# NEWS & NOTES

#### From President Alberto Meloncelli

Excitement and Grafitude as Incoming E-Club President!

Dear E-Club Members, I hope your 4th of July celebration was happy and fun! I'm filled with immense pride and gratitude to have been elected as your incoming 2025-26 E-Club President. The past year has been a resounding success, thanks to the outstanding leadership of Julia, the dedication of our board of directors, and the active participation of each and every one of you. We achieved all the goals set in 2024, and for that, I extend a heartfelt thank you! Franca, Julia, and I recently returned from the Rotary International Convention in Calgary, and the experience was truly invigorating!

We connected with Rotarians from all corners of the globe, sharing innovative service ideas, discussing membership development strategies, and, of course, having a great time. As I look ahead to my term, my hope is to meet the ambitious goals we previewed during our kickoff meeting. However, achieving this will require your continued support and collaboration. Let's carry the spirit of celebration from this July 4th holiday into the months ahead. I encourage you to share your ideas for engaging speakers, meaningful service projects, and fun fellowship opportunities. Let the FUN begin!

Sincerely, Alberto Meloncelli 2025-26 E-Club President

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### LEARNING

As we enter a new Rotary year, here are some great ways to keep our attendance in mind. You may remember that we began "Learning with Rotary" in March with a **micro learning** video on <u>Entering a</u> <u>Make-Up in DACdb</u>. To add to that, we have a new video on **Banking a Make-UP**. Check it out on our YouTube Channel <u>erotarye-clubofthecarolinas</u>. Look for the "Learning with Rotary" Playlist.

### July 2025

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# **ALL THE DETAILS...**

### Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas Mailing Address PO Box 294, Duncan, SC 29334 USA

Website:rotaryeclubofthecarolinas.comFB:facebook.com/groups/EclubCarolinasClubhouseYouTube:@rotarye-clubofthecarolinas

#### 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

### 2024-25 LEADERSHIP

- Alberto Meloncelli, President
- Julia Larson, Immediate Past President
- Chuck Harrison, President Elect/ Membership Chair
- Candace Wyman, Secretary, Service Chair
- Iuliana Watson, Treasurer
- Lance Young, Foundation/CART Chair
- Franca Meloncelli, PI Committee, Director
- Dann Dunn, Programs Chair

### HOW TO GIVE

The Rotary Foundation - Annual Fund-SHARE and the PolioPlus Fund <u>https://my.rotary.org/en/donate</u>

Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust (CART) https://mycartfund.org/

Happy Bucks - Dues - Other Payments to the E-Club Paypal or Zelle or mail a check

### CALENDAR

July 15 - Weekly Meeting. Program: Fellowship. July 18 - District 7750 Installation and Awards Banquet in Greenville July 22 - Weekly Meeting. Program: Carol Burdette, CART. July 29 - Weekly Meeting. Program: Brandon Guffey, Gavin's Law August 5 - Weekly Meeting. Program: RYLA Students August 12 - Weekly Meeting. Program: Carolina Pregnancy Center. August 19 - Weekly Meeting. Program: E.A. Sween Company. August 26 - Weekly Meeting. Program TBD.

### More Info

Sept 11-14 Zone 33/34 Summit in Jacksonville FL Sept 13 - Golf Tournament Fundraiser in McCormick Sept 16 - DG Dave Brenner will visit! Sept 19 - Blood Drive in McCormick

If you have ideas or would like to help with programs, contact our 2025–26 Programs Chair, <u>Dann</u> <u>Dunn</u>.

Submissions for the News & Notes are due on the 6<sup>th</sup> of each month to <u>Julie Tovey</u>.

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# SERVICE



**From Service Chair, Candace Wyman** – The strength of our Club's approach to putting Service Above Self is very much in its flexibility. Every member can participate in club-initiated projects, and/or pursue their passion for service uniquely designed for their own capabilities, resources and community need. You'll see favorites such as Care Cards for Veterans and Acts of Green. Particular emphasis this year will be on working closely with Rotarians in nearby clubs. Plan ahead for which projects you feel most able to support. Let's make this the year EVERY member contributes to our service goals... and has FUN along the way!



**School Supply Drive** - We are partnering with the Rotary Club of Indian Land to donate supplies to schools in Lancaster County. In June, the board approved a donation to an organization in need in McCormick. And other members are organizing and contributing to drives where they live. The next few weeks are critical for helping students feel prepared for the upcoming school year! Contact Candace (Indian Land), Julia or Mille (McCormick), or Julie (Upstate) if you're interested in getting involved.

## FUNDRAISING



Our club is planning to continue with the **Blood Drives** in McCormick; the first one scheduled for 9/19. Are you able to help out with this? Sit by the sign. Welcome blood donors. Thank them. And/or donate yourself. Thank you, Julia and Millie, for helping with these in the past. All are welcome to go and help out! At the very least, share this post from our Facebook page. You never know when you might reach someone in that area who can participate.

Let's come together to support the **Golf Tournament** as well. Sponsorships are needed. Click <u>here</u> to visit our website Events page and find the sponsorship form.



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Congratulations! We've had another successful year of giving and exceeded each of our goals. Our gifts to The Rotary Foundation totaled \$10,996 meaning 130.9% of our goal. Our giving to Polio Plus totaled \$4937, meaning \$171 per capita. And our giving to Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust totaled \$1827, cracking the goal with \$79.45 per capita. We are a 100% EREY club, with 15 Sustaining members, 13 Benefactors, 7 Major Donors, and 21 PHF(+) members. **Amazing!** Many thanks to Alberto for serving as our chair for several years. We appreciate his leadership and your generosity!

*From our new Giving chair, Lance* – Thanks to your generosity and commitment in supporting the Rotary Foundation, PolioPlus, and CART – surpassing all of our 2024–2025 goals – your contributions will fund impactful projects around the world: eradicating polio, improving education, addressing environmental challenges, providing access to clean water, responding to natural disasters, supporting Alzheimer's research, strengthening communities, and promoting peace. Together, we are truly Doing Good in the World.

I'm excited to continue working with you as we take on the new goals set by President Alberto. While ambitious, I am confident that they are absolutely achievable with your continued support as we work together to continue expanding the reach of Rotary's educational and humanitarian work.

#### Goals for 2025-2026: Annual Fund: \$9,500

PolioPlus: \$3,500

CART: \$2,400

ATTENDANCE

Together, as we Unite for Good, we are making a lasting difference in the lives of others around the globe.

# MEMBERSHIP

Members as of 6/30/24 - 23 Members as of 6/30/25 - 24 4.3% growth & 17% attrition

#### Goal for Rotary Year 2025/26: +4 members

Thank you to the e-club for keeping membership growth and membership development at the top of our minds. While we did not achieve our growth goal for 24-25, we innovated with a Membership Challenge, Discover Rotary, and quarterly Membership Development sessions. As we enter 25-26, best wishes to new chair, Chuck.

June 2025 54.3% with 3 meetings Congrats to 4 members with 100% attendance in 2024-25!

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# **OTHER**



### Who We Are?

Rotary District 7750 is committed to Doing Good in the World through the Rotary Foundation. Your generous support helps fund projects that improve health, support education, alleviate poverty, respond to crises, and create lasting change in communities both locally and globally. Together, we are building a better, more hopeful future through service and impact-driven initiatives.

### How to Join

Join the campaign with a new gift or commitment of \$10,000 or more made between July 1, 2023, and January 31, 2026. This can include:

- An outright gift to the Annual Fund or PolioPlus
- A three-year pledge
- Cumulative giving during the campaign period
- A bequest or gift to the Foundation Endowment

#### Are You Already a Member?

You may already be part of Rotary District 7750's Million Dollar Campaign without realizing it! If you've:

- Included The Rotary Foundation in your will, IRA, or life insurance policy,
- Made a bequest years ago that has grown in value,
- Have already committed to give \$10,000 or more between July 1, 2023, and January 31, 2026

### Why it Matters

Securing **\$1** million in gifts and commitments ensures that we can continue responding to urgent needs in our communities and around the world. These gifts provide the resources to launch new projects, sustain long-term efforts, and empower future generations of leaders and volunteers. This campaign is our commitment to lasting impact—today, tomorrow, and for decades to come.

### Will You Join Us in Giving?

For all donation information or questions please contact District Foundation Chair Beth Padgett at bpadgettrotary@outlook.com



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