

# THE GREENWOOD ROTARIAN

FEBRUARY 2026

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*Small acts, when multiplied by many, can transform the world.*



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As we gather each week, I am reminded why Rotary matters so deeply. Our club is more than meetings and projects – it is a circle of neighbors, leaders, and friends committed to making a difference right here in our community and around the world.

**WE ARE PEOPLE OF ACTION!**

In honor of **Dolly Parton's 80th birthday**, a celebration is being held on Saturday, February 28, from 11 am to 12 pm, at Greenwood County Library. Families with young children are invited to help celebrate Dolly Parton and the joy of reading at this fun, family-friendly event.

At the March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting we will meet 30 minutes before, and 30 minutes afterwards if needed, to **pack 50 more Dignity Bags** for the girls at Westview.

Let's get together on March 19<sup>th</sup> for **Rotary Has Heart** at the Northside Baptist Church with the Emerald Rotary Club at 4 PM to set up and packing to begin at 5:30 pm.

Please put on your calendar now.

Kind regards,

Meurt Jackson



*Service Membership- Hearts for Hospice*

## This Month

**February 10:** Chris Thomas,  
GLEAMNS Dr. Benjamin E. Mays  
Historical Preservation Site

**February 24:** Phillip Wingard,  
Pottersville

Club Meetings: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays • 12:00 PM  
Main Event @ Sports Break

Zoom Meeting ID: 968 1461 8242  
Passcode: 286476

## YOUR ROTARY LEADERSHIP

**President:** Meurt Jackson  
**President-Elect:** Chuck Davidson  
**Vice President:** John Heydel  
**Secretary:** Watson Dorn  
**Treasurer:** Bonnie Ashley  
**Program Chair:** Jessica Garcia  
**Administration:** Christi Loudon

# FROM THE BOARD

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## UPDATES FROM BOARD MEETINGS & COMMITTEES

- Reports were provided and review on membership status, members with delinquent dues, and financial statements for January and year to date.
- A motion was passed to budget the printing of a business card about our club for members to hand-out to acquaintances and potential members.
- Discussion was held on upcoming service projects and our dinner fundraiser this Spring.
- Status of the completion of our current District Grant and plans for a new grant application.
- Discussion and status were held on our GHS Interact Club.
- George McKinney will be heading our Lithium Battery service project and is assisting Jessica with our Service Membership group.
- Diane Gillespe will be chairing our Attendance/Welcome Committee and Rick Faulks will be introducing meeting guest.
- Bettie Rose Horne will become our Program Chair effective with our April meeting going forward.

### WILL YOU SHARE YOUR ROTARY STORY?

We are seeking members to share their Rotary Story at our upcoming meetings. We would love to hear from you!

### JUST ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS...

1. Start with Why You Joined
2. Share Your First Rotary Experience
3. Highlight Meaningful Involvement
4. Explain What Rotary Has Given You
5. Share What You've Helped Accomplish
6. End with Why You Stay (and Why Others Should Join)



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# OTHER NEWS

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## PEOPLE IN ACTION



## MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

Membership growth isn't about numbers—it's about people.

New members bring:

- Fresh ideas and perspectives
- Future leadership potential
- Additional skills and talents
- More hands for bigger projects
- Greater fundraising capacity

Most importantly, Rotary's value comes from its network:

- More members = more value for everyone
- Fewer members = less value for everyone

Members gain access to:

- Support for personal and professional challenges
- Broader connections beyond Rotary
- A lasting, reliable network built on integrity

## LOOKING AHEAD

 [Rotary Leadership Institute \(RLI\)](#)  
Grow your Rotary knowledge and leadership skills:

- Mar 7 – Anderson (Parts I, II & III)

 [Rotary Has Heart](#)

 Thursday, March 19

 4:00 PM

 Northside Baptist Church, Greenwood

 [Lithium-Ion Battery Recycling Event](#)

 Saturday, April 18

 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

 Northside Baptist Church, Greenwood

If you meet someone interested in learning more about Rotary, please send their information to [Watson Dorn](#).