



# THE QUACKER

Newsletter of the Rotary Club of the Reedy River Greenville

May 12, 2024

## Events

May 14th

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

May 28th

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## Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found

## Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

## Wedding Anniversaries

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## Meeting Time Change

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## Club Meeting Location

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Club Meetings are held at Holly Tree Country Club in Simpsonville. Come join us at 6:00pm for socializing, followed by the meeting at 6:30pm. 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.

## Meeting Program/Speaker

By Ann H. Golden

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

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

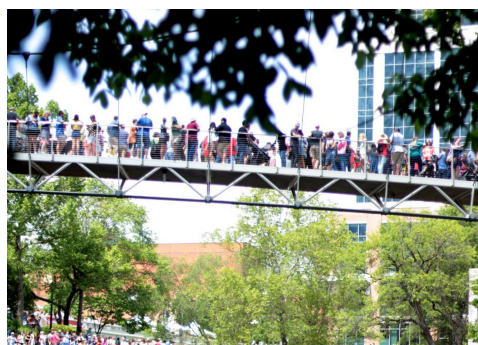
6-11-24 - Regular meeting - **Zonta Club of Greenville** - *Elaine Braeuning, District Chair*

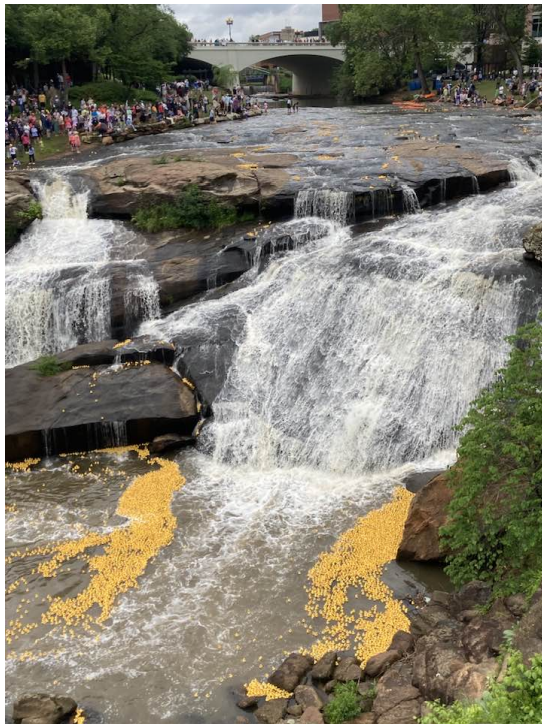
6-25-24 - Regular meeting - **Awards and Installation**

## Next Club Meeting - Celebrating Derby Success



Our next club meeting is a Derby Celebration! The agenda is to celebrate 20 years of the Reedy River Duck Derby, swap funny stories of fun experiences and interesting characters and kudos. If you have gripes to share, please write them down and deposit them in a box that will be provided at the door. We can then talk about those at the after-action meeting to follow. Please attend so we can all breathe a sigh of relief together and *maybe* there will be sweet treats to enjoy.











And so many more pictures are available on social media on our [Facebook Duck Derby](#) page and [Instagram](#) feeds.

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## This month is . . .

Youth Services (Interact, Rotaract, RYLA, Rotary Youth Exchange)

**INTERACT** - is a service club for young people ages 12-18 who are passionate about making a difference while learning about the world and themselves. And having fun! Your Interact club will be expected to organize at least two projects every year: one that helps your school or community and one that promotes international understanding.

**ROTARACT** - Rotaract clubs bring together people ages 18 and older to exchange ideas with leaders in the community, develop leadership and professional skills, and have fun through service. In communities worldwide, Rotary and Rotaract members work side by side to take action through service. From big cities to rural villages, Rotaract is changing communities like yours. Rotaract members decide how to organize and run their clubs, manage their own funds, and plan and carry out activities and service projects. Rotary club sponsors offer guidance and support and work with your club as partners in service.

**RYLA** - Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive leadership experience organized by Rotary and Rotaract clubs, districts, and multidistricts where youth develop skills as a leader while having fun and making connections. Our District provides this opportunity to rising high school juniors and seniors.

**RYE** - Rotary Youth Exchange students learn a new language, discover another culture, and truly become global citizens. Exchanges for students ages 15-19 are sponsored by Rotary clubs in more than 100 countries.

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## Bench Dedicated to Long-time Member Ed Irick



After founding member Ed Irick's death last year from pancreatic cancer, the Board and Club were looking for a way to properly memorialize his service to our Club. It was decided to purchase a bench at Falls Park, home of the Reedv River Duck Derby, that Ed helped start 20 years ago. The Club



at Ed's family home on the Rocky River back porch, and Ed helped select the location for the bench, which has an excellent view of the falls, where thousands of ducks tumble over on the first Saturday each May.



*Ed's family gathers for the bench dedication on April 27, 2024.*

After unveiling the bench and location to Ed's family, a small reception was held at the shelter on Furman College Way for family and Rotarians from clubs around the upstate who knew and loved Ed. We salute you, Ed! If you are interested in donating to the cost of the bench for Ed, donations are still being taken by the Club. Contact Alan Calloway for more information.



*Rotarians from District 7750 pose on the Ed Irick memorial bench in Falls Park.*





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## 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.

**May 25 - North Main Rotary Park Beautification - 9:00am to Noon** - Volunteer opportunity with the City of Greenville Parks and Recreation Department to enhance North Main Rotary Park. Opportunities include: weeding, pruning, ivy & bamboo removal, path clearing & fellowship with Rotarians. Staff will provide hand pruners, hand saws, pruners, gloves and water. If you want to bring any personal non-powered hand tools or gloves for your own use, please do so. Please plan to wear long sleeves and pants for your protection, as we will be working in wooded areas and on hillsides. Also, keep in mind the weather conditions that day. Please come prepared with a jacket or raincoat in case of rain during the event.

\*\*\*\*\*Specific tasks will be assigned by the City. Please sign up on their website : [Parks Volunteer Opportunities | Greenville, SC - Official Website \(greenvillesc.gov\)](https://parks.volunteeropportunities.org/greenville-sc)

**May 28 - Discover Rotary - 11:00am** - if you have friends interested in the Rotary experience but who want more information about what Rotary does, the Greenville Rotary Club is hosting *Discover Rotary* at The Westin Poinsett Hotel, 120 S. Main Street, Mezzanine Floor, Greenville, SC 29601

**June 1 - Rebuild Upstate Ramp/Deck Project - two shifts, work one or both - 8:30am-12:30pm and 1pm to 5pm**

- Rebuild Upstate will match our group with a ramp or deck project, which will help a neighbor to safely access their home and community.
- Rebuild Upstate will have an online registration with details of your build day 2-3 weeks from the day you serve.
- All volunteer projects have a site leader trained and provided by Rebuild Upstate.
- Rebuild Upstate will do all we can to have groups serve within 30 minutes drive of their location.
- Rebuild Upstate will provide all materials and tools onsite. Volunteers are welcome to bring their tools but we are not responsible for loss or damage.
- Projects work best with 7-10 volunteers at a time; we are expecting 2 shifts.
- Everyone on a Rebuild Upstate build site must bring and wear closed-toed shoes.
- **Under 18 welcome - must be accompanied by an adult**

To sign up and for more information, email [info@rebuildupstate.org](mailto:info@rebuildupstate.org) and state that you are with a Rotary Club in the Greenville area.

**June 8 - Adopt-A-Road - 9am to Noon** - On Saturday, June 8th, 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). Wear clothes appropriate for picking up trash, bring a hat if it is sunny. All other supplies will be provided.

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## All Clubs Conference - May 17-19

**The All Clubs Conference Experience** takes place May 17-19 at the Hyatt Regency downtown.

**Celebrate Rotary** â€” Fellowship, Learning, and Fun

**Service:**

Friday afternoon with Upstate Forever

Rotary House of Friendship

**Fellowship:**

Friday evening Celebration with a Carnival theme, games, prizes and music

**Learning:**

Saturday morning workshops and speakers and evening dinner showcasing the environment.

**Fun:**

Saturday afternoon planned Group escapades around Greenville.

**Celebrate Youth:** Sunday morning program. Hear what our Interact, RYLA, and Youth Exchange students have been doing to serve and learn with Rotary.

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## Please Return All Squares & Dongles



If you have a Square swiping device or a dongle that belongs to the Club and used at the Derby, please turn it in at the next meeting.



## Duck Races Around the World

*Reprinted from Yahoo news service*

### World record rubber duck washes ashore 18 years later: “We got a bit excited”™

Tracy Swartz

Sun, April 21, 2024 at 8:44 PM EDT · 3 min read



A rubber duck that escaped a failed world record attempt nearly 18 years ago in Ireland has been found by a Scottish teen more than 400 miles away.

They quacked the case of The Missing Toy Duck.

[A rubber duck](#) that escaped a failed world record attempt nearly 18 years ago in Ireland has been found by a Scottish teen more than 400 miles away, [SWNS reports](#).

150,000 yellow rubber ducks were launched into the River Liffey in Dublin as part of the charity World Duck Race Ireland in June 2006. After being released from Millennium Bridge, the ducks were supposed to travel 1 kilometer down the river and pass under five bridges.

Despite organizer Children’s Lifeline Challenge’s attempts to collect them all, several broke free into the sea. Now, one has been found 423 miles away on the island of Stronsay in the Orkney archipelago in Scotland.

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Filip Miller, 13, stumbled across the plastic duck while walking his dogs “ and brought it back home to his mom, Marion, who spotted the telltale writing on the toy. Marion Miller / SWNS

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“The spring tides have been really high recently, and my son was walking the dogs along the shore,” Marion explained. “He was finding some bits and pieces and then he said, “There’s a rubber duck.”

She said Filip put it in his pocket and placed it by the sink at home.

“I had a look at it and saw writing on it,” Marion continued. “That’s when I saw it said, “World Record Duck Race, Ireland 2006,” and so we got a bit excited and started Googling it.”



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Each duck in the race was sponsored, with the first duck to pass under five bridges being declared the winner – the winning sponsor was awarded a trip to the US.

Other ducks from the race have been found in [Morecambe, England](#), and the [Isle of Wight](#) in the English Channel – with one even being spotted in Sweden.



Marion compared her sonâ€™s find to a message in a bottle.

â€œYou always wonder what the story is and where itâ€™s come from, so itâ€™s really special to be able to learn about its journey,â€ Marion enthused. â€œIt was so long ago as well â€” 18 years ago, and the writing is still intact on it, and it even has a number on it.â€

As her discovery circulated on social media, users began wondering about the future of the duck.

Marion says thereâ€™s no chance that sheâ€™s tossing it.

â€œI was reading some of the comments on Instagram, and some people were concerned about the plastic on the sea,â€ she noted.

[An estimated 11 million metric tons of plastic](#) enter the ocean each year, injuring and killing fish, birds, and other marine life that ingest it or get entangled in it.

â€œSomebody had said it was a shame that this little duck had bobbed all the way from Ireland just to go in the bin â€” but heâ€™s definitely not going in the bin,â€ Marion added. â€œI donâ€™t think weâ€™ll keep him in the bath, but weâ€™re definitely going to keep it on the shelf!â€

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

[Mark William Bacon](#)  
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