

## 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



Each year on Memorial Day, we remember those military personnel who paid the ultimate sacrifice. In 2005, I was working on a Memorial Day speech and came across one of the most touching and best examples of why this day was declared by Congress. It centers on the escort of a fallen Marine from Dover Air Force Base to his final resting spot in Dubois, Wyoming.

Written by LTC M. R. Strobl USMC, it provides a detailed process and description of this duty and how it touched the lives of not only the family and the escort officer, but also all who came in contact with the fallen Marine. The title of the report, as well as the movie, is "Taking Chance." If you have not had the opportunity to read this report or see the movie starring Kevin Bacon, I encourage you to do so during this time of remembrance.

As a reminder, 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, Danny Nicholson, President of Connie Maxwell Children's Ministries and a member of our club, will be our guest speaker. Please join us for fellowship and his presentation.

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

*"Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices." – Harry S. Truman*

**George McKinney, President**

## Zoom Meeting Link

### May 23 rd 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: 891 3456 8493

Passcode: 817585

Dial by your location

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)  
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+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 22, 2023

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We have inducted 8 new members this Rotary year. Our goal is 19. 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

## Last Meeting Highlights

By Kendall Miles Gunter on Monday, May 22, 2023

### In the Last Meeting...



Jerry Rentz, from the Emerald City Rotary Club, spoke to our club about the wonderful work their club does in partnership with the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Jerry shared some tremendous statistics that many of us may not have been aware of in regard to literacy rates.

***There is a direct correlation between a child's reading level in the third grade and their likelihood of committing a crime and being incarcerated.***

This program is completely free to any participant. They receive 12 books a year (all age appropriate) through their fifth birthday. This is a wonderful opportunity to expose children to a love of reading. The books come addressed directly to the child, so it makes going out to the mailbox a fun activity to find out that a special piece of mail came directly to them.

When the topic of donating to this program came up, one club member said to view this as an investment. The whole club agreed that the outcome is far greater than what is required financially.



## Upcoming Programs

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

## Birthdays



Kenneth R. Coffey II  
May 10th



Hanna N. Dover  
May 11th



Eugene Van Taylor Jr.  
May 16th



Leonard J. Bornemann  
May 21st

### Years of Service



John A. Cobb III  
16 Years



Donna L. Adams  
11 Years



Katie M. Davenport  
4 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?