



THE QUACKER

CLUB NEWSLETTER
Rotary Club of the Reedy River Greenville



Rotary Opens Opportunities

Paul Harris History

At our last meeting, we got to celebrate our club's first Paul Harris Fellow recipient of the Rotary year, Beth Gaffer. This award was to honor the dedication Beth brings as a member and as our Secretary, showing the true service heart of a Rotarian. It is a very special honor to be given, shared with President Jimmy Carter, U.S. astronaut James Lovell, UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, and polio vaccine developer Jonas Salk, to name a few. This honor has a long history I'd like to share with you and urge you to consider joining through your donations to The Rotary Foundation.



The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation. Rotary established the recognition in 1957 to encourage and show appreciation for substantial contributions to what was then the Foundation's only program, Rotary Foundation Fellowships for Advanced Study, the precursor to Ambassadorial Scholarships.

The first Paul Harris Fellows included past RI Director Allison G. Brush, who served during the 1937-38 Rotary year, and longtime RI Treasurer Rufus F. Chapin, both for donations made in 1946. Mrs. Adan Vargas was the first woman to receive the recognition, for a gift made in 1953. Mrs. Harry L. Jones was the second, and one of only five people recognized for contributions actually made in that inaugural year.

Early Paul Harris Fellows received a certificate of recognition. In 1969, the Foundation unveiled the first Paul Harris Fellow medallion at the Rotary Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA. Japanese metal artist Fiju Tsuda created the piece under the direction of former Foundation Trustee Kyoza Yuasa. Today, Paul Harris Fellows receive a certificate and pin. They are also eligible to buy a Paul Harris Fellow medallion.

Rotarians have a tradition of supporting the Foundation by honoring others. Ida LeTulle Taylor became a Paul Harris Fellow in 1978 when her husband, Vann Taylor, who was serving as a district governor, made a donation in her name in honor of their 34th wedding anniversary. The gift also made her the 25,000th Paul Harris Fellow.

At the International Assembly in 1979, incoming RI President James Bomar challenged each Rotary club to make one non-Rotarian a Paul Harris Fellow. The Rotary Club of Pikesville, Maryland, USA, responded by making a donation in the name of Mother Teresa in 1980. The entertainer Pearl Bailey also became a Paul Harris Fellow through a joint effort of the Rotary clubs in Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

The number of Paul Harris Fellows reached the 1 million mark in 2006.



The first Paul Harris Fellow medallion, left, and a later version. Various lapel and neck ribbons were used with this medallion throughout the years.

Source: <https://www.rotary.org/en/history-paul-harris-fellow-recognition>

Yours In Service, Theresa



March is Water and Sanitation Month

Clean water, sanitation, and hygiene education are basic necessities for a healthy environment and a productive life.

Over 750 million people in the world lack access to safe **water** and more than 2.5 billion people lack access to adequate **sanitation** facilities. At least 3,000 children die each day from diarrheal diseases caused by unsafe **water**.

Next Month's theme is Maternal & Child Health Month

MEMBERS ON THE MOVE!



PETS ~ President Elect Bobby and President Elect-Nominee Cathy will spend March 18th, 19th and 20th (Thursday, Friday & Saturday) on this year's PETS (President Elect Training Seminar) in continuing their preparation for our 2021-2022 Rotary year. They enjoyed the opening session with almost 530 other PE's and PN's where the guest



speaker was incoming Rotary President Elect Shekhar Mehta from the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar in West Bengal, India. He was able to address many, many PETS across the world because of Zoom technology. It was 3pm our time but 1:30 am his time when he spoke. Another unexpected positive of this pandemic. Many topics were covered including Effective Leadership, Making the Most of Rotary's Public Image, Engaging Your Community, Rotary Foundation, and Membership Engagement, Growth & Development. They are able to make connections and find helpful resources they will use in the coming years.

CONCERNED ABOUT MEMBERSHIP?

Try a new community service project

BY ERIC KRITCHBAUM District 7750 Community Service Chair

Are you looking for ways to energize and engage your members and attract new members?

Clubs that start new service projects are astonished at how much interest and energy they create. Incoming RI President, Shekhar Mehta's presidential theme is "Serve to Change Lives." Despite this pandemic-challenged year, clubs across District 7750 continue to live up to this standard. At the local level, club leadership knows the support Community Service activities provide with membership engagement, retention, and growth goals. The ongoing dilemma of meshing these goals often relies on providing a variety of service opportunities that align with member interests and passions. This task has often been left up almost entirely to the creativity of the Committee Service Committee members – until now. As Rotarians we are foremost motivated to service toward the betterment of our communities and world. The District 7750 Community Service project and activity database is an example of the District serving the clubs, who in turn are empowered to fulfill this grander goal. [CLICK >>> HERE](#) for an inventory of projects clubs all over the district are doing. There are multiple ideas with contact information for people who can give you specific details. Most of these projects have been adapted to accommodate the pandemic challenges. Right now is the perfect time to initiate a new service project or begin planning a project that is ready to start July 1!

JUST 41 DAYS UNTIL OUR DUCK DERBY!

Shades has been busy getting into shape for the Duck Derby and we're just about 5 weeks away! See what Shades has been up to by clicking this >>> [LINK](#)<<<



You can help Shades and our PR Team out by answering the questions below!

Have you...?

1. **LIKED** our Duck Derby Page on Facebook? >>> [HERE](#)
2. **SHARED** every Duck Derby post on your own Facebook Page?
3. Taken and **HANGED POSTERS?** - they are available now!
4. **Shares Duck Derby Business Cards?** - they are available now!
5. **ADD** magnets and/or window clings to your car?
6. **ARE YOU WEARING** your Adopt-A-Duck badges everywhere, all the time?
7. **HAVE YOU ASKED** for a prize or gift card donation or donated one yourself? *If every member brought in just one, we'd be in great shape! It would really help!*

We
could really use some help with
this one!

CLUB CALENDAR

If you have not already registered to attend our regular meeting, please do so. To Join the Meeting for Our Club via Zoom Click>> [HERE](#)

Meeting ID: 845 1422 0361. Passcode is: go rotary.

~ March 23rd - Regular Club Meeting - Quarterly Review/Club Assembly

~ March 27th - Community Service Event - Pendleton Place - Register on DacDB- 9 to noon - Gardening project at foster care home - Great way to make up community service hours! Please register on DacDb or ask Eric.

~ April 13th - Regular Meeting - Durrell Hood, Cyclist-Adventurer

~ April 27th - Regular Meeting - Dr. Fredanna M'Cormick-McGough
Professor of sex & maternal health

~ May 11th - Regular Meeting - Clean Water - Upstate Forever

~ May 25th - Eagle Scout Preston Brown

~ June 8th - Regular Meeting

~ June 22nd -Induction of New Board - President Theresa's Demotion

Please log into www.DacDb.com, click on the **MyCLUB** tab and then the **CALENDAR** icon to preview the event details above and **REGISTER and OBTAIN MEETING LINKS**. If you do not know how to log into DacDb,

PLEASE ASK - WE ARE HERE TO HELP.

Regular Club Meetings and Events are held in person or you may attend via Zoom. Physical distancing in effect for in-person, please wear a mask. Board Meetings currently are held on line via Zoom.

BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Currently first Thursday of each month VIA ZOOM at 6:30
Watch your email for the invite. Check the Club Calendar on DacDB for Zoom Login Information.

2020-2021 CLUB LEADERSHIP

Theresa Calabrese - Club President
Jessica Smith - Immediate Past President
Bobby Brown - President Elect
Beth Gaffer - Secretary
Michelle Stadler - Treasurer
Alan Harry - Sergeant-At-Arms
Eric Krichbaum - Club Service Chair
Alan Harry - Foundation Chair
Cynthia Fryer - Membership Chair
Ann Golden - Program Chair
Meg Coffey - Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)
Cathy Harry - Public Relations Chair - Newsletter Editor



ROTARY TRIVIA:

What is the difference between a Rotary District Grant and a Rotary Global Grant?

Last Trivia Question: What was the name of President Marchi's guitar when she was growing up? Did you know she could play the guitar? **Answer:** Rosey and not many of us knew she could play the guitar!



March Birthdays

Ann Golden (25th)

March Member Anniversaries

None this month

March Wedding Anniversaries

Alan & Lisa Calloway (20th) 11 years!



‘Organization of the Night’ at Bon Secours Arena Sunday, March 21st Swamp Rabbits v. Everblades!



Thank you to ‘Shades’ (Meg Coffey) and the ‘Furr Babies’ Duck Adoption Team for promoting the Duck Derby at the Swamp Rabbits Game Sunday afternoon!



Thank you to Ed who manned the Chuck-A-Puck table and Tony who was Shades handler!



Big thanks to Theresa's mom who made a mask for Quacky and for the Calloway Boys getting Quacky to the arena!