

### **A note from Meurt Jackson, *President***

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As we welcome the month of May, we are reminded that spring is a season of renewal, growth, and gratitude — values that reflect the very spirit of Rotary.

This month, I want to thank each of you for the service, fellowship, and generosity you bring to our club and our community. Whether through projects, meetings, mentoring, or simply showing up with a willing heart, you continue to make a meaningful difference. Please continue to support our efforts by attending our BBQ Bash this Saturday at Fat Daddy's. The evening will feature a silent auction of beautiful bowls and handcrafted woodwork created by the Greenwood Woodworkers Guild, with proceeds benefiting our community. Special thanks to Richard Green for gathering these wonderful pieces for the auction.

May is also a wonderful time to reflect on how far we've come together this Rotary year. The relationships we've strengthened, the lives we've touched, and the good we've accomplished are all because of your dedication and commitment to "Service Above Self."

As we move toward the close of our Rotary year, let's continue inviting others into the mission and fellowship of Rotary. Small acts of kindness and connection often create the greatest impact. Discovery Rotary is scheduled for May 21, 2026, from 5:30–7:00 p.m. Please plan to attend and bring a prospective member. The event will be held at Main Event, 112 Crosscreek Connector, in collaboration with the Emerald City Rotary Club. Thank you to Sam Leaman and Glenda Corley for their work in bringing this event together.

Thank you for all you do to make our club vibrant, compassionate, and strong. I look forward to sharing a beautiful May with each of you.

With gratitude,

Meurt Jackson  
President

### CLUB MEETINGS

**2nd & 4th Tuesdays @ 12:00 PM**



**Main Event | Sports Break**  
112 Crosscreek Connector  
Greenwood, SC 29649



**Meeting ID:**  
**968 1461 8242**  
**Passcode: 286476**

### SPEAKERS THIS MONTH

**May 12 Financial Impact of  
Agribusiness in Greenwood County, Lee  
Ford, SC Commissioner of Agriculture  
Candidate**

**May 26 South Carolina Festival of  
Flowers, Trentsie Williams, Greenwood  
SC Chamber of Commerce**

# PEOPLE IN ACTION

### UPCOMING SERVICE PROJECTS

**Miracle League Game**

Saturday, May 9 @ 9:30 am  
Burton Center

**[RSVP Here!](#)**

**Food Bank Packing**

Tuesday, May 26 @ 11:30 am  
Before the Club Meeting

*\*Service Club Project*



**SAVE THE DATE**

**BBQ BASH**

*Piggin' Out for a Purpose*

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**SATURDAY, MAY 9, 4-7 PM**  
**Fat Daddy's BBQ**  
**in Hampton Plaza**

**See you tomorrow!**

We are looking forward to seeing you tomorrow at our BBQ Bash!

Reminder, all proceeds benefit local nonprofits.

Contact Jacob Shearer 864.981.4291 to learn more.

Join us tomorrow as Rotary returns to the **Miracle League field at the Burton Center!** This is always a joyful, heartwarming experience where we partner with incredible athletes for a game full of smiles, encouragement, and fun. It's a great opportunity to

serve, connect, and bring the whole family—come be part of one of our most meaningful (and fun!) service days! Let us know you're coming by completing this form.

**Greenwood Rotary Club  
Service Membership Group  
May Service Project -  
Greenwood Miracle League**

 **Saturday, May 9th**  
 **The Burton Center**  
 **9:30am - 12:00pm**

Please see Jessica Garcia to sign up or scan QR code!





IT'S TIME TO JOIN ROTARY!



**JOIN ROTARY AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Rotary is an international membership organization made up of people who share a passion and commitment to enhancing communities and improving lives across the globe.




With 35,000 clubs around the world, and others that meet online, Rotary makes it easy to get involved and start making a difference today.

**DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?**

FIND OUT MORE: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)



Join us for **Discover Rotary** and bring a friend to learn how Rotary is making a difference in our community and around the world! This special membership event is a joint effort between the **Emerald City Rotary Club** and the **Rotary Club of Greenwood** to recruit new members.

-  Sports Break Main Event
-  Thursday, May 21
-  5:30 PM

We hope you'll join us — and invite someone who may be interested in becoming part of Rotary!

# MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

# Happy Birthday Rotarians!



Celebrate your birthday with purpose!

Join the John Welborn Challenge by giving a gift equal to your age to the Rotary Club of Greenwood Foundation Endowment.

Bring a check or click below to give online.

- May 1 Diane Gillespie
- May 2 Meurt Jackson
- May 2 Bill Thomason
- May 10 Ken Coffey
- May 16 Van Taylor
- May 27 John Cooper
- May 31 Mac Cobb

[Click HERE to make an online gift to the Greenwood Rotary Club Foundation Endowment](#)

*Celebrating Our  
Rotary  
Anniversaries!*

**Thank you for your years  
of service, fellowship, and  
commitment to Rotary.**

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- Derrick Goodman | 2
- London Thomas | 2
- Steve Gantt | 9
- John Cobb | 19
- Sam Leaman | 31
- Marvin Burdette | 46
- Devore Compton | 52

## YOUR ROTARY LEADERSHIP

- President** [Meurt Jackson](#)
- President-Elect** [Chuck Davidson](#)
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