



July 11, 2021

Events

July 13th

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

July 27th

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

August 12th

Pollinator Garden - 2:30-4pm

August 21st

Adopt a Road - 9am-Noon

Years of Service

Rebecca Ann Evans

07-14-2008

13 Years

Heather N. Harlos

07-09-2013

8 Years

Birthdays

Theresa Marchi

July 15th

Brian R. Miller

July 21st

Meghan A. Coffey

July 22nd

Sandy Wright

July 30th

Mark William Bacon

August 4th

Robert L Brown Jr.

August 10th

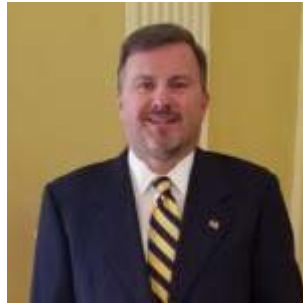
Wedding Anniversaries

No July anniversaries

JULY 13TH MEETING WILL BE AT UNITED MINISTRIES - *not at the Hilton.* We'll see you there!

Bobby's Blast

By Robert L Brown Jr.



Greetings Rotarians! A new year has started and I will be your Club President for the 2021-2022 year. I have many things I want to say, so let's get started. First, I would like to thank immediate Past President Theresa Marchi for a fantastic year 2020-2021. Theresa has fought an uphill battle with a new club location, COVID, Zoom, and a second Virtual Duck Derby, just to name a few. Theresa met each challenge head on and persevered with the highest integrity of any club member I know. There were a lot of clubs who didn't meet and struggled with Zoom, but Theresa made it look easy and did it with grace. She also left the club better than she found it and I just want to say thank you, Theresa, for a wonderful job.

Moving forward I hope to build on what Theresa has left and continue to grow and enhance our club to be a leader in the district. FYI, while you may think this is my first time as Club President, it's not. I was Club President in the Rotary Club of Ripley, WV, Dist. 7530 in 1996-1997. I got involved in district committees, became RI Foundation chair, Asst. District Governor and, eventually, District Governor in 2003-2004.

I'd like to take a minute and share my Rotary story and tell you how Rotary has changed my life. Back in the day, Rotary met weekly in a hotel where I was Asst. General Manager. All I knew about Rotary at the time was they were a group of business professionals and business owners and I had to feed them dinner.

After about a year of feeding them, a club member, Ray Miller, stopped by my office and asked if I would like to be a team member (Group Study Exchange) sponsored by the RI Foundation. He told me I would have to interview to be on the team and we would go to the Republic of the Philippines for a six-week experience. I could go on about the experiences we shared, the people we met, or the food/climate we experienced; it was a wonderful vocational and cultural experience. This GSE changed my life forever and led me to become a Rotarian. That was 30 years ago, and it took this trip for me to understand what Rotary International was all about.

The organizational chart for Rotary is this: Rotary International is the organization, the club is the member, and we are members of our local club. Rotary is more than you or me. Rotary is more than our local club or community. Rotary is an international organization with 1.2 million members -- WE ARE THE FAMILY OF ROTARY! With a family of 1.2 million people we have different opinions and cultures, with different ways and ideas on how to do things, but we work together for the betterment of our Rotary Family.

This is my Rotary story, what's yours? I want to know, so please [email me](#) and share

your story and we can share it with our club. The Rotary Club of Reedy River Greenville is your club. While I am honored to be your Club President, I look at myself as a cheerleader or a captain of a ship. I want to excite you, to cheer for you, listen to you, and help each of us stay on course. This year I will ask all members to take an active part in our club year: some to share your story, some to share your ideas/guidance, some to get active in a committee. I want this year to be FUN! I want you to have fun, and I want Rotary to change your life like it has mine.

Serve to Change Lives,

Bobby Brown,
President RC of Reedy River Greenville 21-22

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.

PO Box 25992
Greenville, SC 29616

Meeting Program/Speaker

By Ann H. Golden

7-13-21 - Club Assembly - **President Bobby's plan for the Rotary Year**

7-27-21 - **Bereavement/Hospice Care** - Kristin McClay of Amedisys Hospice

8-10-21 - Regular Meeting - **Membership is for Everyone!** - Cathy Harry, Membership Chair

8-24-21 - **Upcountry History "The Dark Corner"** - Darlene Parker, Greenville Historical Society

President In Waiting

The Club's Board of Directors recently approved the additional position of President-Nominee that will put our club in line with the District where they have the President, President-Elect, and a third level of ascension, President-Nominee.

An email ballot will soon be on its way to conduct the election of our next President-Nominee who will follow Bobby, then Cathy to the Club Presidency. The goal is to have continuity within the club and know a year in advance who will be President. The candidates are:

- Alan Calloway
- Michelle Stadler

Please submit your vote by **responding to the email you'll receive from Ed Irick** so we can get this important change in place for our club.

2022 Reedy River Duck Derby

By Edward F. Irick III

Can you believe that we have club members who have been in the club for two years and have only participated in virtual Reedy River Duck Derbies? This will change for the 2022 Derby because we are going get the ducks wet and race them over the falls in

Falls Park!

I feel confident that this will be our biggest and best Derby yet. My confidence is based on:

- my belief that the citizens of Greenville and the surrounding communities are ready for a **real** Duck Derby
- the Duck Derby is one of the most looked forward to community events of the year
- our club has an experienced cadre of veteran Derby racers who are ready to get back to a wet race
- lessons learned from virtual racing will serve us well
- all club members will jump in and take a roll in pulling off the Derby

The success of the Duck Derby, as always, depends on every club member taking an active role in support of the club's efforts. Once our initial planning efforts begin, you will be contacted by one of our team chairs for your support. This will happen very soon. Information will be forthcoming about each team, and this will help you decide how you can best help. The Derby is an **all hands on deck** club event so get Saturday, May 7, 2022, marked on your calendar so you'll be there to lend a hand. Let's make this our biggest and best Derby ever.

Let's start Quacking!

Pollinator Garden Update

By Meghan A. Coffey

Reedy River Rotary Club is heavily involved in the pollinator garden at Roper Mountain Science Center. Thanks to the continued efforts of club member Rebecca Evans to spearhead work teams, the pollinator garden is coming right along. There is another opportunity to water, weed, and maintain coming up on August 12, 2021. Sign up through DACdb.





2021-2022 Theme



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

It's a New Rotary Year - Welcome "***Serve to Change Lives***"

July 1 each year signals the arrival of a new Club President as well as newly minted members in other leadership positions within the club. Rotary International also takes on a fresh theme brought in with President Shekhar Mehta of the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar. Serve to Change Lives is Mehta's goal towards:

- Do more (as in service projects)
- Grow more (as in membership that allows you to do more)
- Empower girls

Reach out with your hand, heart, and soul to:

- Live for others
- Care for others
- Serve others

Mehta has lived a life of service and his hope is that all Rotarians will add renewed vigor to the service within their clubs. Our Reedy River Duck Derby will begin its planning phase soon and every one of us is needed to make it a success for our patrons and beneficiaries.

Walk to End Alzheimer's

Early Alert! Registration is now open for the Walk to End Alzheimer's Event on October 2, 2021, at Fluor Field. Our club is putting together at team and we want you to be part of it. Use the QR code to register.



Thank you . . .

Our new banner is thanks to our ever-talented Theresa Marchi! If you need any graphic design, she produces great product in a super timely fashion. Check out her company, [Affinity Studios](#), where her goal is to help small businesses achieve their goals by developing clear and consistent messaging through branding and other design services. Thank you, Theresa and Affinity Studios.

Rotary Trivia

What Albert Einstein quote was used by RI President Shekhar Mehta in his video Theme Address? Submit your answer [here](#).

Contribute to The Quacker

By Meghan A. Coffey

Do you have something for the newsletter? It's so easy to use DACdb to submit a story; just ask Ed Irick who says he can crash DACdb in a skinny minute. He wrote the Duck Derby story all by himself using the **Club ezStory** feature, and you can too!

Check your DACdb dashboard under the "**My Club**" tab to see if you, too, have **Club ezStory** and **Club ezBulletin** icons. If not, you can use the "**Settings**" cog to add them in. If you do have those icons, you're ready to go.

- Click on **Club ezStory**
- Click **Add Story** (upper right hand)
- There are two tabs
 - **Information**
 - **Story Content**
- **Information** tab: type a title in the **Story Name** field
- Click your cursor into the **Headline** field and it will copy the text from the Story Name field (or you can customize: main idea in Story Name, title of story in Headline)
- **Main Story Image**: add a picture, if you want, by uploading a file
- **Show Story In**: check ezBulletin
- **Enable comments**: recommend keeping that turned off - this is on the internet
- **Include**:

- check **Include Separator**
- **Byline** - check it if you want your name on the story (it makes sense if you write it to take credit for it)
- **Byline**: make sure your name appears from the drop-down list
- Click the **Story Content** tab (you'll see two word processing boxes) **use the top box only**; ignore the instructions about **summary** and **content**
- Type away
- Click **SAVE** button (upper right hand) or you'll lose all your hard work

And if you have any questions, reach out to Meg Coffey - 864-525-6681 or megcoffey@yahoo.com. Any ideas on how to improve the newsletter are always appreciated.

Club Meeting

The Reedy River Greenville
Meets at The Hilton Greenville (2nd & 4th Tuesdays Only)
45 W Orchard Park Dr
Greenville, SC 29615
NEW MAILING ADDRESS: PO BOX 25992, Greenville, SC 29616
Time: Tuesday at 05:30 PM

Club Leaders

[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

[Theresa Marchi](#)
iPast President

[Prudence Ann Taylor](#)
Secretary

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

[Sandy Wright](#)
Club Director