



September 23, 2021

## Invocation and Pledge George Crow

## Health and Happiness- Holly Swan

### Speakers

September 23rd

[Anna Gelbman Edmonds](#)

An Update on "The F Suite," a magazine focused on empowering female entrepreneurs and business owners

October 7th

[COL \(USA, Ret.\) Kevin Scwedo, Exec. Dir. SC Dept. of Motor Vehicles](#)

Update on SC Department of Motor Vehicles

September 30th

[Coach Ray Tanner](#)

Update on UofSC Athletics

October 21st

[Spring Valley Nut Kick-off](#)

Nut Kick-off

### Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

### Wedding Anniversaries

[Michael J Burney](#)

September 24th

### Years of Service

Mary Othella Stover

1 Year

## UofSC Athletic Director, Ray Tanner, To Speak At Spring Valley Rotary

By Michael J Burney on Monday, August 16, 2021



University of South Carolina Athletic Director, Ray Tanner, is slated to be the featured speaker at the Spring Valley Rotary Club Meeting, September 30.

Tanner is in his ninth year guiding the Gamecocks' athletics programs. After a long and highly successful career as Carolina's baseball coach, Tanner officially began his new duties on Aug. 2, 2012.

On April 29, 2019, Tanner was awarded a contract extension by the USC Board of Trustees, keeping him in the athletics director chair until 2024.

In addition to his athletics director duties, Tanner has taken an active role on campus, taking a leadership position with the University's response to the recent COVID-19 pandemic as well as serving in a formal capacity as a student mentor at South Carolina.

Tanner's tenure is the third longest as athletics director in Gamecocks history, behind only Rex Enright (13 years) and Mike McGee (12 years).

Under Tanner's watch, Gamecock student-athletes have achieved tremendous success in intercollegiate athletic competition, in the classroom and in the community.

Gamecock student-athletes excel in the classroom. They have posted a cumulative 3.0 grade point average or better in 27-consecutive semesters. More than 1,700 Gamecock student-athletes have earned SEC Academic Honor Roll status since 2015, the most in the league during that time. The departmental GPA of 3.700 in Spring 2020 was a school record, topping the previous mark of 3.338 set in Spring 2019.

Under Tanner's watch, the Gamecocks have won two national championships (2014 equestrian, 2017 women's basketball), 15 SEC regular season and tournament championships and have posted three of the top six

finishes in the Learfield IMG College Directors' Cup All-Sports Standings in school history. In 2016-17, the Gamecocks placed 21st and followed that up in 2017-18 with a 26th place finish before logging a 22nd place finish in 2018-19.

As either the head baseball coach or athletics director, 20 of South Carolina's 27 SEC regular season and tournament championships and four of the Gamecocks' seven national championships have come under Tanner.

For each of the past five years, Carolina has claimed the Certified SC Grown Palmetto Series, sponsored by the South Carolina Department of Agriculture. The series consists of athletic, community service and academic points in head-to-head matchups against Clemson. South Carolina has never lost the series to the Tigers since it became a sponsored event.

### Club Meeting

Spring Valley  
(Columbia)  
Meets at Northeast  
Presbyterian Church  
601 Polo Road  
Columbia, SC 29223  
Time: Thursday at  
01:00 PM



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### Club Leaders

**Michael J Burney**  
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**Peter J. Stahl**  
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Sergeant-at-Arms

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**William Keith Chichester**  
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**Holly Swan**  
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Member  
Youth Services Chair

**Diane Wood Junis**  
Club Public Image  
Chair

**Lindsay B Agostini**  
Service Projects  
Chair

**Brian P. Dunphy**  
Membership  
Chair/Board Member

**Anna Paige DuRant**  
Service Projects  
Chair

**Ted Rausch**  
Club Foundation  
Chair

**Belinda Portnall**  
iPast President

**Sandra J. Olson**  
Assistant Governor

### Events

No Events found

During Tanner's first eight years as the athletics director, the Gamecocks have had 34 teams finish in the Top 10 and 72 finish in the Top 25. During the 2019-20 school year, including sport seasons that were stopped due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Carolina had four teams ranked in the Top 10 and six teams in the Top 25. Women's basketball concluded the season ranked number one in the nation, while equestrian finished fourth, women's soccer was sixth, women's golf seventh, softball was 15th and men's tennis was 23rd.

## 12 New Members Inducted Into Spring Valley Rotary

By Michael J Burney on Wednesday, September 22, 2021

Please welcome our latest members!  
Former member, Bruce Bakaj rejoins us as an Impact member!

- We welcome Stephanie Portnall, Belinda Portnall's daughter!
- Paula Birch Billingsley of Columbia, author, lawyer, blogger, tutor and Mom!
- Misha Gore of the Royal Descendant's Community Outreach Center!
- Henry Mack, owner, Clean Auto Detailing and Restoration!
- Shelly Dunphy, wife of member Brian Dunphy!
- Connor Burney, one of member Michael Burney's sons!
- Claudia McMillian, Senior HR Account Manager at Randstad USA!
- Camisha Mitchell-Harrod, Licensed Realtor at JP and Associates REALTOR!
- Lisa Burney, wife of member Michael Burney!
- Experienced educator, Karen Vassell!
- Carolina Wilson, Founder of Healthzone Wellness, LLC!

Now is a great time to submit names to be some of the first members of the soon to be chartered companion club, *Impact By Rotary*.



## Reminders

**Please consider donating to CART.** The CART Fund has rolled out a new portal ([www.mycartfund.org](http://www.mycartfund.org)) which will allow clubs and individuals to make contributions electronically. The process will be safe and secure.

INVITE YOUR GUESTS NOW for Ray Tanner, September 30th!!!

MEALS ON WHEELS - Sign up now.