

## News 'n Notes

# Rotary

## E-Club of the Carolinas



*Engaged, enthusiastic Rotarians leading the way  
in building exemplary virtual club experiences*

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Candace Wyman**

### Peace Building, Conflict Prevention, and Conflict Resolution

#### *Rotary's February focus*

I encourage you to read and reflect on our DG Renee Stubbs' message in the D7750 February newsletter. I cannot approach her eloquence, but her words have prompted me to be grateful for how this "ordinary person can do extraordinary things" through Rotary.

I have had a number of opportunities lately to choose the path of peace and kindness, with the Four Way Test as my guide and counsel. Most challenging for me is "Is it fair to all concerned?". Fairness does not mean that we all get what we want. We can deal with conflict and a less-than-perfect outcome when we perceive that we have been heard and that we have been fully engaged in a fair process.

I am deeply grateful to all the EXTRAORDINARY Rotarians in our club who listen and support each other. As we heard recently from our Braver Angels speaker, listening without judgement is the most effective path to understanding, compassion and peace. "Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me."

Join me wishing Rotary International a Happy Birthday this month as well. On February 23, 1905, Paul Harris and others gathered in Chicago to found the organization we know today. Think of all the work invested over the last 119 years on behalf of Rotary.

*Candace*

### Join in our Weekly Meeting via Zoom

6 pm (EST) - 1st, 3rd, & 5th Tuesdays

Noon (EST) - 2nd and 4th Tuesdays

Experience our club's fellowship, fun, and worldclass programs.

An upcoming schedule is included in this News 'N Notes.

**LINK: E-Club Meeting Login**

Zoom Meeting ID: 876 0367 8273 Passcode: 4waytest

<https://rotaryclubofthecarolinas.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/EclubCarolinasClubhouse>

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## Minute for Rotary

# FEBRUARY

"The practice of peace and reconciliation is one of the most vital and artistic of human actions."  
Thich Nhat Hanh



TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary, Be a People of Action



PEACEBUILDING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION

As one of the 7 causes of Rotary, **Promoting Peace** asks us to refuse to accept conflict as a way of life. Rotary has 4 roles in this area.

- ◆ **Practitioners** - Our work can directly impact optimal conditions for peace.
- ◆ **Educators** - Rotary Peace Centers train fellows to become effective catalysts for peace.
- ◆ **Mediators** - Members work in areas of conflict to help children at risk.
- ◆ **Advocates** - Rotarians can serve during peace processes and post-conflict resolution.

On February 6, Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas welcomes [Dr. Alexis Kabongo](#), a fellow of the Duke-UNC Rotary Peace Center, one of seven Rotary Peace Center Partner Universities worldwide. Rotary Peace Fellows are leaders promoting national and international cooperation, peace, and the successful resolution of conflict throughout their lives, in their careers, and through service activities.

To learn more about Promoting Peace and the Duke-UNC Rotary Peace Center, visit these pages.

<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/promoting-peace>

<https://rotarypeacecenternc.org/>



Did you see Cara Hamilton's program on District 7750's CART participation? Cara is a tremendous advocate for CART and Rotary. Visit our YouTube page to view the program: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EIGR2vIBr6Q>

Did you know CART was founded in Sumter, SC by a longtime Rotarian, Roger Ackerman. Your donations to CART are used to fund research institutions to help find a treatment or cure for Alzheimer's Disease. Give to CART here: <https://www.rotaryclubofthecarolinas.com/cart.php>

### Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas' Priorities for 2023-24

- ⇒ Service: Focus on Literacy, the Environment and Mental Health
- ⇒ Giving and fundraising: Ensure EREY and increase the number of Sustainers and Paul Harris Society members and Benefactors. Raise at least \$5000 to be eligible for grant matches.
- ⇒ Relationships: Care for each member, expand our network to other E-Clubs and Rotary fellowships, help nearby terra clubs with service projects.
- ⇒ Member experience: Irresistible, fun meetings. Rewarding service engagement. In-person fellowship opportunities. Use of Learning Center tools to enhance personal/professional/Rotary development.



## Club and Member News

*Congratulations Julia, Lenna, & Franca for leading our 2Q Challenge!*

### 3rd Quarter Challenges to Gain Yards

Submit individual service project report - **15 yards each**

Submit the Vocational Avenue of Service in a new way - **10 yards**

Commit to a role in one of our fundraising efforts - **15 yards**

*Member with the most points at the end of each quarter gets a special surprise!*

*Report your actions and yards to [Candace](#).*



## LET'S CELEBRATE

### Rotary Membership Anniversaries

Member	Club Start Date	Prior Rotary Years*	Total Rotary Years*
Greg DeCicco	22Feb2022	0	2
Ken Hirsch	22Feb2022	27	29
Shirley Hirsch	22Feb2022	25	27
Candace Wyman	22Feb2022	20	22

*\*NOTE: Information is reflective of current DACdb data.  
If your information is not correct, please contact Franca.*





# Membership Update

## A ROLE FOR EVERYONE

By Lenna Young

At our recent Club Assembly, I shared how we are approaching Membership Growth and Development through four main roles.

And we talked about how each member can contribute to each of these roles. Our focus over the next weeks will be the first role: **to generate prospects.**

*What can each member do?*

Each of us can create a personalized prospect list. Think about your family, friends, and acquaintances. As we interact with those we frequently see, we may not have thought of them in terms of – he/she would be a great Rotarian! When that thought crosses our minds, it's time to share our Rotary stories! And it's time to invite them.

*What is the Membership Team doing?*

The Membership Team is creating a prospect list by looking at Rotarians who have left D7750 clubs. Here are specifics so far.

- ▶ Step 1: Develop full list of those in D7750 who have recently left
  - ▶ Completed: Obtained list of all who left D7750 clubs in most recent years
  - ▶ In progress: Reviewing the list to eliminate names of those we should not contact (deceased, not in good standing, etc.)
- ▶ Step 2: Develop a protocol with narrative for contact that includes asking the respective AG, Past President, and President of clubs to review names (District leadership is aware and supportive of plans)
  - ▶ In progress: The protocol has been developed. Narrative for the communications to club leaders and former club members has been developed. A Beta test has been launched with initiating contact. Replies/results will be used to modify protocol and narrative. D7750 leadership is being updated on progress.

We look forward to welcoming your invitees to our weekly meetings in the coming weeks!

### Changes in Membership

We wish John Kimbell well as he transitions back to a terra club. John will rejoin his former club, the Rotary Club of Pleasantburg(RCP), effective February 1, 2024. He was a member of that club for two years before joining E-Club of the Carolinas in 08/2022. Best wishes, John!



### Four Approaches



#### Generate prospects

- ▶ Develop a deep pool of potential members
- ▶ Welcome & orient new members
- ▶ Retain members through strong member engagement



### Mid-Atlantic RLI

MD • DE • DC • WV • TN • VA • NC • SC

Invest in Rotary through the Rotary Leadership Institute. Mid-Atlantic RLI will host a session in Anderson, SC on March 2. Details: <https://www.midatlanticrli.org/>

### TALKING POINTS

Be ready to articulate the benefits of Rotary Membership for your prospects. Our E-Club brochure is on DACdb at Home > PR-PI > E-Club Brochure 2023.

Check out RI's Membership page. <https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary/membership>

Don't forget to include our responsibilities as Rotarians such as paying dues, attending meetings, participating in service, and the opportunity to give to the Foundation.

## Club Service News



### Remote Service

## Acts of Love

February 2024

- **PROJECT:** Wellbeing packages for participants at the McCormick Seniors Center
  - Members came together to assemble notes and care packages for 70 participants of Meals on Wheels in McCormick County. Our care package included the note plus a reusable water bottle, a pair of cheerful socks, two snacks, and a bandage dispenser (the latter donated by the Abbeville Area Medical Center). The notes and water bottles were branded with Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas' logo. THANKS to all for your support!
- **FOCUS:** This project aligns with a Rotary focus on mental health and wellbeing.



## MORE Club Service News



### Remote Service

#### Acts of Green

April 2024



- **PROJECT:** 3rd annual Acts of Green Remote Service Project
  - Members commit acts of green in their own communities. More information to come including info on weekly programs that will align with our project.
  - Through club funds and a matching grant, we will expand Acts of Green in 2024 to include activities with the Anderson Career & Technology Center, Wren High School, and McCormick Elementary School. Stay tuned for more information on those projects this Spring!
  - THANKS to the Mark Makuliski Donor Advised Fund for approving our matching grant to expand this year! And THANKS to our club and District 7750 for making it possible.
  - Questions? Contact Julie (jctovey@aol.com)
- **FOCUS:** This project aligns with a Rotary focus on the environment..

### Individual Service

- **For 2023-24**, each member is asked to commit to an individual service project 2 times during this Rotary year, beyond our club-sponsored projects. IDEAS — Join a terra club or district project. Help in your community. Get inspired by one of our speakers. Plan ahead and ask others to join.
- Submit Individual Service via this Google Form so we can track our time and promote our passions!
  - <https://forms.gle/6aXEVDtNfUUR1wRu6> (Click, or copy and paste in your browser)
- Find this at DACdb > My Club > Club FILES > Service Projects > Record Your Individual Service.docx



# 2023-24 Club Giving

as of 12/31/2023

 	<b>Annual Fund (AF) Goal:</b>	<b>\$7,000.00</b>
	% Of Goal:	81.9%
	Per Capita:	\$318.6**
	AF Donations this Month	\$910.00
	<b>YTD:</b>	<b>\$5,734.00</b>
	<b>Polio Plus Goal:</b>	<b>\$1,700.00</b>
	% Of Goal:	99.7%
	Per Capita:	\$94.2**
	Polio Plus Donations this Month	\$50.00
	<b>YTD:</b>	<b>\$1,695.00</b>
	<b>YTD Total AF &amp; Polio Plus:</b>	<b>\$7,429.00</b>
	<b>*** YTD Total Contributions incl. other Giving:</b>	<b>\$8,829.00</b>

\$1K Endowment  
Fund + \$400  
Other Funds

## ROTARY E-CLUB OF THE CAROLINAS

- ◆ 78% EREY
- ◆ 78% Sustaining Members
- ◆ 100% PHF or PHF+
- ◆ 68% Benefactors
- ◆ 52% Bequest Society

	<b>CART Goal:</b>	<b>\$1,770.00</b>
	% Of Goal:	34.0%
	Per Capita:	\$33.39**
	<b>YTD:</b>	<b>\$601.00</b>



## How to Give!

The Rotary Foundation  
(Select Annual Fund-SHARE)

<https://my.rotary.org/en/donate>

Polio Plus Fund  
(Select PolioPlus Fund)

<https://my.rotary.org/en/donate>

Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust

<https://mycartfund.org/>  
or through Paypal on our club website

Weekly Meeting Happy Bucks  
(Click Donate in the left column)

<https://www.rotaryclubofthecarolinas.com/>

### Report Notes:

\*Please note: Contribution data updates may take up to 4-6 days to be reflected on the reports upon receipt by RI. During peak periods, it may take 8-11 days to be reflected.

\*\* Based on total 18 active members as originally setup by RI

\*\*\*Total Contributions include Annual Fund, PolioPlus, approved Foundation Grants, Other Giving, and Endowment contributions for the reporting period.

\*\*\*\* Based on current "Club Foundation Banner Report"

# Light a Candle Fundraiser



## LIGHT A CANDLE FOR



A Loved one

\_\_\_\_\_  
(First Name)



A Caregiver

\_\_\_\_\_  
(First Name)



Hope for a Cure

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Please donate to research that will end the suffering caused by Alzheimer's Disease

Suggested Donation: \$10/candle

Donations may be made here:

<https://www.rotaryclubofthecarolinas.com/>  
in the DONATE link in the left column

CLICK HERE

Note if the donation is made in honor of:

\* A Loved One (First Name)

\* A Caregiver (First Name)

\* In Hope for a Cure

Include your donor name or specify "Anonymous"

Thank you for the *Gift of Hope*

*100% of your donation is designated for research*

This fundraising campaign will run from Feb 4-Mar 17, so don't wait :)



To learn more about Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust (CART), listen to/  
view our recent program by the Rotary District 7750 Chair, Cara Hamilton.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IVjYibfSRaI>



**Check This Out!**

**SAVE THE  
DATE**

## **Rotary RV Rally**

**Lake Greenwood State  
Park  
Ninety Six SC  
October 10-13, 2024**

Reservations:  
[https://reserve.southcarolinaparks.com/  
lake-greenwood/camping/  
Campground #2](https://reserve.southcarolinaparks.com/lake-greenwood/camping/Campground #2)

*\*Fellowship  
\*Evening Socials  
\*BBQ  
\*Visit with Local  
Rotary Clubs  
\*Service  
Project*

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**THURSDAY OCTOBER 10-SUNDAY OCTOBER 13, 2024**

*The above graphic is linked to the SCParks website.*

## Mark Your Calendar

### Upcoming Club Meetings

Tuesday, 2/6/2024	Weekly Meeting - 6:00 PM	Program: Dr. Alexis Kabongo from the Duke-UNC Rotary Peace Center
Tuesday, 2/13/2024	Weekly Meeting - 12:00 Noon	Program: Ben Smith* and Jim Funk from the Small Business Development Consortium *Member, Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas
Tuesday, 2/20/2024	Weekly Meeting - 6:00 PM	Program: Our own Assistant District Governor, Jamison Tinsley
Tuesday, 2/27/2024	Weekly Meeting - 12:00 Noon	Program: AI presentation video from the White Bear Lake MN Rotary Club - Stephen Kelly
Tuesday, 3/5/2024	Weekly Meeting - 6:00 PM	Program: TBD Amazing Program
Tuesday, 3/12/2024	Weekly Meeting - 12:00 Noon	Program: Sustainability & Students Athletes Lizzy Anast, Clemson University

### Other IMPORTANT Dates

**04Feb-17Mar:** Light a Candle CART Fundraiser

**01 April 2024:** All E-Club of the Carolinas weekly meetings are at 12:00 Noon EST after this date

**1-22 April 2024:** E-Club of the Carolinas ACTS of GREEN

**11-13 April 2024:** Zone 33/34 Institute in Richmond

**17-19 May 2024:** D7750 All Clubs Conference in Greenville

**28 June 2024:** D7750 Awards & Installation Banquet in Greenville

**8-12 June 2024:** RI Convention in Singapore

**1 July 2024:** New Rotary Year begins

**6 September 2024:** Casino Night Fundraiser for E-Club

**10-13 October 2024:** E-Club Rotary RV Rally in Greenwood

[Click for Meeting Log In](#)

Zoom Meeting ID: 876 0367 8273

Passcode: 4waytest

[Click for Make-Ups via YouTube](#)

[Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas - YouTube](#)

## E-Club Information

### 2023-24 Officers & Directors

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### The 4 Way Test

- 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?

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### ROTARY E-CLUB OF THE CAROLINAS

**Mailing Address:**  
PO Box 294, Duncan, SC 29334

**Website:**  
<https://rotaryeclubofthecarolinas.com>

**Meeting Log In and Passcode:**  
[Click here for Meeting Log In](#)  
Zoom Meeting ID: 876 0367 8273  
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**Facebook:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/EclubCarolinasClubhouse>

### Vision

*Lead the way for Rotary in building effective virtual Rotary club experiences.*

### Mission

*A Rotary Club of engaged, enthusiastic, service-driven Rotarians with a spirit of fun and fellowship who enjoy working together as they seek opportunities to serve their local and global communities, and who grow Rotary membership as they lead the way in being the role model for Rotary E-Clubs.*