

Monday, August 12, 2024

President's Corner August 2024

By M. John Heydel on Monday, August 12, 2024



We are looking forward to Rodney Stone introducing our Foreign Exchange Student at our August 13th club meeting. His name is Yehor Horbenko, and he comes to us from Ukraine. We should all welcome Yehor to our community and our club. A big thanks to Rodney for making this happen, and being the first host family. Rodney is looking for additional host families during Yehor's stay with us.

Our speaker for our meeting on August 13 is Justo Chalaire who will speak about the United Way of the Lakelands.

Attendance at our club meetings is important for fellowship, hearing and supporting our speakers, and learning more about upcoming service projects. Please make a commitment to attending.

A special thanks to Chuck Davidson and Christi Loudon for making our backpack and school supplies project such a success. Thanks for many of our club members who supported this project by helping in stuffing the bags and to many who made financial donations. Many 1st graders at Rice Elementary were helped by our efforts.



Club Meeting

Greenwood Meets at The Inn on the Square (2nd & 4th Tuesdays) Lunch 12 noon, meeting 12:30
104 Court Avenue E
Greenwood, SC 29646
Time: Tuesday at 12:00 PM

Speakers

August 13, 2024

Justo Chalaire
United Way of the Lakelands
UC3 HUB

August 27, 2024

Tracey Bedenbaugh
Piedmont Agency on Aging

Events

No Events found

Upcoming Programs

MARK Your Calendar For Some Great Upcoming Programs

August 13 - Justo Chalaire - United Way of the Lakelands UC3 HUB

August 27 - Tracey Bedenbaugh - Piedmont Agency on Aging

September 10 - District 50, 51, 52 - Educational Panel

September 24 - Rhyseeka Bush - District Governor Visit

October 8 - Carrie Morningstar - Project HOPE Foundation

October 22 - Amanda Hamby - EA Sween Company

November 12 - Cathy Miller - Greenwood Promise

November 26 - Kay Self - Vision Greenwood: Westside Masterplan

December 10 - Kal Kunkel - Upper Savannah Council of Government

December 17 - Christmas Program

Zoom Meeting Link

Greenwood Rotary Club Meetings

Meetings will be held live and virtually via Zoom.

Time: 12:30 PM Eastern Time

Click on the following GRC Zoom link for those who want to attend virtually:



[GRC Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: **991 8964 1445**

Passcode: 261297

Dial in by your location

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Posted on our web page under the Meetings tab at the top, DACdb home page & Calendar, and in Meeting Notice.

Club News

By Watson L. Dorn Jr. on Monday, August 12, 2024

Greenwood Rotary Club News

	<p>>> Our Exchange Student, Vehor Hobenko from Ukraine is here!</p> <p>>> The Board has dropped the requirement that a new member contribute \$25 to TRF. Effective immediately.</p> <p>>> The Board has approved an increase in lunch fee to \$20 for guests and members whose lunch is not included in their dues. Effective Sep. 1st.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">COMMUNITY SERVICE</p> <p>Honoring 1st Responders service project is being planned. Let's get them some cookies and Thanks!</p> <p>On 8/10 our Service Membership group packed 150 weekend meals for students with food insecurity at the Greenwood Food Bank.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(See our Facebook page for pictures)</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">RLI</p> <p>Several 'close-by' sessions are being offered: -- August 17, Duncan, right off I-85</p> <p>Login to DACdb and go to My Club > Calendar - check RLI (at top) and review dates and locations being offered and sign-up. Ask a Director if the club will reimburse you the \$95 registration fee.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">District and Club database (DACdb)</p> <p>If you forget or want to reset your password, go to our database (www.dacdb.com), enter your user ID (normally your preferred email) and click on the Reset button. Note: the password must be at least 12 characters long, contain at least one upper case letter, one lower case letter, one number, and one special character.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">OUR CAUSES</p> <div style="display: grid; grid-template-columns: 1fr 1fr 1fr; gap: 5px;"> <div>Promoting peace</div> <div>Fighting disease</div> <div>Providing sanitation</div> <div>Saving mothers and children</div> <div>Supporting education</div> <div>Growing local economies</div> </div>	<p>Rotary Causes - See the RI web page that outlines and explains <u>Our Causes.</u></p>
	<p>\$24 is all it takes to provide one person with safe water! Donate \$25 to the Annual Fund to help.</p> <p>Club Points Match to Enable PHF Award: Rotarians that make a \$100 to \$300 contribution to Annual Fund-SHARE will be given matching points by the club to obtain your PHF or next level. It takes 1000 recognition points for a PHF. See Doug Kauffmann for more information.</p>

Membership Minute

By Watson L. Dorn Jr. on Monday, August 12, 2024

End of July Membership Total: 98

YTD: Loss: 1 Added 0 Net: -1

Need: 19 new members

We ended the 2023-24 Rotary year with a **net loss of -10 members**, reducing our membership from 109 to 99. **New members bring:**

- New ideas
- New perspectives
- New candidates for leadership (*You don't have to be President 3 times*)
- New skills and talents
- More hands - more or bigger projects
- More fundraising capacity

Reach out to someone you think would be a good member and see if they would be interested in more information about Rotary. If so, please provide their name, cell, and email to Membership Chair ([Sam Leaman](#)) or Secretary ([Watson Dorn](#)). We will email them with an Information Brochure and arrange to meet with them to tell them about Rotary, our club, and membership options and cost.

Our goal this year is to grow the club membership by **+5 to 104** members. With an average attrition of **14**, **we need at least 19 new members** to meet our goal. Just to break even we need 14 new members, **Everyone, please reach out and refer a potential member!**

More members = more value to all members

Fewer members = less value to all members

Membership Options



The Rotary Club of Greenwood offers several membership options.

Regular: For a full club membership which meets twice a month on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays for lunch at Inn On The Square, click on **ACTIVE** Membership for details. This includes Leave and Retirement options for existing members.

Service: For existing and new members, for whom lunch meetings are not always doable, but yet you want the satisfaction of serving your community, participating in socials, finding new friends and networking, and still being a Rotarian without the lunch meeting, and at half the price, click on **ACTIVE-SERVICE** Membership for details.

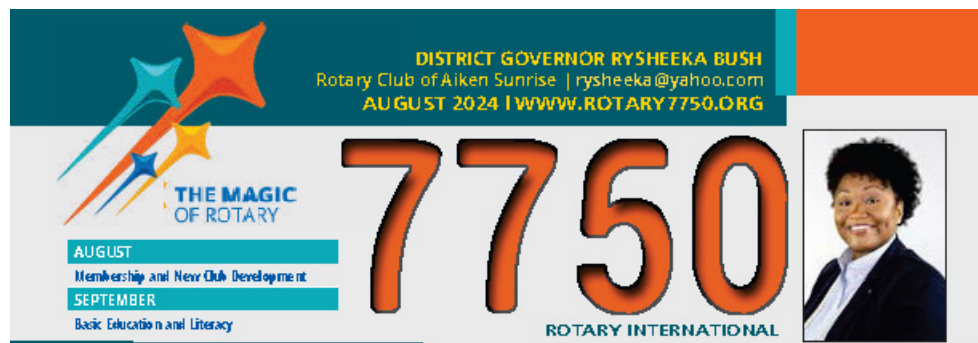
Family: For existing Active members whose family members would also like to be Rotarians, we now have Family Membership options at half price. Click on **FAMILY** Membership for details.

*If interested or would like more information, send an email by clicking on **SECRETARY** or **MEMBERSHIP CHAIR**.*

August is Membership and New Club Development Month

By Rysheeka N. Bush on Thursday, August 1, 2024

Click on the image below to view the full newsletter:



23 new members from two clubs in last year's Fast and Furious membership drive

What better way to kick-off membership month than to applaud the Rotary clubs of Walhalla and Greer for their very successful Fast & Furious year of membership growth in 2023-24 with increases of 12 and 11.

Butch Hughes, membership chair last year, has just announced these successful numbers as it took a while for the final tallies to be reported. And in fact we still don't

know the winner of the large club Fast and Furious campaign because data is still being reported.

Medium Club: Greer increased from 29 to 40 members.

Small Club: Walhalla increased from 22 to 34.

But now is not the time to sit back and just applaud these successes. Since this is Membership Month on Rotary's calendar, it is the perfect time to be sure your club has its membership growth and retention plan in place so that this time next year, you'll have bragging rights to a dozen-member increase.

2023-2024

Small Club <25

INCREASED BY 12 MEMBERS

Rotary Club of Walhalla

2023-2024

Medium Club 26-55

INCREASED BY 11 MEMBERS

Rotary Club of Greer

Large Club? Two clubs are neck and neck and the final result will not be available until mid-August. Look for that news in next month's newsletter.

Albert Blackmon and his membership team are ready to help you reach your goals for 2024-25. More inside about membership.

August is Membership Development and Recruitment Month!

Birthdays



M. John Heydel
August 5th



Watson L. Dorn Jr.
August 10th



Cady Nell Keener
August 10th



Selma Anne Hancock
August 10th



Christi C. Loudon
August 21st

Years of Service



Deborah H. Parks
12 Years



Rufus T. Dunlap
4 Years



Keisha Parker
0 Years

Club Leaders



M. John Heydel
President



Mary Margaret Jackson
President-Elect



Watson L. Dorn Jr.
Club Executive Secretary
Secretary
Technology Education
Chair



Deborah H. Parks
iPast President
Vice President



Bonnie C. Ashley
Treasurer



Leonard J. Bornemann
Club Director
Fund Raising Chair



Elizabeth G. Boyd
Public Image/PR Chair
Club Director



Charles N. Davidson
Club Director
Service Projects Chair



Diane M. Gillespie
Membership Co-Chair



Robert L. Greer
Club Director



Samuel Madden Leaman
III
Membership Co-Chair



Christi C. Loudon
Club Admin Chair
Club Director



Jacob E. Shearer
Club Director



Arthur P. Wallace
Club Director
Fund Raising Chair



Teresa Goodman
New Member Orientation



Douglas M. Kauffmann
Rotary Foundation Chair



Jeffrey Lyle Smith
Socials/Events Chair
Membership Chair



Tara M. Smith
CART Chair



Rodney W. Stone
Rotaract Club Sponsor
RYLA Chair
Youth Exchange



Andrea M. White
Program Chair



Mamie W. Nicholson
Club Learning Facilitator

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{Click on name to email}



The Four Way Test

of the things we think, say and do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?