



March 10, 2024

## Events

March 12th  
[The Reedy River Greenville Weekly Club Meeting](#)

March 26th  
[The Reedy River Greenville Weekly Club Meeting](#)

April 6th  
[The Reedy River Greenville: DD24 Shed Party](#)

April 9th  
[The Reedy River Greenville Weekly Club Meeting](#)

## Years of Service

Mark William Bacon  
03-18-2021  
3 Years

Randy S. Jacobs  
03-22-2022  
2 Years

## Birthdays

Ann H. Golden  
March 25th

## Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

## Club Meeting Location



Club Meetings are held at Holly Tree Country Club in Simpsonville. Come join us at 5:30pm for socializing, followed by the meeting at 6pm. The address is 500 Golf Club Drive, Simpsonville, SC. **Some GPS apps do not map correctly if you select "Holly Tree Country Club."** Be sure to use the address to get to the correct location.

**Club.** Be sure to use the address to get to the correct location.

**REMINDER:** Beginning January 1, 2024, Club dues no longer cover the cost of your meal at meetings. Any items ordered at Holly Tree Country Club, whether food or drink, are the responsibility of the ordering Club Member.

Per Club President Alan: I look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming meeting where Jerry Blessingame, the Founder and CEO of Soteria, will be our guest speaker. Let us give him a warm welcome.

## Meeting Program/Speaker

By Ann H. Golden

3-12-24 - Regular meeting - **ReWa Update** - *Chad Lawson, Director of Communications*

3-26-24 - Regular meeting - **Honduras Water Projects** - *Emilio Porras, President-Elect, Mauldin Rotary Club*

4-9-24 - Regular meeting - **CART** - *Bill Shillito, Past District Governor, Dist. 7670*

4-23-24 - Regular meeting - **On Track Greenville** - *Taylor Dockter, Assistant Director*

5-14-24 - Regular meeting - **Derby Celebration**

5-28-24 - Regular meeting - **Rotary Youth Exchange and RYLA Candidates** - *Wade Cleveland, District RYE Chair*

6-11-24 - Regular meeting - **Zonta Club of Greenville** - *Elaine Braeuning, District Chair*

6-25-24 - Regular meeting - **Awards and Installation**

## ReWa Resources Update - Chad Lawson, Director of Communications



Chad Lawson serves as the Director of Communications for Renewable Water Resources. More commonly known as ReWa, the regional utility serves a population of more than 500,000 across a service area spanning nearly 1,000 miles in South Carolina's Upstate region. It was founded in 1925 and is one of the largest public wastewater utilities in the southeastern United States.

Lawson has more than 25 years of experience in both public and private sector corporate communications and policy governance. Prior to joining ReWa, he worked as a journalist, congressional press secretary, and executive speechwriter in his native Arkansas. For nearly a decade, Lawson was Director of Public Affairs for Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System and also served as the Vice President for Global Health for Porter Novelli, a multinational public relations firm with 90 offices in 60 countries. He also created award-winning programs for Spartanburg Water, one of the nation's oldest public utilities.

Lawson holds a bachelor's degree in public relations and a master of fine arts degree in nonfiction writing. He lives at the foot of Warrior Mountain in Tryon, North Carolina, with his wife Jenny, a real estate attorney and very patient soul.

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## This month is . . .



### Water Resources Month

Across the world, Rotarians work to promote and provide clean water to communities, improving the health of those who live with less than a safe water supply. Saving water is one thing everyone can do to help the planet's supply of water last longer. Some water-saving tips:

1. Update to water-efficient appliances, including faucets and shower heads, washing machine, and dishwasher
2. Take shorter showers
3. Let ice in a cooler melt and use it to water plants.
4. Gather rainwater from downspouts in a rainbarrel and use it in your yard,
5. Reduce toilet flushing
6. Wash full loads of clothes rather than multiple small loads
7. Turn off water while brushing teeth
8. Rinse things in a basin
9. Check for leaky faucets and toilets
10. Be mindful of good lawn-watering practices; a good soaking once a week rather than watering every other day

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## Condolences

Honorary member Jim Sams' wife, Marilyn, recently passed away. A memorial service is scheduled for 1:00p.m. Monday, March 25, 2024, at Covenant Church, 1310 Old Spartanburg Road, Greer SC 29650. Marilyn passed away on March 4, 2024. Arrangements are being handled by Mackey Mortuary, Greenville SC.

Marilyn Cochran Sams (Greer, South Carolina), born in Anderson, South Carolina, passed away on March 4, 2024. She was predeceased by her parents, Harold Cochran and Gladys Cochran. She is survived by her husband James Sams (Jim); her son Curtis Pretty of Charlotte; her brother Terry Cochran (Mary) of Memphis, TN; and her nephews, Joshua (Christine) and Jonathan Cochran (Ashley).

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, Covenant Church, or the charity of one's choice.

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## Next Duck Derby Meeting



The next Duck Derby meeting will be March 21, 2024, at 6:30pm and is attended via Zoom. A great way to see where help is needed and to match your talents with the myriad of jobs that need to be completed prior to May 4 (Derby Day), as well as on the day of. You are invited to attend.

Rotary Club of the Reedy River Greenville is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: DD24 Committee Meeting

Time: Mar 21, 2024 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83515658513?pwd=dXByb1FPdGxFMFNmYytUYnJrK0ZjQT09>

Meeting ID: 835 1565 8513

Passcode: 064769

Passcode: 744719

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## Duck Derby at BridgeWay Station Opening



Quacky and Shades made appearances at the grand opening of BridgeWay Brewing Company in the new Bridgeway Station complex in Mauldin. BridgeWay Brewing has come on board as a Derby sponsor! Check out their brewery and support our supporter.

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## Home & Garden Show Kicks Off Duck Adoptions



The annual Home & Garden Show is the unofficial kick-off of duck adoptions. With a steady stream of foot traffic, many of our Duck Adoption Teams (DATs) participated. Pictured above is the Harmony Rainbow Girls team that staffed the booth with Rotarians Prudence Taylor and Alan Calloway.

Many thanks to the Rotarians who helped staff our booth including:

- Eric Krichbaum
- Kevin Guptill
- Tanisha Elder
- Laurie Rappl
- Haley Jordan
- Bobby Brown
- Melissa, Brian and Garrett Miller
- Meg Coffey

Our seasoned Duck Adoption Teams really brought their games and savvy salespeople, and a special thanks to them as well for staffing the booth throughout the weekend. Our hats are off to:

- Augustine Literacy Project
- Upstate University of Kentucky Alumni & Fan Club
- Carolina Youth Symphony
- Mauldin Miracle League
- Wildlife Rehab of SC (assisted by Tiny the skunk and Rudy the raccoon)
- STRIDES Tutoring
- Harmony Rainbow Girls
- Cancer Care Camps (KOA)

Be sure to pick up some Rotary business cards with the QR code to hand out to all your friends and family so they can easily adopt ducks. You can adopt ducks, too, to support the cause, but no one from the Club is eligible to win the prizes. Is there a place to display a Duck Derby poster or duck adoption papers? Pick up some of those to display at your favorite business.

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## Great Turn-out for Habitat for Humanity



This fine group, pictured, showed up to help with sodding a new lawn and other landscaping and painting needs in a Habitat for Humanity neighborhood. Rotarians who helped included Ann Golden, Elizabeth Clark (and family), Varlerie Cook, and Meg Coffey (and friends).



## Get Your Pinestraw!

**Annual Simpsonville Rotary Pine Straw Sale**  
Now Accepting Pre-Orders!  
**\$6.50/Bale**

Supporting the Rotary Club of Simpsonville!  
Pine Straw will arrive for pick-up or delivery on March 16th  
Pick-up times: 8:00am-12:00pm (or until sold out)  
Pick-up location: 201 Hedge Street, Simpsonville, SC 29681  
Local delivery available for larger orders (10+ bales)

This is a great way for HOAs to spruce up the entry to your subdivision. Tell your neighbors and help Rotary continue to Do Good in our Community!

To Order Contact: [GeorgeTHughesDMD@gmail.com](mailto:GeorgeTHughesDMD@gmail.com) 864-430-0831

## 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 Holly Tree Country Club (2nd & 4th Tuesdays Only)  
500 Golf Club Dr.  
Simpsonville, SC 29681  
Time: Tuesday at 05:30 PM

## Club Leaders

[Alan Stewart Calloway](#)  
President

[Laurie M. Rapp](#)  
Treasurer

[Ann H. Golden](#)  
Club Director  
Club Programs Chair

[Rami Elmarkiz-Sami Michael](#)  
Club Director

[Eric Michael Krichbaum](#)  
Service Projects Chair  
Assistant District Governor  
District Governor Nominee

[Rachel Rutkowski](#)  
President-Elect

[Mark William Bacon](#)  
Rotary Foundation Chair

[Randy S. Jacobs](#)  
Public Image/PR Chair

[John B Moore Jr.](#)  
Club Director

[Melissa Michael](#)  
Literacy Chair

[Prudence Ann Taylor](#)  
Club Admin Chair  
Secretary

[Meghan A. Coffey](#)  
Bulletin Editor  
Club Director  
RYLA Chair

[Jordan Mahaffey](#)  
Public Image/PR Chair

[Tanisha Elder-Kirk](#)  
Sergeant-at-Arms  
Membership Chair