



THE QUACKER

Newsletter of the Rotary Club of the Reedy River Greenville

January 21, 2024

Events

January 23rd
[The Reedy River Greenville Weekly Club Meeting](#)

February 10th
[The Reedy River Greenville: Habitat for Humanity](#)

February 13th
[The Reedy River Greenville Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Years of Service

No Years of Service Found

Birthdays

Randy S. Jacobs
January 4th
Jordan Mahaffey
January 23rd
Elizabeth Clarke
January 31st

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

Club Meeting Location



Club Meetings are held at Holly Tree Country Club in Simpsonville. Come join us at 5:30pm for socializing, followed by the meeting at 6pm. The address is 500 Golf Club Drive, Simpsonville, SC. **Some GPS apps do not map correctly if you select "Holly Tree Country Club."** Be sure to use the address to get to the correct location.

REMINDER: Beginning January 1, 2024, Club dues no longer cover the cost of your meal at meetings. Any items ordered at Holly Tree Country Club, whether food or drink, are the responsibility of the ordering Club Member.

Meeting Program/Speaker

By Ann H. Golden

- 1-23-24 - Regular meeting - **Voter Registration/Greenville County Elections** - Conway Belangia, Director of Greenville County Elections
- 2-13-24 - Regular meeting - **Soteria** - Jerry Blassingame, Founder and CEO
- 2-27-24 - Regular meeting - **As Is: An Insider's Guide to Real Estate** - Joan Herlong, Joan Herlong & Associates
- 3-12-24 - Regular meeting - **Re-Wa** - Chad Lawson, Director of Communications
- 3-26-24 - Regular meeting - **Honduras Water Projects** - Emilio Porras, President-Elect, Mauldin Rotary Club
- 4-9-24 - Regular meeting - **CART** - Bill Shillito, Past District Governor, Dist. 7670
- 4-23-24 - Regular meeting - **On Track Greenville** - Taylor Dockter, Assistant Director
- 5-14-24 - Regular meeting - **Derby Celebration**
- 5-28-24 - Regular meeting - **Rotary Youth Exchange and RYLA Candidates** - Wade Cleveland, District RYE Chair
- 6-11-24 - Regular meeting - **Zonta Club of Greenville** - Elaine Braeuning, District Chair
- 6-25-24 - Regular meeting - **Awards and Installation**

Voter Registration/Greenville County Elections - Conway Belangia, Director of Elections



Joseph "Conway" Belangia was born in Charleston, SC, and grew up in St. Stephen, SC. He received a B.S. Degree from the University of South Carolina. After working for the Division of Research and Statistical Services, he worked as Public Information Officer for the State Election Commission. Since 1992, Conway has served Greenville County as Director of Voter Registration and Elections.

Conway is married to Deedie and they have two sons, Brad and Joseph. They are active in Mauldin Methodist Church. Conway was a high school sports official for over 40 years (recently retired). He is an avid Gamecock.

This Month is . . .

Vocational Service Month

Rotarians are encouraged to focus on this important avenue of Rotary service. Discussions on vocational service can lead to projects that not only develop the ethical consciousness and vocational skills of Rotarians but also the talents within their communities.

You Can Serve - Join In!

Please remember to RSVP for these events on [DACdb.co](https://www.dacdb.co)

Events are tapering down as we gear up for the 20th Annual Reedy River Duck Derby. Please save the date for the Stripping and Tagging party on April 30, 2024. All hands on deck and friends and family are welcome. More details will be provided.

If you are not on a Duck Derby Committee, now is the time to get involved. Talk with Head Duck, Eric Krichbaum, to find a committee that utilizes your strengths.

2-10-24 - 8am - 2pm - Habitat for Humanity - Club members will assist with building/finishing the interior of a home. Volunteers will break for a **bring-your-own** lunch at 11:30. The home is located in the Nicholtown neighborhood at 121 McCullough. However, GPS may not have that address in the system. Therefore, **use 502 Ramsey Drive as the address which will get you close to the location**. Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization that helps families build and improve places to call home. They believe affordable housing plays a critical role in strong and stable communities.

3-2-24 - 9am - Noon - Adopt-A-Road - Club members will be picking up trash along Conestee Lake Road. This event will fulfill the Club's quarterly obligation to pick up trash as participants in the Greenville County Adopt-A-Road program. For planning purposes, the event is expected to start at 9 and end by noon. Plan to meet at the parking lot at 202 Conestee Road (in front of Bosco Baby's Restaurant and Catering). Wear clothes appropriate for picking up trash, bring a hat if it is sunny. All other supplies will be provided.

Ongoing - times/days vary - The Children's Museum of the Upstate (TCMU) - One to three volunteers (you and your friends, or be partnered up with others) can help with:

- steamWORKS
- Facilities & Exhibits
- Brain Bag Prep

Sign up at the [TCMU website](https://www.tcmu.org) and then let [Eric Krichbaum](mailto:eric.krichbaum@rotary.org) know your hours and date(s) of service so it can be added to the Club's community service tracking spreadsheet.

A Derby Duck and a Jeep



Revised Bylaws Approved

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2024

By Alan Calloway

I look forward to this year as we continue making an impact with our volunteer opportunities like the Trees Upstate and our big push towards the 20th Anniversary of our Duck Derby. I am also excited to have our new By-Laws approved by the Board. These new By-Laws (below and on DACdb) also have the new Membership Levels and Dues Structure included in them for everyone to have access to. I am encouraged that these changes will help make our club and Rotary more accessible for people who want to serve our community. These By-Laws are also in our Club's Archives on DACdb. Select:

- My Club
- Club Files
- Click the "Public" tab

We will also have our elections for Director and President Nominee for the years 26-27 at our next club meeting. This year will be a special year as we make our impact on our community and the world through the efforts of our club and its members.

Bylaws of the Rotary Club of the Reedy River Greenville

Revised as of: January of 2024

Article 1 Definitions

1. Board: The Board of Directors of this club. The Board consists of elected officers and directors that are responsible for guiding the club.
2. Director: A member of this club's Board of Directors appointed to serve for a slated amount of time.
3. Member: A member, other than an honorary member, of this club is a fully-vetted person who belongs to the club and has voting privileges when there's a club vote required.
4. Quorum: One-third of the club membership; a majority of directors for the Board.
5. RI: Rotary International.
6. Year: The 12-month period that begins on 1 July.
7. RYLA: Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Conference
8. Reedy River Rotary Club Charities: Doing business for the Greenville Evening Rotary Charities.

Article 2 Powers of the Board

Section 1 " The Board directs and controls the affairs of the Rotary Club of the Reedy River Greenville by (a) establishing policy, (b) evaluating implementation of policy, and (c) exercising such other powers conferred by the constitution and bylaws.

Section 2 " The Board has established the Reedy River Rotary Club Charities, a 501c(3), which shall be operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes by the Board of the Reedy River Rotary Club Charities in accordance with its articles of incorporation and bylaws. The articles of incorporation and bylaws can be amended by the Charities Board only with the additional consent of the Rotary Club of the Reedy River Greenville Board.

Section 3 " The governing body of this club is the Board consisting of 9-11 members of this club, namely the president, immediate past president, president-elect, secretary, treasurer, charities treasurer, sergeant-at-arms, and 4 directors. Election shall be in accordance with Article 4, Section 1 of these bylaws.

Article 3 Nominations, Elections and Terms

Section 1 " One month prior to elections, members will nominate candidates for president-nominee, secretary, treasurer, sergeant-at-arms, charities treasurer, and any open director positions. The nominations may be presented by a nominating committee (see Article 9), by members from the floor, or both. The slate of candidates shall be voted upon by the membership at the following club meeting and be installed at the annual meeting, typically the last meeting in June.

Section 2 " The nominating committee shall have a slate of nominated candidates for the club to vote on prior to January 1.

Section 3 " The candidate who receives a majority of the votes for each office is declared elected to that office.

Section 4 " A vacancy of any officer-elect position or director-elect position shall be filled by a Board appointed club member to finish out the remainder of the unexpired Rotary year.

Section 5 " Terms of office for each role are as follows:

Director 1 " 2 Years

Director 2 " 2 Years

Director 3 " 3 Years

Director 4 " 3 Years

Charities Treasurer " 3 Years

Club Treasurer " 3 Years

Secretary " 3 Years

Sergeant-at-arms " 1 Year (Appointed by President)

President-Elect " 1 Year, Progression to President the following year

President " 1 Year, Progression to Immediate Past President the following year

Immediate Past President " 1 Year

Article 4 Duties of the Officers

Section 1 " President. The president shall preside at club and Board meetings and perform other duties as ordinarily pertain to the office of President.

Section 2 " Immediate Past President. The immediate past president shall serve as a director and as a member of the Nominating Committee

Section 3 " President-elect. The president-elect shall prepare for their year in office and serve as a director.

Section 4 " Directors. A director shall attend club and Board meetings, advise the Board based on their knowledge and experience in Rotary, and participate in Board votes.

Section 5 " Sargent-of-Arms. The Sargent-of-Arms shall attend club meetings and help the in greeting the guest and members as they arrive and help with distribution and collecting of the Happy Bucks and CART buckets. The Sargent-of-Arms will also attend the Board meetings and help advise the Board based on their knowledge and experience in Rotary, and participate in Board votes.

Section 6 " Secretary. The secretary shall keep membership and attendance records; record attendance at meetings; send out notices of club, and Board meetings; record and preserve the minutes of such meetings; and report changes in memberships to RI.

Section 7 " Treasurer. The treasurer shall oversee all funds and provide annual accounting of these funds. Upon retirement from office, the treasurer shall turn over to the incoming treasurer or to the president all funds, books of account, or any other club property. The club treasurer shall not serve as charities treasurer in the same year.

Section 8 " Charities Treasurer. The charities treasurer shall oversee all funds and provide annual accounting of these funds for the Reedy River Rotary Club Charities account (see Article 2. Section

2). Upon retirement from office, the charities treasurer shall turn over to the incoming charities treasurer or to the president all funds, books of account, or any other club property. The charities treasurer shall not serve as club treasurer in the same year.

Section 9 " Board members may perform additional duties as assigned.

Article 5 Meetings

Section 1 " Annual Meeting. An annual meeting of this club shall be held no later than 30 June to induct the new officers and directors who will serve for the next Rotary year.

Section 2 " The regular meetings of this club are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month at 6:00 P.M. Reasonable notice of any change or cancellation of the regular meeting shall be given to all club members.

Section 3 " One-third of the membership shall constitute a quorum at the annual and 4 regular meetings of this club.

Section 4 " Board meetings are held monthly. Special meetings of the Board are called with reasonable notice by the president or upon the request of two directors, due notice having been given.

Section 5 " A majority of the Board members shall constitute a quorum of the Board.

Section 6 " In the circumstance that meetings cannot be in-person for reasons such as safety or a loss of location, meetings may be held virtually via web conferencing.

Article 6 Fees and Dues

Section 1 " The application fee shall be paid before the applicant can qualify as a member.

Section 2 " Each member is encouraged to make a voluntary minimum \$25 per quarter contribution to the Rotary Foundation to become a Sustaining Member of Rotary International. This optional donation shall be invoiced quarterly with membership dues, or otherwise as the member may designate.

Section 3 " Membership dues shall consist of RI per capita dues, subscription fees to "The Rotarian" magazine, district per capita dues, club annual dues, and any other Rotary or district per capita assessment. These dues will cost \$550.00 annually. Each member is encouraged to attend each regularly scheduled meetings.

Section 4 " Family Membership shall be available to spouses or children of a Rotarian. In a Family Membership, both the primary and secondary family members pay the RI and District dues. The primary will pay the full cost of the club dues, while the secondary will cover a smaller amount of the club dues, and are each encouraged to make a donation to the Rotary Foundation. The primary Family Member dues will cost \$550.00 and each additional Family Member's dues will be \$220 annually. Each member is encouraged to attend each regularly scheduled meetings.

Section 5 " Corporate Membership shall be available to employees of a Rotarian that have their own business. In a Corporate membership, both the primary (owner and sponsor) and all secondary members (employees) pay the RI and District dues. The primary will pay the full cost of the club dues, while the secondary will cover a smaller amount of the club dues and are each encouraged to make a donation to the Rotary Foundation. The primary Corporate Membership dues will cost \$550.00 and each additional secondary Corporate Associate Member's dues will be \$220 annually. Each member is encouraged to attend each regularly scheduled meetings.

Section 6 " Associate Membership shall be available to new Rotarians who are less than 32 years old. This option is only until a member turns 32. Associate Members shall pay the RI, District, a smaller amount of the club dues, and are required to contribute a minimum of 6 hours of community service per quarter. These members are each encouraged to make a donation to the Rotary Foundation. The Associate Member dues will be \$220 annually. Each member is encouraged to attend each regularly scheduled meetings.

Section 7 " An Active Membership is available for those members who do not wish to attend any of the regularly scheduled meeting and would just like to volunteer. These members shall pay the RI, District, a smaller amount of the club dues, and are required to contribute a minimum of 6 hours of community service per quarter. These members are each encouraged to make a donation to the Rotary Foundation. The Active Membership dues will be \$220 annually.

Section 8 " Leave of Absence is available for those members who have health or other unfortunate reasons that will not allow them to participate in club meetings and activities for a short amount of time. These members shall pay the RI, District, and a smaller amount of the club dues. These members are encouraged to make a donation to the Rotary Foundation. These Leave of Absence member's dues will be \$55.00 quarterly.

Section 9 " Membership dues shall be payable in accordance with the policies of the club as established by the Board.

Section 10 " The Board reserves the right to waive portions of dues in increments of 3 months that need to be re-voted on at their discretion, should an active Rotarian apply for financial hardship relief. This relief shall not extend for more than 12 months.

Article 7 Method of Voting The business of this club is conducted by voice vote, written vote, or show of hands except for the election of officers and directors, which is conducted by ballot. The Board may provide a written or electronic ballot for a vote on a specific resolution.

Article 8 Committees

Section 1 " Club committees coordinate their efforts in order to achieve the club's annual and long-range goals. The president-elect, president, and immediate past president should work together to ensure continuity of leadership and succession planning. The president-elect is responsible for appointing committee members to fill vacancies, appointing committee chairs, and conducting planning meetings prior to 30th June. The club will consist of the following committees:

- Club Administration - This committee should conduct activities associated with the effective operation of the club.
- Membership - This committee should develop and implement a comprehensive plan for the recruitment and retention of members and report necessary plans and reports to the District. Membership works closely with the Secretary to update club records with prospective and inducted members.
- Public Relations (PR) - This committee should develop and implement plans to provide the public with information about Rotary and to promote the club's service projects and activities. PR is also tasked with the internal promotion and recognition of events and activities to help Rotarians stay engaged.
- Rotary Foundation - This committee should develop and implement plans to support The Rotary Foundation through financial contributions and participation in programs and projects.
- Service Projects - This committee should develop and implement educational, humanitarian, and vocational projects that address the needs of the club's community and communities in other countries.
- Nominating - This committee shall be comprised of the President, Past President, one Director, one club member at-large, and the Club Administration chairperson. The sitting President shall preside.
- Programming " This committee shall be responsible for organizing the meeting's program and speakers.
- RYLA - This committee shall be responsible for having a call for RYLA applications, interviewing applicants, and approving and supporting the students that will represent the club at RYLA per the club budget.

Section 2 " Additional committees may be appointed as needed.

Section 3 " The president shall be ex officio a member of all committees and, as such, shall have all the privileges of membership.

Section 4 " Except where special authority is given by the Board, committees shall not take action until a report has been made and approved by the Board. The president or the Board shall refer additional business to a specific committee as needed.

Section 5 " Each chair shall be responsible for regular meetings and activities of the committee, shall supervise and coordinate the work of the committee, and shall report to the Board on all committee activities.

Article 9 Leave of Absence

Section 1 " Upon written application to the Board, setting forth good and sufficient cause, leave of absence may be granted excusing a member from attending the meetings of the club for a specified length of time in increments of 3 months and can be reviewed at the end of the term. The member must be in good standing with the club prior to going on LOA. During this time, the member will pay all dues. After 3 months, the status will need to be re-approved by the Board for an extension and shall not extend a total of 12 months consecutively.

Section 2 " Such leave of absence does operate to prevent a forfeiture of membership; it does not operate to give the club credit for the member's attendance. Unless the member attends a regular meeting of some other club, the excused member must be recorded as absent except that absence authorized under the provisions of the Rotary Club of the Reedy River Greenville Constitution is not computed in the attendance record of the club.

Section 3 " General Responsibilities Member:

- Upon written application to the BOD, setting forth good and sufficient cause, a leave of absence may be granted, with or without conditions, excusing a member from attending the regular weekly meetings of the Club for a specified length of time, up to one year.
- The member must submit a written application to the BOD to return from a leave of absence 30 days prior to the expiration date of the leave of absence.

- The BOD may grant or deny the member's application for a leave of absence or a return from a leave of absence at its sole discretion, with or without conditions, and without explanation.
- While on leave of absence, all dues must be paid in full.
- Members on a leave of absence may attend meetings and events as their circumstances permit.
- A member's voting privilege is suspended, and the member cannot serve in a leadership position during the period of the leave of absence.
- While it is the board's intent not to grant a leave of absence or an extension that extends beyond 12 months, the Board understands there may be extenuating circumstances that should be addressed.
- When granted a return from a leave of absence, the member shall enjoy all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of club membership.
- If the application for a return from a leave of absence is denied by the Board of Directors, the member shall continue to be on a leave of absence until the date the absence was due to expire, after which the member's membership in the club shall terminate automatically unless the BOD takes exceptional action. Board of Directors (BOD).
- The BOD shall consider and vote on a member's written application for a leave of absence at the regularly scheduled meeting of the BOD following receipt of the application. President:
- When a leave of absence request is approved by the BOD, the President shall notify the member in writing and include the following information:
 - The specific date the leave of absence expires.
 - The club's policy regarding payment of dues and the continued requirement to pay dues in full during a leave of absence.
 - A description of general policy guidelines related to leave of absence including but not limited to:
 - o Members on leave of absence are welcome to attend regular club meetings and club activities, however, they will not have the privilege of serving in a club leadership position nor will they have the right to vote,
 - o A written request to the BOD for a return from or extension of a leave of absence is required 30 days prior to the expiration date of the leave of absence,
 - o While the BOD is guided by administrative policy regarding members taking a leave of absence, the BOD understands that from time to time extenuating circumstances may influence the conditions of an individual's leave and therefore the BOD suggests the member maintain open communications with the president of the club regarding any changes in their specific leave that may require support and or action by the BOD.
- If the member's application to return from a leave of absence is approved, the President shall notify the member.
- If the member's application to return from a leave of absence is disapproved, the President shall notify the member in writing.

Article 10 Finances

Section 1 " Prior to each fiscal year, the Board shall prepare an annual budget of estimated income and expenditures, which shall stand as the limit of expenditures for these purposes, unless otherwise ordered by action of the Board. The budget shall be broken into two separate parts: one of club operations and one of charitable/service operations.

Section 2 " The treasurer shall deposit club funds in financial institution(s) designated by the Board, divided into two parts: funds received as dues (subdivided by club operations and service projects) and funds received as donation or earning for Reedy River Rotary Club Charities, which shall be turned over to the treasurer of the Charities fund for deposit in a separate account.

Section 3 " Bills are paid by the treasurer or another authorized officer when approved by the President and another officer.

Section 4 " A thorough annual review of all financial transactions shall be completed by a qualified person.

Section 5 " An annual financial statement of the club shall be provided to club members.

Section 6 " The fiscal year is from 1 July to 30 June the following calendar year. The collection of dues shall be divided into four (4) quarterly periods extending from 1 July to 30 September, from 1 October to 31 December, from 1 January to 31 March, and from 1 April to 30 June. The payment of per capita dues and RI official magazine subscriptions shall be made on 1 July and 1 January of each year on the basis of the membership of the club on those dates.

Article 11 Method of Electing Members

Section 1 " A member may provide a candidate's application to the President or Membership Chair, where the Membership Chair will present the application to the Board. A transferring or former member of another club may also be proposed for membership by the former club. The proposal is kept confidential unless the Board instructs otherwise.

Section 2 " The Board shall ensure that the candidate meets all of Rotary's membership requirements.

Section 3 " The Board shall approve or reject the candidate's membership within 30 days and

shall notify the proposer of its decision. During these 30 days, the club's members will be notified of the proposed candidate and will have 7 days to address any known or unknown issues that will help in the Board's final decision.

Section 4 " If the decision of the Board is favorable, the prospective member is invited to join the club, educated about Rotary and membership requirements, and formally inducted into the club.

Section 5 " Following the approval of the new member, the Membership Chair shall work with the Program Chair and President to arrange for the new member's induction. The Secretary shall update the new member information to RI and the Membership Chair will assign a member to assist with the new member's assimilation to the club through the Red Badge Program.

Section 6 " The club may elect honorary members proposed to the Board by a club member.

Article 12 Resolutions Any resolutions or motions to commit the club to any position or action must first be reviewed and approved by the Board. If resolutions or motions are first offered at a club meeting, they shall be sent to the Board without discussion.

Article 13 Amendments These Bylaws may be amended by a committee appointed by the president, consisting of two Board members and one regular member. Changing the club bylaws first requires approval by the Board. The second, requirement following the Board approval is that written notice be sent to each member 10 days before the meeting it will be voted on, that a quorum be present for the vote, and that two-thirds of the votes support the change. Changes to these bylaws must be consistent with the Standard Rotary Club Constitution, the RI Constitution and Bylaws, and the Rotary Code of Policies.

Contribute to The Quacker

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

Club Mailing Address

Please use this address for all club correspondence, remitting dues (unless you pay online), and Duck Derby business.

Rotary Club of Reedy River Greenville
Box # 500
325 Rocky Slope Rd, Suite 104
Greenville, SC 29607

Speakers

Club Meeting

The Reedy River Greenville
Meets at Holly Tree Country Club (2nd & 4th Tuesdays Only)
500 Golf Club Dr.
Simpsonville, SC 29681
Time: Tuesday at 05:30 PM

Club Leaders

[Alan Stewart Calloway](#)
President

[Laurie M. Rapp](#)
Treasurer

[Ann H. Golden](#)
Club Director
Club Programs Chair

[Tanisha Elder-Kirk](#)
Sergeant-at-Arms
Membership Chair

[Rachel Rutkowski](#)
President-Elect

[Mark William Bacon](#)
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[Rami Elmarkiz-Sami Michael](#)
Club Director

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Assistant District Governor

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RYLA Chair

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