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"Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves"

President Message

By Pamela D. Vaughn

Rotarians,



Greetings and Happy New Year! I hope you will not consider 2020 a waste, but rather a chance to learn and grow. Learn what you can improve upon in your own life and grow in kindness and humanity towards others. 2020 humbled us all. It reminded us of the fragility of life. Our eyes were opened wider to the needs of those around us and those internationally. Many events have plagued us from when last year began until now. These include the pandemic, natural disasters, economic collapse, shortages, civil unrest, increased mental health conditions and suicides, increased abuse, challenges with learning and the list goes on and on. It's overwhelming. So much has and still is out of our control. We must keep in mind we can only control our actions and reactions.

Our service projects have went well despite a global pandemic. Blankets and socks have been distributed to our local veterans. The organizations were very appreciative of our contributions. The Salvation Army bell-ringer day was very successful. I appreciate everyone that has volunteered and donated time, money and services. At this time the board is working on details for Rotary Has Heart and how to apply grant money for Rise Against Hunger. We are looking to do a combination of local relief and a donation to the Rise Against Hunger organization. I also report that the Happy Feet project is moving along. Hauser shoes is working to source the shoes that will go to Woodfields Elementary students that need them. The school provided sizes and details of what is needed.

External fundraising is a bear this year. As you know our oyster roast was cancelled this year due to COVID. The golf tournament is still on for April 22, 2021. By April the board believes many vaccines will have been administered and people will be ready to get outdoors and do something enjoyable. Please help me make this tournament a success. We can do it, but I need more volunteers, particularly to help plan the details of the event alongside the Emerald City Club. I ain't too proud to beg!

We have made great gains in our Rotary giving. We already have 10 new Paul Harris Fellows (or level increases) and are at 138% of our goal for Polio Plus giving! Steady progress is being made with Annual Fund giving as well. We are just one shy of reaching our Benefactor goal. Great job club!

Thanks to the efforts of our membership committee and several others in our club, we have some new members on the horizon. Some are transfers to our community. Please welcome them and help acclimate them to our club and the region.

Bob Brewer, Courtney Furman, Susan Jackson and Deborah Parks will join us as new directors starting July 1, 2021 (officially). The rest of our officers for the next Rotary year will be chosen very soon. Thanks to them and those in our club willing to take on formal roles of leadership.

January meetings will be virtual, instead of in person. While I would prefer to see you all face to face, slowing the spread and keeping our members healthy is critical. Please join us via Zoom for our next two meetings. Blessings to you in this year ahead!

In Rotary,

Pamela Vaughn
Club President

Membership Committee Report

By Samuel Madden Leaman III on Monday, December 7, 2020

MEMBERSHIP PROSPECTS THE KEY TO MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

Rotary is a membership organization whose product is service. Without members we cannot serve. In order to meet our membership goal this year we must induct at least 20 more new members. We will need more if our attrition exceeds our three-year average.

According to the 10-3-1 rule, it takes ten prospects to have three meaningful conversations about Rotary which will hopefully result in one new member. Using this rule, we must identify 200 new prospects! So far, we have identified 32. We've got a long way to go. George will continue his prospecting efforts so be prepared with some names and contact information of people that you think would make great Rotarians.

MEMBERSHIP GOAL

One more word about our membership growth goal. President Pam has set the goal for her year to be +3. According to the District and based on a three-year average, our club will lose 18 members this year. That means we must bring in 21 new members to meet the goal. So far, we've only been able to bring in two. The Membership Committee could use your help.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Five members terminated at the end of the calendar year.

They are: Ti Barnes, Ray Brooks, Zach Horne, Heather Jones and Matt Reynolds.

This brings our total membership to 108, or minus 5 for the year.

Current Membership Status:

Start	Added	Terminated	Current	Gain	Net Membership Gain Goal: +3
113	2	7	108	-5	

Service Projects

By Kendall Miles Gunter

Service Projects

November 2020 - December 2020:

Sock and Blanket Drive for Local Veterans

Our Club leadership has successfully donated blankets and hundreds of warm socks to local Veterans that have been effected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Thank you to all that donated socks and blankets. We were able to donate about 20 blankets and hundreds of socks to local nursing homes, Veteran's hospital and a hospice organization -- all serving veterans.



December 2020:

Salvation Army Annual Bell Ringing

On Friday, December 18, volunteers from our club rang the Salvation Army bell at the old Walmart all throughout the day. Thank you to those that signed up to give of your time during the busy holiday season!



January 2021:

Rise Against Hunger -- Canceled

Funding to be donated to **Rise Against Hunger and to local food providers.**
More information to come.

February 2021 - March 2021:

Rotary Has Heart

The Club is looking for ways to socially distance and to stay safe during this food packing event. Be on the lookout for more details to come and how you can get involved.

Club News

******* NO LIVE MEETINGS IN JANUARY *******

Our January 12th meeting will be via Zoom (**no live meeting**). It will be recorded and posted to our Facebook page ([Rotary Club of Greenwood](#)).

Please join us on Zoom.

Time: Jan. 12, 2021 12:30 PM

Click on the following link (or paste in your browser) to join:

[GRC Meeting Link](#)

Meeting ID: 864 344 0217

Passcode: pR6199

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Attendance

Please email our Sgt-at-Arms and Attendance Chair, Jimmy Burton (jimmyburton@hotmail.com) if you virtually attend a meeting, or if you have a make-up. He will get your attendance posted.

Upcoming Programs

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Jan. 12, 2021 Adult Drug Court, Brian King of David Stumbo's office


Jan. 26, 2021 Pottery Trail (Laura Bachinski)

Feb. 9, 2021 Charter Program (Lunch w/ awards, no speaker)

Feb. 23, 2021 Governor's School for Agriculture

Charity Committee Highlights

By Watson L. Dorn Jr. on Sunday, January 10, 2021

 The Rotary Foundation Report Thanks to the Kauffmann's generous match of gifts to PolioPlus. To donate to TRF online, see Donate Via My Rotary document on DACdb (My Club > Club Files > Secure Files > My Rotary Aids)			
ITEM	GOAL	CURRENT	%
Annual Fund	\$14,375	\$5,397	38%
PolioPlus	\$4,255	\$5,871	138%
PHF or increased level	15	6	40%
New Benefactors	2	1	50%
EREY	111	35	32%
All Time Giving to TRF	\$500,000	\$494,024	(\$5,976)




Give to the virtual CART Bucket

now online:

Our club has been a supporter of The CART Fund (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust) for many years. To give to CART online:

1. Go to www.mycartfund.org.
2. Enter your DACdb User Name & Password
3. Click on the dark blue sign-in (Current User) button

Click on the **Donate TODAY!** button.

If you don't have your DACdb credentials, you can use the light blue button to **Create an Account** and you'll be asked for our District ID (7750) and our club name (Greenwood).

Birthdays



Frank J. Wideman III
December 22nd



Robert L. Greer
December 27th



Stephen R. Gantt
January 7th



Steven Odom Jr.
January 9th

Years of Service



G. William Thomason
42 Years



William Arthur Reynolds
25 Years



Eric W. Taylor
19 Years



Jeffrey Lyle Smith
5 Years

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Four
Way
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The Four Way Test

of the things we think, say and do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?