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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



I would like to thank everyone for their service over the past few months. It has been a very busy time preparing for two fundraising events simultaneously. The leadership has asked a lot of you and you have come through. Our club is made up of great individuals willing to put **service above self**, and I once again thank you for that service.

Over the past two years, the Greenwood Rotary Club has not had sufficient funds to provide grants to the local organizations in our community. However, it is with great pleasure I announce this year's grants application process. As in the past, when deciding its allocations, the Club gives special weight to those efforts to address issues related to children and youth. If your organization or an organization you know is interested in seeking a Club Grant, please have them go to our Facebook or webpage for the form with the requirements. Also, forms will be available at our next meeting.

We are asking forms to be postmarked no later than Friday May 12th.

If an organization intends to apply, please have them email president George McKinney at gandsmckinney@wctel.net.

At this Tuesday's meeting, Jimmy Cox will provide our program on the forestry industry in South Carolina. Come join us and learn about the forestry industry.

On April 13th, we will jointly host the Rotary Golf Tournament with the Emerald City Club at the Greenwood Country Club. If you have already signed up to play, sponsor a hole or event or volunteer to work - thank you! If you have not had the opportunity, you still have a couple of days.

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

"Happiness is not something readymade; it comes from your own actions." – The Dalai Lama

George McKinney, President

Zoom Meeting Link

April 11th 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: 894 6865 3852

Passcode: 531458

Dial by your location

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

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.

Membership Committee Report

By Samuel Madden Leaman III on Monday, April 10, 2023

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We have one potential member going through the approval process. Everyone should have received an email from me about it last week. The prospective member is Jason Morrison. Jason is the Director of the Greenwood Charter Academy. He has visited us at a regular club meeting and is proposed for membership by Jessica Garcia.

We have inducted seven 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

Charitable Grants

By Watson L. Dorn Jr. on Sunday, April 9, 2023



2022 - 2023 GRANT REQUEST

The Rotary Club of Greenwood will soon allocate funds raised during its 2022 - 2023 year. *In deciding its allocations, the Club gives special weight to those efforts to address issues related to children and youth.*

If your organization is interested in seeking a Club Grant, please submit the following:

1. Organizational Information: The name and address of the organization to receive funding, and the name, title, phone number and e-mail of an authorized contact person for the organization.
2. The mission or primary purpose of the organization.
3. The amount of funding requested.
4. The proposed use of the funds, described in detail.
5. If the proposed use of the funds is for a specific project, please cite all other sources of

revenue committed or pending for the project.

6. The population, geographic area and number of individuals who will be served by the funds.
7. The names and telephone numbers of the nonprofit organization's board of directors.
8. The names and telephone numbers of any Rotarians who can attest to the program's effectiveness and viability.
9. Could your organization complete the project should partial funding be awarded from the Rotary Club of Greenwood?
10. Organizations should also email the Rotary President (George McKinney) with notification of their intent to apply: <mailto:gandsmckinney@wctel.net>

Deadline: Submit request by mail, with a postmark date of no later than Friday, May 12, 2023

Mail request to: Grant Request, c/o Rotary Club of Greenwood
P.O. Box 50463, Greenwood, SC 29649

Questions: Club President George McKinney (864-554-3165)

Open this form to print by clicking [HERE](#).

Service Projects

By Kendall Miles Gunter

Upcoming Events

Rotary Golf Tournament

This Thursday, April 13th, we will jointly host the Rotary Golf Tournament with the Emerald City Club at the Greenwood Country Club.



Last Meeting Highlights

By Kendall Miles Gunter on Monday, April 10, 2023

In the Last Meeting...

At our last meeting, Dr. Cosentino, President of Lander University, and Joe Greenthal, Vice President for Finance and Administration of Lander, joined us to provide an update on Lander and higher education in general. The current trend is for students to go to LARGE universities. Comprehensive universities (liberal arts) are hurt by this trend and are closing all over the nation. South Carolina has 13 universities: USC, MUSC, Clemson, and 10 comprehensive universities. Another trend impacting colleges and universities is that there is a national decrease in high school graduation rates (SC is flat resulting in more competition for each student).

Other trends impacting higher education are the increase in online degree programs and the push by State leaders to technical colleges with free tuition.

Lander has a number of things going for it:

- Prayer! A lot of people pray for Lander
- Greenwood is a great place to be and is convenient
- Lander has a beautiful campus
- Great faculty
- Programs that are in demand
- Good employment results for graduates

Lander's enrollment is now over 4,000, and working toward the goal of 5,000 students, with an athletic program ratio of 12-15/100 students. Lander offers masters programs, its endowment is growing and this past year the SC legislature invested more funds in Lander than in the past 25 years combined. Lander's current focus is on construction to handle the growth as well as to maintain the existing infrastructure.

Mr. Greenthal shared information about the ongoing and planned capital projects on campus, which include:

- Fieldhouse II (new roof)
- Nurse Simulator Lab (new roof)
- Laura Lander Hall Tower (roof and historic preservation)
- Nursing Academic Building
- Science Building (mechanical systems and lab upgrades)
- Graduate School Online and Academic Support (building upgrades)
- Stormwater Management Systems improvements
- Chipley Hall Entrance renovation
- Elevator repairs and maintenance in various buildings
- And more...

To hear the presentation in its entirety, please visit our Facebook page at <https://fb.watch/jQ2Todyvnn/>

Upcoming Programs

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 11 Jimmy Cox, The Forestry Industry for SC

April 25 Dr. Steve Glenn, State of Greenwood School District 50

Club News

By Watson L. Dorn Jr. on Monday, April 10, 2023

Greenwood Rotary Club News

28 Mar 2023 Meeting: If you missed this meeting click on **Mar 28** and watch the video. Then post a make-up or notify **Susan** to post for you. Interesting talk from a local author.

DACdb: 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.

Rotary Causes - See the RI web page that outlines and explains **Our Causes**.

Rotary Inspirational Video - Put on your headphones or big speakers. Click and watch this video.

Another good video: **Imagine Rotary**



Membership:

Please keep thinking about friends and colleagues that would make excellent Rotarians. The prospect information needed includes name, email address and phone number. The Membership Committee will handle the rest. Email to [Sam](#).



\$24 is all it takes to provide one person with safe water! Donate **\$25** to the Annual Fund and help our club be 100% EREY.

Birthdays



[Richard S. Whiting](#)
March 31st



[Starling S. Ray](#)
March 31st



[Rodney W. Stone](#)
April 4th

Years of Service



[Lamar Ruple Harley III](#)
20 Years



[Selma Anne Hancock](#)
5 Years

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Four
Way
Test



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?