

APRIL 2025

# News & Notes

Rotary

E-Club of the Carolinas



Julia Larson

## President's Message

Spring is here and with it comes flowers blooming and pollinators in the air!

Our Pollinator Grant Project is getting underway this month at the McCormick School. We have delivered several books to the schools about pollinators and Millie Roux is working on delivering lessons to the kids about the importance of pollinators in our environment. The timing could not be better as the Rotary International Monthly Theme for April is the environment!

Through Rotary, we support activities that strengthen the restoration, conservation and protection of natural resources, including coastal marine and freshwater resources. Rotary projects work to enhance the capacity of communities and local governments to support natural resource management and conservation. As Rotarians, we address causes of climate change and climate disruption, supporting solutions to reduce the emission of greenhouse gases. Rotary continues to empower communities to access grants, embrace local solutions, and spur innovations that help to protect our environment. Funds donated to The Rotary Foundation help make many of these projects possible.

As flowers continue to pop up around us, think about our club commitment to Acts of Green and how we can make a difference in our own lives and in our communities while we consider what is best for our environment. Please continue to think about friends and people you meet that could help us on our path as Rotarians, and invite them to join our meetings.

April  
Trivia

What is  
your favorite

Act  
of  
Green

in your home?

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# Club Calendar

## Meetings - 12:00 Noon on Tuesdays

**Apr 7** - 6PM - Rotary Club of Global E-Trekkers hosts RI President Stephanie Urchick. Zoom [LINK](#).

**Apr 8** - Weekly Meeting  
Program: DHG Real Estate

**Apr 15** - Weekly Meeting  
Program: Ftn Inn Book Ctr for Haitian Youth

**Apr 22** - Weekly Meeting  
Program: Appalachian Trail Conservancy

**Apr 29** - Happy Birthday Hank!

**Apr 29** - Weekly Meeting  
Program: Environmental Sustainability, Climate Change

**May 1** - Blood Drive Fundraiser in Savannah Lakes near McCormick

**May 6** - Weekly Meeting  
Program: Reflections of Normandy, Lance Young

**May 13** - Weekly Meeting

**May 16** - Blood Drive in McCormick

**May 16-17** - Rotary District 7750 All Club Conference in Columbia SC

**May 18** - Club Social at the Youngs

**May 20** - Weekly Meeting

**May 25** - Happy Birthday Candace!

*A list of upcoming activities, and much more, can be found on our website.*



## Looking Onward

June 21-25 - Rotary International Conference in Calgary

July 18 - District 7750 Installation and Awards Banquet in Greenville

Sept 11-14 Zone 33/34 Summit in Jacksonville FL

Sept 13 - Golf Tournament Fundraiser in McCormick

Sept 19 - Blood Drive in McCormick

## Stay up to date

[Rotary District 7750](#)

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

Rotary District 7750 | THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

### Magical District Conference

**MAY 16 - 17, 2025**

Hilton  
Columbia Downtown

**Friday, May 16**

- Unlock the magic of service and fellowship at the Fireflies Baseball Game

**Saturday, May 17**

- With morning workshops, afternoon adventures and an evening of connection, you'll embrace the magic of Rotary all day long!
- Adventures include: Riverbanks Zoo, Edventure, Governor's Mansion and Statehouse tours
- Don't miss the magician, speaker, and dinner at the District Governor's Celebration





Rotary  
District 7750



## ROTARY DISTRICT 7750 CONFERENCE

### Service Projects

The Service Projects for this year's District 7750 Conference will showcase People of Action! That's **YOU!**

Join us to serve on projects benefiting the Levine Cancer Institute on 5/16 or the Haitian Children's Book Center on 5/17.



Contact: Candace Wyman  
candacewyman@gmail.com  
or Julia Larson  
docjulia99@gmail.com

**DETAILS &  
REGISTER**

<https://givebutter.com/7750Serves>



**FRI, MAY 16, 2025**

One hour sessions

1:00PM

2:00PM

3:00PM

Haitian  
Children's  
Book Center

**SAT, MAY 17, 2025**

One hour session

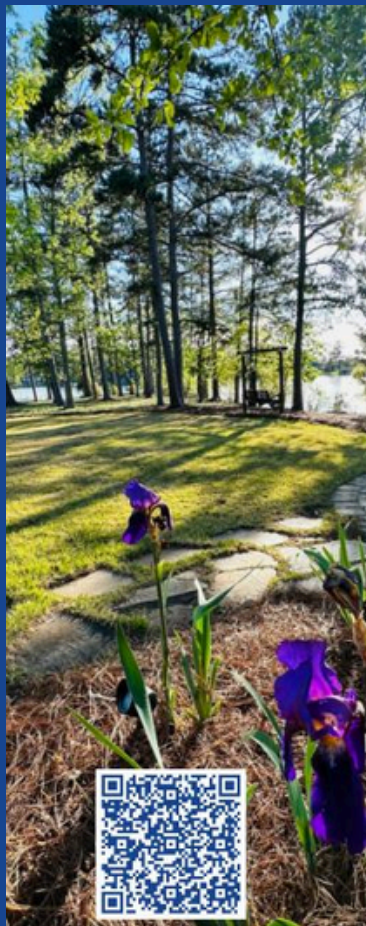
1:00PM

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*Join us for the  
Rotary District  
7750 Conference,  
our club-organized  
service,  
and our  
Sunday Social.*

To register for the  
**Service Projects**, visit  
[https://givebutter.com/  
7750Serves](https://givebutter.com/7750Serves)



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## Sunday Social

**May 18, 2025**

**12:00 Noon**

at the home of Lance & Lenna Young  
1721 Taylor Drive  
Gilbert SC



If you plan to attend, complete this online form by  
scanning the QR code or use  
<https://forms.gle/Xg54RH7S2Ld2Ppx99>

To register for the  
**Sunday Social**,  
thanks to Lenna and  
Lance Young, complete  
this Google Form.  
at  
[https://forms.gle/MVP7  
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# Connections

Join our Weekly Meeting via Zoom  
Tuesdays 12:00 Noon (South Carolina USA Time)

LINK: [E-Club Meeting Hyperlink](#)

Zoom Meeting ID: 876 0367 8273 Passcode: 4waytest

<https://rotaryclubofthecarolinas.com>

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

Instagram @rotaryclubofthecarolinas

YouTube @rotary-e-clubofthecarolinas



## One Year Ago...



Our club's continued commitment to environmental projects and an investment in communities is commendable. A year ago, as a part of our Acts of Green remote service project, we invested in 3 school-based garden projects. Thanks to donations from our club, an individual member, District 7750, and the Mark Makulinski Donor Advised Fund, we supported projects at McCormick Elementary School (above), Wren High School (upper right), and the Anderson District 1 & 2 Career & Technology Center (right). These gardens are ongoing through student and staff participation. Thank you for this, and for our legacy of protecting the environment and giving back!



Our club's District 7750 Grant Project is ongoing and we're back in the McCormick Schools! Sensory and Pollinator Gardens are underway at the middle and elementary schools. Funds are providing additional resources to science teachers to enhance their lessons about pollinators, the ecosystem, habitats, and the environment. We also gifted butterfly pavilions and larva so that the students could observe the lifecycle of pollinators and release them into their gardens. This is a fantastic project and another example of our #ActsofGreen. Thank you to Julia and Millie for taking on the lion's share of this project!



*Rotarians understand that the whole world is their backyard. They can see the effects of climate change in communities they care about, and they haven't waited to take action. They're tackling the problem the way they always do: coming up with projects, using their connections to change policy – and planning for the future.*

*Rotarians are doers. #PeopleofAction Show them a problem and they look for solutions. But a global problem such as climate change might seem daunting to even the most resourceful Rotary member. [Click to read more.](#)*



# SERVICE



**SERVICE  
ABOVE SELF**

Individual Service	Remote Service
Group Service	Other Service



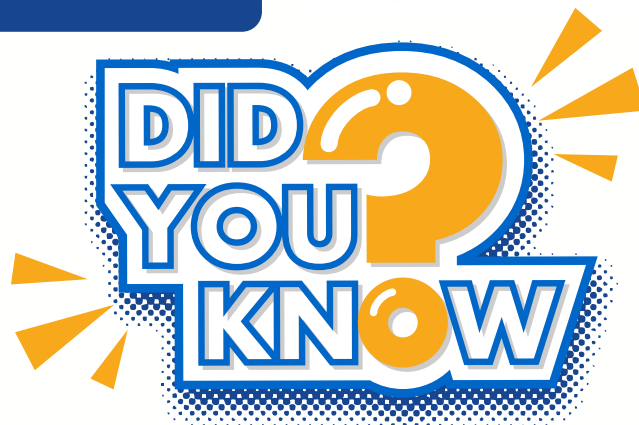
District 7750 applied for a Rotary Zone 33/34 Disaster Relief Grant to support food banks that suffered hardships because of Hurricane Helene. Many clubs will be engaged to serve several food banks in our district. Clubs are also asked hold a food drive to supplement the project.

Our club is partnering with the Batesburg-Leesville club to support Christ Central Ministries-Saluda Food Bank. We are now collecting food and funds that will all be delivered on the morning of 4/24.

## Needed Items for the Food Drive

- Canned meats (i.e., Vienna Sausage/Spam)
- Hot Dogs
- 1 lb rolls of ground beef or sausage
- Dried Beans (1 or 2 lb bags)
- Rice (1 or 2 lb bags)
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly/Jam/Preserves (plastic containers)
- Canned pasta dishes (Ravioli, Spaghetti O's)
- Canned tamales
- Applesauce jars (plastic) and cups
- Fruit cups
- Peanut butter or cheese crackers
- Saltine or Ritz crackers
- Pop Tarts
- Granola Bars

If you are not able to purchase food and deliver it on 4/24, you can make a donation by Venmo to Julia Larson at 530-902-0266.



Did you know..... From Candace Wyman

In addition to our own great service projects, E-Club of the Carolinas Rotarians love helping out with other clubs' service projects! Here are some of the projects our members have supported so far this Rotary Year.

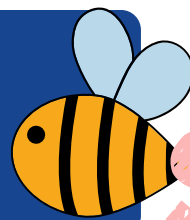
- *Abbeville Rotary: Reindeer Run for Abbeville Angel Tree Bike Fund*
- *Indian Land Rotary: Dictionary Distribution*
- *Johnson City (TN) Morning Rotary: Habitat for Humanity donation for Hurricane Helene Relief*
- *Greenville Rotary: Greenville Literacy Association book sale fundraiser*
- *Greenwood Rotary: Rise Against Hunger: Packing food*
- *Greenwood Clubs: Rotary Has Heart*
- *Lancaster County Rotary Clubs: Food donations to HOPE (Helping Other People Effectively)*
- *Spartan West Rotary: Salvation Army Bell-Ringing*

And we are honored to have been selected to plan and coordinate the Service Projects at the upcoming District Conference! Working together to **Do Good in the World** has expanded awareness of the wide-reaching impact E-Clubs can have!

**Book Sale!**



# GIVING



# HELLO SPRING

## We are So Close!

Thank You to all of our E-Clubbers who have given back in so many ways this year! Rotary asks a lot of us, and we all have to make choices about what we can do. You have come through in helping our club reach two of three of our identified giving goals. You have crushed the goal for The Rotary Foundation AND PolioPlus, and we are SO close to reaching our CART goal. This, combined with the many and various projects that we are undertaking this year, is phenomenal. Thank you!

# THANK YOU

If you have not yet had the chance to make your gift this year, consider this your ask. Based on our current club reporting, 21 of 26 members have made a gift to the Foundation or PolioPlus, nearly helping us reach our goal of 100% for this objective. Help us take that last little bit to the hole.

Please consider making your gift by June 30. Thank you.



## How to Give

The Rotary Foundation  
(Select Annual Fund-SHARE)

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

Polio Plus Fund  
(Select PolioPlus Fund)

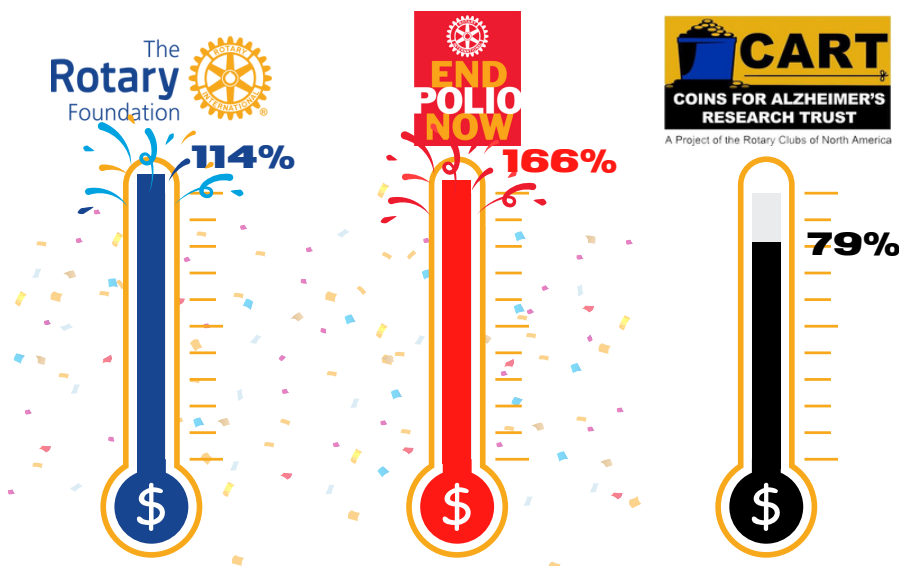
<https://my.rotary.org/en/donate>

Coins for Alzheimer's  
Research Trust  
<https://mycartfund.org/>

[E-Club Website](#)  
Paypal active/Zelle  
or mail a check

## Our Progress!

Percentages of club goals as of 3/31/2025





# SERVICE



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## ACTS OF GREEN

A **Remote Service Project** by Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas  
aligned with Earth Day 2025  
and the Rotary International Area of Focus – Environment

**March 22 – April 22, 2025**

*We will commit Acts of Green wherever we are to  
invest in our planet and in service to others.*

### Remote Service Ideas

- Commit to using a refillable water bottle or beverage holder
- Change paper bills to online billing
- Request removal from catalog mail lists
- Use reef-safe sunscreen
- Turn off electronics when not in use
- Plant a tree or perennial plants, pollinator plants, & reduce pesticides
- Recycle aluminum, cardboard, & more
- Use reusable bags at stores
- Carry reusable utensils with you – eating utensils and multi-use straws
- Use cold water for laundry
- Cut up non-recyclable or unusable plastic items to reduce danger to animals.
- What's your idea for an Act of Green?

**SHARE  
YOUR  
STORY**

**Rotary**  
PEOPLE OF ACTION



Share your #ActsofGreen photo with us! We'll schedule these to post throughout the month-long project on our social media and website. Spread the word!

Candace Wyman [candacewyman@gmail.com](mailto:candacewyman@gmail.com)  
Julie Tovey [jctovey@aol.com](mailto:jctovey@aol.com)



**SHARE!**

# MEMBERSHIP



*Our Progress!*


**Members as of 6/30/24 – 23**

**Members as of 3/31/25 – 26**

**13% growth & 4% attrition so far**

**Goal for Rotary Year 2024/25**

**+2 members or 5% growth**

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*Discover*  
**Rotary**

**Thursday, April 24, 2025**  
**Zoom Session 5:30-6:00PM**

*Register by email to [julietovey@gmail.com](mailto:julietovey@gmail.com)*

**Attendance**  
**March**  
**2025**

**58% with**  
**4 meetings**

## ROTARY -- *Two* **WAYS!**

Fellowship, Service, Programs & Information, Events, Rotary International Program, and More

### 1: INDIVIDUAL

Weekly Remote Meeting  
Programs & Fellowship  
Service Projects  
\$45 Individual Induction Fee  
\$260 Annual Dues

### 2: ORGANIZATIONAL

Weekly Remote Meeting  
Programs & Fellowship  
Service Projects  
\$45 Induction Fee for each  
participant  
\$260 Annual Dues for the  
organization/primary  
member



<https://rotaryclubofthecarolinas.com/>

*Merchandise  
for Sale*

**People of Action Apron \$25**  
**Areas of Focus Bandana \$20**

#### Payment Options

**Paypal:** Use button on our website with an additional 3.5% fee. ([bit.ly/EClubCarolinas](http://bit.ly/EClubCarolinas)).

**Checks:** Checks can be made payable to Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas mailed to the club po box.

Confirm your purchase with Julie Tovey,  
[jctovey@aol.com](mailto:jctovey@aol.com).

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## Merchandise Available

Here's a reminder that we have merchandise remaining from our sales last year. PeopleofAction aprons and Areas of Focus bandannas are available. Contact Julie for purchase and help our club raise some money.





# Rotary Leadership

**Rotary**  
District 7750



The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a grassroots coalition of Rotary districts implementing a leadership development program for Rotarians. Join District 7750 for an upcoming session this fall.

## **August 9 in Duncan: Parts 1,2 and 3**

### **Fall Virtual Series**

Part 1 - 10/14 and 10/15

Part 2 - 11/11 and 11/12

Part 3 - 12/9 and 12/10

<https://www.midatlanticrli.org/>

Questions? Contact Julia Larson

# Rotary



## E-Club of the Carolinas

### **Mailing Address**

PO Box 294, Duncan, SC 29334 USA

### **Website**

<https://rotaryclubofthecarolinas.com>

### **Meeting Zoom Info**

Tuesdays 12:00PM South Carolina Time

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87603678273?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87603678273?pwd=gAZ1bNgQHePW2YPQVQKe5JmbtIMoNy.1)

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Meeting ID: 876 0367 8273

Passcode: 4waytest

### **Facebook**

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

### **Instagram**

@rotaryclubofthecarolinas

### **YouTube**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxLibSZz-alh6VeN6DIvhXg>

## The 4 Way Test

Of the things we think, say, or 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?**

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## 2024-25 Officers/Directors

**Julia Larson**, President - docjulia99@gmail.com

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