



July 7, 2024

## Events

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

July 11th  
[United Way School Tools Shopping](#)

July 11th  
[The Reedy River Greenville Board Meeting](#)

July 17th  
[The Reedy River Greenville LIFE Meeting](#)

July 23rd  
[The Reedy River Greenville Weekly Club Meeting](#)

## Years of Service

Sandy Wright  
07-01-2010  
14 Years

Elizabeth Foster Clarke  
07-11-2023  
1 Year

Kevin J. Guptill  
07-25-2023  
1 Year

Haley S Jordan  
07-25-2023  
1 Year

## Birthdays

Brian R. Miller  
July 2nd

Meghan A. Coffey  
July 22nd

Sandy Wright  
July 30th

## Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

## 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

*This schedule is subject to change. Please check each newsletter for the most current information.*

7-9-24 - Club Assembly - State of the Club - **Rachel Rutkowski, Club President**

7-23-24 - Regular Meeting - Children's Health - **Dr. Robin LaCroix, Chair of Pediatrics and Medical Director of Prisma Health Children's Hospital**

8-13-24 - Regular Meeting - Duck Derby Grant Awards

8-27-24 - Regular Meeting - The Magic of Membership - **Al Blackmon, District Membership Chair**

## Rachel Introduces Rotary LIFE

By Rachel Rutkowski



Hello Everyone! With the start of a new Rotary year, I wanted to draw everyone's attention to our newly established "Rotary Life" meetings that will be happening during the third week of every month. I will share more information about these events during my State of the Club address on July 9th, but I wanted everyone to go ahead and add this to your calendar. Our first event will be a social at New Realm Brewing in Downtown Greenville at 6:30pm, where members and guests are welcome! This is a really cool, new space, right across the street

from the baseball field where we can all gather, have a drink, and celebrate the upcoming year. New Realm Brewing is located at 912 S. Main Street.

## This month is . . .

### Maternal and Child Health

Rotary makes high-quality health care available to vulnerable mothers and children so they can live longer and grow stronger.

We expand access to quality care, so mothers and children everywhere can have the same opportunities for a healthy future. An estimated 5.9 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, inadequate health care, and poor sanitation – all of which can be prevented.

Rotary provides education, immunizations, birth kits, and mobile health clinics. Women are taught how to prevent mother-to-infant HIV transmission, how to breast-feed, and how to protect themselves and their children from disease.

### Duck Adoption Teams Get Paid



The ever-important Duck Adoption Teams (DATs) that help get all of the derby ducks adopted have been sent their share of the earnings. Each year, dedicated local charities join with the Rotary Club of the Reedy River to get the 14,000 ducks adopted prior to derby day. Though the event is known for selling out, it is helpful to know that the three top-adopting teams were responsible for 15% of total adoptions!

For 2024, the top three teams (and earnings) in adoptions include Cancer Care Camp for Kids (\$2,289), Foster Paws (\$1,874), and perennial favorite Shriners Hospital Greenville (\$1,670). Cancer Care Camps has earned the title two years in a row, both their freshman and sophomore years as a DATs representing KOA Campground in Anderson and raising money for Cancer Care Foundation and their annual Cancer Care Camps in over 100 locations, now in their 40th year of operation.

Cancer Care Camp believes that having cancer shouldn't mean giving up the joys of childhood. That's why KOA supports [Care Camps Foundation](#) – a national non-profit organization that funds medically supervised pediatric oncology camps across the U.S. and Canada. These camps help children who have cancer enjoy care-free time focusing on fun, friends, and activities instead of on their illness.

Kitten rescue is a top priority for [Foster Paws](#), a third-year DAT. Their mission does not operate a shelter or have a building. They are a foster-based rescue, meaning cats in their care are housed in the homes of our volunteers. We are a PetSmart Charities partner, with [adoption events most weekends](#) at the PetSmart stores on Wade Hampton Blvd. in Taylors and on Laurens Rd. in Greenville. We operate adoption centers inside each of these stores as well, where a small number of our ready to adopt cats are temporarily housed and available for the public to see.





[Shiners Hospital](#) is a well-known and respected children's hospital dealing with some of the most challenging conditions in medicine.

A total of nearly \$13,000 was paid out to the worth-while causes that support our Duck Derby with their Duck Adoption Teams. We value the partnership of each of the teams and support their causes.

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## Donations Still Accepted for Ed Irick's Bench



A memorial bench for founding Club Member Ed Irick has a lovely view of Reedy River Falls where the annual Reedy River Duck Derby race is held in Falls Park each year. The Club purchased the bench and dedicated it to Ed just before the 20th Derby this year. Donations are still being taken by the Club. Contact Alan Calloway for more information or make a check payable to the Club with "Ed Irick's Bench" in the memo line and turn it in to Laurie Rappl.

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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](#).

**7-11-24 - School Tools Shopping** for United Way - 9:30am-11am; contact [Elizabeth Clarke](#) for more information. Shop for school supplies to fill back packs for Greenville County students.

**8/7 - 8/11/24 - Really Good, Really Big, Really Cheap Book Sale** - times vary - The Greenville Literacy Association will be having their annual book sale from August 7th to the 11th. Club members may volunteer to assist with various tasks from set-up, helping on the days of the sale, and cleaning up. The sale will be at McAllister Square, 225 Pleasantburg Drive, Greenville.

You can register for the position and time you would like by going to the [Volunteer Sign-up](#) link. **Positions are filling up fast, so don't wait too long to register.** Let Eric know how many volunteer hours you complete on this project so it can be recorded in the Club's service hours.

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## Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities



**Feed & Seed - 701 Easley Bridge Road, Suite 6010, Greenville, SC** - The fresh food box programs provide individuals facing food insecurity with a healthy variety of fresh produce, including items sourced from local farmers. Feed & Sees relies on the generous support of volunteers to help us pack boxes in a warehouse which will be delivered to sites in Pickens, Oconee and Abbeville counties.

What to expect on packing day: Arrive at Feed & Seed between 10:15 and 10:30 so that you have time to sign in, wash your hands, and put on hairnets and gloves. Once all volunteers have arrived, we will circle up to discuss our Fresh Food Box programs and go over food safety guidelines. We are a GMP (Good Manufacturing Practices) facility and do require all volunteers to comply with the following expectations:

- Closed-toed shoes required.
- No shorts or dresses.
- Hairnets are required. PPE will be provided.
- Beard Nets are required for the bearded folk. PPE will be provided.
- Gloves are required. PPE will be provided. Hand-washing will be required prior to putting on gloves.
- No Jewelry Allowed. (exception plain, solid bands).
- No Food or Drinks in the warehouse area.
- No Personal Bags in the warehouse area.

New volunteers must complete a waiver prior to their first volunteer experience! Click [here](#) for Feed & Seed website for more information and sign waiver. **Notify Elizabeth Clarke of your service hours for the Club's record-keeping.**

**Meals on Wheels** - Deliver hope, friendship, independence and more. When you get involved with Meals on Wheels, you are delivering so much more than daily nourishment. You deliver friendship to those who spend their days alone. You deliver independence, allowing people to age in their homes with dignity. You deliver hope to those often forgotten. Volunteer your time, refer someone who needs help, or make a donation. No matter how you get involved, you'll deliver more than meals. [Volunteer Application | Meals On Wheels Greenville](#). Prudence Taylor regularly volunteers with Meals on Wheels and would be a source of information if you have questions. **Notify Elizabeth Clarke of your service hours for the Club's record-keeping.**

**The Children's Museum of the Upstate** - Spread creativity and empower children as a volunteer. [Volunteer - TCMU Upstate \(tcmupstate.org\)](#). **Notify Elizabeth Clarke of your service hours for the Club's record-keeping.**

**Trees Upstate** - is a nonprofit organization founded in 2005. Their mission is to **plant, promote,**

and **protect** trees in the Upstate. They **plant** trees in parks, schools, and neighborhoods, **promote** the benefits of trees, and **protect** by providing education and technical support to help inform policies and systems change. Though they are dormant in the summer months, they will have volunteer opportunities at this link: [Volunteer - Trees Upstate](#). **Notify Elizabeth Clarke of your service hours for the Club's record-keeping.**

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



Save the date for Health & Happiness on Monday, August 12th being hosted by our friends and Duck Derby sponsor, 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 is half of the collected money for the Rotarian and the other half to the host Rotary Club's (that's us on August 12th) 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 and what others are doing, so don't hesitate to bring a guest 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 50-50 pot.

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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 06:30 PM

## Club Leaders

[Rachel Rutkowski](#)  
President  
[Laurie M. Rapp](#)  
Treasurer

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

[Robert L. Brown Jr.](#)  
Rotary Foundation Chair

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

[Prudence Ann Taylor](#)  
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Club Director  
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