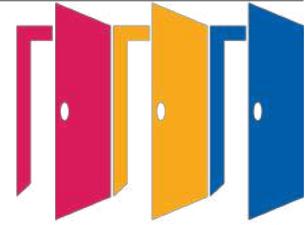




THE QUACKER



CLUB NEWSLETTER
Rotary Club of the Reedy River Greenville

Rotary Opens Opportunities

My heart aches so profusely and my grief catches me suddenly and all at once that he's gone. There are moments I think I don't have any tears left in my body to cry, and the next moment it's uncontrollable. Though I had prepared myself for this, no amount of preparation could have help my heart break any less. I've spent every moment in gratitude that I was blessed with



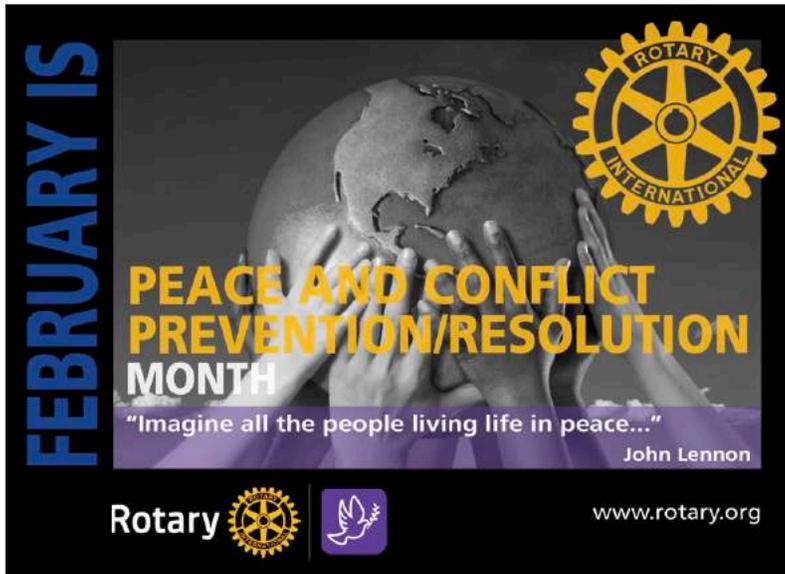
such a loving, supportive grandfather. I'm reminded that he is the one that pushed me to get more scholarships so I could enjoy my life without the overwhelming debt. That was a gift that he shared with me that I get to enjoy ever single day. He was the one that said, "If you love what you do, you'll never work a day in your life." When I called and told him about a bad day at work, he'd say, "Well, Tree, you have to do what you love and what makes you happy." It took me a long time, but those words gave me courage to start my own

business. I'm also blessed to have posts on my Facebook wall of him telling me how proud he was of me. In my deep grief, I equally feel gratitude to have had him cheer me on, and gratitude that he's whole and free on the other side of Heaven.

Yours in Rotary,
Theresa Marchi



Theresa and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at the loss of your grandfather. With love, your entire Rotary Family



February Is Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

During February, Rotary Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month, we celebrate our commitment to build peace and mitigate conflict.

Millions of people all over the world are currently displaced by armed conflict or persecution. In fact, 90%

of casualties in armed conflicts are civilians, half of which are children. Through service projects and Rotary programs, the Rotary family is committed to pursuing projects that address the structural causes of conflict, including poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.

Next Month's theme is Water & Sanitation Month

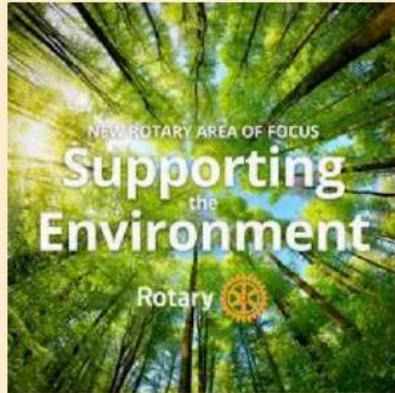


Rotary Is Ready!

BY DG BETH PADGETT

Life has been disrupted in our Rotary Clubs because of Covid-19, and now Rotarians have a way to fight back. We can do what Rotarians naturally do. We can volunteer. We can model good behavior. We can wear masks and practice social distancing. Across District

7750, many Rotary Clubs are asking what they can do to help with vaccination efforts in their communities. The good news is that we are "Rotary Ready" even though all the details have not been worked out. Rotary Ready is a joint initiative in our state with our District 7750 and District 7770 to our east. A website called rotaryready.com is up and running, and we will supply many more details in the coming weeks. The idea is to have a common place where Rotarians can register to help with mass vaccination programs. [READ MORE.....](#)



The environment is Rotary’s seventh area of focus, which are categories of service activities supported by global grants. It joins peacebuilding and conflict prevention; disease prevention and treatment; water, sanitation, and hygiene; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; and community economic development.

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!



Incoming RI President Shekhar Mehta, a member of the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, West Bengal, India, revealed the 2021-22 presidential theme, Serve to Change Lives, at this week’s virtual Rotary International Assembly. He urged district governors-elect to become more involved in service projects, saying that caring for and serving others is the best way to live because it changes not only other people’s lives, but also our own. [Read more about the 2021-22 presidential theme](#)



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



ROTARY TRIVIA: What day and month was our own Rotary Club Chartered and who was RI President and signed our charter?

Last Trivia Question: *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?* **Answer:** April 1955.



Effective communication is the key to conscious evolution. This effort does not target the elimination of disagreements, but reminds us how to have a civil discourse. This begins on a microcosmic level, in the home and with our most intimate relationships, and carries over into our workplaces, the grocery store, the road, and our schools. By seeking to understand one another, we create a cohesive and healthy community in which all of our members’ needs are met.

The nine tools which help discover peaceful and amicable relations are:

- **Pay attention.** Be aware and attend to the people and the world around you.
- **Listen.** Genuinely focus on others as they speak so that you may better understand their perspectives.
- **Be Inclusive.** Welcome all points of view, every individual, and all groups of citizens working for the greater good.
- **Don’t Gossip.** And do not accept when others do. Speaking with consideration and kindness is at the heart of civil behavior.
- **Show Respect.** Honor other people and their opinions, especially in the midst of disagreement.
- **Be Agreeable.** Two ingredients for being agreeable in conversation: 1. The ability to consider that you might be wrong. 2. The ability to admit that you don’t know.
- **Apologize.** Be sincere and repair damaged relationships.
- **Give constructive criticism.** Be sure that your intention is to help, not to humiliate or attack someone personally.
- **Take responsibility.** Don’t shift responsibility or blame others.

Be a sweetheart! We will have Valentines Cards at our meeting on Tuesday. Please come a little early and take a moment to write a nice Valentines sentiment to a lonely senior in our community. We will collect them and drop them by Spring Park Assisted Living before February 12th (see request below)



Thank you!

☆ **General**

Spring Park Assisted Living. The residents at Spring Park have been on lockdown due to COVID19 since last March. It is for their safety but a lot of them are getting depressed and lonely. Spring Park is planning a fun Valentine's Day party for residents only and could use some donations if any of you want to help. There is a contact free donations box outside their main entrance. Their needed items are non skid socks, tissues-any size box, adult coloring books, colored pencils, hand held pencil sharpeners, pencil bags, new stuffed animals, candy, sugar free candy, and Valentine's Day cards. They have 61 residents. Please help if you are able. There should be plenty of smiles during their party. Deliveries accepted until February 12th. Thank you in advance for helping



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CLUB CALENDAR

If you have not already registered to attend our regular meeting, please do so. To Join the Meeting for Our Club via Zoom Click>> [HERE](#) Meeting ID: 845 1422 0361. Passcode is: go rotary.

~ **Feb 9th** - Regular Club Meeting - “Projects accomplished with Grant - Loaves & Fishes” with Laura Smith

~ **Feb 20th** Pre-PETS - Virtual

~ **Feb. 23rd** - Before Regular Club Meeting - “Discover Rotary”. Please invite your guests to learn a little more about Rotary and then invite them to stay for our regular meeting. RSVP please so we have enough dinners!



~ **Feb. 23rd** - Regular Club Meeting - “Environment - Recycling Glass” - Zebulon Parsons, Pres./Bricolage Dynamics and we will be celebrating Rotary’s 116th Birthday and our Club’s 18th birthday! Balloons, cake and fun! Come join us!

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

~ **Sunday, March 18th** - ‘Organization of the Night’ at the Swamp Rabbits Game! Watch for registration link to be emailed and on our Facebook Page to get your tickets-coming soon! Our very own ‘Shades’ will be at the event!

~ **March 18th, 19th & 20th** - PETS - Virtual

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



February Birthdays

Bryan Lewis (2nd) Heather Harlos (20th)
Beth Gaffer (27th)

February Member Anniversaries

Michelle Stadler (1st), Eric Krichbaum(10th)
Ann Golden (11th), Ed Irick (11th),
Tina Dodd (11th) Greg Thompson (11th)

February Wedding Anniversaries

None this month



Next Duck Derby Meeting via Zoom will be
Thursday, February 18th 2021 6:30

