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AG Ryan Blanke and Joe Johnson.

President Nick Setzer and Assistant Governor Ryan Blanke

York celebrates 80 years of service to its community

The York Rotary Club celebrated its 80th Anniversary on February 29. Following fellowship and meal, President Nick Setzer and Assistant Governor Ryan Blanke presided over an entertaining “meeting” enjoyed by members and guests. An amusing and educational travel down the York Rotary Club’s memory lane was given by Joe Johnson, who highlighted special moments during the club’s 80-year charter. Invited guests included DG Renee Stubbs, AG Paul Moran and Past AG Mary Sieck, both from Lake Wylie; and Past AG Babette Sabia, from Indian Land Lunch.



Greer holds first big fundraiser

The Rotary Club of Greer held its first big fundraiser recently, Dining Around Greer. Jason Schoettelkotte, co-chair of the event, said it turned out to be bigger than anyone expected. About 30 local food vendors offered samples for tasting at Greer City Hall. Attendees voted on best-of-categories.



Prize #	Raffle Tickets	Donated By	Winner's Ticket #
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Our clubs make a difference in their communities in all kinds of ways.

DELAYED BUT RELEVANT NEWS:

Newberry continued its annual Christmas Party for kids

BY NIKKI GARDNER

Rotary Club of Newberry

"What a joy children give to Christmas! Way back in December, the Rotary Club of Newberry hosted its 63rd annual Christmas Party at Central United Methodist Church for the children at Thornwell Children's Home, Boy's Farm, and the YMCA.

There were 17 children in attendance from these organizations that were excited to receive a special gift from Santa.

As the children arrived, they were greeted by a Rotarian that volunteered as their escort to make their time at the party special.

To set the scene of the Christmas spirit, the Boundary Street Elementary School Chorus under

the direction of Jacque Graham, presented a selection of Christmas songs.

Everyone was in a jolly mood when Santa came to visit. After presenting a gift specially selected from their wish list to each of the 17 children, Santa talked with each child that wanted to talk to him.

All the children and Rotarians enjoyed a hot dog lunch, along with cookies that were provided by each of the Rotarians in attendance.

Since the first time we held this special party for the children in 1960, it has been the highlight of the Christmas season for our club.



Rotary Club of Seneca selects students of the month for March

Each month, the Rotary Club of Seneca recognizes one student from each Seneca school who has gone above and beyond. The students are nominated and selected by their teachers and guidance counselors. These are the March winners pictured from left to right:

- Emma Smith—Seneca Middle
- Charlotte Maxwell—Blue Ridge Elementary
- Everett Heath —Ravenel Elementary
- Aramus Lasalle Smith —Northside Elementary
- Cayden Collett —Seneca High



St. Joe's Interact members draw attention at St. Patrick's Day parade

Members of the St. Joe's Interact Club, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Pleasantburg, marched in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Greenville on March 16, helping to spread the word about Rotary and Interact clubs.





TOURS CLEMSON'S ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

The Rotary Club of Easley takes a FIELD TRIP

Easley Rotarian Mark Eisengrein knew that his program was coming up in a month, and wanted to think “outside the normal speaker-box” for his program. Over the years, he participated in several Easley Rotary Club Field Trips, and wanted to plan another field trip to see something different in the community.

“I contacted the Athletics Department at Clemson University, and asked if someone could give our club members a tour of the popular Alan Reeves Football Complex,” said Mark. “I’ve heard people mention visiting this neat facility, and so I reached out to their athletics staff, and they agreed to make it happen for our club members.”

Thirty-one Easley Rotarians, a few spouses and some guests were treated to a fantastic one-hour tour, which included walking through the football dining room, called the Paw Bistro, which had nutritionists and chefs preparing individualized meals to optimize the athlete’s performance. The



tour also included a visit to the impressive strength and conditioning rooms, and the team and position meeting rooms. The facility even had a barber shop, with a barber poll of orange & purple!

Easley Rotarians were able to see THE SLIDE (from the 2nd floor to the first floor), but it was only available for coaches and players to use...RATS!

“I was so amazed with the ‘messaging’ that was displayed on the walls around the facility about teamwork, determination, effort and focus,” said Club President

Tripp Martin. “I’m a Carolina grad, and I was impressed!”

The tour also included a visit to the Nike Room, displaying models of all the combinations of home and away Clemson Football uniforms, gloves, helmets and some enormous shoes.

One wall display showed a chart depicting the results of 2021 National Survey, where football players from all Division I football programs were asked: Was your college football experience better, about the same, or worse from what you were told during your

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Want to keep your members engaged? Do something different like this once in a while!

Sneak peek at District Conference: May 17-19

BY DG RENÉE STUBBS

Are you ready to **CELEBRATE ROTARY** at our upcoming District Conference?

Whether you're a seasoned Rotarian with decades of experience or just starting your journey in Rotary, this conference is packed with reasons to attend. Prepare to be inspired and learn more about D 7750 Rotary Club's incredible work in our communities and globally.

Here's a sneak peek at what's in store:

FRIDAY FUN: Kick off the weekend with service at the Reedy River with Upstate Forever, followed by an evening of music, games, and nostalgia with a Candy Land-themed event. Did you know Candy Land was invented for children to play in the Polio wards?

SATURDAY SPECTACULAR: Brace yourself for two Rotariffic speakers, Jenny Stotts and Clemson Turregano, alongside engaging workshop sessions featuring experts like Bob Howard. Explore our House of Friendship showcasing clubs' projects. In the evening enjoy impactful presentations about global grants and environmental care.

GREENVILLE ESCAPADES: Dive into exciting activities between meals with Greenville Escapades!

Check out our website for more details and sign-up opportunities.

SILENT AUCTION: Bid for a cause! Participate in our silent auction throughout Saturday to support The Rotary Foundation and its life-changing initiatives.

YOUTH SHOWCASE: Be inspired by our Sunday morning program, presented by our talented youth members, showcasing Rotary's impact on the next generation.

Don't miss out on this exciting Rotary experience! Mark your calendars, sign up on our website, and get ready to be part of something extraordinary.

Together, let's celebrate Rotary's achievements and envision a brighter future for our communities and the world!

For more information and registration, visit www.rotary7750.org. The hotel block will be available until April 25.

Join fellow D7750 Rotarians in celebrating Rotary's power to create lasting change in our communities and around the world.

See you at the conference!

Easley tours Clemson athletic department—

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recruitment? “The Clemson football players responded that their experiences playing football at Clemson far exceeded their recruitment sales pitch,” said Easley Rotarian Carey York. “Clemson scored the best of all Division I football programs in that survey, and that spoke volumes about the program that Dabo and his staff are conducting.”

“This was my second visit to the Football Operations Building,” said club member Don Lesley. “The lobby displaying all the trophies, including 2 national



championships was impressive. And, it had a player's lounge with a bowling alley, pool tables and my favorite: a golf simulator.”

“It was an amazing Club Field Trip,” said Easley Rotarian Stewart Bauknight. “I had heard about this building, and wanted to see it first-hand. The tour was very interesting, as we heard

about Clemson's emphasis on academics. I was pleased to learn that.”

The Rotary Club of Easley appreciates the effort and hospitality of Clemson University to provide the members of Rotary Club of Easley with this once in a lifetime “peek” into Clemson Football.

Celebrate Rotary

Service, Fellowship, Learning,
and Most Importantly FUN!

2024 District Conference

May 17 - 19

Hyatt Regency

Greenville, SC

220 N. Main Street

Featured Speakers

Sat. Workshop and Morning Speaker

Topic: Rotary Happy



**Jenny
Stotts**

This fun-filled, high-energy, high-impact session focuses on building strong, resilient Rotary clubs through responsive, meaningful member engagement. You'll learn practical tips and strategies to energize your membership and grow your club. In this session, you'll probably laugh; roll your eyes; and you'll definitely be Rotary Happy.

Sat. Evening Speaker

Topic: Sustainable Communities



**Andrew
Predmore, PhD**

Sat. Workshop and Lunch Speaker

Topic: Three Keys Rotary Leaders Need to Lead



**Dr. Clemson
Turregano**

Clemson is the Founder and CEO of Global Leadership Services, an international firm specializing in executive education and leadership development services. With a passion for cultivating effective leaders on a global scale, he continues to focus on enabling leaders to accomplish more than they ever thought possible.

Sun. Morning Speaker

Topic: Mentoring



**Alicia
Brewster**

Saturday Morning Workshop Choices

Are my Rotary Club Members Happy? Led by Jenny Stotts

Hearing and being Heard Led by Clemson Turregano

How to Make Your Fundraising a Win-Win Led by Bob Howard

Successful and Engaging Service Projects Led by Various Clubs

Register at bit.ly/DC7750

Schedule of Events

Friday Afternoon | Service

- Upstate Forever
- Rotary House of Friendship

Friday Evening | Fellowship

- Rotary Carnival Theme Celebration with Games, Prizes, and Music

Saturday AM & PM | Learning

- Morning Workshops
- Featured Speaker Sessions
- Evening Dinner

Saturday Group Excursions | FUN!

- Wine Tasting & Roof Top Wine Visit
- Bourbon Tasting
- Museum Tours
- Oil & Vinegar Tasting
- Greenville Drive Baseball Tour (with game tickets for Sunday afternoon)
- Shopping
- Falls Park on the Reedy
- More Planned Activities to Come

Sunday AM | Learning

- Youth Services Program

Why Attend?

1. **Networking:** Meet fellow Rotarians, make new friends, and exchange ideas.
2. **Inspiring Speakers:** Get motivated by listening to speakers who are leaders in their fields.
3. **New Perspectives:** Gain fresh insights into Rotary projects and initiatives.
4. **Learn and Grow:** With speakers as great as ours it's a wonderful time to listen and learn from others! Also, visit the Rotary House of Friendship to become inspired by the service projects of Rotary Clubs across the District.
5. **Team Building:** Strengthen your club by attending as a group. It's a fantastic team-building opportunity!
6. **Make Memories:** District conferences are a blast! You'll come away with unforgettable memories and stories to share with your club.





7750 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR
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FAST & FURIOUS FOR '24

update on stopping the erosion

You're probably wondering how we are doing with Fast & Furious for '24.

Just to refresh your memory, that is my theme for membership this Rotary year – simply to stop a 5-year erosion in district membership, and to get membership to 2,400 or above by June 30.

We began this Rotary year with 2,348 members – down from a high of 2,648 in 2019.

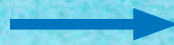
At the deadline for today's article (March 25), District 7750 membership is 2,384. You might say we will easily exceed 2,400, needing only 16 new members in the last 3 months to reach the goal.

That's easier said than done. The reason is we historically lose 90+ members in the month of June as clubs terminate members to clean up membership rolls before the beginning of the new Rotary year on July 1.

To help push new member attraction, we have been contacting clubs asking them to consider hosting a membership event (or Discover Rotary) to introduce Rotary to as many prospects at one time. The event could be a designated Rotary meeting, or a social

As April begins, we need only 16 new members to meet our goal of 2,400.

BUT remember, clubs traditionally drop 90 or more members in June as the Rotary year nears its end.



outside of a club meeting intended for club members to invite friends, co-workers, and community leaders to learn about their Rotary club, Rotary world-wide, and the impact Rotary makes locally and around the world.

We have 16 clubs that have committed to host a membership event and we are contacting another 12 clubs over the next week asking if they will host.

The more clubs we have conducting membership events like Discover Rotary, the better chance we have in stopping the membership erosion in our clubs and the district.

Ask your club president if your club is participating. There are 13 Ambassadors situated all around our district that can help your club launch a membership event.

If Ambassador help is needed, please email me at bhughes864@yahoo.com, or call me at 864.276.4440 and we will be glad to help.

Let's be Fast & Furious for '24 between now and June 30!

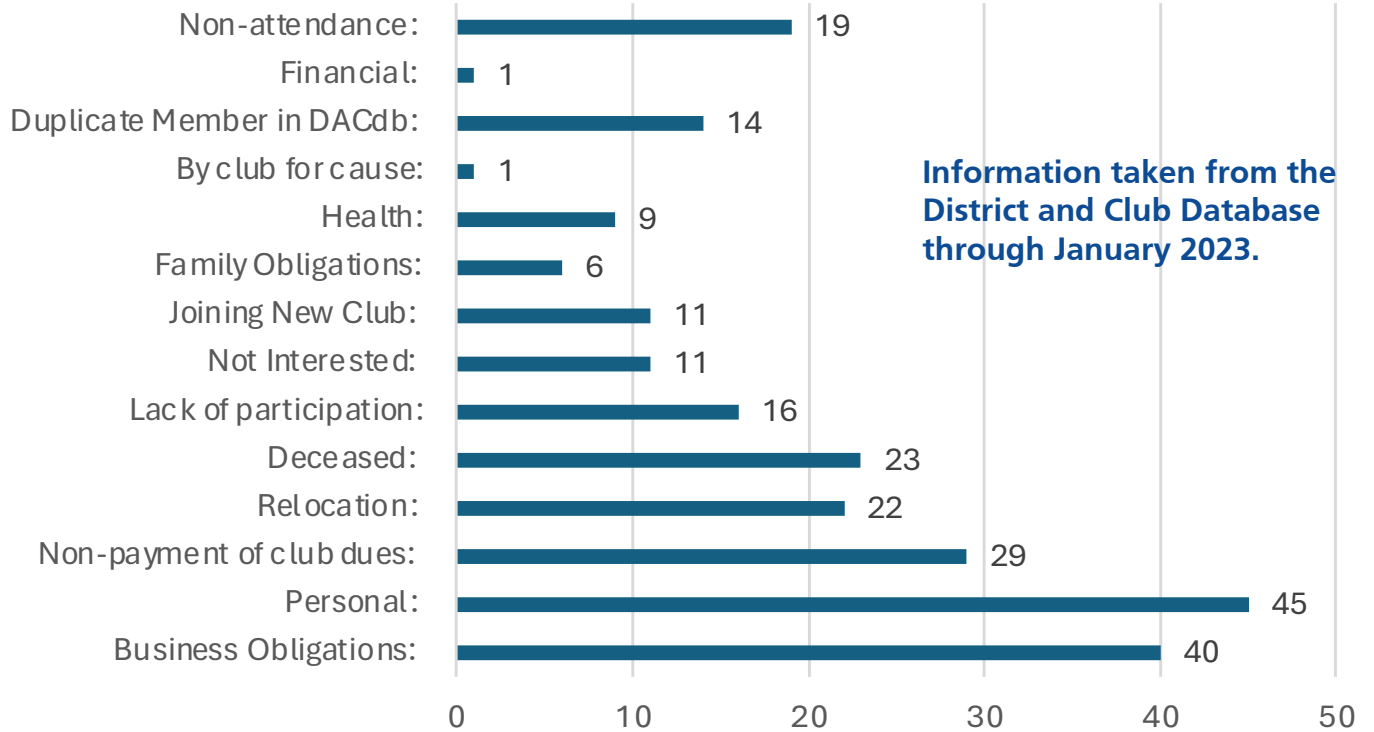
To mitigate the impact of the June losses, plan a membership recruitment event for April or May.

Try to recruit enough new members through these events to replace those we know we'll lose at year-end.

RISE AND FALL

MEMBERSHIP

REASONS FOR MEMBER TERMINATIONS SINCE JULY 1, 2023



229	Members dropped in DaCdb
-14	Duplicates in the database
-11	Joined new clubs, either in our district or elsewhere
-23	Deceased
-22	Relocated
181	Rotarians that we might have been able to keep!

Non attendance: Why?
 Not Interested: Why?
 Lack of Participation: Why?

Financial and non-Payment of dues: Could the club have done something to help?
 Personal: Did someone in your club reach out to these members to see if the club could help?
 Business and Family Obligations and Health: Did you suggest an E-club as a possible option?

Boring programs?
 Too many or not enough service projects?
 Not enough fellowship?

To understand the specific reasons why members are leaving your Rotary club, conduct exit interviews or surveys to gather feedback directly from departing members. This information can provide valuable insights to help the club leadership address any issues or concerns, fostering a positive environment for current and future members. **Even better, pay attention to your members and what they need/want BEFORE they leave.**



Rotary Club of Golden Strip Sunrise



PAUL HARRIS FELLOW—Dee Vaughan presented Bill Harclerode with his Paul Harris Fellow certificate. Bill is the newest PHF at the Golden Strip Sunrise Club.



Golden Strip Sunrise is first to commit to Simpsonville’s Simply Proud program

The City of Simpsonville unveiled the first street sign in its Simpsonville SIMPLY PROUD. Adopt-a-Street Program.

The Golden Strip Sunrise Rotary Club was the first applicant in the program and adopted South Street with a commitment to conduct at least four litter cleanups on the street per year. In the photo left to right:

- Melinda Gilreath
- Steve Epps
- Trip Gilreath
- Bill Harclerode
- Dee Vaughan
- Sam Stamps
- Jim Caprell



PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY—Dee Vaughan, right, was presented with pin and certificate for being the newest member of the Paul Harris Society. Rita Yarbrough from the Rotary Club of Newberry, 7750 Paul Harris Society Chair, presented the recognition.



LORRAINE HARDING RECEIVES 30-YEAR PIN AT GOLDEN CORNER

Seneca Golden Corner Rotarian Lorraine Harding, right, received her 30-year membership pin from president Cammie Kaiser. The Golden Corner Rotary Club is also celebrating its 30th anniversary.



OCONEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RECEIVES GED SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Golden Corner Rotarian Steve Moore, director of Adult Education for the School District of Oconee County recently received an annual contribution from the Golden Corner Rotary Club for GED scholarships. It costs about \$150 for students to complete their GED and scholarships are an ongoing project of the Golden Corner Rotary Club. President Cammie Kaiser presented the check.



SCOUTING RECEIVES 30TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDS

The Golden Corner Club presented a contribution to local Scouting and the Jonah Scout Support as part of its 30 anniversary and recognition of 30 area service organizations. Bo Crader, center, Scouting volunteer leader updated the Golden Corner Rotary Club about area Scouting including the first all-female troop. Pictured from left are Rotarian and Scouting volunteer Steve Rushton, Crader and club president Cammie Kaiser.



DAILY REST RECEIVED 30TH ANNIVERSARY CHECK

Timothy Gordon, executive director Our Daily Rest, hope to home, updated the Golden Corner Rotary Club on the shelter's home program, homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing. Club president Cammie Kaiser presented Gordon with a contribution as part of the club's 30 donations recognizing its 30th anniversary.

April 20, 2024
 9:00am - 3:00pm
 Camp Thunderbird
 1 Thunderbird Ln, Lake Wylie, SC 29710

- Kayak and Stand Up Paddleboard Races
- Silent Auction
- Music
- Food & Vendor Booths

Info and registration:

PADDLE FOR THE CURE

– the Race to Beat Alzheimer’s hosted by the Rotary Club of Lake Wylie

The Rotary Club of Lake Wylie is sponsoring a fundraiser for CART at Camp Thunderbird (1 Thunderbird Lane, Lake Wylie, SC) on Saturday April 20, from 9am – 3 pm.

The 2nd Annual Paddle for the Cure is an event for paddlers (5k races for adult kayakers/standup paddleboards, 2K race for youths) and those that love good Food,

Music, Vendors and a Huge Silent Auction. Proceeds go to Coins for Alzheimer’s Research Trust (CART).

Alzheimer’s disease is the seventh leading cause of death globally and the most common cause of dementia. It afflicts more than 6 million Americans and 1 in 3 seniors die with Alzheimer’s or another form of

dementia. Alzheimer’s not only causes memory loss; it robs one’s ability to communicate and often changes the very personality of a loved one. With these statistics and significant impact, it is no wonder that almost every family has a story to share about this heartbreaking disease.

Light a Candle for

A Loved one

 (First Name)

A Caregiver

 (First Name)

Hope for a Cure

E-CLUB MEETS HALF ITS CART GOAL WITH LIGHT A CANDLE PROMO

In just 6 weeks, the Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas raised almost half of its annual goal for CART through a Light a Candle campaign. Members lit a virtual candle in honor or memory of an Alzheimer’s victim or a caregiver by donating \$10 per candle to CART. —Candace Wyman, president

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GREENVILLE HAS BEEN PUTTING ANNOUNCEMENTS LIKE THIS IN ITS NEWSLETTER MONTHLY.

For Alzheimer's Research

CART will have \$2 million to award at annual meeting

BY PDG JIM PURYEAR

*Rotary Club of Greenville
Past CART Board member*

Each Rotary year in the fall, the Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust sends announcements to approximately 100 institutions recognized as Alzheimer's research institutions. These announcements invite researchers to apply for CART grants.

This year, the total amount awarded will be \$2 million, and individual grants may be made for up to \$300,000. The amount to be awarded is a record high, partly due to one donor who contributed one million dollars.

By the December deadline, fifty-two individual applications had been submitted from forty-eight institutions. This was the highest number of



CART has revised its logo a little bit for 2024. Click [here](https://www.cartfund.org/resources) to download it or go to <https://www.cartfund.org/resources>. You can also find other CART resources at [this link](#).

applications in recent years. 7750 PDG Gary Goforth, Vice President of CART for Research Grants, collected the applications and submitted them to the selection committee consisting of three top Alzheimer's researchers in the country.

Eleven applicants were chosen as finalists and invited to submit further application material. Among the institutions represented in the final eleven were the University of California, Harvard University, Sloan Kettering in New York, Mt. Sinai, and Texas Technical College.

From this group, up to eight will be awarded grants at the annual CART board meeting during the first week of May 2024.

District Grant applications for 2024-25 due by April 30

BY PDG BETH PADGETT

D7750 Foundation Chair

Rotary Clubs have through April 30 to submit their applications for a District Grant in 2024-25. Club leaders have received training on how to complete a District Grant Final Report and how to turn in a new grant application. All the information needed to do a District Grant is available on the [District website](#).

Information on a club's grant eligibility can be found on the next page. Correct information on Grant Eligibility was handed out at Grant Training on Dec. 1 and has been on the District 7750 website. An outdated copy was included in PrePETS information and should not be used.

If you have any questions or challenges, please contact as soon as possible District Rotary Foundation Chair Beth Padgett at bpadgettrotyary@outlook.com and District Grants Chair Bill Harley



at william.harley@firstcitizens.com. District Grants should be built around community projects that will have a significant impact and use Rotary volunteers.

District Grant applications must be submitted using the online form but each President-Elect has been supplied a hard copy of the form so they can do a rough draft. Please retain a copy of your District Grant application and share it with the club board and those club members implementing the grant. Also, remember not to spend any grant money until you receive the grant check and deposit it in your bank. Rotary International usually sends grant funds to District 7750 in August or early September.

When you complete your grant project, be sure to tell your community what your Rotary Club has accomplished. This is one way to attract new members! They will see what you're doing and want to be a part of it.



District Grant Eligibility 2024-2025

(Based on 2022-23 Giving)

The amount a club is eligible for is based on its annual giving in 2022-23.

Club	Members 7/1/22	Annual Fund SHARE	AF SHARE Per Capita	Max. Grant Eligibility
Abbeville	38	\$4,690	\$123.42	\$2,500
Aiken	166	\$20,299	\$122.29	\$2,500
Aiken Sunrise	36	\$9,175	\$254.86	\$5,000
Anderson	115	\$14,300	\$124.35	\$2,500
Batesburg-Leesville	21	\$3,200	\$152.38	\$2,500
Blacksburg	17	\$1,530	\$90.00	\$1,000
Carolina Foothills	26	\$3,800	\$146.15	\$2,500
Chester	51	\$4,616	\$90.51	\$1,000
Clemson	95	\$18,369	\$193.36	\$5,000
Clemson Sunrise	33	\$6,170	\$186.97	\$5,000
Clinton	31	\$4,125	\$133.06	\$2,500
Clover	23	\$2,695	\$117.17	\$2,500
Easley	65	\$9,960	\$153.23	\$2,500
E-Club of The Carolinas	30	\$10,388	\$346.27	\$5,000
Emerald City (Greenwood)	80	\$29,000	\$362.50	\$9,000
Fort Mill	74	\$58,996	\$797.24	\$10,000
Fountain Inn	39	\$4,850	\$124.36	\$2,500
Gaffney	60	\$1,882	\$31.36	\$0
Golden Strip Sunrise	14	\$4,416	\$315.43	\$4,416
Greater Anderson	65	\$13,181	\$202.79	\$5,000
Greenville	187	\$62,855	\$336.12	\$9,000
Greenville Breakfast	15	\$4,678	\$311.83	\$4,678
Greenville City Center	51	\$6,915	\$135.59	\$2,500
Greenwood	110	\$16,010	\$145.55	\$2,500
Greer	20	\$935	\$46.75	\$0
Indian Land Lunch	26	\$5,460	\$210.00	\$5,000
Lake Wylie	28	\$3,650	\$130.36	\$2,500
Lancaster	54	\$11,196	\$207.33	\$5,000
Lancaster Breakfast	53	\$13,545	\$255.57	\$5,000
Laurens	45	\$8,750	\$194.44	\$5,000
Mauldin	18	\$5,040	\$280.00	\$5,000
Newberry	74	\$14,234	\$192.34	\$5,000
North Augusta	20	\$225	\$11.25	\$0
North Spartanburg	29	\$4,000	\$137.93	\$2,500
Pickens	36	\$3,575	\$100.00	\$2,500
Pleasantburg (Greenville)	34	\$10,458	\$307.58	\$5,000
Rock Hill	65	\$730	\$11.23	\$0
Seneca	34	\$7,155	\$210.44	\$5,000
Seneca Golden Corner	23	\$660	\$28.70	\$0
Simpsonville	40	\$6,108	\$152.69	\$2,500
Spartan West (Spartanburg)	29	\$7,300	\$251.72	\$5,000
Spartanburg	168	\$23,520	\$140.00	\$2,500
the Reedy River Greenville	25	\$18,375	\$735.00	\$7,000
Travelers Rest	16	\$875	\$54.69	\$875
Union	32	\$4,325	\$135.16	\$2,500
Walhalla	21	\$1,950	\$92.86	\$1,000
Westminster	29	\$4,538	\$156.47	\$2,500
Winnsboro	20	\$1,350	\$67.50	\$1,000
York	28	\$10,729	\$383.18	\$6,000



Seneca Rotary Club president John McRoberts presented a \$5,000 check to Wild Hearts Equine Center director of operations Janine Hartley. The contribution was made possible because of a District Foundation Grant

Seneca Rotary donates \$5,000 to Wild Hearts Equine Therapy—made possible because of a District Grant

For those clubs close enough, a field trip to this center would be a great way to keep your members engaged in their community.

Learn more about this therapy center in Oconee County at <https://www.wildheartsequinetherapy.org/>.

Horse therapy enriches lives of children, veterans, etc.

The Rotary Club of Seneca used its 2023-24 District Grant to support a local nonprofit that uses horses to help children and adults recover from different types of challenges.

Club President John McRoberts presented a \$5,000 check on behalf of the club to Wild Hearts Equine Therapy Center.

Wild Hearts Equine Center director of operations Janine Hartley said she was surprised by the amount of the donation and said it will help with the costs for clients who cannot afford to pay for the therapy.

“It will allow us to do so much,” she said. “Our horse care costs a lot of money, but really, what is even more important to us is client care. So, for all our clients who come at no charge, this will help fill that gap so that they can

continue to have the services that they need to make the strides that they need to make in their healing process.

THE PROGRAM HAS A STAFF OF 16 PEOPLE AND 38 HORSES AND DONKEYS.

“What we do at Wild Hearts Equine Therapy Center is really very similar to what you guys support and promote in our community — we are elevating lives and we are enriching this community,” she said, adding that the program has 60-70 volunteers.

“Some of them work with our clients and our horses, and some of them work with me and helping me out on the business side of things,” Janine said of volunteers. “Some of our people just come out, mow and weed and fix fences

and go about their business and just spend a nice day outside. We are a health and human services organization, so we work with people who have physical, intellectual and some emotional difficulties. We work with children from hard places, at-risk youth and families in crisis, veterans and active-duty military personnel.”

Children and veterans are among those who benefit from horse therapy.

“Talk therapy is great, but what we do is help people feel and connect and move out of their brainstem where they’re stuck in trauma into their mid-brain where they can actually begin to relate,” she said. “Once we’ve got that relating happening, they can move into their frontal lobe, their neocortex, and that’s where they can begin to think and reason.”

SENECA CLUB MEMBERS PLAN TO WORK WITH LOCAL BOY SCOUTS TO DO SOME PROJECTS AT THE EQUINE CENTER SOON.



RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

Renovations project for Newberry's Free Medical Clinic made possible by a District Grant matched with local funds

BY NIKKI GARDNER

Rotary Club of Newberry

This year's Matching District Grant project for the Rotary Club of Newberry was a success.

The \$5,000 grant combined with the club's matching \$5,000 funds and generous local business support helped to renovate and restore Newberry's Free Medical Clinic.

From the inside out, the Rotarians met multiple times to sand, repair, and paint walls, ceilings, and doors. With the assistance of local professionals, the club had toilets, light fixtures, sections of carpet and linoleum, new bushes, an updated sign, and an alarm

system installed.

This endeavor took 16 different work parties of Rotarians along with 6 local businesses to be completed.

The club celebrated on March 13 with a Ribbon Cutting attended by 20 community, business, and club members and leaders in attendance. The Rotary Club of Newberry is proud to be a part of such an important community service. The Free Medical Clinic provides free medical services to approximately 1000 people every year."

Give to the Foundation, earn Matching Points!

BY PDG BETH PADGETT

D7750 Foundation Chair

Here's a win-win. District Governor Renee Stubbs has issued a challenge to see if we can raise more funds for The Rotary Foundation. She (and some of her friends) will match qualifying Annual Fund – SHARE donations between April 1 and May 24.

We see the impact of our giving to The Rotary Foundation every day in District 7750 through the work funded in part with our District Grants. And through our Global Grants, we create hope in the world and profoundly change lives in places such as Honduras, Guatemala, and Haiti.

Without our contributions to Annual Fund – SHARE, we would not have funds for our District Grants that help us do good at home and our Global Grants that change lives around the world.

As we enter the fourth quarter of this Rotary year, Foundation giving has dropped some in District 7750 after a robust start to this Rotary year. We need an enthusiastic response to District Governor Renee's Challenge Match to ensure that our work funded through The Rotary Foundation continues in the near future.

DG Renee encourages Rotarians in District 7750 to contribute to Annual Fund-SHARE during this Challenge Match! Make sure you choose Annual Fund-SHARE and provide your Rotary (Member) ID Number.

Contributions can be made:

- Online at My Rotary – <https://my.rotary.org/en/donate>
- Call the Rotary Support Center at 866-976-8279 and contributing over the phone.
- Mail a donation to The Rotary Foundation, 14280 Collections Center Drive, Chicago, IL 60693, USA) but if so, you must ensure the donations reach Rotary International before this challenge match ends. Donations sent by mail must be received by May 24.

The challenge match may be limited to the first 40,000 Foundation Recognition Points.

Contributions of \$100 or more will be matched with the same number of Recognition Points (for example, donate \$100 and get a match of 100 points).

A maximum number of 500 points will be awarded per person.

Rotarians that are Major Donors or PHF+8 level donors are encouraged to participate but will not receive points. (Donors at this level of giving can no longer receive Recognition Points but their gifts certainly are appreciated. Thank you for your leadership giving!) Rotarians also are encouraged to give less than \$100 if a smaller gift better fits their budget.

IF YOU NEED HELP MAKING A CONTRIBUTION, CONTACT
DISTRICT ROTARY FOUNDATION CHAIR BETH PADGETT
AT BPADGETTROTARY@OUTLOOK.COM.



**Thank you for all you do for Rotary and
The Rotary Foundation.
Together, we are "Doing Good in the World!"**

New Members in February

32 new members in February

Adams, Daniel Brooks	Pickens	Holt, Jeff T	Easley
Atmore, Tojalynn A.	Greenwood	Irwin, Matt	Greenville
Bajoczky , Andrew	Clemson	Kimbell, John Starr	Pleasantburg
Blackwell, David R.	Indian Land	Lawrence , Michael	Walhalla
	Evening Satellite	Leonhardt, Anna E.	Spartanburg
Brooks, Jeffrey Scott Jr.	Spartanburg	Martin, David W	Fort Mill
Bryan-Adams, Yolanda	Indian Land	O'Briant, Tim Edward	Pickens
	Evening Satellite	Petis, Geoff	Greenville
Byers, Kelly	Greenville	Pullen, Dillon	Winnsboro
Camp, Kyle	Greenville Breakfast	Ross, Bill	Indian Land
Chaisson, Kristen	Winnsboro		Evening Satellite
Childers, Ryan	Greenville	Scipio, Isaiah A	Pickens
Cook, Valerie	Reedy River	Shehan, Barbara	Clemson
Emily, Kathryn Nelson	Greenwood	Smith, Benjamin G	Spartanburg
Endres, Carla A	Indian Land	Thorpe, Christopher D.	Indian Land
	Evening Satellite		Evening Satellite
Guldner, Frank	Walhalla	Walters , Robert R.	Aiken
Hanson, Caleb	Indian Land		
	Evening Satellite	Wisham, Ginger L.	Emerald City
Hayes, James H. Jr.	Clover		

FEBRUARY 2024: 32 NEW MEMBERS —25 TERMINATED MEMBERS (3 DECEASED). Data from DaCdb.

April is the month to focus on the environment



- Protecting and restoring land, coastal, marine, and freshwater resources.
- Enhancing the capacity of communities to support natural resource management and conservation.
- Supporting sustainable agriculture, fishing, and aquaculture practices.
- Addressing the cause of climate change by reducing the emission of greenhouse gases.
- Strengthening ecosystems and communities affected by climate change.
- Supporting education initiatives that promote behavior that protects the environment.
- Advocating for sustainable consumption to build an economy that uses resources more efficiently.
- Addressing environmental justice issues and public health concerns.

Deadline for May newsletter is April 25.

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