



August 22, 2021

## Events

August 24th

[The Reedy River Greenville Weekly Club Meeting](#)

**Speaker:** Don Koonce

**Subject:** Greenville County Historical Society

September 14th

[The Reedy River Greenville Weekly Club Meeting](#)

**Speaker:** Jean Nimmer

**Subject:** Early Act First Knight

September 18th

[The Reedy River Greenville: Duck Derby Shed Party - Inventory Souvenirs](#)

## Years of Service

Bryan D. Lewis

08-27-2013

8 Years

Jessica S Smith

08-11-2015

6 Years

Theresa Marchi

08-28-2018

3 Years

Rachel Bantly

08-06-2019

2 Years

Robert L Brown Jr.

08-07-2019

2 Years

## Birthdays

Edward F. Irick III

August 27th

## Wedding Anniversaries

Theresa Marchi

September 5th

## To Wear a Mask or Not to Wear a Mask

That is the question. At our last meeting, three members tested positive for COVID with some non-vaccinated and others breakthrough cases. For the time being meetings are still in person, but the Board is working on a measure to obtain professional-grade equipment to handle virtual meetings.

## Meeting Program/Speaker

By Ann H. Golden

8-24-21 - **Upcountry History "The Dark Corner"** - Don Koonce, Greenville Historical Society

9-14-21 - **EAFK-Early Act First Knight** - Jean Nimmer, Teacher & EAFK Coordinator, Powdersville Middle School

9-28-21 - Club Assembly - **Duck Derby Kick-off**

10-12-21 - **District Governor Official Visit** - Frank Cox, District 7750 2021-22 Governor

10-26-21 - Regular Meeting - **Greenville Area Development Corp's President Mark Evans**



## The Dark Corner Nearby



Speaker: Don Koonce, Producer/Director Creative Director for Ferncreek Creative, Inc.

Don is a graduate of The Citadel, a former U.S. Navy pilot, and has served as Creative Director, Art Director and Account Supervisor for several major Southeastern advertising agencies. He has produced over 300 films and videos for organizations, museums, schools, companies, and communities throughout the country and created special documentaries on many subjects including productions for NASA and The National Air and Space Museum. His documentary for the National Park Service, **Daybreak at the Cowpens**, and the production on the life of the eminent scientist Dr. Charles H. Townes, **The Light of Imagination**, have received international acclaim.

His extensive research into the history of the textile industry in North and South Carolina has led to a series of guided tours of textile mills in the Upcountry for school groups, tourists, leadership classes, and government officials. He produced a full-length documentary about the textile industry in the Upstate of South Carolina for PBS.

In May 1993 he received the Elizabeth O'Neill Verner Award for his contributions to the arts in South Carolina. His book on the Civil War, **Doctor to the Front**, was published by the University of Tennessee Press in November of 2000, and he is currently completing his current book, **Tarheels at the Gates of Hell**, to be published by the University of North Carolina Press. In December of 2016, Governor Nikki Haley presented him with the  Order of the Palmetto  for his service to Veterans and the

State of South Carolina.

Don spent 32 years as a Rotarian and served as club president for the Greenville club during its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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## Derby Proceeds Given to Project Host

At the August 10th meeting, Claudia Winkler, Director of Development with Project Host was presented with a \$7,000 check, proceeds from the 17th Annual Reedy River Duck Derby. Our virtual Duck Derby selected Project Host as one of two recipients of our proceeds. Claudia recently wrote Club President Bobby and President Elect Cathy Harry to thank our Club for their generous donation. The following is an excerpt from Claudia's email:

We wish for each member to receive our sincerest thanks for honoring Project Host with this donation, and for coming out and volunteering at our organization. We know well the time and energy it takes to pull off large-scale events like the Duck Derby, so we are grateful for the countless hours each of you put into the event this year and every year to benefit Greenville-area nonprofits like ours.

Thank you so much for having me as a guest at the Rotary Club meeting this evening, and a special thanks for the generous donation the Reedy River Rotary has made to Project Host.

As I mentioned at the meeting this evening, Project Host is working to fight food insecurity in Greenville through free meal and training programs. Over 9% or nearly 1 in 10 people living in our county face food insecurity--they have no guarantee that when they open their cupboards or their refrigerators, there will be enough for them to eat. We offer our services to people of all walks of life, from the young to the old, the working poor to the homeless, the people looking for employable skills and those looking for general life skills to better feed their families. If you are interested, you can read the stories of some of our [culinary students here](#). Each student has a unique story of resilience and strength, and we are honored to get to accompany them, even for just a short time, as they work to better their lives

Your donation today makes the work we do possible. I cannot stress how important community support like yours is to our organization, nor can I properly express how very grateful we are for your focus on Project Host this year. What Rotarians do for local communities the world over is remarkable and humbling. Thank you for choosing us to share your time and energy on this year.

With sincerest thanks on behalf of all the staff at Project Host and those we serve,  
Claudia

Doing right in the world is what Rotary is all about! If you were part of the Reedy River Duck Derby this year, this should make your heart sing. If you're new to our Club, you are in for a treat when you contribute your time and talent to the 18th Annual Reedy River Duck Derby to be held on May 7, 2022.

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## Adopt-a-Road Success

Eleven motivated volunteers conducted the quarterly Adopt-a-Road clean up on Conestee Lake Road. Saturday, August 21st was the Club's chance to provide service and keep another part of our community clean by picking up trash along Conestee Lake Road. Rotarians Ann Golden, Eric Krichbaum, Michelle Stadler, Beth Gaffer, and Meg Coffey were joined by several more volunteers to pick up 13 bags of trash in about 1.5 hours leaving the area looking great! It is amazing how much garbage collects on this

road in such a short time. Gloves, safety vests, trash bags, and superb trash picker devices (shown in orange in the picture) provided great results. Don't hesitate to take a quick drive over there before litter starts piling up again for the next clean-up date. Please join us in this service project that helps our community with our next scheduled clean up on November 13, 2021.



Thanks to our photographer-participant, Ann Golden, for this picture.

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## Upcoming Service Project

### SHED PARTY IS THE START OF THE DUCK DERBY PROCESS

Club members will meet at the storage shed (Unit H6) to take an inventory of the Duck Derby souvenirs. The shed is located at 1868 Woodruff Road, Greenville, SC (next to Lidl grocery store). The access code to the storage facility is 1052\*. After entering the security gate, go forward to the last building (H) on your left.

The event will start at 9 am and will be completed once all items are counted and returned to the shed - targeting by noon. Obviously, many hands make light work and makes the process move quickly towards fruition. Use the link in the yellow sidebar (to the left in this newsletter) to sign up for this project.

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## August is Membership and New Club Development Month

August is designated Membership and New Club Development Month to recognize the importance of adding membership, growing existing Rotary Clubs, as well as developing new clubs. Certainly the focus of Reedy River Rotary is to add more members and grow our club to be full of value to all. RI President, Shekhar Mehta, has made growing membership a pillar of his Rotary year.

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## Walk to End Alzheimer's

Registration is now open for the Walk to End Alzheimer's Event on October 2, 2021, at Fluor Field. Our club is putting together a team and we want you to be part of it. Use the QR code below or [this link](#) to register for team **Rotary Clubs of Greenville County**. Contact [Cathy Harry](#) if you need further information.

TOGETHER, WE CAN END  
ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE.



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## New Mailing Address for Club

The Rotary Club of the Reedy River Greenville has a new mailing address. Please use it for all club correspondence, remitting dues (unless you pay online), and Duck Derby business.

Rotary Club of the Reedy River  
#500  
325 Rocky Slope Road  
Greenville, SC 29607

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## Rotary Trivia

Another two-part question: When was Interact, the Rotary youth program for high schoolers, launched by Rotary International's Board of Directors? Where was the first Interact club established? Looking for a year and a place. Email your response [here](#).

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## Contribute to The Quacker

By Meghan A. Coffey

If you are unable to use EzStory in DACdb, submit something for *The Quacker* by emailing the information to [megcoffey@yahoo.com](mailto:megcoffey@yahoo.com). Submissions must be received by the Wednesday prior to the next meeting.

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## Club Meeting

The Reedy River Greenville  
Meets at The Hilton Greenville (2nd & 4th Tuesdays Only)  
45 W Orchard Park Dr  
Greenville, SC 29615  
Time: Tuesday at 05:30 PM

## Club Leaders

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Robert L Brown Jr.  
President

[Laurie M. Rapp](#)  
Treasurer

[Edward F. Irick III](#)  
Club Director  
Club Executive Secretary

[Alan Ellis Harry](#)  
Rotary Foundation Chair

Cathy Harry  
Membership Chair  
President-Elect

[Rachel Bantly](#)  
Public Image/PR Chair

[Eric Michael Krichbaum](#)  
Club Director  
Community Service Chair

[Theresa Marchi](#)  
iPast President

Prudence Ann Taylor  
Secretary

[Meghan A. Coffey](#)  
Club Director  
RYLA Chair

[Sandy Wright](#)  
Club Director

[James T. Mullikin](#)  
Assistant District Governor