



THE QUACKER

Newsletter of the Rotary Club of the Reedy River Greenville

March 12, 2023

Events

March 14th
[The Reedy River Greenville Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Chad Lawson

Subject: REWA Bandalong, Cleaning up the Reedy River

March 21st
[The Reedy River Greenville Monthly Board Meeting](#)

March 28th
[The Reedy River Greenville Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Lisa Cooper

Subject: MAST General Store

April 8th
[The Reedy River Greenville: Duck Derby Shed Party](#)

Years of Service

Mark William Bacon
03-18-2021
2 Years

Randy S. Jacobs
03-22-2022
1 Year

Birthdays

Ann H. Golden
March 25th

We're Moving Our Meetings - Join us at Local Cue



Beginning with this Tuesday's meeting (March 14th!) we will have our meetings at Local Cue. Please join us at 5:30 for fellowship and networking with dinner and the meeting at 6pm.

Dinner or 2 alcoholic beverages (selected from menu below) will be provided as part of our dues. Local Cue has a full bar available for purchasing items not listed on the selected menu. The address is: 30 Orchard Park Dr Suite 7, Greenville, SC 29615.

No matter how young or cute you are, you will be carded, and that includes everyone, no matter how many gray or how few hairs you sport.

We will start our gathering at 5:30pm; just ask the doorman or a server where the Rotary Club is meeting so you can find us. Dinner and the meeting will follow at 6pm. We can't wait to see you at Local Cue.



Club of the Reedy River Greenville

PLEASE CHOOSE 1 OF THE FOLLOWING MENU ITEMS OR 2 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

CATFISH & CHIPS*

bbq rub fries, malt vinegar aioli and hot pepper relish on the side

TACO TRIO*

chicken, pork, brisket, shrimp, or catfish
southern slaw, pico de gallo, flour tortillas

RIBEYE CHEESESTEAK

jalapeño havarti beer cheese, mushroom, caramelized onion, mayo, hoagie roll
choice of side

PULLED PORK

southern slaw, sc gold bbq, brioche bun
choice of side

SMOKED CHICKEN

southern slaw, alabama white bbq, hoagie roll
choice of side

DAILY SMOKED BRISKET

southern slaw, memphis red bbq, brioche bun
choice of side

LOCAL CUBANO

pulled pork, smoked ham, pork loin, swiss, house pickles, spicy grain mustard, media noche bread
choice of side

HOUSE SALAD

carrots, tomatoes, bacon & cheddar
choice of ranch, blue cheese or balsamic vinaigrette
add pulled chicken or shrimp

SIDES

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|------------------------------|---------------|
| baked beans | southern slaw |
| grits | fries |
| pork rinds | tater tots |
| fresh fruit | cornbread |
| bacon braised collard greens | |

BOTTLES & CANS

Bud Light

Budweiser

Ultra

Miller Lite

Coors Light

Yuengling

Heineken 0.0 N/A

Corona

White Claw

Guinness

DRAFT BEER

Sierra Nevada Hazy

Bold Rock Cider

Allagash White

WINE

Cono Sur Pinot Noir

Cono Sur Cabernet Sauvignon

Cavit Pinot Grigio

Cypress Vineyards Chardonnay

NUMBER: _____

*Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness

Wedding
Anniversaries

No Wedding
Anniversaries
Found

Meeting Program/Speaker

By Ann H. Golden

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

4-25-23 - Regular Meeting - Youth programs TBD

Mar 14 - Bandalong - Cleaning Up the Reedy River, Chad Lawson, REWA Communications Director



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 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.

This Month is . . .

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month

Clean water is a basic need for human beings. When people, especially children, have access to clean water, they live healthier and more productive lives. However, at least 3,000 children die each day from diseases caused by unsafe water, which is what motivates our members to build wells, install rainwater harvesting systems, and teach community members how to maintain new infrastructure.

While very few people die of thirst, millions die from preventable waterborne diseases, providing the impetus for our members to also improve sanitation facilities in undeveloped countries. Members start by providing toilets and latrines that flush into a sewer or safe enclosure and then add education programs to promote hand-washing and other good hygiene habits.

[Give now](#) to support a water project and help extend the flow of clean water to everyone..

Thank You - from Night to Shine



February 15, 2023

Rotary Club of the Reedy River Greenville,

We want to sincerely thank you for once again generously donating to help the Night to Shine team at Greenville First host an unforgettable evening for some of our community's most deserving members!

With your donation, we were able to feed over 90 guests, approximately 30 parents and caregivers, as well as almost 200 volunteers. In addition to food costs, your donation was used to purchase decorations, some seating, as well as supplies for gift bags that each guest received at the end of the evening. We were also able to donate the leftover food to Sunday Dinner with a Twist, an organization that feeds warm meals to homeless individuals in Greenville every Sunday afternoon.

Thank you again for making this an incredible night of food, fun, laughter, dancing, singing and the purest, most genuine joy for the amazing community of people with special needs in Greenville.

Sincerely,

Greenville First Church Night to Shine Team

Where's Your Derby Spot?



As a Club Member everyone is invited to our Duck Derby meetings. The next meeting will be held March 30, 2023 at 6:30pm at CEC Construction (Alan Calloway's place of business), located at 2028 Gibbs Shoals Rd, Greer, SC 29650. It's a great way to hear about the many duties that need covering on Derby Day as well as the run-up to our big event. (See article on Pre-Derby Events & Activities in this newsletter.) Please come join us, ask questions, and find your place.

Whether you're in the water, staffing a booth with duck adoptions and merchandise, or donning the Shades costume, we need **everybody** in the club to find their spot. We all have special skills to share that may not be common knowledge. Are you someone familiar with Square (POS system) or would love the chance to be our mascot, Shades? Are you looking for a retail fix selling Duck Derby swag? There's a place for everyone! It's all hands on deck on Saturday, May 6th. Meanwhile, we have much to do to ready ourselves prior to May 6. Be sure to mark your calendar on May 2nd for the "stripping and tagging" party to peel off the old numbers and put our race numbers on the bottoms of the ducks. This is also an "all hands on deck event."

Duck Adoption Update

The Home & Garden Show in late February was the official kick-off on our efforts to get 14,000 ducks adopted for the 19th Annual Reedy River Duck Derby. With plans to build on the prior year's success (12,000 ducks), we must get the word out and get the ducks adopted. If you don't have the Reedy River Duck Derby business cards to **hand out to everyone**, pick some up at our next meeting. The QR code on the business card allows folks instant access to our adoption website at the exact spot to begin their adoption. You should adopt some too. Although Rotarians are not eligible to win, why not adopt in the name of someone you know who could benefit from one of

our great [prizes](#). There's a shot at **a million dollars** along with:

- Groceries for year from Publix
- \$2,500 cash
- Golf weekend for 2 at Embassy Suites
- and many others

At this printing, we are approaching 2,000 adoptions and that is a strong start, for sure. To keep the momentum going, we need to talk up the Duck Adoption Teams (DATs) who help get the ducks adopted while earning a percentage for their nonprofit. Our DATs this year include some repeat and new* teams.

- Augustine Literacy Project*
- Cancer Care Camps for Kids (a charity of KOA Kampgrounds)*
- Carolina Youth Symphony
- DogGone Shelter Intervention*
- Foster Paws*
- Lucky Pup Rescue
- Make GVL Greener*
- Mauldin Miracle League
- Powdersville Middle School
- Remembering Ruthie Rescue*
- Rotary Club of:
 - Clemson Sunrise
 - Fountain Inn*
 - the Reedy River Greenville
- Shriners Children's Hospital
- Stone Elementary PTA*
- STRIDES Tutoring
- The Logos Theatre
- United Ministries
- Wildlife Rehab Group*

As you talk up the merits of these organizations (their websites are a great way to educate yourself and the newsletter editor is a bit stretched for time to get them all in this article; try visiting the Teams tab on the RRDD website), you can also talk up Rotary. Gaining new members looking for a good cause to support often happens during Derby season. Take advantage of that!

Again, please see the article on Pre-Derby Events & Activities and pitch in to make this our most successful Derby yet!

Pre-Derby Events & Activities Needs You!

So many opportunities are available for giving support to the Reedy River Duck Derby and our grant applicants. One of the guidelines on the grant states:

Recipient is encouraged to include ways members of The Rotary Club of the Reedy River Greenville can also contribute time and service hours to the project, beyond the financial contributions.

Make GVL Greener is running a relay transition station for Ville de Ville, a run from Asheville to Greenville on April 15, 2023. Make GVL Greener's executive director, Sheryl Guarniero, is looking for 2-3 Rotarians who can help with simple duties at their station, one of 12 transition stations along the race course. This is a great event and your time from 1:30-6:30pm at the Enoree Career Center will allow you to meet and interact with people from all over the southeast who come to run this annual race.

Let's do our part to contribute time and service hours to those applying for Duck Derby grants. To volunteer for more information, please contact Sheryl directly at Sheryl@makegvlgreener.com.

Other events where Rotarians are needed: In addition to the above event, our DATs are actively setting up adoption events to reel in their supporters. Rotarians are needed for Shades, a handler, a Rotarian and some miscellaneous supplies (Club-provided) to get a good looking set-up.

- Saturday, April 1 from 11am -2pm
 - Wheels for Wildlife (Rehab Group) Car Show
 - Need:
 - Handler for Shades
- Saturday, April 15 from 8am-10am
 - STRIDES Tutoring event
 - Need:
 - Shades
 - Rotarian
- Saturday, April 30 from Noon-4pm
 - Parking Lot Party at The Flat with DAT: Mauldin Miracle League
 - Need:
 - Rotarian (Alan and Sandy - let Meg know which shift)
 - Noon-2pm
 - 2pm-4pm
 - Shades (Alan - would you rather be Shades?)
 - Noon-2pm

For the last three events, please email megcoffey@yahoo.com if you can help staff the event. This is a great way to serve the Club running up to the Derby.

You Can Serve - Join In!

4-8-23 - 9am-Noon - Shed Party #1 - This is our first stab at getting all the stored Duck Derby supplies organized and counted in preparation for the Derby. All hands on deck, please. Club members will organize Duck Derby Sales/Adoption venue materials in preparation for the Derby. Members will meet at the storage shed located at 1868 Woodruff Road from 9 until noon on Saturday, April 8th. Our shed number is H6 (take the last left turn). The entry code for the gate is 1052*. There is minimal lifting required by attendees. In the event of rain, we will meet on Sunday, 4/9. 1868 Woodruff Road, Greenville, SC.

4-22-23 - 9am-Noon - Shed Party #2 - This effort will wrap up the organization of Duck Derby supplies. All hands on deck, please. Club members will organize Duck Derby Sales/Adoption venue materials in preparation for the Derby. Members will meet at the storage shed located at 1868 Woodruff Road from 9 until noon on Saturday, April 22nd. Our shed number is H6 (take the last left turn). The entry code for the gate is 1052*. There is minimal lifting required by attendees. In the event of rain, we will meet on Sunday, 4/30. 1868 Woodruff Road, Greenville, SC.

Health & Happiness - 3rd Monday of Month

Health and Happiness events are great ways to meet Rotarians from other Clubs and find out what they're working on right now. It's a good way to drum up support for events Clubs are sponsoring or are putting on, like the Reedy River Duck Derby.

Join us Monday, March 20 for Health & Happiness (Editor believes this event is at The Melting Pot on Haywood Road). Register on DACdb for this event, which starts at 5pm. Entry is \$5 cash for a 50/50 drawing with one half going to a person in attendance and the other half going to the host club.

We're hosting April's Health & Happiness at Six & Twenty Distillery. This will be our last chance to recruit volunteers (the more we have the faster we get our work done!) for the Derby and get out the word and QR code to get ducks adopted. Six & Twenty will do a short distillery tour during our time at their establishment. Come join in and be great hosts/hostesses. As the host club, we will be the beneficiary of 50% of the 50/50 drawing.



District All Club Conference - Apr 28-29



April 28-29, 2023

**USC Pastides Alumni Center
900 Senate Street
Columbia, SC 29201**

EXPERIENCE ENERGY: CONFERENCE AGENDA

FRIDAY, APRIL 28th

11:45am Council of Governors Luncheon

Blue Marlin Restaurant, Vista Room
1200 Lincoln Street
Columbia, SC 29201
(803) 799-3838
11:45am Fellowship, 12:30pm Meal

2:00-4:00pm Community Service Projects

Details TBA

6:00-8:30pm Party on the Patio... Let the Good Times Roll (*bar closes at 8:00pm*)

Enjoy, food, beverages and socializing.

***USC Pastides Alumni Center
900 Senate Street
Columbia, SC 29201***

SATURDAY, APRIL 29th

All meetings and meals at USC Pastides Alumni Center. Building opens at 7:00am.

8:00am Light Breakfast in Pre-function Area

Choose from assorted muffins, assorted Danishes, fresh cut fruit, coffee, various juices and beverages. ***Ballroom open for seating.***

8:30am General Session, Ballroom

Informative speakers, interesting topics. Details and speaker bios to follow.

10:00- 10:15am Break

12:00pm Lunch

12:45pm Keynote Speaker

1:30pm Free Time *See Free Time Section*

6:00pm Evening Reception in Pre-Function Area

7:00pm Ballroom Opens

7:15pm Buffet Opens

Dinner, Announcements, Keynote Speaker, District Governor Remarks

House of Friendship located in the three rooms directly off the lobby by the main entrance, will be open at all times.

Friday dress, casual

Saturday dress, business casual

Saturday evening, business casual but jacket and tie preferred

Register for the Conference through DACdb

The Conference Hotel is Hilton Columbia Central

Reserve a hotel room at:

[Click Here to reserve a room](#)

Hilton Columbia Center

924 Senate Street

Columbia, SC 29201

(803) 744-7800

Webinar: Cultivating Effective Projects



All Rotary members are invited to participate in an exciting five-part webinar series designed to support you as you cultivate effective projects that will create a sustainable impact in your community and around the world. These webinars will offer tools and strategies to help you plan, find resources for, implement, and evaluate your projects, including youth service projects.

Learn more about the specific topics and register now:

- Promoting Projects: Tell Your Story, [Thursday, 23 March, 10:00 Chicago time \(UTC-5\)](#)
- Planning a Project: Design for Results, [Thursday, 6 April, 10:00 Chicago time \(UTC-5\)](#)
- Finding Project Partners and Resources: Build an Effective Team, [Thursday, 20 April, 10:00 Chicago time \(UTC-5\)](#)
- Measuring Results: Demonstrate Your Impact, [Thursday, 4 May, 18:00 Chicago time \(UTC-5\)](#)
- Expanding Reach: Partner with Youth in Service, [Thursday, 18 May, 18:00 Chicago time \(UTC-5\)](#)

Visit rotary.org/webinars for more information.

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. Submissions must be received by the Wednesday prior to the next meeting.

Club Mailing Address

Please use this address for all club correspondence, remitting dues (unless you pay online), and Duck Derby business.

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Box # 500
325 Rocky Slope Rd, Suite 104
Greenville, SC 29607

Club Meeting

The Reedy River Greenville
Meets at Local Cue
30 Orchard Park Dr, Suite 7
Greenville, SC 29615
Time: Tuesday at 05:30 PM

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