



# THE QUACKER

Newsletter of the Rotary Club of the Reedy River Greenville

May 26, 2024

## Events

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

June 8th  
[The Reedy River Greenville: Community Service - Adopt-A-Road](#)

June 11th  
[The Reedy River Greenville Weekly Club Meeting](#)

## Years of Service

No Years Of Service Found

## Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

## Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

## PAY ATTENTION - Meeting Location CHANGE MAY 28



Due to construction in the dining area of Holly Tree Country Club, **we will be meeting at 1885 Taproom in Simpsonville.** Located at 104A E Curtis Street, this cozy taproom offers sandwiches, salads, appetizers, and boneless wings. Come join us at 6:00pm for socializing, followed by the meeting at 6:30pm.

**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 Time Change

**DON'T FORGET: MEETING TIME CHANGE** - The meeting starts at 6:30pm, with socializing beginning at 6pm. Come join us for an informal gathering prior to the meeting program.



## RYE and RYLA





### **RYE - Rotary Youth Exchange**

**Wade Cleveland** joined the Rotary Club of Pleasantburg in 1988 after that club sponsored his participation in a Group Study Exchange trip. As a club member, he led two more Group Study Exchange trips abroad, organized and helped host fourteen visits by GSE teams to District 7750, organized and participated in a District Rotary Friendship Exchange, and served as club president. He is a Major Donor and a Paul Harris Society member.

He has also worked both in his club and at the district level with Rotary Youth Exchange for many years. From 2004-07 he served as chair of the District Youth Exchange Committee and began serving again as chair in 2018, a position he holds today. His passion for Rotary Youth Exchange stems from his own experience as a high school exchange student in Iran.

**Kristof Jakab** is a 2023-24 Rotary Youth Exchange student, hosted by the Rotary Club of Pleasantburg. He was born and lives in Budapest, Hungary. Both of his parents were Rotary Youth Exchange students, and their experiences inspired Kristof to participate also. Kristof arrived last August and attended Wade Hampton High School. In addition to his stellar academic performance, he earned letters in cross-country and track. Last week the Wade Hampton track coaches awarded him the Coaches Award for being the most outstanding all-around sportsman. When Kristof returns to Hungary, he will complete his final year of high school.



**RYLA - Rotary Youth Leadership Awards** is an intensive leadership experience organized by Rotary clubs and districts where rising juniors and seniors develop skills to become leaders while having fun and making connections.

What are the benefits?

Connect with leaders in your school and community to:

- Build communication and problem-solving skills
- Discover strategies for becoming a dynamic leader in your school or community
- Learn from community leaders, inspirational speakers, and peer mentors
- Unlock your potential to turn motivation into action
- Have fun and form lasting friendships



## Meeting Program/Speaker

By Ann H. Golden

5-28-24 - Regular meeting - **Rotary Youth Exchange and RYLA Candidate** - *Wade Cleveland, District RYE Chair with Kristof Jacobs our RYLA candidate*

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

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

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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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## 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 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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## PLAN AHEAD: Health & Happiness - 3rd Monday of Month

Save the date for Health & Happiness on Monday, August 12th at our friends and sponsor of the Duck Derby, BridgeWay Brewing. They are located at the newly opened BridgeWay Station off of I-385 in the Mauldin/Simpsonville area near Spectrum. Health & Happiness events take place from 5pm to 7pm.



Each person attending pays \$5 entering them in a 50-50 raffle. During the gathering, tickets will be drawn, and often prizes from the host space are contributed as well. The highlight of the event being half of the collected money for the Rotarian and the other half to that Rotarian's Club's charity projects.

Health & Happiness events are great ways to meet Rotarians from other Clubs and find out what other Clubs are working on. Potential members might enjoy this casual setting as a way to find out about our Club others are doing, so don't hesitate to bring them along. If you pay their \$5 50-50 fee and they win, that might be a great introduction to a potential new Rotarian. It's also a good way to drum up support for events Clubs are sponsoring or are putting on, like the Reedy River Duck Derby. **Bring \$5 to join in** on this fun-filled event, and you could win some excellent prizes or half the pot.

## 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.



## 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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## Club Meeting

The Reedy River Greenville  
Time: Tuesday at 05:30 PM

## Club Leaders

Alan Stewart Calloway  
President

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President-Elect

Rami Elmarkiz-Sami Michael  
President-Nominee  
Club Director

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