



January 26, 2025

Events

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

February 7th
[A Night To Shine](#)

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[The Reedy River Greenville: Adopt-A-Road trash pickup](#)

February 11th
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Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found

Birthdays

Jordan Mahaffey
January 23rd
Elizabeth Foster Clarke
January 31st

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

2nd Tuesday Meeting Location for January

President, Rachel Rutkowski, is shaking things up in 2025. The second meeting of the month will be held at a different location each month. Be sure to tune in for the most up-to-date details at the time of publishing *The Quacker*.



Tuesday, January 28, 2025 will be a meeting at Kouzina, located at 1325 Miller Road, Greenville, SC 29607 (former location of Habitap). Socializing will begin at 6pm, with the meeting topic of Companion Clubs beginning at 6:30pm facilitated by Eric Krichbaum.

We hope to see you there!

Meeting Program/Speaker

By Ann H. Golden

This schedule is subject to change. Please check each newsletter for the most current information.

1-28-25 - Kouzina Restaurant - *Companion Clubs*, Eric Krichbaum, Club Member, ADG, and DG-Elect

2-11-25 - Club Assembly - *The Rotary Foundation*, Bobby Brown, Club Foundation Chair

3-11-25 - Regular Meeting - *Lake Jocassee Tours*, Tony and Cam McDade

This month is . . .

Vocational Service Month

Rotarians work to:

- Connect our professions and our professional networks with our Club's activities
- Use our expertise to address community problems and help others discover new vocational opportunities and interests
- Promote Rotary's commitment to integrity in our professional and personal lives
- Recognize and advance the worthiness of all professions

Next Moves: Sponsorships

The print sponsorship deadline has passed and the duck adoption papers are at the printers. We eagerly await their arrival, but it should be noted that at the time of this printing, we have 1,857 adoptions!

For those who have brought in new and repeating sponsorships, we are grateful. Please continue to court potential sponsors with cash sponsorships so that we can pay our expenses. The other parts of sponsorship are the in-kind (such as Bonitz Flooring donating space for our Stripping & Tagging party) and prizes. Publix, which normally gives 52 \$75 gift cards, upped their game this year and have



donated 52 \$100 gift cards! The prizes given in past years have been wonderful, and we are especially appreciative of the gift card type of in-kind sponsorship. An in-kind sponsorship means that an organization is going to offer some type of prize gift, rather than cash. The Greenville Triumph, hot and heavy in their soccer season as we lead up to the Duck Derby, donates tickets and Triumph swag. The same is true for the Swamp Rabbits because if their team does well, they are in their playoff season around Duck Derby time, so a prize is easier for them to manage.

It's not too late to bring in a sponsor you've had your eyes on. Go get 'em! Send them to our ReedyRiverDuckDerby website where a paper version (fill out and turn in) and a GoogleForm version exist. Better yet, if you're not familiar with the Duck Derby website, head on over there yourself and click around, see what's going on.

Home & Garden Show - Feb. 21-23 - Duck Adoption Kick-off



Duck Adoptions will take place at the Home & Garden Show, our annual kick-off for this important step in the Reedy River Duck Derby process.

Many of you have signed up for a shift, and for that, the Club is grateful. Take a look at the Home & Garden Volunteer schedule. If you can join in on a shift, please email Meg Coffey at megcoffey@yahoo.com with the time and date that works for you. Prudence and Laurie - I got you!

2025 Southern Home & Garden

Show – Greenville Convention Center

February 21 - 23, 2025 - Schedule of DATs and Rotary Volunteers

| Time | Friday – 2/21/25 10am to 7pm | Saturday – 2/22/25 10am to 7pm | Sunday 2/23/25 Noon to 5pm |
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| 10:00AM to Noon | DAT: 1. Elizabeth Clarke 2. Prudence Taylor | DAT: 1. Mark Bacon 2. Meg Coffey | |

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| Noon to 2:00PM | DAT: 1. Elizabeth Clarke | DAT: 1. Ann Golden | Noon – 2:30pm DAT: 1. Bhuvnesh Sharma 2. Meg Coffey |
| 2:00PM to 4:30PM | DAT: 1. Eric Krichbaum | DAT: 1. Valerie Cook | |
| 4:30PM to 7:00PM | DAT: 1. Rami Michael (may have Melissa and kids with him) 2. Laurie Rappel | DAT: 1. Melissa Miller (may have Brian and Garrett with her) | 2:30 – 5pm DAT: 1. Alan Calloway 2. Prudence Taylor |
| TBD– Feb. 19 or 20 | | | |
| SET UP: Feb _____ at _____? | Need 2 Rotarians to help Meg 1. Alan Calloway 2. | | |
| SUNDAY – Feb 23 | | | |
| TAKE DOWN: Sunday, Feb 23 at 5:00PM | Need 2 Rotarians 1. Eric Krichbaum 2. Meg Coffey | | |

We're still looking for one more person on the set-up. We can go into the display area with a vehicle and unload right at our booth if we go on Wednesday or Thursday. If not, we lug the supplies from the car in the parking lot to our booth inside the convention center.

What do you do? You support a Duck Adoption Team and help answer questions about duck adoptions (experienced DATs need less support than newbie DATs), sell souvenirs, talk about the charities supported by the Reedy River Duck Derby (use this [document](#) to get a start on groups we supported from the 2023 Duck Derby), talk about Rotary and what our Club does, as well as Rotary in our area and around the globe.

Every member is expected to support the Duck Derby with a shift at the Home & Garden Show. Meg is the contact person for all things Duck Adoption Teams (DATs) with regard to the Duck Derby, so feel free to reach out with any questions.

St. Patrick's Day Parade - Let's Do It!

The Greenville St. Patrick's Day Parade & Festival is back on March 15, 2025, and it's going to be bigger and better than ever! claims the group that organizes the annual event.

Missed being in the Christmas parade? Well, let's get our green on and make the Greenville St. Patrick's Day Parade an event for Shades, Quacky, and any

members who would like to join us. We're working on some green, plaid, and other St. Patrick's Day regalia. If you have some, throw it on and come join us. Parade starts at 10am at Main Street and Augusta Street.

Additionally, we can have a booth at their festival at NOMA Square. We are currently negotiating space for some of our Duck Adoption Teams to punch up some adoptions.

Save the date and join us on Saturday, March 15, 2025.



Service/Rotary Opportunities



Take advantage of these service, learning, or meet-up opportunities coming up. More information and the opportunity to sign up are available on [DACdb](#).

2-7-25 - A Night to Shine - 5pm-9pm - More details to come, but our job is to help guests as needed. Being held First Presbyterian Church, 200 W. Washington St., Greenville, SC 29601

2-8-25 - Adopt-A-Road Clean Up - 9am-Noon - 202 Conestee Road (in front of Bosco Baby's Restaurant and Catering) - 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. Wear clothes appropriate for picking up trash, bring a hat and sunscreen/bug spray if it is sunny. All other supplies will be provided.

2-22-25 - ReCraft Creative Reuse Center - 10:30am-1:30pm - 2439 Laurens Road
Help organize craft supplies and donations at the ReCraft Store. They're helping keep hobbies alive and keeping items out of the landfills! You can come for all or just part of the time. Sign up on [DACdb](#).

3-8-25 - Trees Upstate - 8:30am-1pm
Details TBA.

3-15-25 - Greenville St. Patrick's Day Parade & Festival - 9am - ??
Join Club Members as they accompany Shades and Quacky down Main Street to the festival at NOMA Square. Wear your most festive St. Paddy's Day gear (some available for use as well). [DACdb](#) sign-up for this event available soon.

4-5-25 - Shed Party #1 - 9am-Noon
Come to the Club's storage shed at The Space Shop storage facility, H6, 1868 Woodruff Road, Greenville, SC. Read entry instructions for code 1052. Club members will inventory and organize souvenirs and sales booth gear in preparation for Derby Day.

4-19-25 - Shed Party #2 - 9am-Noon
Final organizing at the Club's storage shed at The Space Shop storage facility, H6, 1868 Woodruff Road, Greenville, SC. Read entry instructions for code 1052.

Remember to register for the above opportunities at [DACdb](#) and follow instructions within each volunteer opportunity that may require a second sign-up on the organizing group's website.

Library Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer at the Greenville County Public Library

The Library offers several different opportunities to volunteer. Prudence Taylor volunteers at the Friends Shop at the Hughes Library, headquarters for the library system. The shop is open Wednesday - Friday, 10 am - 3 pm. The store sells used books and some retail items, including greeting cards, puzzles, etc. All funds raised go to support programs for children, teens, and adults. The Library also holds book sales at its Five Forks Branch Library. All funds raised from the book sales go to support the library system's programs for children, teens, and adults.

Other ways to volunteer include:

- Assisting children's librarians with preparation for various programs for youngsters.
- Sorting books for book sales.
- Processing new items to be shelved for the first time.
- Looking over the shelves to make sure all items are in proper order.
- Shelving books.
- Serving in some capacity at special events, including keeping track of door counts or assisting attendees at a table.
- Helping patrons who are using public computers.

You do not have to be a member of the Friends of the Library to volunteer. The volunteer coordinator is Amy Pecht. Contact her at volunteer@greenvillelibrary.org or call 864-527-9286. A volunteer application is available online <https://www.greenvillelibrary.org/volunteer>. Be sure to let Elizabeth Clarke know if you volunteer and how many hours you contribute to an event/organization so the Club can keep track of our service.

Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities

**Feed & Seed -
701
Easley
Bridge
Road,
Suite
6010,**



Greenville, SC - The fresh food box programs provide individuals facing food insecurity with a healthy variety of fresh produce, including items sourced from local farmers. Feed & Sees relies on the generous support of volunteers to help us pack boxes in a warehouse which will be delivered to sites in Pickens, Oconee and Abbeville counties.

What to expect on packing day: Arrive at Feed & Seed prior to 10:00am so that you have time to sign in, wash your hands, and put on hairnets and gloves. We will circle up to discuss our Fresh Food Box programs and go over food safety guidelines. We are a GMP (Good Manufacturing Practices) facility and do require all volunteers to comply with the following expectations:

- Closed-toed shoes required.
- No shorts or dresses.
- Hairnets are required. PPE will be provided.
- Beard Nets are required for the bearded folk. PPE will be provided.
- Gloves are required. PPE will be provided. Hand-washing will be required prior to putting on gloves.
- No Jewelry Allowed. (exception plain, solid bands).
- No Food or Drinks in the warehouse area.
- No Personal Bags in the warehouse area.

Work takes place until about 1:30pm. New volunteers must complete a waiver prior to their first volunteer experience! Click [here](#) for Feed & Seed website for more information and sign waiver. **Notify Elizabeth Clarke of your service hours for the Club's record-keeping.**

Meals on Wheels - Deliver hope, friendship, independence and more. When you get involved with Meals on Wheels, you are delivering so much more than daily nourishment. You deliver friendship to those who spend their days alone. You deliver independence, allowing people to age in their homes with dignity. You deliver hope to those often forgotten. Volunteer your time, refer someone who needs help, or make a donation. No matter how you get involved, you'll deliver more than meals. [Volunteer Application | Meals On Wheels Greenville](#). Prudence Taylor regularly volunteers with Meals on Wheels and would be a source of information if you have questions. **Notify Elizabeth Clarke of your service hours for the Club's record-keeping.**

The Children's Museum of the Upstate - [Volunteer - TCMU Upstate \(tcmupstate.org\)](#). **Notify Elizabeth Clarke of your service hours for the Club's record-keeping.**

Trees Upstate - is a nonprofit organization founded in 2005. Their mission is to **plant, promote, and protect** trees in the Upstate. They **plant** trees in parks, schools, and neighborhoods, **promote** the benefits of trees, and **protect** by providing education and technical support to help inform policies and systems change. Though they are dormant in the summer months, they will have volunteer opportunities at this link: [Volunteer - Trees Upstate](#). **Notify Elizabeth Clarke of your service hours for the Club's record-keeping.**

Contribute to The Quacker

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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

Club Meeting

The Reedy River Greenville
Meets at Holly Tree Country Club (2nd & 4th Tuesdays Only)

500 Golf Club Dr. Holly Tree Country Club
Simpsonville, SC 29681
Time: Tuesday at 06:30 PM

Club Leaders

[Rachel Rutkowski](#)
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[Prudence Ann Taylor](#)
Secretary

[Alan Stewart Calloway](#)
Club Director
iPast President
Membership Chair

[Robert L Brown Jr.](#)
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