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"Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."

President Message

By George H. McKinney II



One of Rotary's seven areas of focus is **education**. During my 13 years in the education system, I had numerous teachers who influenced me, but have you thought about how many students teachers have influenced? Over the course of a teaching career, it is estimated that a teacher will impact over 3,000 students. So, if someone teaches for 30 years, that totals to over 100 students a year. Amazing! I have never thought of it in that way.

The following are a few facts about the impact teachers have on students:

- 83% of students say a teacher helped improve their confidence and self-esteem.
- 87% of people wish they'd told their teachers how much they appreciated them.
- 88% of people say their teachers played a significant positive role in their lives.
- 79% of students say they've been encouraged to follow their dreams by a teacher.
- 54% of students say they've had a teacher who helped them through a difficult time.
- 75% of students say they see teachers as mentors and role models.

At this Tuesday's meeting, we will recognize the outstanding teachers of each district in Greenwood County. These teachers are representatives of all the teachers in our three districts. So please, join me on Tuesday in showing our appreciation and recognizing all teachers.

Excitement is in the air. Can you feel it? We are about 11 days from the club's major fundraiser, the Seafood Bash. It will be held on March 25 at the Greenwood County Farmer's Market. The funds collected from this event will be used to support local charities. At this upcoming March 14th meeting, you will need to turn in your money for the tickets or the unsold tickets. This is to ensure we have a good count of attendees. Thank you in advance for your support. It is greatly appreciated.

On April 13th, we will jointly host the Rotary Golf Tournament with the Emerald City Club at the Greenwood Country Club. Flyers with specific information about the event will be available at the next meeting.

We look forward to seeing you at Tuesday's meeting.

"A good education can change anyone. A good teacher can change everything." — Unknown

George McKinney, President

Zoom Meeting Link

March 14th Greenwood Rotary Club Meeting

This meeting will be held live and virtually via Zoom.



Time: 12:30 PM Eastern Time

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

[GRC Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 878 6767 8500

Passcode: 795385

Dial by your location

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

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You can also find this link on our web page under the Meetings tab at the top, along with a list and links for past meeting videos.

Service Projects

By Kendall Miles Gunter

Upcoming Events

The Seafood Bash is coming SOON on March 25, 2023! If you have not picked up your tickets from Sam Leaman, please call him at 864-980-1524 and arrange a time to pick them up. The funds collected from this event will be used to support local charities. Thank you in advance for your support. It is greatly appreciated.

SEAFOOD BASH

Saturday, March 25, 2023

4 – 8 pm

Greenwood County Farmers Market

(off Hwy 72, behind the site of the old Civic Center)

Profits benefit local charities!

Tickets are \$40 and sales end March 14.

Purchase tickets from any member of the Greenwood Rotary Club or Allegra Marketing or First Citizens Uptown.

Menu includes fried seafoods, chicken, sides, dessert and drink.

Beer and wine sold separately.

Live Music, Door Prizes & Good Fun.

Sponsored by:

Self Regional Healthcare
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Rotary Golf Tournament

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Membership Committee Report

By Samuel Madden Leaman III on Friday, March 10, 2023

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We have inducted 7 new members this Rotary year. Our goal is 19. Before the end of June, we need to induct 12 more. It won't be easy, but this club can do it. Keep thinking about friends and colleagues that would make great Rotarians.

We ended last year with a total membership of 110. This was a net loss of 5. So, why did we lose membership? Simply put, we didn't bring in more members than we lost. Attrition is real and it happens in all Rotary clubs and all membership-oriented organizations. This year our membership goal is to grow our membership by 3, but instead of focusing on the net gain or loss, we'll focus on the number of new members we need to add to achieve our goal. **That number is 19.**

Interested in joining the Membership Committee? We could use your help! Contact Sam Leaman at 864-980-1524 or samleaman@gmail.com.

Current Membership Status:

Start	Added	Terminated	Current	Growth
110	7	8	109	-1

Last Meeting Highlights

By Kendall Miles Gunter on Friday, March 10, 2023

In the Last Meeting...



At our last meeting, we were joined by Kathryn Smith, a native of Anderson and best-selling author who wrote *The Gatekeeper*, a biography of Marguerite LeHand. LeHand was the private secretary to Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Smith regaled us with her impersonation of Ms. LeHand a.k.a. "Missy" based on passages from the book. She also reminded us that FDR started The March of Dimes in 1938, as the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, to combat polio.

Smith, a Rotarian, is involved with PolioPlus, and has presented about FDR's leadership in polio eradication to many rotary chapters. Smith is also the author of an oral history of World War II told by living veterans and civilians called "A Necessary War."

Upcoming Programs

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 14 Andrea White and Christi Louden, Teacher Appreciation

March 28 Dr. Richard Cosentino, Lander University

Birthdays



Matt Bowlus
March 4th



John H. Welborn
March 10th



James Gibson Hill
March 11th



Eric W. Taylor
March 12th

Years of Service



Thomas Bryan Stoddard
37 Years



James Graham Padgett III
9 Years



Bonnie C. Ashley
8 Years

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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?