



February 26, 2023

## Events

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

**Speaker:** Rev. Stacey Mills, Ed.

March 11th  
[The Reedy River Greenville: Community Service - TreesUpstate](#)

March 14th  
[The Reedy River Greenville Weekly Club Meeting](#)

March 21st  
[The Reedy River Greenville Monthly Board Meeting](#)

## Years of Service

Edward F. Irick III  
 02-11-2003  
 20 Years

Ann H. Golden  
 02-11-2003  
 20 Years

Eric Michael Krichbaum  
 02-10-2015  
 8 Years

Tanisha Elder-Kirk  
 02-14-2023  
 0 Years

## Birthdays

Melissa Michael

## See you at the Commerce Club



Come join us at the Commerce Club at 5:30pm for networking and fellowship followed by our meeting and dinner.

The Commerce Club is located at 55 Beattie Place, 17th floor of One Liberty Square. Having a headcount for the meeting is important. Remember to RSVP for each meeting through one of the numerous ways available: [DACdb](#), email with [Prudence Taylor](#), or [ReedyRiverRotary.org](#).

Join us in business casual attire so as to comply with the Commerce Club's dress code.

Parking is available under or across the street from One Liberty Square. 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)

[Read More](#)

## Meeting Program/Speaker

By Ann H. Golden

2-28-23 - Regular Meeting - **REEM GVL (Racial Equality and Educational Mobility), Rev. Stacey Mills, ED**

3-14-23 - Regular Meeting - **REWA - Bandalong, cleaning up the Reedy River**, Chad

February 25th

## Wedding Anniversaries

Rami Elmarkiz-

Sami Michael

February 10th

Melissa Michael

February 10th

Lawson, REWA, Director of Communication

3-28-23 - Regular Meeting - **Mast General - History & Community Partnerships**, Lisa Cooper, President

4-11-23 - Regular Meeting - **Paul Harris Birthday & Village Engagement | Predatory Lending**, Susan Stall, Program Coordinator

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## Feb 28 - REEM GVL, Stacey D. Mills, Executive Director



Stacey D. Mills is the Executive Director of Greenville's Race Equity and Economic Mobility Commission and has served as Senior Pastor to the historic Mountain View Baptist Church in Downtown Greenville, South Carolina for the past 25 years. The third pastor in the 114-year history of Mountain View, Mills is a bridge-builder within his multigenerational and multiethnic congregation, as well as a vehicle for community development, partnerships, and growth. Reverend Mills served as Assistant Pastor at the Mount Moriah Baptist Church in Spartanburg, South Carolina before being called to lead the Mountain View Baptist Church in Greenville.

Pastor Mills has been bi-vocational for eighteen of his twenty-five years in the pastorate, a fact that he values and sees as an extension of his ministry. In this way, he taught students who were at risk of dropping out of high school in the Jobs for America's Graduates, a program of the South Carolina Department of Commerce at Woodmont International Baccalaureate High School, from 2004 to 2009. He earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies (English and Secondary Education) from the University of South Carolina Spartanburg (USC Upstate) in 1996.

Mills returned to USC Upstate in July 2009 as the assistant director of Student Life responsible for Multicultural Student Services, Leadership Programs, Non-Traditional Student Services, and NPHC Greek Life. In April 2016 he was named Vice Chancellor for Regional Engagement and Executive Director of USC Upstate Greenville Campuses, leading the USC Upstate Greenville team in an effort to adapt academic programs to the needs of the area's workforce.

In addition to serving Mountain View and REEMGVL, Pastor Mills represents several community initiatives including the United Way of Greenville County; chairman of the Urban League of the Upstate Board of Directors, Boy Scouts of America Blue Ridge Council Board of Directors; the Rotary Club of Greenville; graduate of Leadership Greenville Class 40 and the Riley Institute at Furman's South Carolina Diversity Leaders Initiative.

Reverend Mills is married to the former Jacqueline Burton of Johnston, South Carolina and, together with their children Harrison, Kiersten, and Zion, call Greenville their home.

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**This Month is . . .**

## Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

Today, 70 million people are displaced as a result of conflict, violence, persecution, and human rights violations. Half of them are children. We refuse to accept conflict as a way of life. Rotary projects provide training that fosters understanding and provides communities with the skills to resolve conflicts.

## Rotary creates environments of peace

As a humanitarian organization, peace is a cornerstone of our mission. We believe when people work to create peace in their communities, that change can have a global effect.

By carrying out service projects and supporting peace fellowships and scholarships, our members take action to address the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, discrimination, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.

Our commitment to peacebuilding today answers new challenges: how we can make the greatest possible impact and how we can achieve our [vision](#) of lasting change. We are approaching the concept of peace with greater cohesion and inclusivity, broadening the scope of what we mean by peacebuilding, and finding more ways for people to get involved.

Rotary creates environments where peace can happen.

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## Netherlands Calling

Caroline Molenaar, a Rotarian from Amsterdam, visited the Club as we celebrated our 20th Anniversary. She is an architect for hospitals living in the US with her husband who has been assigned work duties for his company. Caroline works remotely from the US back to her home country of the Netherlands.

Caroline brought a video message from her home Club's president and banners from her club, which were wonderful. We hope she will join us again.

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## Where's Your Derby Spot?



Whether you're in the water, staffing a booth with duck adoptions and merchandise, or doning the Shades costume, we need **everybody** in the club to find their spot. Don't know what's available? Talk with our Head Duck, Ed Irick. We all have special skills to share that may not be common knowledge. Are you someone familiar with Square (POS system) or would love the chance to be our mascot, Shades? Are you looking for a retail fix selling Duck Derby swag? There's a place for everyone! It's all hands on deck on Saturday, May 6th. Meanwhile, we have much to do to ready ourselves prior to May 6. Be sure to mark your calendar on May 2nd for the "stripping and tagging" party to peel off the old

numbers and put our race numbers on the bottoms of the ducks. This is also an "all hands on deck event."

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## Rotarians Help Feed & Seed





Rotarians were again performing service at Feed & Seed on February 21st. Rotarians Ann Golden, Rebecca Evans and Eric Krichbaum helped box a variety of foods for those in need.

Watch for other opportunities to pitch in and help with Feed & Seed.

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## **EAFK Ceremony Spectacular**



The EarlyAct FirstKnight program that we provide at Robert E. Cashion Elementary had one of their assembly to honor the students chosen for the character quality that was most recently taught.

EAFK is themed around the most noble knights of history and literature - role models of various eras and cultures who lived by personal codes of high ethical standards and performed extraordinary deeds of service to humanity. Proprietary elements, such as year-round campus visits by trained knights wearing authentic period armor; a daily online classroom curriculum; student mentorship by local Rotarian leaders; spectacular school-wide knighting ceremony/reward events; faculty training; and outstanding client support are important elements of the program.





Principal, Ryan Streetman, and Rotarians Ann Golden, Laurie Rappl, and Rebecca Evans were in attendance. Early Act First Knight is a character-education program we provide with Duck Derby funds at two elementary schools. Many thanks to Ann, Laurie, and Rebecca for attending the ceremony.

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## **Adoption Season Starts at Home & Garden Show**



The Duck Adoption Committee of Prudence Taylor and Meg Coffey (shown with Katie of Foster Paws) helped kick off the adoption season for the 19th Annual Reedy River Duck Derby. Many Super Quack Packs (5 ducks for \$30) were adopted at the Home & Garden Show, February 24-26 at the Greenville Convention Center. This annual event is the unofficial kick-off of Duck Adoption Teams (DAT) and our efforts to get all 14,000 ducks adopted before race time on May 6, 2023.

Several new DATs served two-hour shifts to get the word out about their own causes while helping Reedy River Rotary get ducks adopted.

- Augustine Literacy Project
- Cancer Care Camps for Kids
- Foster Paws
- Make GVL Greener (will be at Tuesday's meeting)
- Wildlife Rehab



***Diane and Chris of Cancer Care Camps for Kids dress appropriately (duck yellow!) to make their debut at the Home & Garden Show as a new DAT.***

In addition to these groups, veteran DATs, STRIDES Tutoring and Mauldin Miracle League garnered many adoptions as well. STRIDES' secret weapon? Sixth-grader Anastasia, granddaughter of Gail Everett, Director of STRIDES Tutoring was wonderfully outgoing and brought in a ton of adoptions because she was succinct in her delivery and very impressive in her knowledge not only of the Derby, but also of her grandmother's tutoring business.

We are grateful to the Rotarians who staffed the booth and took payments for the DATs on duty as well as helping spread the message of the Derby and the DAT.

- Ed Irick (and booth set-up)
- Alan Calloway
- Rebecca Evans x 2
- John Moore
- Eric Krichbaum
- Cynthia Fryer
- Ann Golden
- Marc Bacon (during tax season!)
- Prudence Taylor x 4 (and booth take-down)
- Sandy Wright
- Meg Coffey

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## You Can Serve - Join In!

**3-11-23 - 9am-Noon - Plant Trees at Monaghan Mill** - Trees Upstate is an organization that ***Plants, Promotes, and Protects*** trees across several counties in the Upstate. Join TreesUpstate, Jacobs, and Ogletree & Deakins, to plant trees at Monaghan Heritage Textile Park and Monaghan Park on Saturday, March 11th. The event will start at 9 am and finish around noon. You will need to wear clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. You may want to bring your own gloves (some are usually available if needed) and water. Club members interested in participating must also register on the Trees Upstate website, <https://treesupstate.org/volunteer/>. You will receive more information regarding the event from Trees Upstate. 60 Smythe St, Greenville, SC 29611.

**4-8-23 - 9am-Noon - Shed Party #1** - This is our first stab at getting all the stored Duck Derby supplies organized and counted in preparation for the Derby. All hands on deck, please. Club members will organize Duck Derby Sales/Adoption venue materials in preparation for the Derby. Members will meet at the storage shed located at 1868 Woodruff Road from 9 until noon on Saturday, April 8th. Our shed number is H6 (take the last left turn). The entry code for the gate is 1052\*. There is minimal lifting required by attendees. In the event of rain, we will meet on Sunday, 4/9. 1868 Woodruff Road, Greenville, SC.

**4-22-23 - 9am-Noon - Shed Party #2** - This effort will wrap up the organization of Duck Derby supplies. All hands on deck, please. Club members will organize Duck Derby Sales/Adoption venue materials in preparation for the Derby. Members will meet at the storage shed located at 1868 Woodruff Road from 9 until noon on Saturday, April 22nd. Our shed number is H6 (take the last left turn). The entry code for the gate is 1052\*. There is minimal lifting required by attendees. In the event of rain, we will meet on Sunday, 4/30. 1868 Woodruff Road, Greenville, SC.

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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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## Speakers

February 28th  
[Rev. Stacey Mills, Ed.](#)

## 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

[Edward F. Irick III](#)  
Club Admin Chair  
Club Director  
Fund Raising Chair  
Club Executive Secretary

[Mark William Bacon](#)  
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[Ann H. Golden](#)  
Program Chair  
Club Director  
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[Alan Stewart Calloway](#)  
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[Laurie M. Rappl](#)  
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