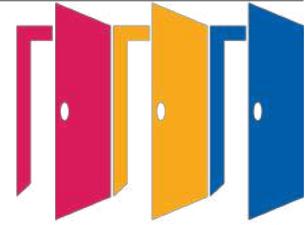




THE QUACKER



CLUB NEWSLETTER
Rotary Club of the Reedy River Greenville

Rotary Opens Opportunities

The PREZ SEZ:

The beautiful thing about the coming of a new year is the natural pause to reflect and reset our goals. When I left my job in November to dedicate all of my time to my business, I struggled with setting a life rhythm that fostered my focus and creative mind. So this opportunity to re-set has been very timely.



President Theresa Marchi

Similarly, the new year brought this stark realization that my time serving as your president is coming to a close quicker than I imagined. In July of 2020 I felt like this year would be my forever like Groundhog Day. But now I'm reflecting and realizing that my focus now needs to be helping us finish the year strong and passing the torch to an amazing set of leaders to carry on.

In this season of reflection, I've gathered the goals I set out with back in July and get to share with you on Tuesday how we are shaping up as of now, and what we need to do to finish strong in these next 5 months. I am also excited to give the Derby Committee an opportunity to shed light on what the Derby will look like this year and the roll-out plan. Please join me Tuesday evening for our General Assembly, or as I say to Evan, our State of the Union.

Yours in Rotary,
 Theresa Marchi



January is Vocational Service Month

Rotary emphasizes integrity and high ethical standards.

As part of Rotary's guiding principles and the

Avenues of **Service, Vocational Service** calls on Rotarians to empower others by using their unique skills and expertise to address community needs and help others discover new professional opportunities and interests.

You can experience an Introduction to Vocational Service >>> [HERE](#)
Next Month is Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month



Mid-Year Membership Awards given at the Monthly Membership Meeting (via Zoom)

DG Beth Padgett shared recognition for several clubs during the recent District Membership Meeting. Leading the growth with nine new members was the Fountain Inn Club where they started with 28 existing members. President Shawn Bell, City Administrator for the City of Simpsonville shared some of the reasons for their recent

successes. He said there were not many changes in his community with the onset of Covid. This club still meets in person with masks and physical distancing of course. He said the club members feel even that with Covid, there was no reason to not press

on. Many of the new members are from his city staff of employees, council members and even the Mayor!

With five new members, President Cara Hamilton from the Anderson Club suggested *not* asking someone if they want to join Rotary but rather ask, **“Would you consider coming to a Rotary meeting?”** She also suggested sharing the meeting link on Facebook and invite everyone! Show what you are doing! (This club meets as a hybrid, some in-person and some online with 68 members).

Welcoming six new members from the Fort Mill Club, President James Jeter shared what they have done with their meetings. This club with 77 members meets virtually online and says dynamic and innovative speakers is where it's at and super important. Every new member is assigned to a committee that they feel is a good fit and gets them involved right away. James says your club should reflect your entire community.

Some other ideas shared were: Make new member approval process faster; Make the new member induction ceremony very special; Hold regular ‘Discover Rotary’ meetings online and invite potential members.

Retention of members is equally important. Send missing members a note or call them, encourage them to stay involved even during this trying time. “You are important!- Hang in there baby!” Select a Rotarian of the week/month and allow them to talk about their industry, vocation and family. Cara shared that they email the regular bulletin the day before the meeting, then they email the meeting highlights the day after the meeting followed a few days later with a re-cap of the meeting. Members get three touches a week.

Other highlights and ideas were shared such as new projects we can do during the pandemic. Adopt an elementary school-find out their needs, Put together snack-packs or ‘Bag o’ Blessings’ goodie bags for the homeless, create and send Inspiration Cards to a senior community or create community service projects related to food.

DG Beth shared that Eric Krichbaum, District Community Service Chair has sent out a spread sheet and asked for suggestions on projects going on in the District so we can all share ideas. Nice Eric!

The next District Membership Meeting will be held on Feb. 18th from 5 to 6 pm online, via Zoom. You can look for the information to logon on DacDb on the District Calendar. All are welcome!

Let's help GROW our club by asking someone you know, “Would you consider coming to a Rotary Meeting? Virtual or in person....who do you know?”

In the coming weeks and months many of you may be heading out to receive vaccines for the Covid-19 virus. Rotary supports Disease Prevention as can be seen in our successful Polio Plus program. In a show of support for the Covid-19 Vaccine program, our District would like to encourage those taking the vaccine(s) to wear your Rotary shirt, hat, pins when receiving your vaccine(s). Thank you in advance and here's to everyone's good health!



Rotary
WORKS

What is Rotary Works?

Mission

Rotary Works is an initiative provided for Rotarians and Rotaractors within Zones 33 & 34 experiencing career transition. This initiative is comprised of three distinct programs, providing education, networking, and/or financial resources for participants, providing mentorship opportunities for personal and professional development.

The Project

The first Rotary Works program launched with a Career Development Professional Series in Dec. 2020, which is offered via Zoom. Each month, on 2nd Wednesdays, from 1 to 2 pm, you will collaborate with business professionals in career development, exchanging ideas and having conversations with experts in their field. These “mentors” will provide information and inspiration for those in attendance seeking opportunities of

self-exploration, self-improvement and ultimately seeking employment or entrepreneurial prospects.

Coming this spring, Zones 33 and 34 will provide a “Job Board”, where you will be able to search for employment opportunities, post open positions, request a mentor, become a mentor, and find valuable and relevant career transition resources!

Finally, Rotary Works is establishing an Impact Fund designed to assist Rotarians and Rotaractors in Zones 33 and 34, who may have experienced financial stress an opportunity to apply for a one-time grant of \$500.

Learn More & Register for Upcoming Events >>> [HERE](#)

Read the Rotary Works Newsletter. >>> [HERE](#)

[LIKE Rotary Works on Facebook >>> HERE](#)



ROTARY TRIVIA: By 1916, when a polio epidemic that started in New York City paralyzed 27,000 people and killed 7,000 nationwide, the disease had become a dreaded scourge.

In what month and year did the U.S. Public Health Service hold a ceremony at the White House licensing the polio vaccine developed by Dr. Jonas Salk?

BONUS Question: In what year was Dr. Albert Sabin’s oral polio vaccine administered in the largest field trials in history?

Last Trivia Question: Who designed the first Rotary wheel and what did it illustrate?

Answer: A **wheel** has been the symbol of **Rotary** since our earliest days.

The **first** design was made (1905) by Chicago Rotarian Montague Bear, an engraver who drew a simple wagon **wheel**, with a few lines to show dust and motion.

CLUB CALENDAR



Jan. 26th - “Quarterly Review” - Club Assembly *If you have not already registered, please do so.*

To Join the Zoom Meeting for Our Club

Assembly: Click>> [HERE](#) Meeting ID: 845 1422 0361. Passcode is: go rotary.

Jan. 30th - Trees Upstate Community Project. Club members will be helping TreesUpstate and Save Our Saluda plant 300+ trees. They will be planting 3 gallon restoration trees to create a riparian buffer along farmland on the North Saluda.

There are 2 shifts available; 9am - Noon or 1pm - 4pm. The meeting location will be near Les Mullinax Park, 7 Dividing Water Rd, Travelers Rest, SC 29690.

Tools will be provided. Bring your own gloves and masks are required.

If you would like to participate AND have not already responded, please use the like below to register. You must also register on the Trees Upstate website (<https://www.treesupstate.org/volunteer/>) for the shift you wish to work due to limitations on the number of participants.



[Register NOW](#) for The Reedy River Greenville : Community Service - Tree Planting or send your regrets that you cannot attend by [clicking here](#).

Feb 9th - Regular Club Meeting - Duck Derby & Grant Recipients - “Projects accomplished with Grant - Loaves & Fishes”

Feb. 23rd - Regular Club Meeting - “Environment - Recycling Glass” - Zebulon Parsons, Pres./Bricolage Dynamics

March 9th - Regular Club Meeting - “Peace & Conflict Resolution Peace Scholar” - Philile Shongwe, Duke Peace Scholar

Please log into www.DacDb.com, click on the **MyCLUB tab and then the **CALENDAR** icon to preview the event details above and **REGISTER and OBTAIN MEETING LINKS**.If you do not know how to log into DacDb,**

PLEASE ASK - WE ARE HERE TO HELP.

Regular Club Meetings and Events are held in person or you may attend via Zoom. Physical distancing in effect for in-person, please wear a mask. Board Meetings currently are held on line via Zoom.

BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Currently first Thursday of each month VIA ZOOM at 6:30
Watch your email for the invite. Check the Club Calendar on DacDB for Zoom Login Information.

2020-2021 CLUB LEADERSHIP

- Theresa Calabrese - Club President
- Jessica Smith - Immediate Past President
- Bobby Brown - President Elect
- Beth Gaffer - Secretary
- Michelle Stadler - Treasurer
- Alan Harry - Sergeant-At-Arms
- Eric Krichbaum - Club Service Chair
- Alan Harry - Foundation Chair
- Cynthia Fryer - Membership Chair
- Ann Golden - Program Chair
- Meg Coffey - Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)
- Cathy Harry - Public Relations Chair - Newsletter Editor



January Birthdays
Heather Harlos (20th)

January Member Anniversaries
None this month

January Wedding Anniversaries!
None this month



Next Duck Derby Meeting via Zoom will be Thursday, January 28th at 6:30 to Join The Meeting,

Click >>> [HERE](#)

