



# THE QUACKER

Newsletter of the Rotary Club of the Reedy River Greenville

March 24, 2024

## Events

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](#)

April 20th  
[The Reedy River Greenville: DD24 Shed Party](#)

## 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.

**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

3-26-24 - 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**

## Honduras Water Projects, Emilio Parras, President, Rotary Club of Mauldin

Emilio Porras has been an Allstate agent in the Mauldin area for the past 10 years. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Mauldin where he became a member in 2014. He served as Club President for 2020-2021, and he is the current Club President for 2023-2024. In addition, he has served as the Public Relations Chair and helped with the Club's Social Media. Other areas of interest include International Missions Committee, Fellowship Rotarian Motorcyclist Associate Member, VOSH - Eye Medical Mission Member, Casa Colibri Executive Board Member, and Nuevo Eden, Barillas, Huehuetenango, Guatemala. He has been married to Leslie for 30+ years, and they have two children, Franco and Emilza, and a grandson, Bruno.



## 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.

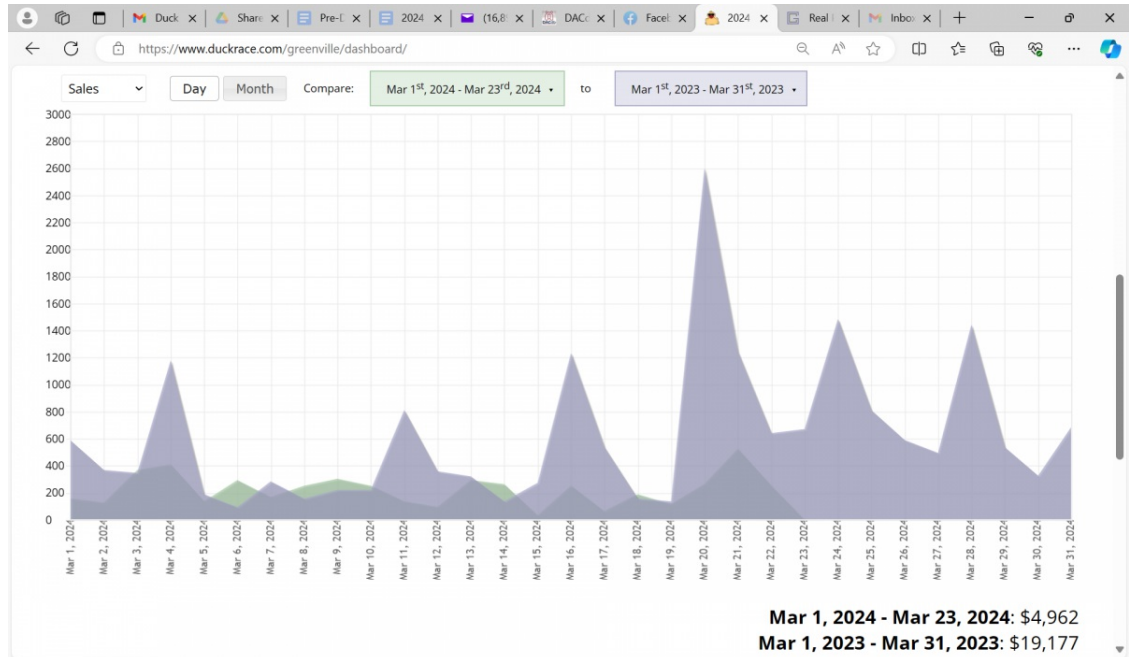
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## All Hands on Deck for the Duck Derby

**Next Duck Derby meeting:** April 10 2024 at 6:30pm via Zoom.

### Duck Sales Need All of Us Spreading the Word About Adoptions

We hope everyone is passing out the Duck Derby business cards with the adoption QR code to all of your friends and family. We are truly behind on the number of adoptions when compared to last year. Check out these statistics when comparing March 2023 (large peaks) to March 2024:



As mentioned, we encourage you to adopt ducks, even though you are not eligible to win a prize. If you have college-aged children, they might enjoy groceries for a year from Publix. Get your golfer friends interested in the two-day stay with golf included at Embassy Suites and The Preserve at Verdae Golf Course. And who would not want to try out the Grand Bohemian? There are some stellar prizes that can be leveraged for adoptions, so please get out the word to everyone you come in contact with.

### Shades and Rotarian Needed

A Rotarian and a Shades are needed for an event with DAT Make GVL Greener from Noon to 4pm at Unity Park on Saturday, April 20, 2024. Let Meg Coffey know if you can help out with this.

### Mark your calendars:

- Shed Party, April 6, 2024, 9am - Noon, The Space Shop storage facility, H6, 1868 Woodruff Road, Greenville, SC. Read entry instructions for code 1052. Rain date is April 7th.
- Shed Party, April 20, 2024, 9am-Noon. The Space Shop storage facility, H6, 1868 Woodruff Road, Greenville, SC. Read entry instructions for code 1052. Rain date is April 28th.
- VID (Very Important Duck) Party, April 25, 2024, 6pm. Come thank the sponsors of our signature event at the Embassy Suites on Verdae Blvd. All Rotarians are urged to participate.

## BridgeWay Brewing Comes on Board as Sponsor

BridgeWay Brewing Company, a new brewery in the Brigeway Station development in Mauldin has come on board as a sponsor. The establishment houses a brewery, full bar, serves a delicious menu of food, and offers duck pin bowling. Shades and Quacky were invited to attend a Duck Derby day on Saturday, March 23, at BridgeWay



Brewing where two beers, brewed especially in honor of the Derby, were served. Customers purchasing the Wheat Quacker or the Duck Bill Porter caused \$2 per sale towards the Duck Derby. Over \$1,100 of duck adoptions took place, and Shades was up close and personal with the youngest guests. It was a wonderful event.



### New DAT on Board

Welcome new Duck Adoption Team, International Ballet, to the roster of DATs. International Ballet is committed to creating and maintaining a diverse, equitable, inclusive, and accessible community that inspires joy and success through professional ballet training and performances. We believe that the arts in general, and classical ballet specifically, are important tools that allow people from all backgrounds and abilities to process and share the profound beauty of our humanity. We believe that we are best able to achieve success for our mission through partnerships with existing artists and organizations that share these values.

## 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.

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

## Speakers

## 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

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