



# THE QUACKER



**CLUB NEWSLETTER**  
**Rotary Club of the Reedy River Greenville**

Rotary Opens Opportunities

## Five Simple Ways You Can Support our Duck Derby Today!

You may not know how to support this Virtual Duck Derby this year because it requires less in logistics, volunteers, and other facets compared to years past. It's true that this is a different year requiring a lot more pressure on PR and less on our physical presence. However, when you join a Derby Committee meeting, you will see that this Virtual Duck Derby is no small feat. The Committee is still hard at work to make this a success. So here's what you can do to help us:

1. **Buy your ducks and encourage others to do so as well.** While Rotarians in our club are not eligible to win prizes, you can still support the club with your purchase and encourage your friends and family as well.
2. **Like. Share. Comment.** Follow our social media outlets and engage with our Duck Derby posts by liking them, sharing them, and commenting. Increased engagement helps get the words out!
3. **Provide Giftcards for Prizes.** If you're struggling to get sponsors this year, purchase a gift card and donate it to the club for a prize.
4. **Attend and Share About the Swamp Rabbits Game.** If people purchase tickets for the game on March 21 at 3 PM through the link below, \$5 per ticket goes back to the Derby. All the Chuck-A-Puck sales will also go to the Derby at this game. **Here's the [LINK](#) to share!**
5. **Mark your calendar.** While the Derby will still be virtual, we will still be providing a Day of Service to United Ministries and Project Host. We will be serving at these two locations and dividing the club up to make a larger impact on May 1 while also keeping numbers low to abide by COVID guidelines. Now lets get quackin'!



*President Theresa Marchi*

Yours in Rotary,  
 Theresa Marchi



Join us this week as we welcome to



our guest speaker, Zeb Parsons, President of Bricolage Dynamics who will be speaking about “[Environment - Recycling Glass](#)” This is right in line with Rotary’s newest area of focus, the environment.

Zeb is a graduate of Clemson University, having graduated with a BA in International Business and German Language. He is also a graduate of The UCD Michael Smurfit Graduate Business School in Dublin, Ireland, where he received a MSc in Supply Chain Management with an emphasis in supply chain sustainability.

Mr. Parsons has worked extensively in the international supply chain and operations field, with the bulk of his experience stemming from the North American, European and Australasian markets. Mr. Parsons has worked for multinational manufacturing organizations as well as having performed more specialized roles in small to medium size enterprises. His core work focus has consisted of organization and methods analytics, supply chain consulting and continuous improvement strategy/ analytics.

Zeb moved back to his hometown of Greenville, SC, in 2018, to begin his lifelong goal of starting an international, environmental innovation business. His international supply chain background has allowed him to focus, dissect and redesign the process steps found in environmental sectors like the recycling industry. This hard redesign has enabled his business, Bricolage Dynamics, to strip troublesome industries back to their core, allowing the company to rebuild failing models from the ground up. As a result, Bricolage is poised to stand out as a key player in a progressive environmental movement that is becoming increasingly more vital in today’s world.



## 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*

## MEMBERS ON THE MOVE!

**Pre-PETS** ~ President Elect Bobby and President Elect-Nominee Cathy spent most of Saturday attending Pre-PETS in preparation for the 2021-2022 Rotary year. They met for six hours via Zoom with many other PE's & PEN's in our District on topics such as Priorities and Challenges, Membership, Foundation, Grants, Paul Harris Clubs, Committees and Chairpersons and Club Culture. Bobby is planning a Club Retreat with incoming and outgoing boards and committee chairs prior to the start of the 21-22 Rotary year. Training was led by DGE Frank Cox, District Comm. Officer Terry Weaver, DG Beth Padgett, and Membership Chair Carol Burdette who all did a great job! Bobby and Cathy came away with some promising goals and more ways to have fun in the Rotary year to come.



**SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**



**Magnificent Meals On Wheels** ~ Big shout out of Thanks to Rebecca and Theresa for assisting with the Meals On Wheels deliveries last Wednesday Feb 17th! Cathy & Alan will be delivering on March 17th.

**What does it take to help?** You follow a pre-determined route, delivering about 10 meals and it takes about an hour to an hour and



a half. You download a FREE APP, plug in the route number provided and voila! The APP guides you turn-by-turn on where to go and deliver the meals. Our Service Committee has committed to doing deliveries the third Wednesday of every month. If interested in helping with deliveries check with Rebecca. Volunteers always welcome!



## ROTARY TRIVIA:

A well-known animation filmmaker from the Rotary Club of Palm Springs...Who was that?

**Last Trivia Question:** What day and month was our own Rotary Club chartered and who was RI President and signed our Charter? **Answer:** February 11, 2003 and Bhichai Rattakul was RI President 2002-2003. You can find a copy of our Charter on the last page of our Membership Handbook located on our website >>> [HERE](#)

### 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



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**Get to know this**  
*Rotarian!*

Name: Jessica St. Clair Smith  
Role(s) within our Rotary Club? PR Chair - 2015, 2016 - 2017 President - 2018 - 2019  
Rotarian Since? 2015  
Quarantine Hobby? *Playing with my new baby, Charlotte!*  
Currently Binge Watching? *The Barefoot Contessa*  
Favorite Meal? *Just one? Mexican food, loaded baked potatoes, chicken spaghetti*  
Favorite Happy Hour Drink? *Cabernet or a lemon drop martini*  
Favorite Rotary Moment? *Again, just one? Derby Day, receiving my surprise Paul Harris Fellow, PETS (President-Elect Training Seminar)*  
Fun Fact(s) About you? *I'm a certified SCUBA diver. I'm working slowly to try to become a fixed-wing private pilot. I love to travel...a lot! I like to perform - I know you're shocked to read that! Our Rotary club is like my family*

## We Need Your Help with our Duck Derby!

1. **LIKE** our Duck Derby Page on Facebook >>> [HERE](#)
2. **SHARE** every Duck Derby post on your own Facebook Page.
3. Take and **HANG POSTERS** when available.
4. **Share Duck Derby Business Cards.**
5. **ADD** magnets and/or window clings to your car.
6. **EMAIL** all your local friends and families the invitation to the Swamp Rabbits game Sunday, March 21st at 3 PM
7. **WEAR** your Adopt-A-Duck badges everywhere, all the time.
8. **ASK** for a prize or gift card donation or donate one yourself. *If every member brought in just one, we'd be in great shape! It would really help!*



## **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. 23rd** 5:00 PM - **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! Here is the [LINK](#) to share and get your tickets. \$5. from every ticket sold using this [LINK](#) comes to the club! Our very own ‘Shades’ will be at the event!

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

Please log into [www.DacDb.com](http://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.


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## **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



It's been rumored that the sun is going to return to our area! Keep a lookout! It will look something like the photo above! Enjoy!



**Rotary**

EVERYBODY can be GREAT  
because ANYBODY can  
**SERVE!**

" You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love"