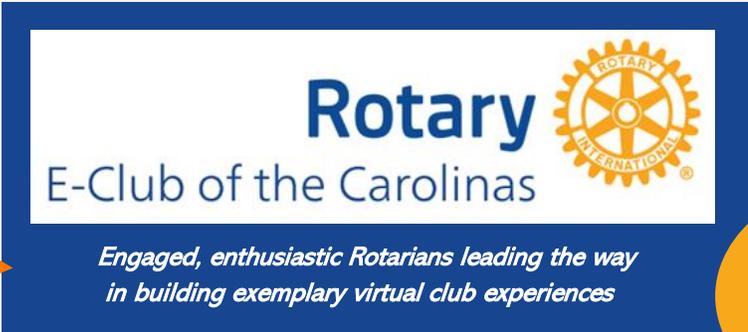


**News 'n Notes**



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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**  
**Candace Wyman**

**Title**

The last quarter of this 2023-24 Rotary Year has prompted me to reflect on all of our successes. Our multi-dimensional approach to service has been a wonderful blend of in-person and remote projects. Our positive impact has been felt from the Meals on Wheels recipients in McCormick to notes of appreciation to the veterans in Richard E. Campbell Veterans Home, to care packages for hospice workers in Anderson, to refugee support in Spartanburg, to much-needed school supplies in McCormick, to villages in Honduras thirsty for clean water, to supporting earthquake relief in Morocco.... the list goes on. We have become known as a club that supports and celebrates our neighboring Rotary Clubs' projects too. And....we are a resource for our District 7750 and Zone priorities.

Our meetings continue to feature extraordinary programs with speakers from California to Florida. We are members of the larger global E-Club community, using our platform to engage worldwide. We are in the vanguard of the future of Rotary. We represent no-boundaries Rotary!!!!

To get back to being a resource for District 7750 priorities - **Rotary needs YOU**. Tell our story of the innovative ways we are engaging with Rotary service and fellowship. Tell how our small actions do great things. Whether a former Rotarian or a friend down the street, will you tell our story? As we love this club and all we do together, invite others to join us for fellowship and service.

*Candace*

**Join in our Weekly Meeting via Zoom**  
12:00 Noon (South Carolina Time)  
Beginning April 1, 2024, all meetings will be held Tuesdays at 12:00 Noon EST.  
**LINK: E-Club Meeting Login**  
Zoom Meeting ID: 876 0367 8273 Passcode: 4waytest  
<https://rotaryeclubofthecarolinas.com>  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/EclubCarolinasClubhouse>

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# Membership Update

## ALL ARE WELCOME!

By Lenna Young

Friendship – Rotary means many things to many people, and I propose that the fellowship and friendship we share are, as Paul Harris said, the foundation on which Rotary is built.

Thanks to the outreach and work of President Candice and Julie Tovey, we currently have just over a dozen prospects for membership. The list includes Rotarians seeking a new home and those who have reached out to express their interest in Rotary.

We all know that friendship starts with getting to know one another. Over the next weeks, we will most likely see prospective members log in to join our weekly meetings. When they do, this will present opportunities for us to get to know each them, offer fellowship, and begin building friendships.

So, what are some things that all of us can do? Below is a list of suggestions (special thanks to Shirley and Ken Hirsch for their inspirations) that many members are already doing. If we all do what we can when guests and newcomers log on to our meetings, they will immediately get a great – and welcoming - glimpse of who we are as individual Rotarians. Plus, we will look like the cohesive, fun club that we are!

- Use the “Rename” feature of Zoom to show your name, where you live along with your current/past occupation. You can even list your current or past office in Rotary. Does this sound like too much? Probably not for a newcomer because they'll have time to look around the screen throughout the meeting.
- Select a unique background that speaks to some aspect of who you are.
- Send a short note of “Welcome” in the chat box.
- Mention guests by name during Happy Bucks.
- Log in early and join in the conversation when you'll have the time to share a personal welcome.
- If you know the guest, send a special email after the meeting to express how happy the club is that they logged in for our meeting.
- For returning guests, make a note to say welcome back!

Our E-Club has quite the accurate reputation for enjoying each other's company – for being friends! Now and in the future, we'll have a chance to work together to extend and grow that friendship and continue the foundation on which Rotary stands.

### HOW WILL I HELP OUR MEMBERSHIP?

- ≈ Attend meetings.
- ≈ Invite someone to attend a meeting with me.
- ≈ Show Up for Service.
- ≈ The first person doesn't attend? Invite another!
- ≈ Follow Lenna's tips above.

### Four Approaches

- ▶ Generate prospects
- ▶ Develop a deep pool of potential members
- ▶ Welcome & orient new members
- ▶ Retain members through strong member engagement



“The foundation upon which Rotary is built is friendship; on no less firm foundation could it have stood.”

- PAUL P. HARRIS

### E-CLUB OUTREACH

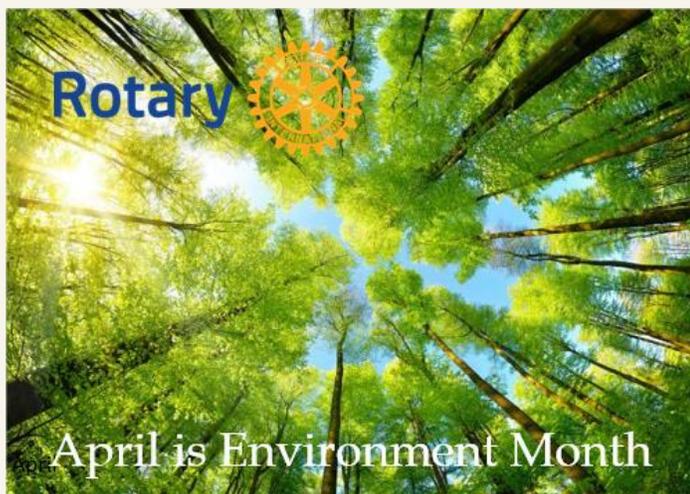
Lenna gives us 4 easy ways to build our club's tomorrow, all centered on Outreach. Invite someone. Reach out to someone. Tell someone. Will everyone say yes? Or say yes right away? Keep trying.

Be ready to articulate the benefits of Rotary Membership for your prospects. Our E-Club brochure is on DACdb at Home > PR-PI > E-Club Brochure 2023.

Check out RI's Membership page. <https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary/membership>

Who will you invite today? How will you build our E-Club's tomorrow?

## Minute for Rotary



From rotary.org -

As people of action, Rotarians have been shaping the conversation on the environment for years, from addressing climate change that threatens entire food systems to fighting pollution that clogs our air and water. Rotarians are well-suited for the challenge. They use their connections to find creative solutions and take action to safeguard our vital resources. Read more about what clubs in Brazil, Germany, the USA, Colombia, Haiti and beyond are doing to make a difference. Rotary's focus on the environment and our commitment to Earth Day is celebrated far and wide, including in our E-Club. Click: <https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-and-earth-day>

## Food of the Future

What is breadfruit? How about amaranth? Are they better than corn and rice? In a recent article on rotary.org, Amy Hoak explores scientific research on breadfruit, its ability to withstand drought, and how it can produce enough to feed the world in the future.

*In the quest for food sources that can withstand a rapidly changing climate, there's one conspicuously curious crop: the breadfruit, a spiky green orb native to the Malay Archipelago that's surprisingly versatile and packed with nutrition.*

*The starchy fruit, long a staple in the tropics, is attracting new interest globally as farmers and scientists search for crops that are hardier while still nutrient dense. The need is critical. Nearly half of the world's food calories come from just three crops: rice, wheat, and corn. But all three staples are vulnerable to the extreme heat, changing rainfall, and other impacts of climate change... Read more on this webpage: <https://www.rotary.org/en/food-future>*



Join Rotary 25-29 May 2024 in Singapore where we'll be Sharing Hope With the World!

### Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas' Priorities for 2023-24

- ⇒ Service: Focus on Literacy, the Environment and Mental Health
- ⇒ Giving and fundraising: Ensure EREY and increase the number of Sustainers and Paul Harris Society members and Benefactors. Raise at least \$5000 to be eligible for grant matches.
- ⇒ Relationships: Care for each member, expand our network to other E-Clubs and Rotary fellowships, help nearby terra clubs with service projects.
- ⇒ Member experience: Irresistible, fun meetings. Rewarding service engagement. In-person fellowship opportunities. Use of Learning Center tools to enhance personal/professional/Rotary development.



# Water Mission in Honduras

Alberto and Franca Meloncelli made many friends in Honduras in March



Fellow Rotarian, Alberto, and Franca celebrate Rotary



Al Steele



By Franca & Alberto - Feb 29 - Mar 6, 2024

Coming back to Honduras feels like going back home, that's how welcomed and close our fellow Rotarians make you feel from day one to the last minute before departure.

Thanks to Al Steele and Ben Ficklen, (Fort Mill Rotary Club) District 7750 has made an impact in Honduras for 18 years by providing water and sanitation to thousands of people, building relationships that will last a lifetime, and meeting wonderful people along the way. Impossible not to feel a tie with this place, as People of Action, Rotarians are making a difference in people's lives, ours included! This trip was full of moments that have created a bridge that will stand strong for years to come. Until next time, memories will keep us close.



## Club Service News

### Remote Service

# ACTS OF GREEN

April 2024



**SERVICE  
ABOVE SELF**

### PROJECT: 3rd annual Acts of Green Remote Service Project

- **Action:** Commit acts of green in their own communities. Details were shared with club members via email and more education info/tips will be shared on our Facebook page.
- Through club funds and a matching grant, we will expand Acts of Green in 2024 to include activities with the Anderson Career & Technology Center, Wren High School, and McCormick Elementary School. THANKS to the Mark Makuliski Donor Advised Fund for approving our matching grant to expand this year! And THANKS to our club and District 7750 for making it possible.
  - Anderson Career & Technology Center—Culinary Garden Enhancement
    - Their culinary students will enhance a campus culinary garden to include herbs and vegetables which will then be used to create delicious meals in their classes.
  - McCormick Elementary School—Garden Pond Installation & Corner Garden Upgrade
    - They will be installing a pre-formed pond in their corner garden, completing a corner garden for students and staff to enjoy.
  - Wren High School—Pollinator Paradise Project
    - They are planning a multi-phase approach in soil prep, then planting seeds, and then planting plants.
- **Volunteer:** Wren High School is preparing a volunteer opportunity on April 27 at the school in Piedmont. If you are interested in helping with this, contact Julie.
- Questions? Contact Julie (jctovey@aol.com)



### Individual Service

- **For 2023-24**, each member is asked to commit to an individual service project 2 times during this Rotary year, beyond our club-sponsored projects. IDEAS — Join a terra club or district project. Help in your community. Get inspired by one of our speakers. Plan ahead and ask others to join.
- Submit your Individual Service via this Google Form so we can track our time and promote our passions! Takes 2 minutes.
  - <https://forms.gle/6aXEVDtNfUUR1wRu6> (Click, or copy and paste in your browser)
- Find this at DACdb > My Club > Club FILES > Service Projects > Record Your Individual Service.docx
- If you have difficulty submitting through the Google Form link above, reach out to Julie (jctovey@aol.com). #PeopleofAction

# Club and Member News

# 3Q

CONGRATULATIONS, FRANCA, ON WINNING OUR 3RD QUARTER CHALLENGE!

## 4th Quarter Challenges to Gain Yards

- ◆ Attend District 7750 Conference—10 points
- ◆ Attend E-Club Post-Conference Picnic—10 points
- ◆ Commit and Act of Green and Report to Julie T.—5 points
- ◆ Sponsor a new member by 6/30/2024—25 points
- ◆ Any of the previous quarter actions listed in past newsletters!



**Let's wrap up the 2023-24 year with all participants. Join the 4Q Challenge!**

*Member with the most points at the end of each quarter*



### Celebrating E-Clubbers!

In March, we celebrated additions to the PLUS Paul Harris Fellow group. Congratulations to Candace, Greg, and Alberto for their latest achievements in support of The Rotary Foundation!

## LET'S CELEBRATE

### Vision

*Lead the way for Rotary in building effective virtual Rotary club experiences.*

### Mission

*A Rotary Club of engaged, enthusiastic, service-driven Rotarians with a spirit of fun and fellowship who enjoy working together as they seek opportunities to serve their local and global communities, and who grow Rotary membership as they lead the way in being the role model for Rotary E-Clubs.*

# 2023-24 Club Giving

as of March 15

## Annual Fund

111.7% of Goal

\$434.30 per capita

\$7,818 total

## Polio Plus

107.1% of Goal

\$101.10 per capita

\$1,820 total

## CART

115.8% of Goal

\$83.35 per capita

\$1,500.30 total

### How to Give!

The Rotary Foundation  
(Select Annual Fund-SHARE)

<https://my.rotary.org/en/donate>

Polio Plus Fund  
(Select PolioPlus Fund)

<https://my.rotary.org/en/donate>

Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust

<https://mycartfund.org/>  
or through Paypal on our club website

Weekly Meeting Happy Bucks  
(Click Donate in the left column)

<https://www.rotaryclubofthecarolinas.com/>



## Mark Your Calendar



### Upcoming Club Meetings

Tuesday, 4/2/2024	Weekly Meeting - 12:00 Noon	Program: Student Engagement in Sustainability Lizzy Anast, Clemson University
Tuesday, 4/9/2024	Weekly Meeting - 12:00 Noon	Program: SC's River Basin Planning PDG Rob Hanley
Tuesday, 4/16/2024	Weekly Meeting - 12:00 Noon	Program: Ryan Thackray The Nature Conservancy of South Carolina
Tuesday, 4/23/2024	Weekly Meeting - 12:00 Noon	Program: Susan Dieterlen, PhD Deftspace Lab—Design by Defecit
Tuesday, 4/30/2024	Weekly Meeting - 12:00 Noon	Program: Bethan Hacker New Foundations Home for Children Kicking off May as Youth Month!
Tuesday, 5/7/2024	Weekly Meeting - 12:00 Noon	Program: Something spectacular TBD

### Other IMPORTANT Dates

**01 April 2024:** All E-Club of the Carolinas weekly meetings are at 12:00 Noon (South Carolina time) after this date

**1-22 April 2024:** E-Club of the Carolinas ACTS of GREEN

**11-13 April 2024:** Zone 33/34 Institute in Richmond

**17-19 May 2024:** D7750 All Clubs Conference in Greenville

**19 May 2024:** Club Picnic, Conestee Nature Preserve, 11AM-2PM

**28 June 2024:** D7750 Awards & Installation Banquet in Greenville

**8-12 June 2024:** RI Convention in Singapore

**1 July 2024:** New Rotary Year begins

**6 September 2024:** Casino Night Fundraiser for E-Club

**10-13 October 2024:** E-Club Rotary RV Rally in Greenwood

[Click for Meeting Log In](#)

Zoom Meeting ID: 876 0367 8273

Passcode: 4waytest

[Click to see our  
YouTube Channel](#)

[Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas - YouTube](#)

**Check This Out!**



# Rotary RV Rally

**Lake Greenwood State Park**

Ninety Six, SC

October 10-13, 2024

Reservations for Campground #2

<https://reserve.southcarolinaparks.com/lake-greenwood/camping/>

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✧ *Fellowship*

✧ *Evening Socials*

✧ *BBQ*

✧ *Visit with Local  
Rotarians*

✧ *Service Project*

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2024**

*The above graphic is hyperlinked to the SCParks website.*

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## 2023-24 Officers & Directors

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## The 4 Way Test

- 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?**

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E-Club of the Carolinas

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