



September 25, 2022

Events

September 27th

[The Reedy River Greenville Club Meeting - Adult Illiteracy](#)

Speaker: Dr.

Lisa Hall

Subject: Adult Illiteracy

September 28th

[The Reedy River Greenville: EAFK knighting ceremony](#)

October 8th

[The Reedy River Greenville: Duck Derby - Souvenir Inventory](#)

October 11th

[The Reedy River Greenville Club Meeting - Official Visit](#)

Speaker: Dr.

Joyce Morin,
District Governor

October 15th

[The Reedy River Greenville: Comm Svc - TreesUpstate](#)

October 18th

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

Years of Service

Laurie M. Rapp
09-01-2003
19 Years

MEET US AT THE COMMERCE CLUB



The Reedy River Rotary Club meets at the Commerce Club, 55 Beattie Place, 17th floor of One Liberty Square.

Parking is available under or across the street from One Liberty Square. You'll want to enter the ground floor of the One Liberty Square building at 55 Beattie Place. The elevators will be straight ahead and you'll need to go to floor 17. The pricing for parking is below.

- Daily Rate (1st hour): FREE
- Daily Rate (2nd hour): \$2.00
- Daily Rate (each additional hour): \$1
- Max Daily Rate: \$7.00 (per entry)

Having a headcount for the meeting is important. Remember to RSVP for each meeting through one of the numerous ways available. [Read More](#)

Sep 27 - Literacy

Alan Stewart
Calloway
09-22-2009
13 Years4/

Meghan A. Coffey
09-22-2015
7 Years

Birthdays

No Birthdays
Found

Wedding Anniversaries

Theresa Marchi
September 5th



Lisa Hall is Acting Director of Greenville Literacy Association (GLA). She holds a Ph.D. from Stanford University and a Graduate Certificate in NonProfit Leadership from Georgetown University. Lisa taught analytic philosophy at the university level for over a decade before transitioning into nonprofit management and administration. She has worked in nonprofit adult education in the Greenville area since 2003. Lisa is an avid hiker, backpacker, and trail runner. She is looking forward to spending a month on the El Camino in Spain and Portugal 2023.

Meetings Via Facebook Live

Members continue to have the option of attending meetings in person or virtually. Virtual meetings will be accessible via Facebook Live. Go to the Club's Facebook page, or click [here](#), to access the Facebook stream. Please do continue to use the email from Club Secretary, Prudence Taylor, to sign up for each meeting using DACdb.

Meeting Program/Speaker

By Ann H. Golden

9-27-22 - Regular Meeting - *Literacy*, Dr. Lisa Hall, Greenville Literacy Association

10-11-22 - District Governor Visit - *Dr. Joyce Morin*, Governor, Rotary District 7750

10-25-22 - Regular Meeting - *Diversity & Economic Inclusion*, Natasha Pitts, VP, Diversity & Economic Inclusion, Greenville Chamber of Commerce

11-8-22 - Regular Meeting - *The Rotary Foundation*, Beth Padgett, District Foundation Chair

11-15-22 - **MOVED FROM 11/22** - *Polio Plus*, Doug Kauffman, District Polio Plus Chair

12-17-22 - **IN PLACE OF 12/13** - *Holiday Party*, details forthcoming

12-27-22 - no meeting

This Month is . . .

Basic Education and Literacy Month

As Rotarians, our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. We support education for all children and literacy for children and adults. Around 17% of the world's population is

illiterate.

Duck Derby Sponsorships Needed

By Edward F. Irick III

The Duck Derby Sponsorship Papers are here and now it is time for all members to begin bringing in sponsors for the 2023 Reedy River Duck Derby. Sponsors are critical to the success of our derby. In an ideal world, sponsors pay for all expenses, leaving all duck sale proceeds available for our charitable causes. Last year our sponsorships were down but this was attributed to the previous two years of virtual derbies. This year's sponsorships may very well be impacted by the economy, so we need to start bringing them in now. Every member should try and bring in sponsors.

I will bring sponsorship papers to the meeting this Tuesday. If you can't make the meeting contact me and we will arrange for you to get them.

Let's make this the biggest and best derby ever.

Let's get to Quacking!

RYLA Students Present



RYLA delegates Courtney Taylor (l) and Julie Rabon (r) recently presented on their experiences during their week-long leadership camp. Club Members were first-hand witnesses to the transformation of these young ladies, both rising seniors at Greer Middle College Charter High School. Prior to attending RYLA the delegates joined us at a Club Meeting where we met them and their parents/grandparents. Then the girls came back to the Club to inform those in attendance of their daily accomplishments and personal results at RYLA. It was a busy week with each day jam-packed with activities and events. A chance to develop and follow through on a community service event with other delegates from the Upstate is still on the table with an execution of Summer 2023 to ensure fundraising and school supplies can be purchased for a local Greenville County school. Learning from a wide variety of speakers on the subjects of leadership, project planning and execution, college

application/admission advice, problem solving, team building, and many more were part of the week-long camp. Favorites for the delegates were the joke of the day, morning wake-up antics, and team-building activities. RYLA is a worthwhile program designed to develop leaders. We saw such a transformation from meeting the delegates and through their post-camp presentation. Wow! RYLA certainly works! Let's find more candidates for June 2023.



Mauldin Miracle League Fun

Several Club Members showed up for the September 24th Mauldin Miracle League games at Sunset Park. Members typically cheer on the players, help in the field by buddy-ing up with a player to help them with where to be, and go through the batter's box and around the bases with the buddy. Every child plays and every child scores! It's a very positive experience for players because Mauldin Miracle League believes every child deserves a chance to play baseball. It is an all-volunteer organization and typically 90% of all donations go directly to benefit the children. MML is also a recipient of Duck Derby funds. Be sure to watch for your opportunity to serve this well-deserved organization.

A "Happening" Health & Happiness

President Elect, Alan Calloway, brought Quacky and Shades to The Flat for Health & Happiness on September 19th. Making a big splash on Woodruff Road, Quacky perched proudly in the parking lot while Shades waved to cars passing by. Laurie Rappl, Club Treasurer, set up the inside of The Flat to accommodate the group. Our good friends at The Flat put out a spread of their freshly prepared in-house specials for Rotarians to share and sample and provided a gift certificate for the drawing. Eric Krichbaum won the gift certificate while Laurie took home \$33 as the 50/50 prize. An additional \$33 will be deposited in the club charity account in order to be put towards a good cause. It's fun to attend Health & Happiness gatherings each month. More places are needed to host the 3rd Monday of the month event. If you can help connect our club with a restaurant/bar, please speak up! The next event is TBD on Monday October 17th. Be sure to register to attend through DACdb.

You Can Serve - Join In!

9/28/22 8am-10am - EarlyAct FirstKnight (or EAFK) is a daily Social Emotional Learning/Character-Building program for elementary and middle school students. Sponsored by local Rotary Clubs, EAFK teaches and trains classroom students of all backgrounds on how to become civil, service-oriented people during their most formative years.

The Club sponsors the EAFK program at Robert E. Cashion Elementary School. Several times throughout the school year, representatives of the EAFK organization hold a "Knighting Ceremony" at the school. During this assembly, specific students are recognized in front of their peers for best representing the theme of the period (Responsibility, Tolerance, Perseverance, and Confidence).

Members are asked to attend the ceremony to represent the Club. The events are held at 8 and 9 am on 9/28/22, 10/14/22, 12/6/22, 2/22/23, and 4/25/23. The school is located at 1500 Fork Shoals Rd., Greenville, 29605.

10/8/22 - 9am-Noon - Souvenir Inventory at the Shed Club members will take a physical inventory of souvenirs remaining from the last Duck Derby. If time permits, members will also organize/clean out the storage shed.

In case of rain, the date will be October 15th. The Shed is located at 1868 Woodruff Road (next to Lidl). The gate code is 1052*. We are in unit H6 (turn left at last row).

10/15/22 - 8am-2pm - TreesUpstate and GCRA (Greenville County Redevelopment Authority) have teamed up in the Creekside neighborhood in Greer to offer free trees for residents and senior renters. Join us and the Creekside Community to plant trees in the common areas as well as assist residents who need help planting on their private property. Breakfast and lunch will be provided to volunteers. The event is expected to run from 8 am to 2 pm. Two hundred and fifty volunteers are needed to help plant 130, 15-gallon trees! Friends and family guests are welcomed. Creekside Apartments are located at 775 Pleasant Brook Ct., Greer, SC 29651.

Members of the Reedy River Rotary club interested in participating in this event **MUST** register on the TreesUpstate website, (treesupstate.org/volunteer). Confirmation of details regarding time and address will be provided.

11/12/22 - 9am-Noon - Adopt-A-Road Club Members will be picking up trash along Conestee Lake Road. This event will fulfill the Club's quarterly obligation for picking 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 at 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 pair of gloves and a hat if it is sunny. All other supplies will be provided.

Be sure to sign up through DACdb for all of the above events and some require additional registration through the organization.

Oct 8 - Duck Derby Inventory



Join fellow Club Members to help inventory current souvenirs. The event will be on Saturday, October 8th, from 9 am to noon. In case of rain, the date will be October 15th. The Shed is located at 1868 Woodruff Road (next to Lidl). The gate code is 1052*. We are in unit H6 (forward to last row and turn left). Many hands make light work so sign up through DADdb and join in the service.

Oct 17 - Health & Happiness

October's Health & Happiness is taking place on Monday, October 17th at a place to be determined. RSVP to the Pmail you receive and come join us for a fun Happy Hour from 5pm-7pm.

**Each person needs to RSVP through DACdb
or Suzy Tumblin - SuzyTumblin@KW.com
(so the restaurant can be prepared to accommodate the right size group)
and bring \$5 CASH for entry.
Sign up at DACdb so you can be counted.**

There will be a 50/50 drawing where half will go to the winner while the other half will go to

Rotary Charities of the hosting club. *Small bills are appreciated.*

All Health and Happiness mixers are held on the 3rd Monday of the Month.

Healthy clubs are Happy clubs and Happy clubs are HEALTHY clubs!

Come Grow With Us! Potential Rotarians WELCOME! (Just bring your \$5)

Share this with those friends who you think would like to learn more about (and join) Rotary!

Questions about this event: call Suzy Tumblin 864-275-6882

Feed & Seed Service Opportunity

Thanks to Laurie Rappl for providing a connection to FEED & SEED CO. (feedandseed.com). Through networks, programs, and facilities, Feed & Seed Co. strives to improve the health and well-being of all citizens by **increasing access to nourishing local foods** and **establishing a truly sustainable food system** built on profitable farms and independent markets.

They have two volunteer needs for Club Members;

1. Help pack food boxes for families in need. This is a group event. Dates will be added to the Club calendar for January and/or February. A separate notice for registration will be sent as the date gets closer.
2. Help to share the mission in their "Green Market". This is an on-going opportunity that Club members can sign up for as their respective schedules permit (much like TCMU or Loaves & Fishes). Should you participate in this activity, let me know so I can log your hours.

HELP PACK FOOD BOXES FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

Our fresh food box programs provide local families in need a healthy variety of fresh vegetables and other items sourced from our local farmers and food makers. Volunteers will assist in packing the boxes with fresh produce for local families. ~12 volunteers are needed biweekly from 10:30am to 12:30pm.

HELP SHARE OUR MISSION AT THE GREEN MARKET

The Green Market at The Food Innovation Hub has both a retail space that sells local produce, dry goods, and household supplies, as well as a deli counter that has prepared hot and ready-to-cook meals. Volunteers will help bag groceries and greet customers. 1-2 volunteers are needed Tuesdays through Saturdays for 2 hour shifts from 8am to 6pm.

SUPPORT A LOCAL FARMER

Get your hands dirty and assist our local growers out on their farms. This may look like harvesting, sowing seeds, turning over fields, or other seasonal needs they have to continue providing us with fresh, high-quality produce grown right here in South Carolina.

Click [here](#) to volunteer and be sure to let Eric Krichbaum know the number of hours of service you provide.

From our Rotary Board

As we have shared previously, your Board evaluated the state of the club, and we have been in a large financial loss for some time now. Your Board has had numerous meetings over the last 2 months to evaluate the changes needed to sustain this club. Our last dues adjustment was in 2015 when dues increased from \$160 to \$170 per quarter. Our club has survived financially over the past several years with carryover money and dues paid during COVID. However, we all see and feel inflation in our economy; unfortunately, nonprofits and Rotary Clubs are not immune.

Here are some contributing factors to this situation:

- Loss of membership is the major contributing factor to the state of our club and the current

financial hardship we face, mainly because dues were not adjusted upwards due to loss in membership.

- The increased cost of dues to Rotary International
- The increased cost of dues to District 7750

Your Board has worked tirelessly over the past 2 months to develop a sustainable plan to balance our budget while keeping the membership cost as minimal as possible. In addition to increasing dues, the Board has found opportunities in the budget to remove expenses entirely or move the cost over as a Charities expense.

The Board has taken a hard look at our operating costs and reduced them to what we believe is our absolute bottom line for costs.

Item	Annual Per Member
RI Dues	\$96
District Dues	\$43
Meals	\$506
Pledge to Foundation**	\$100**
Club Admin	\$155
TOTAL	\$900

**Optional donation to the Foundation

What are these items and why do we need them (in layman's terms)?

RI Dues: Required dues to Rotary International in order to be recognized as a legitimate club.

District Dues: Required by District 7750 to be a part of this district with access to the district's resources.

Meals: Meals at the Commerce Club negotiated in our annual contract.

Foundation Pledge: Our club has held the esteem of being part of EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) in Foundation giving. This is a privilege to obtain this status and hold it within our district.

DacDb: The platform our district uses to manage clubs. This is also a required cost.

Domain: The cost of having a domain registered with DacDb. Our domain is reedyriverrotary.org.

Zoom: Being able to record meetings and meet virtually occasionally. This was a key tool in Duck Derby meetings.

Microsoft: Having Microsoft 360 on the computers for when a guest speaker brings a PPT to share.

PETS: President-Elect Training Session. This is a required training session for President-Elects and President-Nominees to prepare for their new roles.

RLI: Rotary Leadership Institute. This is a three-session Rotary/leadership preparation course encouraged to all members, but specifically upcoming leaders.

To cover the above costs, each member's dues must increase to \$800 per year, an increase of \$120 per year over what you are currently paying. A dues increase is not due solely to recent growth in meal costs and venue change. As mentioned previously, there are various contributing factors. The increased meal cost pushed us to re-evaluate our numbers, but this would have been an inevitable decision even if we had paid the same cost for meals.

Some Rotary clubs augment dues with fundraisers, others rely strictly on dues, and some may even support all operating costs and dues with fundraisers. We moved away from fundraisers in the past, wanting to prevent burnout. However, with the increased dues, we are also entertaining some small fundraising opportunities to help sustain this club until we can bring on more members. Anyone interested in supporting that effort should get in touch with Alan Calloway who is leading that charge.

Please feel free to contact a Board member if you have questions. We will happily answer

questions at the Rotary meeting Tuesday night after our vocational talks.

Yours in Rotary Service,

The Rotary Club of the Reedy River Board

It's Important to RSVP



Please help everyone involved. RSVP for meetings and Rotary events. You help everyone, from cooks to set-up staff to servers and Rotarians by letting us know you are coming to a meeting or attending a service event. Remember to hit the RSVP link in the emails you receive and get signed up (and receive credit) for the things you attend. There's also a REGRET option included in those emails, so take advantage of that if you are unable to attend.

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.

Rotary Club of Reedy River Greenville
Box # 500
325 Rocky Slope Rd, Suite 104
Greenville, SC 29607

Club Meeting

The Reedy River Greenville
Meets at The Commerce Club (2nd & 4th Tuesdays Only)
55 Beattie Place Floor 17
Greenville, SC 29601
Time: Tuesday at 05:30 PM

Club Leaders

[Theresa Marchi](#)
Past President
President
Public Image/PR Chair
[Prudence Ann Taylor](#)
Club Admin Chair
Secretary

[Alan Stewart Calloway](#)
President-Elect

[Laurie M. Rapp](#)
Treasurer

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