

# Rotary

## Club of Spring Valley (Columbia)



Wednesday, April 17, 2024

### Meeting agenda 4.18.2024

**Menu: Chicken Stir-Fry, Rice, Salad, Dessert**  
**Invocation and Pledge: Phil Newsom**  
**Health and Happiness: Craig Currey**  
**Today's Program - LaChaska Salmond**  
**Awarding our 2024 Community Grants**



**The following organizations will be awarded grants this year:**

**The Big Red Barn**  
**Camp Cole Foundation**  
**CART Fund**  
**Catawba Trail PTO**  
**EMS Closet**  
**Harvest Hope Food Bank**  
**Harvest Pack**  
**Lifeline Children's Services**  
**Lonnie B. Nelson Rotary Reads Program**  
**Midlands Orphan Relief**  
**Prisma Health Midlands Foundation - Camp Wonder Hands (Prisma Health Children's Hospital)**  
**RAM Foundation**  
**Senior Resources - Meals on Wheels**  
**Sons of American Legion**  
**Spring Valley Rotary Urban Garden Project**  
**Spring Valley Rotary Lending Library Project**  
**Transitions**

### Club Meeting

Spring Valley (Columbia)  
 Meets at Northeast Presbyterian Church  
 601 Polo Road  
 Columbia, SC 29223  
 Time: Thursday at 01:00 PM

### Club Leaders



**Brian P. Dunphy**  
President



**Ted Rausch**  
President-Elect



**Holly Swan**  
Secretary



**William Keith**  
Chichester Treasurer



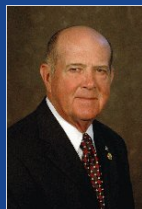
**Anna Paige DuRant**  
Club Director / Board Member



**Diane Wood Junis**  
Club Public Image Chair



**Michael J. Burney**  
Membership Chair



**John S. Luallin**  
Sergeant-at-Arms



**Phillip F. Newsom**  
Sergeant-at-Arms



**Lachaska Salmond**  
Service Projects Chair



**Peter J. Stahl**  
Club Foundation Chair  
iPast President



**Emma Mitchell**  
International Service Chair

### Meals on Wheels Delivery





Lindsay B  
Agostini  
Youth  
Services  
Chair

#### Speakers

**April 18, 2024**

Community Grants Presentation

**April 25, 2024**

SVHS Viking Singers

**May 02, 2024**

Fritz Hammer - SC Confederate Relic Room and  
Military Museum

**May 23, 2024**

Dr. Kim Moore, District 2 Superintendent and  
Scholarship Presentations

**June 06, 2024**

Michael Maloney, Director of Public Works for Richland  
County

Impact of the Transportation Penny Tax Program

**June 13, 2024**

Jessica Mackey, Chair, Richland County Council

**June 27, 2024**

NO MEETING 6.27.24

**July 04, 2024**

NO MEETING 7.4.24 - HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

#### Events

April 19th

**Earth Day 2024 - Urban Garden Project Work  
Day**

April 29th

**Transitions Service Opportunity**

May 18th

**Adopt-a-Highway Trash Pick-Up**

May 20th

**Transitions Service Opportunity**

June 17th

**Transitions Service Opportunity**

#### Signed up are:

**4/18 - Bev Ryan and Richard Hucks - THANK YOU BOTH!**

**4/25 - Bev Ryan and ONE VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

**ALL THURSDAYS OPEN IN MAY**

Isn't it time YOU signed up?

Please consider signing up for a **Thursday** Meals on Wheels delivery. This involves meeting at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church at 10:45 a.m. and delivering meals to 50 homes on our Northeast Route. Delivery takes about an hour. Ideally, we want two members to sign up. A spouse or friend, non-member or potential member can deliver with you.

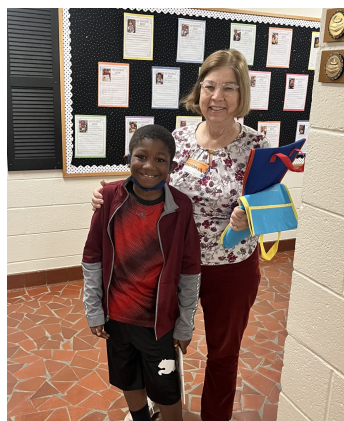
#### MEALS ON WHEELS SIGN UP

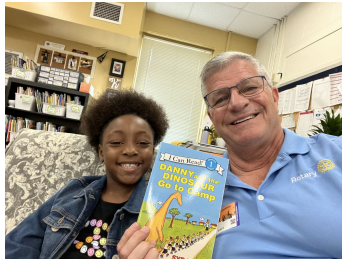
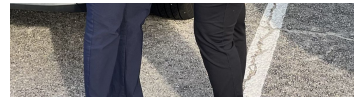
Thanks to Patricia Barclay for serving as our club's Meals on Wheels coordinator!  
Contact her with any questions.

**Patricia Barclay 386.449.9452** or email [avatarpbj@yahoo.com](mailto:avatarpbj@yahoo.com)

#### **Rotary Reads at Lonnie B. Nelson Elementary School**

**Thanks to Brian and Shelly Dunphy, Bev Ryan, Peggy Merrill and Lindsay Agostini for serving on Tuesday, April 16. This was our last Rotary Reads day for this school year.**





Hope you'll consider joining the group in September!  
**Sign up by contacting: Lindsay Agostini**  
[lindsayagostini@outlook.com](mailto:lindsayagostini@outlook.com)  
 text or call: (803) 530-5571

### Serving Dinner at Transitions

Thanks to these Rotarians for serving on Monday, April 15:  
**Brian Dunphy, James Hooker and Ginny Reed.**  
**THANKS ALL** for your commitment to serving a meal at Transitions!



**But we've got two Mondays in April that need volunteers:**  
**Monday, APRIL 29th**  
**No one is signed up yet.....need 3 volunteers**  
 Monday, May 20th is available too!

### Transitions Sign Up Link

James Hooker is looking for 3 volunteers to join him.  
 Questions, call/text James at (803) 250-5514 or email: [sportagent2004@hotmail.com](mailto:sportagent2004@hotmail.com)

## Earth Day Service Project Friday, April 19

Please reach out to Traci Cooper **asap** to sign up to participate in our Earth Day work day at one or more of our Urban Gardens! Invite a friend, family member or gardening friend to join you! Non-Rotarians are welcome to participate. Traci Cooper's email to sign up is:

[Cooper4kidsc@gmail.com](mailto:Cooper4kidsc@gmail.com) Call or text: 803-414-7101

**We have these Rotarians signed up as of 4/17:**

**9-10:45 shift - Traci Cooper, Paula Matthews, Brian Dunphy and Patricia Barclay**

**11-12:15 shift -Traci Cooper, Paula Matthews and Brian Dunphy**

**12:45-2 shift - Traci Cooper, Ginny Reed, Diane Junis and Debbie Clark**

**2:15-3:15 shift - Traci Cooper, Diane Junis and Debbie Clark**

**There was one other member who told Traci he was participating, but unfortunately, she didn't get his name, so if that was YOU, please reach out to Traci to sign up. THANKS ALL! The more hands, the lighter the workload for all of us. And, it will be fun!**



### ROTARIANS IN ACTION – SERVICE DAY Earth Day Friday, April 19, 2024 (AM/PM)

#### Spring Valley Rotarians In Action – “Go Green” Service Day Schedule

##### John P. Thomas Elementary

6001 Weston Avenue (29203)

9 am – 10:45 am

- Preparing the (2) Raised-Beds • Clearing the Beds
- Filling the beds with the soil and fertilizer
- Inserting the weed barrier
- Planting • Watering

##### Arden Elementary

1300 Ashley Street

11:00 am – 12:15 pm

- Clearing the Beds • Inserting the weed barrier
- Filling the beds with the soil and fertilizer • Planting
- Watering

##### Trinity Baptist Church

2521 Richland Street (29204)

12:45 pm – 2:00 pm

- Clearing the Beds • Inserting the weed barrier
- Filling the beds with soil/fertilizer/compost
- Planting and Watering

##### V.V. Reid Church School

6005 David Street (29203)  
2:15 pm – 3:15 pm  
• Clearing the Beds • Setting-Up/Positioning the Rain Barrel  
• Planting • Watering

**Primary Contact:**  
Rotarian Traci Young Cooper  
(803) 414-7101  
Cooper4kidsc@gmail.com

### May 3 District 7770 Spring Training Assembly



**Members - the District's Spring Training Assembly is open to any member who would like to take on a leadership role in the club or anyone who just wants to know more about ROTARY. Please let Ted Rausch know if you are interested in attending, no later than April 25. We can arrange to carpool. We will drive down and back on that Friday. Watch your email for a copy of the meeting agenda and more details.**  
[ted.rausch@colliers.com](mailto:ted.rausch@colliers.com) text/cell 803-351-5913

Spring Training - Friday, May 3, 2024  
Hilton Garden Inn LowCountry Conference Center  
406 Sigma Drive, Summerville  
9:30am – 2:45pm

Who Should Attend: President-Elects, Foundation Chair, Public Image Chair, Membership Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, any member interested in learning about DACdb (District and Club Database) and RAHT (Rotarians Against Human Trafficking).

Registration \$55/person (each club has \$110 credit) for registration of two club members. You will be invoiced for all other members. The sessions have been designed to be information and easy to understand. Lunch will be served.

If you would like to stay the weekend and visit Charleston, we do have a small block of rooms. Please use this link for Reservations:  
<https://group.hiltongardeninn.com/sjfa4> Special Room Rate of \$154+ and must be booked no later than April 15.

### Volunteers Needed - Richland County Art + Ag Tour, June 8-9

The Richland County Ag + Art Tour is scheduled for June 8-9, and volunteers are needed to assist with registration at 20 farms, agribusinesses, and art sites across the County. Please sign up for a shift at <https://tinyurl.com/2024RCAAT>



Volunteers will staff registration tables, and most volunteers will be stationed outdoors under a shaded tent or shelter. Shifts are 4 hours long. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old. Training will be provided in advance of the event in three ways (choose your favorite)â€”a short video, a short written guide, and an in-person training during our Tourâ€™s launch party. Volunteers who register by April 26 will receive a FREE Ag + Art Tour t-shirt as a token of our thanks. More information about the Tour is in the below and attached media release, and on the Tour website at [www.AgAndArtTour.com/Richland](http://www.AgAndArtTour.com/Richland). Your volunteer service will raise awareness about agriculture and the arts in our community, and youâ€™ll be a part of an exciting community celebration!

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Conservation Education Analyst  
Community Planning & Development Department  
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## Youth Exchange Host Families Needed for 2024-25 School Year

**ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE**  
DISTRICT 7770



# HOST A ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENT



We need families who are willing to host an exchange student (age 15-18.5) for a period of 3-5 months.

**HELLO,**  
Rotary's Motto is **SERVICE ABOVE SELF**. Every Rotarian joins a Rotary Club as a volunteer. The Youth Exchange Program is no different; we depend on volunteers who want to make a difference in a young student's life.

**LOVE**  
-as a family member. The student will be a part of your family, not a guest.

**A BED**  
The student does not require his/her own room, but we do ask that they have their own bed.

**FOOD**  
We ask that you provide food for the student including lunch while at school, treating the student as you would your own.

**TRANSPORTATION**  
The student will not be allowed to drive while in the US. If bus transportation is not available to school, the host family would need to provide that and transportation to other events within reason.

**CONTACT US NOW**

843-437-9084  
Lou Mello  
RYE Chair  
loumello9@gmail.com

<https://my.rotary.org/en/document/66101>

If you are able to volunteer for this opportunity to change the life of a young person and expose your family to a different culture, WE NEED YOUR HELP.

**SERVICE ABOVE SELF**

Members, we will have an inbound Youth Exchange Student for the 2024/25 school year. Her name is Iina Linna, a 17-yr-old from Finland. She hopes to play volleyball at SVHS. See the details above as to what a host family needs to provide and reach out to [Shelly Long Dunphy](#) with any questions. She will arrive in early August.

**Do you know a family who would like to serve as a Youth Exchange Host Family? Contact Shelly Dunphy for more details.**

[shellydunphy@icloud.com](mailto:shellydunphy@icloud.com)

text or call: (803) 920-3709

## Rotarian of the Year Nominations Due MAY 1

Nominations are due **MAY 1** for this year's Rotarian of the Year (ROY) Award. Check your email for a copy of the nomination form and we'll have printed copies available at our meetings.

Criteria for the Award:

1. Be a member of the Rotary Club of Spring Valley for at least three years.
2. Be recognized as a willing participant in many club activities, both social and services, over time.
3. Be active in club priorities, such as proposing new members, fundraising, leadership, and Rotary Foundation giving.
4. Must exemplify the Four Main Tests.

4. Must exemplify the Four way test.

5. Is neither a recipient within the past five years, nor is the current year president. Please refer to the criteria above and provide examples of how your nominee meets the criteria. Feel free to attach any additional justification.

Mike Burney is chairing the ROY committee this year. Submit your nomination to Mike by MAY 1.

EMAIL: [mburney@doctorsedge.com](mailto:mburney@doctorsedge.com)

Call Mike with any questions at 803-238-0300.



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### The Weekly Raffle -April to June 2024

Door prizes are always needed for our weekly raffles. Please consider contributing an item.

Any questions, contact Judy Gaskins, [jgaskins001@sc.rr.com](mailto:jgaskins001@sc.rr.com) or (803) 315-3723. Have items you can "re-gift?" A bottle of wine is always the coveted prize! Or maybe a gift card?

For the fourth quarter of this Rotary year (April-June) our weekly raffle proceeds will help fund our **Youth Exchange Program**.

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**Birthdays - NONE this week**

**Wedding Anniversaries**



[Leon Lott](#)  
April 21st

**Years of Service - NONE this week**