by Spartan West).

Luna Herpolsheimer (Germany, hosted by Spartan West and Spartanburg) offered the main course of the meal, grilled bratwurst with warm German potato salad. No one will ever turn down smokey bacon married with perfectly cooked gold potatoes! Our outbound student, Jackson Pickhardt (sponsored by Pleasantburg), is spending this year in Frankfurt, Germany.

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Ready to enjoy The Nutcracker: (L to R) Luna Herpolsheimer, Lilli Bergenser, Alessio Tosini, Wade Cleveland

Youth Exchange students help Greenville City Center with fundraiser

In the hours before the annual Poinsettia Christmas Parade on Greenville's Main Street, the District's three inbound exchange students hawked doughnuts and hot chocolate to the crowds gathering for the parade.

Their efforts helped members of the Rotary Club of Greenville City Center sell 200 dozen Krispy Kremes and 110 gallons of hot chocolate in one of the club's annual fundraisers.

Many thanks to Rotarian Michelle Moore for putting the students to work with her fellow club members and for hosting them to a Persian lunch at Pomegranate on Main.

Greenville City Center's club president, Courtney Tessler, enjoyed lunch with the group prior to their successful fundraising efforts.



Loading doughnuts: Lilli (front) and Luna (rear).



Navigating Main St. with hot chocolate and doughnuts: Rotarians and Exchange Students



Clowning for the camera: Alessio being himself



Enjoying their Persian lunch: Luna Herpolsheimer (Germany, hosted by Spartan West and Spartanburg), Alessio Tosini (Italy, hosted by Pleasantburg), President Courtney, Lilli Bergenser (Denmark, hosted by Clemson Sunrise and Clemson), Rotarian Michelle Moore

Youth Exchange holiday fun—

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The meal concluded with a traditional Danish Christmas dessert, rice pudding topped with cherry sauce, prepared by Lilli Bergenser (Denmark, hosted by Clemson Sunrise and Clemson). Who knew rice pudding could be so creamy, vanilla-y, and delicious! And Lilli's sweet cherries cooked with red wine, port, orange juice, and even more vanilla produced the ideal topping. Harrison Steele (sponsored by

Clemson Sunrise) is absolutely loving his year in Denmark as our outbound there.

Harrison's mother and Lilli's current host mother, Helen Steele, perfectly summed up the meal: "Five flags, five countries, one unforgettable lunch! Thank you to Wade Cleveland and our Rotary Youth Exchange students for bringing flavors of the world to us!"



Vocational Service: A Foundation of Rotary Leadership

BY DG DAVE BRENNER

January is Vocational Service month in the Rotary world.

Vocational Service is a cornerstone of Rotary and one of its Five Avenues of Service. It reflects Rotary's belief that professional skills, when guided by integrity and service, can create meaningful and lasting impact in our communities and around the world.

Across our district, Rotarians represent a wide range of professions. Vocational Service encourages each member to view their occupation as an opportunity to serve—by modeling ethical behavior, mentoring others, and sharing professional expertise to address real community needs. There are many Rotary Action Groups (RAGS) and Fellowships for particular vocations. Consider joining one to enhance your vocational service in Rotary.

Rotary's commitment to high ethical standards is exemplified by The Four-Way Test, which continues to guide Rotarians in business and professional decision-making. By leading with honesty, fairness, and respect, Rotarians help build trust and goodwill in every workplace and community they touch.

Remember the Four-Way Test has its roots in business. It was developed by businessman Herbert J. Taylor as an ethical standard for his company during the Great Depression and then adopted by Rotary in 1943 as the core ethical standard for its members across the globe.

Clubs in our district bring Vocational Service to life through career mentoring programs, vocational scholarships, job skills training, workplace tours, and

recognition of individuals who exemplify excellence and integrity in their professions. Many Rotarians also participate in vocational training initiatives that strengthen communities by building skills and promoting self-reliance. Many clubs recognize people in the community who are using their skills to enhance the community.

Clubs recognize student performance with “student of the month” and scholarship opportunities, as well as the educators that guide and teach the students. I know many clubs also honor the first responders in their communities. Clubs also take tours of local businesses.

I recently accompanied the Rotary Club of Greenville City Center on a tour of the Inland Port in Greer. Expanding your knowledge is a wonderful, and often overlooked, benefit of being a Rotarian.

How does your club recognize and honor Vocational Service among your members and the people in your community? I encourage you to consider recognizing Vocational Service at a club meeting.

As Rotary continues to grow and adapt, Vocational Service remains a powerful reminder that service extends beyond projects and meetings. It is found in how we conduct our daily work and how we use our talents to uplift others.

By embracing Vocational Service, Rotarians strengthen not only their professions, but also the communities they serve—demonstrating that meaningful service begins with what we know and how we lead.



New Members in November

Bond, Jenna	Clemson	Hutchins, Donald B.	Aiken
Brown, Amanda	Greer	Jones, Daniel J	Carolina Foothills
Carragher, Madeline Roth	Greater Anderson	Lester, William Z III	Clover
Caudell, Annette	Greater Anderson	Lowe, Rose M	Clemson Sunrise
Clamp, Kevin	Newberry	Marr, Ginger Gibson	Lake Wylie
DeAngelis, Steven	Easley	McPhearson, Elizabeth	Lancaster Breakfast
Dukes, Gene Jr.	Clemson	Piller, Elizabeth	Anderson
Elder, Brock	Anderson	Rasasi, Yasmeen	Clinton
Evans, Rick	Simpsonville	Taylor, Jane	Union
Henley, Holly	Greer	Thompson, Katherine	Greenville Breakfast
Horne, John Derek	Gaffney	Weiss, Sylvia	Greenville

NOVEMBER 2025: 22 NEW MEMBERS — 30 TERMINATED MEMBERS (1 DECEASED). Data from DaCdb.

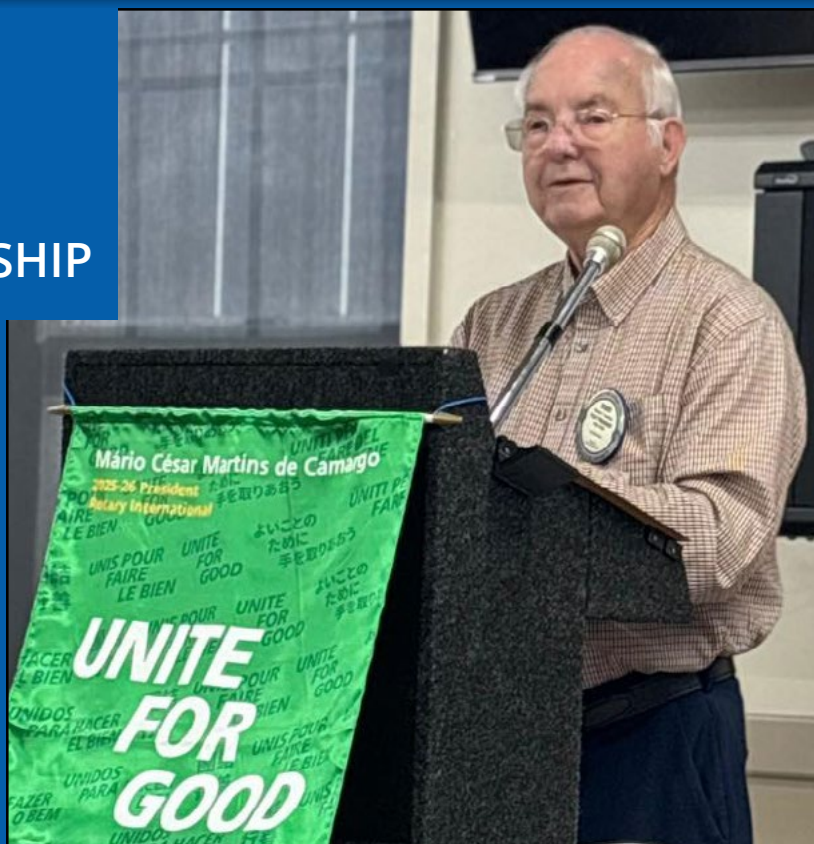
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YEARS OF ROTARY MEMBERSHIP

EASLEY CELEBRATES TERRY GARRISON

The Rotary Club of Easley celebrated longtime member Terry Garrison on Dec. 16. Terry has been a member of that club for an incredible 48 years, including 41 consecutive years of perfect attendance. Terry shared his personal Rotary journey along with many meaningful memories that reflect the fellowship and service of the Easley club through those years.



Deadline for February newsletter is Jan. 25.

Send items to newsletter editor Sue Poss,
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Feel free to send your news items throughout the month.