



January 22, 2023

## Events

January 24th  
[The Reedy River Greenville: Feed & Seed - Pack Food Boxes](#)

January 24th  
[The Reedy River Greenville Weekly Club Meeting](#)  
**Speaker:** Stan Reid  
**Subject:** Vocational Transition Story

January 28th  
[The Reedy River Greenville: Community Service - REWA](#)

February 11th  
[The Reedy River Greenville: Community Service - Adopt-A-Road](#)

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## Years of Service

Rachel Rutkowski  
 01-11-2022  
 1 Year

## Birthdays

Randy S. Jacobs  
 January 4th

## Wedding

## See you at the Commerce Club



We're looking forward to seeing all Club Members at our next meeting on Tuesday, January 24. Come join us at the Commerce Club at 5:30pm for networking and fellowship, followed by our meeting and dinner.

The Commerce Club is located at 55 Beattie Place, 17th floor of One Liberty Square. Having a headcount for the meeting is important. Remember to RSVP for each meeting through one of the numerous ways available: [DACdb](#), email with [Prudence Taylor](#), or [ReedyRiverRotary.org/](#).

Leave your denim and flip flops at home and join us in business casual attire so as to comply with the Commerce Club's dress code.

Parking is available under or across the street from One Liberty Square. The pricing for parking is below.

- Daily Rate (1st hour): FREE
- Daily Rate (2nd hour): \$2.00
- Daily Rate (each additional hour): \$1
- Max Daily Rate: \$7.00 (per entry)

[Read More](#)

## Meeting Program/Speaker

By Ann H. Golden

1-24-23 - Regular Meeting - *Vocational Transition Story*, Dr. Stan Reid, Foothills Presbytery

## Anniversaries

No Wedding  
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2-14-23 - Regular Meeting - *Club Charter Night*

2-28-23 - Regular Meeting - *REEM GVL (Racial Equality and Educational Mobility)*, Rev. Stacey Mills, ED

3-14-23 - Regular Meeting - **REWA** - *Bandalong, cleaning up the Reedy River*, Chad Lawson, REWA, Director of Communication

3-28-23 - Regular Meeting - *Mast General - History & Community Partnerships*, Lisa Cooper, President

4-11-23 - Regular Meeting - *Paul Harris Birthday & Village Engagement | Predatory Lending*, Susan Stall, Program Coordinator

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## Jan 24 - Stan Reid, Vocational Transition Story

Stan Reid, a Priest-at-Large, will present a talk on Vocational Transition Stories at the January 24, 2023 meeting.

Stan is a third-career pastor, serving in interim ministry in Foothills Presbytery. He has worked with PC (USA) congregations since 2014. He is a native of the upstate of South Carolina (Woodruff), and served as a U.S. Army medical officer (Lt. Col.) filling roles of surgeon, teacher, and administrator. He is a graduate of Presbyterian College (Clinton, SC) and the Medical University of South Carolina. Stan practiced in the Army until 1991, moving to Greenville to establish his Orthopedic Spine Surgery practice. He retired in 2007.



Stan was a Ruling Elder for many years at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Greenville. After serving as the church administrator for two years, Stan answered a long-standing sense of call and enrolled in Princeton Theological Seminary, graduating with the M.Div. in 2014. He was ordained by Foothills Presbytery for Transition Ministry in February 2015, where he continues to serve area congregations. Stan participates in several areas of administration and leadership as Treasurer for Foothills Presbytery. He enjoys serving as a Trustee for Presbyterian College and as a Director for the Board of Pensions of the PC (USA).

Stan and his wife, Tricia, are supportive grandparents for their four adult children and nine grandchildren. He enjoys the study of theology and church engagement in communities. Stan also enjoys golf, Atlanta Braves baseball, dining with friends, nearly every form of sports car racing, and all PC Blue Hose athletics.

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## This Month is . . .

### Vocational Service Month

*Taken from District 5790*

- Adherence to and promotion of the highest ethical standards in all occupations, including fair treatment of employers, employees, associates, competitors, and the public.
- The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, not just those that are pursued by Rotarians.
- The contribution of your vocational talents to solving the problems of society and meeting the needs of the community.

During January, 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. Vocational Service Month is an opportunity to begin year-long vocational service activities, ranging from Rotary discussions to awards to community projects. The following are some suggested activities to undertake during Vocational Service Month:

- Devote a meeting in January to examine the second Avenue of Service, including The Four-Way Test and The Declaration of Rotarians in Business and Professions. After expanding members' awareness, solicit their input in planning projects for the remainder of the year.

- Introduce a "mini-classifications talk" series in which each member gives a five-minute talk on his or her vocation. Schedule one speaker for the beginning of each meeting until everyone has made a presentation. The purpose of these talks is to promote vocational awareness among Rotarians and help them recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations.
- Present a vocational award to someone in the community who has exemplified outstanding professional achievement while maintaining very high ethical standards. Promote the presentation within the community, and consider making it an annual October event.
- Invite experts to give a presentation on the vocational needs of the community and develop a project in response to those needs. Possible projects could focus on developing character, providing career information to youth, mentoring small businesses, or organizing workshops that provide employees with new skills.
- Encourage club members to put their vocational skills to work as a Rotary Volunteer.

For more information, visit [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

## Press Release Announces 19th Annual Duck Derby

*Our latest press release . . .* **The 19th Annual Reedy River Duck Derby is coming May 6 to a waterfall near you!**

The Rotary Club of the Reedy River Greenville is gearing up for its 19<sup>th</sup> annual Reedy River Duck Derby to be held May 6, 2023, in Falls Park. With a goal of 14,000 ducks to race down the falls, community members can expect an exciting and free day at the park. The Derby will have live music, face painting, balloon twisting, yard games, and food trucks. At 2:30 p.m. sharp, we have our bugler call the race and watch all 14,000 ducks race down the falls. For those that adopt ducks, there's a chance to win a million dollars, a first-place prize of a year of groceries from Publix, a second-place prize of \$2,500 cash from the Rotary Club of the Reedy River Greenville, and many more prizes coming in.

"The Duck Derby plays an integral role in bringing our community together and providing local nonprofits with funding to serve the community," says Ed Irick, Head Duck of the Reedy River Duck Derby.

Not just a fun day in the park, the Reedy River Duck Derby is the largest local Rotary fundraiser providing proceeds to local nonprofits through grants. The nonprofits supported by the 2023 race will not be selected until after the Derby. Still, last year's nonprofits supported included: Academy of the Arts, Augustine Literacy Project of the Upstate, Camperdown Academy, Carolina Youth Symphony, Girls on the Run, Habitat for Humanity, Mauldin Miracle League, STRIDES Tutoring, United Ministries, and Litter Ends Here.

Ducks are currently \$10 for a single duck, and a Super Quack Pack of 5 ducks for \$30. On April 17, the Super Quack Pack option will disappear and be replaced with the Quack Pack (4 ducks for \$30) and include an option for a Raft (10 ducks for \$70). To adopt your ducks or learn more, visit [reedyriverduckderby.com](http://reedyriverduckderby.com).

*Not part of the press release:* New members, get your duck lingo going by learning the differences between a **Super Quack Pack**, **Quack Pack**, and **Raft** of ducks. You also need to know that when we speak of DATs, we're talking about Duck Adoption Teams. These are groups that help us sell the 14,000 ducks and earn a percentage of their sales. The website is live and taking adoptions now. We encourage you to purchase ducks to support the cause, but please understand that we are not eligible to win. DATs will swing into action at the Home & Garden Show (February 24-26) and will need Club Members manning our booth to support them. Two hour shifts are available for sign-up. Check out [this schedule](#) that is *view only*. The document can be viewed and edited (add your name to your selected time and day) in the Duck Derby files on the Google Shared Drive in *Duck Derby Files (by year)*. Click to see all the folders. Click on *2023 Duck Derby* followed by *DATs*, then the *Home and Garden* folder where the *2023 Home and Garden Show Volunteers* document is located. If that doesn't work (you know how that cloud stuff is) email [MegCoffey@yahoo.com](mailto:MegCoffey@yahoo.com) with your preferred date and time.



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## Still Taking Derby Sponsors

We continue to gather sponsors who will forgo on the print advertising associated with becoming a sponsor by January 15th. Talk with businesses you frequent. The Derby often sells itself since it is a well-loved Greenville annual event. Club Members are encouraged to do their part and secure a sponsor for the 19th Annual Reedy River Duck Derby. Sponsorships are what keep our expenses low and profits high (read: more money for our charities) each Derby season. The link for the sponsorship form is below. Let's finish this campaign in a strong position for this year's Derby.

The sponsorship form can also be accessed on our Club website if you hover over "About Our Club" and select "Documents". On that page you'll want to select the "Reedy River Duck Derby" folder. This will have a lot of the documents you might need this year, including the sponsorship form. We need you to step outside of your comfort zone and make some "asks" to potential sponsors. Club Members are here to help. Partner up with one or two and approach a business together to tell them how the Duck Derby supports our town and many good organizations in it.

[Sponsorship Form](#)

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## Jan 24 - Feed & Seed Service Opportunity

Through networks, programs, and facilities, Feed & Seed Co. strives to improve the health and well-being of all citizens by **increasing access to nourishing local foods** and **establishing a truly sustainable food system** built on profitable farms and independent markets. Their fresh food box program provides local families in need with a healthy variety of fresh vegetables and other items sourced from our local farmers and food makers.

Club volunteers will assist in packing the boxes with fresh produce for local families. Dates for the packing event are:

- January 24, 2023
- February 21, 2023

Twelve volunteers are needed from 10:30am to 12:30pm. Accommodations can be made for all physical abilities. The Feed & Seed Co. is located at 701 Easley Bridge Rd., Suite 6010, Greenville, SC 29611. Enter at the "Market".

Click [here](#) to volunteer and be sure to let Eric Krichbaum know the number of hours of service you provide.

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## You Can Serve - Join In!

**1-28-23 - 9am-Noon - Conestee Nature Preserve Tree Planting** - Trees Upstate is an organization that Plants, Promotes, and Protects trees across several counties in the Upstate. They are partnering with REWA and will be planting approximately 150, 3-gallon trees to restore ash tree habitat being destroyed by the emerald ash borer, an invasive pest in our region, at the Conestee Nature Preserve on Saturday, January 28th. The preserve is located at 840 Mauldin Rd, Greenville, SC 29607. The event will start at 9 am and finish around noon. You will need to wear clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. You may want to bring your own gloves as well (some are usually available if needed).

*Please note:* The last newsletter said to sign up with TreesUpstate, but you really need to sign up through [REWA](#) who is doing the project in conjunction with TreesUpstate. You will receive specific instructions for the event from REWA.

**2-11-23 - 9am-Noon - Adopt-A-Road** - Wear clothes appropriate to picking up trash where roadside vegetation can be overgrown (long sleeves, pants, closed toe shoes, etc.) and the Club will provide gloves, pinchers, and trash bags. 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). This is a tricky place to find, even with GPS assistance. The intersection of Conestee Lake Road and Conestee Road is oh-so-close to Bosco Baby's and other industrial-type businesses.

**2-22-23 - 8-10:30am -EarlyAct FirstKnight Knighting Ceremony** - EAFK is a daily, Social Emotional Learning/Character-Building program for elementary and middle school students. Sponsored by local Rotary Clubs, EAFK teaches and trains classroom students of all backgrounds on how to become civil, service-oriented people during their most formative years. The Club sponsors the EAFK program at Robert E. Cashion elementary school. Several times throughout the school year, representatives of the EAFK organization hold a "Knighting Ceremony" at the school. During this assembly, specific students are recognized in front of their peers for best representing the theme of the period that include Responsibility, Tolerance, Perseverance, and Confidence. The next Knighting Ceremony is scheduled for February 22, 2023 with the school, Cashion Elementary, located at 1500 Fork Shoals Rd., Greenville, 29605.

**2-23 thru 26-23 - 2-hour slots - Southern Home & Garden Show** We'll be selling **Super Quack Packs, Rafts** and individual ducks at the Southern Home & Garden Show at the Greenville Convention Center. DATs will need the support of a Rotarian at the Home & Garden Show at our booth. Two hour shifts are available for sign-up. Check out [this schedule](#) that is *view only*. The document can be viewed and edited (add your name to your selected time and day) in the Duck Derby files on the Google Shared Drive in *Duck Derby Files (by year)*. Click to see all the folders. Click on *2023 Duck Derby* followed by *DATs*, then the *Home and Garden* folder where the *2023 Home and Garden Show Volunteers* document is located. If that doesn't work (you know how that cloud stuff is) email [MegCoffey@yahoo.com](mailto:MegCoffey@yahoo.com) with your preferred date and time.

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**Feb 14 - Valentine's Meeting | Bring Your Sweetie**

*Join Us for the*  
**20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF THE  
REEDY RIVER GREENVILLE  
& ST. VALENTINE'S DAY**

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**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2023  
5:30-7:00 P.M.**

**THE COMMERCE CLUB  
55 BEATTIE PL FL 17 FLOOR 17  
GREENVILLE, SC 29601**

Bring your Valentine or friend to celebrate St. Valentine's Day, while we also celebrate the charter of our Rotary Club.

Our program will include one of the original organizers of this charter, Lewis Freeman, to give some background on "how we did it", and history of how we got here today by charter members Ed Irick and Ann Golden. Following the program will be a Q&A with time permitting.

This is also a good opportunity to invite prospective members to learn about our club and achievements in Service Above Self for our community.

Members are expected to pay for dinner for their guests (albeit Valentine or friend). The club will absorb the cost for potential members. Dinner is \$23 pp.

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## Feb 20 - Health & Happiness

**We need a location for February's Health & Happiness.** If you can help with planning and execution, please contact Suzy Tumblin or Sonny Handa (contact information below).

Health & Happiness is open to all Upstate Rotarians to come out and mix, mingle, and share events and ideas to grow Rotary in the community. Bring \$5 *cash* for the 50/50 raffle. Each person needs to RSVP to Suzy Tumblin, easily done by going online to [DACdb](#) (so the restaurant can be prepared to accommodate the right size group).

### Health and Happiness - Registration required

The 50/50 drawing will reward one person half of the money collected while the other half goes to Rotary Charities of the hosting club. Please check your sources and see if you can help get February's scheduled. If you do, Reedy River Rotary Club wins half of the 50/50 raffle.

Healthy clubs are Happy clubs and Happy clubs are HEALTHY clubs. Come Grow With Us! Potential Rotarians WELCOME! (Just bring your \$5) Questions about this event or having your club host a future H & H event? Call Suzy 864-275-6882 or Sunny Handa 864-346-7878.

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## 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](mailto:megcoffey@yahoo.com). Submissions must be received by the Wednesday prior to the next meeting.

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## 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

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## Club Meeting

The Reedy River Greenville  
Meets at The Commerce Club (2nd & 4th Tuesdays Only)  
55 Beattie Place Floor 17  
Greenville, SC 29601  
Time: Tuesday at 05:30 PM

## Club Leaders

[Theresa Marchi](#)  
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