

## The Greenwood Rotarian

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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



May is Rotary's Youth Services Month. During this month, we focus on Interact, Rotaract, Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) and Youth Exchange. Rotary believes in developing the next generation of leaders. Our programs help younger leaders build leadership skills, expand education and learn the value of service.

As most of you are aware, we sponsor the Interact Club at Greenwood High School, co-sponsor the Rotaract Club at Lander University with the Emerald Club, and a student for RYLA. This year, we are sponsoring Brayden Peters. He will attend the event at Erskine College on June 4-9<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks to Rodney Stone and Van Taylor who head up our Youth Service Committee.

As a reminder, our club is accepting grant applications from organizations within the community through May 12<sup>th</sup>. The application process and form can be found on our webpage [www.greenwoodrotary.com](http://www.greenwoodrotary.com). Additionally, we are accepting nominations for Outstanding New Rotarian and Community Service Award. Please have them sent to me by May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

At this Tuesday's meeting, Jerry Rentz will speak to us about the Dolly Parton Imaginary Library. Please join us for fellowship and the presentation.

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

*"The foundation of every state is the education of its youth." – Diogenes*

**George McKinney, President**

## Zoom Meeting Link

### May 9th 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: 836 5957 8613

Passcode: 212725

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, May 8, 2023

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Len Bornemann led an orientation event after our last regular meeting. Six new and not-so-new members attended. We will hold another session soon. If you receive an invitation, please arrange your schedule so that you can participate in this very important meeting.

We have inducted 8 new members this Rotary year. Our goal is 19. Before the end of June, we need to induct 11 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](mailto:samleaman@gmail.com).

### Current Membership Status:

Start	Added	Terminated	Current	Growth
110	8	9	109	-1

## Upcoming Programs

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**May 9 Jerry Rentz, Dolly Parton Imagination Library**  
**May 23 Danny Nicholson, Connie Maxwell Children's Home**  
**June 13 Chief TJ Chaudoin, Greenwood City Police Department**  
**June 27 George McKinney, 2022-2023 Year in Review**

## 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](#).*

### Birthdays



Mary Margaret Jackson  
May 2nd



G. William Thomason  
May 2nd



Marisel Losa  
May 8th



James D. Whitt  
May 8th

### Years of Service



Marvin G. Burdette Jr.  
43 Years



Samuel Madden Leaman III  
28 Years



M. John Heydel  
25 Years

James L. Burton  
13 Years



Richard C. Hellman  
13 Years



Lelion D. Elledge Jr.  
10 Years



Stephen R. Gantt  
5 Years



Stephen C. Gilbert  
5 Years



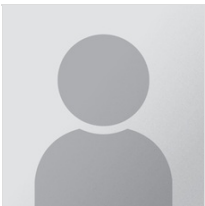
Keli Fewox  
3 Years



Susan R. Jackson  
3 Years



Jason E. Morrison  
0 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?