



Julia Larson (middle), Emerald City's Nikole Cabral (left) & DG Rysheeka Bush (right)

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What is the principal motto of Rotary?

President's Message

September brings with it the end of summer and our transition to fall. Looking back on August, we truly had a great month of celebrating Membership with many activities that improved our club strength. We welcomed new member, Dann Dunn, and we got to know some of our newer members through our fellowship and member spotlights.

September means back to school in our communities. This goes hand in hand with the Rotary International monthly theme of Basic Education and Literacy! Our club has a passion for literacy that is reflected at each meeting with a Little Free Library book donation in honor of our speaker.

Reading is so important. To help young people cultivate the joy of reading for knowledge and pleasure is a gift. No matter how long my day has been, one of my favorite times of the day is when I climb into bed and pick up my kindle and get lost in a book. I always laugh and tell people that my love affair with my kindle is one of life's greatest joys!

Our 2024-25 District Matching Grant project will support literacy at McCormick SC schools with the donation of books about the humane treatment of animals, our relationships with pets and nature, and science books about pollinators. I am excited to start this project over the next few months when our grant funding comes in! More details to come.

My September photo is me with District Governor Rysheeka Bush and Emerald City president, Nikole Cabral. At PETS, we were happy and excited to share our Rotary passion, and we still are! Our clubs and our district connections give us so much energy as we serve Rotary-for ourselves, our clubs, our communities and our world!

Thank you for continuing to be such an amazing group of Rotarians. I am honored to lead our meetings each week and continue to grow our club.



RI's September's Focus - Basic Education & Literacy Month

Throughout the month of September, we celebrate the commitment of Rotary International and Clubs to education and literacy programs. In our E-Club last year, we supported McCormick County schools through educational and environmental programs. And for years, our e-club has supported Little Free Libraries across the state.

Rotary's goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. Rotarians support education for all children and literacy for children and adults. This is a short and inspiring video on Rotary efforts in this Area of Focus: https://youtu.be/WHBg3WcCai8?feature=shared.

Thanks to Dee and Candace for already promoting this month's theme with their trips to their own local Little Free Libraries! Watch our Facebook page for more on this! To find out more about engaging with our LFL service, ask Julie T. or Lenna.

Attendance August 2<mark>0</mark>24

74.8% with 4 meetings





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

LINK: <u>E-Club Meeting Hyperlink</u>
Zoom Meeting ID: 876 0367 8273 Passcode: 4waytest

https://rotaryeclubofthecarolinas.com

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Club Calendar

Meetings - 12:00 Noon on Tuesdays

Sept 5 - Ken Hirsch's Bday!

Sept 7 - Local Social in Greenville

Sept 10 - Weekly Meeting

Program: Fellowship

Sept 17 - Greg DiCicco's Bday!

Sept 17 - Weekly Meeting

Program: Video on Authenticity

Sept 22 - Club Social - Enoree River

Winery, Newberry

Sept 24 - Weekly Meeting. Program: SC

Center for Community Literacy

Oct 1 - Weekly Meeting

Program: SCbio

Oct 8 - Weekly Meeting

Program: TBD

October 10-13 - Rotary RV Rally at Lake Greenwood

Oct 15 - Weekly Meeting

Program: Piedmont Music Therapy

Oct 22 - Weekly Meeting

Program: Polio Plus

Oct 24 - World Polio Day

Oct 29 - Weekly Meeting

Program: Membership Development

Session on Rotary Storytelling

A list of upcoming activities can be found on our website.



November 8 - District 7750 Foundation Dinner

December 9 - Joint E-Club Meeting (in lieu of our regular 12/10 meeting)

February 1, 2025 - Casino Night Fundraiser, McCormick

Stay up to date Rotary District 7750

Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas

JOHN US FOR A SOCIAL!

Join us for any and all of our Club Socials!

9/7 - Greenville Email Julie T. to register

9/22 - Enoree River Winery in Newberry

November TBD - Greenwood /Saluda Area

Find the apple in this N&N and email ictovey@aol.com for a prize.

SERVICE



Individual Service Reports

Thanks to those who have recorded their individual service through our automated form. Remember that we ask all E-Clubbers to perform two acts of individual service in the name of Rotary during the year. Spend a couple of hours on a terra club project or a community litter clean up. Reach out to Candace if you have questions.

Submit your individual service by clicking the Submit button to the right.





Help for the RV Rally

Do you have any new (or gently used) camping or outdoor items around the house that you'd like to donate for the Silent Auction at our October RV rally? If you're like me, some equipment and supplies were more aspirational than practical! Here are some ideas: an extra camp or tailgater chair, a tent that you hoped to use but then decided sleeping on the ground was no longer in your "wheelhouse", cookware, camping recipe books, fishing rod/gearor how about a gift "basket" arranged in a cast iron skillet or tackle box? Gift cards to REI, Cabelas, Bass Pro?

Please bring any items to either of the upcoming socials on Sept 7 (Local Social in Greenville) or Sept 22 (Enoree Winery, Newberry). Contact Candace for information.





SAVE THE DATE

GIVING

WORLD POLIO DAY





Thank you to all those who have made gifts to our various areas in July and August. We will be sharing and celebrating more of our giving in November for Foundation Month.

Also, a big thanks to donating to our July Happy Bucks. Our club made a \$417 donation to Zone 33/34 Disaster Relief!









need assistance.

Help promote World Polio Day and our fight to eradicate polio worldwide. Download a Zoom background at this LINK and use it for the month of October. Contact Julie T if you

TOGETHER, WE END POLIO











The Rotary Foundation (Select Annual Fund-SHARE) https://my.rotary.org/en/donate

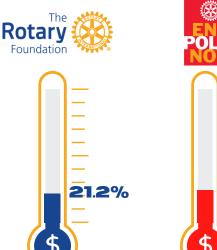
Polio Plus Fund (Select PolioPlus Fund) https://my.rotary.org/en/donate

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

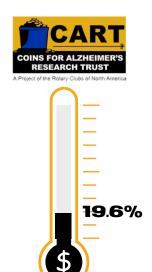
E-Club Website
Paypal active/Zelle coming soon
or mail a check

Our Progress!

As of 8/31/2024







MEMBERSHIP



Members as of 6/30/24 - 23 Members as of 8/31/24 - 26

13% growth & 0% attrition so far

Goal for Rotary Year 2024-25 +2 members or 5% growth

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SESSION FOR OCTOBER

Thanks to those who attended our Membership Development Session on DACdb/MyRotary. I hope members will value these sessions as a way to get/be/stay engaged in a new way of learning about Rotary. Our next MDS will be at our regular meeting on October 29, and our topic will be **Rotary Storytelling**. (this is a cooler way of saying "elevator speech") Hope to see you there!



Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas is happy to welcome **Dann Dunn** as our newest member! Dann is new to Rotary, but has served for years with other civic and religious organizations, including as current president for the St. Vincent de Paul conference at his church. His professional background is in television production and broadcast operations. He and his wife, Maggie, live south of Charlotte. Thank you, Chuck Harrison, for sponsoring Dann into our club.



Engagement!

Our June & July inductees have been engaged in their Member Orientation sessions, which are now wrapping up. Our Membership Committee developed a Post-Orientation Survey, designed to be a conversation and look at next steps for engagement. More on this later.

How will they know if you don't ask?

Our Membership Challenge is happening! Invite a prospective member and have them attend one of our weekly meetings by 12/31/2024. You've got 15 meetings left to make it happen. Thank you Chuck Harrison and Hank Hatchell for accepting this challenge and making things happen!





Rotary RV Rally

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



- Fellowship
- Evening Socials
- BBQ & Games
- Meeting Other Rotarians
- Local Service Project

Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas and our partners are proud to organize the 1st Rotary RV Rally at Lake Greenwood State Park. We will welcome Rotarians who RV, camp, and those who would stay locally over the weekend of October 10-13, 2024. Various options allow for full registration, day visitors, activities, and more. Come for fellowship, service, fun, and a beautiful setting at Lake Greenwood.

Sponsored by Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas, in partnership with other Rotary District 7750 clubs: Emerald City/Emerald City Satellite, Greenwood, Abbeville, and Lander University Rotaract

NOTE that your RV/camping spot must be reserved separately via the SC State Park system. Also NOTE that your entrance into the State Park is also a separate cost. State Park Website.



Adult event full registration is \$25. Adult Day registration for Saturday is \$10. Children registrations are free. Proceeds from our silent auction, dice game, and additional donations will support Polio Plus and our literacy and environmental projects. Contact <u>Candace Wyman</u> for more information.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

- THURSDAY 10/10/24 WELCOME AT THE PAVILION FOR A MEET AND GREET RECEPTION
- FRIDAY 10/11/2024 HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN. FISHING DERBY. PARK ENJOYMENT ON YOUR OWN. EVENING MEAL (INCLUDED IN FULL REGISTRATION). DICE GAME FUNDRAISER AFTER DINNER.
- SATURDAY 10/12 ROTARY SERVICE PROJECT. FISHING DERBY, CONTINUED. DINNER (SEPARATE REGISTRATION REQUIRED) WITH FISHING DERBY AWARDS, MUSIC, A SILENT AUCTION, AND MORE OF THE DICE GAME FUNDRAISER.
- SUNDAY, 10/13 FAREWELL BRUNCH (INCLUDED IN FULL REGISTRATION).



2:30-4:00PM
Enoree River Winery, 1650 Dusty Road Newberry, SC 29108
RSVP to Julie T. at jctovey@aol.com

Join us at Enoree River Winery for their Sunday afternoon UnPack the Porch event with live music. Snacks and different types of beverages will be available for purchase.

You can sit on the porch or covered deck, or bring your own lawn chair for some fun in the sun with Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas!

People of Action

For more than 100 years, Rotary has united leaders who are committed to using their expertise to improve communities. While we've made a significant difference around the world, many people still don't fully understand who we are as people of action and what makes us unique. People of Action isn't an advertising campaign. It's the way we talk about present ourselves and and supports the message that, together, we envision a world where people take action to create lasting change. It's a message based on stories of local impact, so it's important that we tell our story in ways that help people everywhere understand what Rotary does, how we're people of action, and why our work matters.





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Meeting Zoom Info

Tuesdays 12:00PM South Carolina Time https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87603678273?pwd=gAZ1bNgQHePW2YPQVQKe5JmbtlMoNy.1pwd=gAZ1bNgQHePW2YPQVQKe5JmbtlMoNy.1pwd=gAZ1bNgQHePW2YPQVQKe5JmbtlMoNy.1https://www.pwd=gAZ1bNgQHePW2YPQVQKe5JmbtlMoNy.1

Meeting ID: 876 0367 8273 Passcode: 4waytest

Facebook

<u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/EclubCaroli</u> nasClubhouse

Instagram

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YouTube

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

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