



Julia Larson  
President 2024-25

## President's Message

Welcome to our new Rotary year! I am excited and honored to be serving as your president. Our 119th Rotary International President, Stephanie Urchick, hails from the Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, and is our 2nd female RI president. President Urchick chose "The Magic of Rotary" theme for this year because she believes members create that magic with every project completed, every dollar donated, and every new Rotarian. I am looking forward to creating some magic with our club this year!

We have a strong group of core members. My vision for this year is to see us grow into a larger group that can help us form stronger committees so that we may better serve our communities and the world. We welcome Rotarians who have a desire to lead this club into the future.

Let's be leaders of President Stephanie Urchick's goal at helping Rotarians become more adept at digital innovation and virtual networking among Rotarians, Rotary Leaders and those in our communities. We need to continue to focus our district leaders on engaging and connecting virtually so that we reach as many Rotarians as possible.

## July Trivia

What are the  
Four Avenues of  
Rotary Service?



## Our last Rotary theme

It is a bit bittersweet to see the end of the annual themes that were started in the 1949-50 Rotary year. For our final one, we will strive for and celebrate **The Magic of Rotary**. In the future, RI will build the importance and recognition of the Rotary brand overall. Though our international and club presidents change each year, Rotary will remain consistent in global branding to strengthen the global recognition of the organization. As PR-PI chair, Julie Tovey has already taken steps to ensure our E-Club's branding aligns with RI's. After all, we want to increase public awareness and understanding of our small and mighty club too. - Julia



## July's Focus - Maternal & Child Health

Rotary is dedicated to causes that build international relationships, improve lives, and create a better world to support our peace efforts and end polio forever. Every day, women risk their lives through pregnancy and giving birth, and millions of children die each year from treatable, preventable causes. Rotary expands access to quality care, so mothers and children everywhere can have the same opportunities for a healthy future. An estimated 5.9 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, inadequate health care, and poor sanitation — all of which can be prevented. Maternal and Child Health Care is also recognized as one of Rotary's Six Areas of Focus. For more info, visit: <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/saving-mothers-and-children>

# 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

## Welcome New Members

We are thrilled to welcome Julie Bright and Maggie McMahon as the newest members of Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas! Both are most recently members of the Spartan West Club, and are ready to experience the joy of Rotary with us.

Julie is an SC native, born and raised in Spartanburg County. She has degrees from Converse and Gardner-Webb University, and is Financial/HR Manager at the Hospice & Palliative Care Foundation. Julie enjoys spending time with her two Schnauzers, and remodeling her family home in Woodruff, SC. Welcome Julie!

Maggie is also an SC native, hailing from Darlington, SC. Maggie earned degrees at Anderson University and Liberty University. She is the Development & Marketing Director at the Palmetto Council of Scouting America. She previously served the Emerald City Club, and is a District 7750 committee chair. She and her husband recently moved to Rock Hill. Maggie is a Paul Harris Fellow +3. Welcome Maggie!

You can read more about Julie and Maggie in their Welcome posts at [our Facebook page](#).

If you know a prospective member, invite them to an upcoming meeting, and contact our Membership Chair, Julie Tovey at [jctovey@aol.com](mailto:jctovey@aol.com).

## Club Anniversaries

7/1/15 Alberto Meloncelli

7/1/18 Laurens Floyd

7/4/22 Julia Larson

7/5/17 Franca Meloncelli

7/11/23 Barbara Ellis

7/15/20 Julie Tovey

7/15/19 Diana Parker

8/3/13 Ben Smith



The Rotary VOICES podcast includes audio versions of the Rotary Magazine, along with full episodes featuring exclusive bonus interviews. Julie T. was able to access it on Spotify and listen without a subscription. Check it out where you find your podcasts.



# Club Calendar

## Meetings - 12:00 Noon on Tuesdays

**July 9** - Weekly Meeting  
Program: The Magic of Rotary-Our Year Ahead

**July 16** - Weekly Meeting  
Program: Video/Discussion - Thriving in an overconnected world

**July 23** - Weekly Meeting  
Program: RYLA Students (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)

**July 30** - Weekly Meeting  
Program: Walter Huffstutler, YMCA

**August 6** - Weekly Meeting  
Program: TBD

**August 13** - Weekly Meeting  
Program: Video/Discussion - The power of appreciation

## Looking Ahead

**August 17** - Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) in Duncan (District)

**August 24** - Membership Summit in Newberry (District)

**September 21 or 22** - E-Club Social TBD

**October 10-13** - Rotary RV Rally at Lake Greenwood. Details coming soon.

**Stay up to date**

Rotary District 7750

Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas

**INDIVIDUAL SERVICE**

Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas

PEOPLE OF ACTION

2023-2024

## Celebrate Service

In 2023-24, we asked members to complete at least two acts of service on their own or with a terra club, outside of the service projects organized by our club. And serve they did! Self-reporting showed 52% of our members responded to this ask, totaling more than 500 hours in services to organizations helping children, refugees, animals, the larger community, and more. Thanks to all of you for serving through Rotary! Who knows what we will accomplish this Rotary year?!

# Details Coming Soon



## Rotary RV Rally

Lake Greenwood State Park

Ninety Six, SC

October 10-13, 2024

Reservations for Campground #2

<https://reserve.southcarolinaparks.com/lake-greenwood/camping/>

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2024

**If you plan to RV/Camp, reserve now!**

## Rotary Areas of Focus



PEACEBUILDING AND  
CONFLICT PREVENTION



DISEASE PREVENTION  
AND TREATMENT



WATER, SANITATION,  
AND HYGIENE



MATERNAL AND  
CHILD HEALTH



BASIC EDUCATION  
AND LITERACY



COMMUNITY ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT



ENVIRONMENT

## Photo Contest Submission

Julia Larson submitted this photo called "Easter Lillies" Her story about this photo is ...

*This family tradition of coloring white Calla Lilies with powdered chalk, was taught to me by my Grandpa Meneghelli. The gentle process of rubbing the chalk into the delicate bloom is meditative and reflective. I love to spend the hours spent coloring them recalling fond memories with my Grandpa. Giving these colorful blooms to friends and neighbors shares the joy and hope of spring.*

Thanks to those who submitted photos in our June 2024 Photo Contest that was advertised in last month's newsletter. We'll share more as space allows in the future.







## Gold Award

Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas and our members are proud to support The Rotary Foundation. We invest in lasting change in communities in our communities, our state, and around the world.

For Rotary Year 23-24, our club has exceeded our TRF Annual Fund goal by 45%! Our per capita giving is our highest ever by our club! And we exceeded our giving to End Polio Now, and Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust (CART). Thanks to you, District 7750 acknowledged our generosity with the Gold Award at a recent District event (photo above).



## 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 coming soon  
or mail a check

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District 7750

## Rotary Leadership Institute

**August 17, 2024**

**SPARK Center**

**1875 E Main St, Duncan, SC**

Register at [www.midatlanticrli.org](http://www.midatlanticrli.org)  
or the District Calendar in DACdb

Join us for an RLI event to learn about our Rotary history, our Foundation, strategies for why and how to grow membership and the latest public image/public relations ideas. Learn, share, and network with fellow Rotarians about how they serve our community and the world. All sessions are highly interactive and fun.

**CONTACT:** Julia Larson RLI District 7750 Chair  
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## What is an E-Club?

Rotary e-clubs are not "virtual" Rotary clubs. We are a Rotary club comprised of People of Action. We simply use the Internet and Zoom platform as a tool to serve as real-world, active Rotarians. A Rotary e-club is part of the real world of Rotary International.

Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas is small and mighty. We are engaged, enthusiastic, service-driven Rotarians with a spirit of fun and fellowship. We seek opportunities to serve our local and global communities, grow Rotary membership in our club and in Rotary, and lead the way in building effective Rotary experiences.

**#PeopleofAction**

## 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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E-Club of the Carolinas



# Rotary



## E-Club of the Carolinas

### Mailing Address

PO Box 294, Duncan, SC 29334 USA

### Website

<https://rotaryeclubofthecarolinas.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)

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

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### Facebook

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

### YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxLibSZz-alh6VeN6DlvhXg>

## 2024-25 Officers/Directors

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

**Alberto Meloncelli**, President Elect & Foundation Chair - alby441@gmail.com

**TBD**, President Nominee

**Iuliana Watson**, Treasurer - watsoniuli@gmail.com

**Candace Wyman**, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Service Chair - candacewyman@gmail.com

**Julie Tovey**, Membership / PR PI Chair - jctovey@aol.com

**Ken Hirsch**, Board Member - khirsch@kenhirscharchitect.com