



THE QUACKER

Newsletter of the Rotary Club of the Reedy River Greenville

May 21, 2023

Events

May 23rd

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

Speaker:

Brandon Baugh

Subject: World Relief Upstate

June 13th

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

Speaker:

Barbara Shayeb Helou

Subject: Rotary Fellowships

June 17th

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

Years of Service

No Years of Service Found

Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

OUR MEETING LOCATION - Local Cue



We are meeting in the space to the right of the main entrance to Local Cue as you are entering from the parking lot. If you go into the regular entrance, do a 180, exit the establishment, and go to your left; first door on your left.

Please join us at 5:30 for fellowship and networking with dinner and the meeting at 6pm.

Dinner or 2 alcoholic beverages (selected from menu below) will be provided as part of our dues. Local Cue has a full bar available for purchasing items not listed on the selected menu. The address is: 30 Orchard Park Dr., Suite 7, Greenville, SC 29615.



PLEASE CHOOSE 1 OF THE FOLLOWING MENU ITEMS OR 2 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

CATFISH & CHIPS*

bbq rub fries, malt vinegar aioli
and hot pepper relish on the side

TACO TRIO*

chicken, pork, brisket, shrimp, or catfish
southern slaw, pico de gallo, flour tortillas

RIBEYE CHEESESTEAK

jalapeño havarti beer cheese, mushroom,
caramelized onion, mayo, hoagie roll
choice of side

PULLED PORK

southern slaw, sc gold bbq, brioche bun
choice of side

SMOKED CHICKEN

southern slaw, alabama white bbq, hoagie roll
choice of side

DAILY SMOKED BRISKET

southern slaw, memphis red bbq, brioche bun
choice of side

LOCAL CUBANO

pulled pork, smoked ham, pork loin, swiss, house
pickles, spicy grain mustard, media noche bread
choice of side

HOUSE SALAD

carrots, tomatoes, bacon & cheddar
choice of ranch, blue cheese or balsamic vinaigrette
add pulled chicken or shrimp

SIDES

baked beans	southern slaw
grits	fries
pork rinds	tater tots
fresh fruit	cornbread
bacon braised collard greens	

BOTTLES & CANS

Bud Light

Budweiser

Ultra

Miller Lite

Coors Light

Yuengling

Heineken 0.0 N/A

Corona

White Claw

Guinness

DRAFT BEER

Sierra Nevada Hazy

Bold Rock Cider

Allagash White

WINE

Cono Sur Pinot Noir

Cono Sur Cabernet Sauvignon

Cavit Pinot Grigio

Cypress Vineyards Chardonnay

NUMBER: _____

*Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness



Meeting Program/Speaker

By Ann H. Golden

5-23-23 - Regular Meeting - ***Refugee Resettlement by World Relief Upstate***, Brandon Baugh, Office Director

6-13-23 - Regular Meeting - ***Rotary Fellowships***. Barbara Shayeb Helo, District Chair

6-27-23 - Regular Meeting - ***Awards, New Officers' Installation***

End of Theresa Marchi's Rotary year and the beginning of Alan Calloway's Rotary year.

Refugee Settlement, Brandon Baughn, World Relief Upstate

Director for World Relief Upstate SC since 2021, Brandon Baughn has over 15 years' experience in international education and development. For the past six years he has worked in refugee education and resettlement in Washington, Jakarta, and South Carolina. Now in Greenville, Brandon holds a master's degree from Columbia University's Teachers College in International Education and Development.

Brandon will be discussing the current trends and experiences in refugee resettlement, how these trends are impacting Upstate SC, and the long-term trajectory of refugees in the United States.



This Month is . . .

Youth Services Month (Interact [high school], Rotaract [college], RYLA [rising high school juniors and seniors], Rotary Youth Exchange [high school])

Inteeact Clubs are stationed in high schools to instil the Rotary mindset and employ the 4-way test.

Rotaract does the same for college-aged students.

RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) is a program (week-long camp) designed to help rising high school juniors and seniors develop leadership skills.

Rotary Youth exchange offers two programs: a school-year and a summer program. High school students have many opportunities to exchange in countries where Rotary Clubs are located. Students are guaranteed a safe and successful environment and an unparalleled opportunity to explore the culture of another country.

A Derby MUST READ



Ah, the relaxation afforded by a completed and successful Reedy River Duck Derby. Hats off to everyone in the Club who made the time and effort to be involved. At our last meeting, we socialized and wrote quick comments in several categories that will be used to improve and celebrate our 20th Derby next year. ***We need your feedback so please*** add your thoughts to this process. Use this email to add to the list (please indicate list) megcoffey@yahoo.com

Favorite Derby Moment

- Bubble guy
- Kids play area
- 1st time seeing 1st ducks get to finish line
- Seeing excited kids and family with Shades
- Talking with prize winners
- Ducks over the falls
- Amount of people who attended the Derby

Pros of the Derby

- Set up
- Great weather
- A lot of interest in Rotary and our club
- It's a moneymaker!
- Selling out pre-Derby
- Known event
- Lots of interest! "That's today?" "Is it too late to adopt?"
- Kids had fun
- Band was awesome
- Larger police presence

Cons of the Derby

- Lost and found process
- Map w/participation letter
- River bank watch
- Tear down --> Volunteer Coordinator
- Specific time for participants to break down
- People throwing "damaged" ducks into crowd
- Clarify food truck "donation"
- Cash boxes are built for change, not bills - we only have bills
- Ability to "tap" credit cards (through Square)
- More dongles at Sales Venues
- Consider duck themed books for sale
- Ducks that didn't move
- People throwing non-moving ducks
- More sponsors
- Stirring (warm-up) of ducks is important (first bin dumped in is against the boom); consecutive numbers that have been assigned to a raft, quack-pack, or the person who bought 160 ducks (and won more than 5 prizes)
- Absent Rotarians

20th Anniversary DD Ideas

- Let's NOT go for 20,000 ducks
 - Spread out children's area (got extremely crowded)
 - Several bands throughout the day
 - Mayor Knox White proclamation
 - More members
 - Bigger sales booth on Bohemian side of bridge
 - More merch! Necklaces were a hit!
 - Giving out inexpensive bracelets to be able to find out estimated numbers in attendance
 - Check hip waders for holes - we must stir the ducks before the race!
 - More sponsors and or prizes
 - Videographer
 - Sell more merch prior to the derby
 - Map of park for volunteers, sponsors, DATs etc.; newbies don't know where to go
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Head Duck or VID?



Our Head Duck, Ed Irick, was the talk of the Derby as he made his way around to each of the areas in support of the event. At right, Ed takes in the race on a busy day.

Duck Derby Images



Duck Derby 2023 . . .











You Can Serve - Join In!

6-17-23 - 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 to pick up trash as participants in the Greenville County Adopt-A-Road program (has received Duck Derby proceeds). 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 that can get dirty; hat and bug spray recommended. All other supplies provided.

Sign up for the above event on [DACdb](#).

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 so we have them available for next year which is sure to be a banner year as we celebrate our 20th anniversary.



Health & Happiness - 3rd Monday of Month

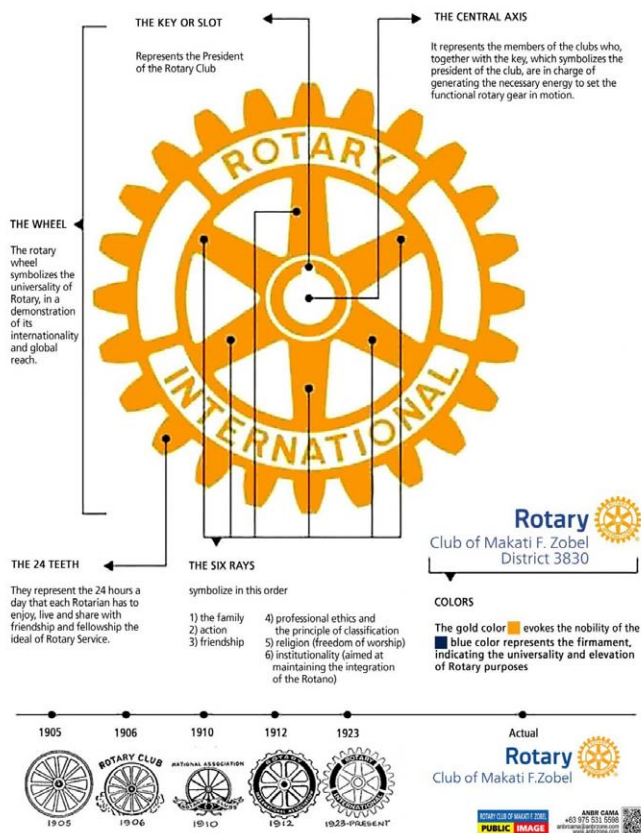
Keipi Georgian restaurant postponed May's Health & Happiness but they're now on for June 19th in Hampton Station (Birds Fly South). If you've been wondering what's going on at Keipi, this is an outstanding opportunity to check it out! It's a wonderful immersion into food and culture of the Russian area of Georgia.

The 3rd Monday of the month is Health & Happiness. Register on DACdb to attend from 5-7pm. Entry is \$5 cash (please bring small bills!) for a 50/50 drawing with one half going to a person in attendance and the other half going to the host club. As the host club, we will be the beneficiary of 50% of the 50/50 drawing.

So many businesses need our thanks and appreciation. Health & Happiness events are great ways to meet Rotarians from other Clubs and find out what they're working on right now. It's 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 this fun-filled event.

Meaning of the Rotary Wheel

WHAT DOES THE ROTARY WHEEL MEAN?



Rotary Focus Areas

We're all excited to see Eric Krichbaum transition to Assistant District Governor in the 2023-24 Rotary Year. For all of us, Rotary has a special meaning as we talk with friends and new acquaintances about Rotary Service. Some of the talking points could be the Rotary Areas of Focus that include:

- Peace Building and Conflict Prevention
- Maternal and Child Health
- Disease Prevention and Treatment

- Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene
- Economic and Community Development
- Basic Education and Literacy
- Environment

Any time you are spouting the merits of Rotary, here are some talking points. On top of that, be sure to point out what you love about Rotary. Where's your passion? And don't worry, Eric will still be an active member of our Club as he takes on the ADG position. Way to serve, Eric!

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.

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325 Rocky Slope Rd, Suite 104
Greenville, SC 29607

Club Meeting

The Reedy River Greenville
Meets at The Local Cue (2nd & 4th Tuesdays Only)
30 Orchard Park Drive, Suite 7
Greenville, SC 29615
Time: Tuesday at 05:30 PM

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