

# Rotary

## Club of Spring Valley (Columbia)



### Club Meeting

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

### Club Leaders



Ted Rausch  
President



Denise LaRue  
Ruben Satellite Club Chair



Lachaska Salmond  
President-Elect  
Vice President



Holly Swan  
Secretary



William Keith Chichester  
Past President  
Treasurer



Patricia A. Barclay  
Club Service Chair



Diane Wood Junis  
Past President  
Club Public Image Chair



Brian P. Dunphy  
iPast President  
Membership Chair



Peter J. Stahl  
Club Foundation Chair



John Walko  
Community Service Chair

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

**NO MEETING MAY 15**



**REMINDER: WE ARE NOT MEETING ON THURSDAY, MAY 15.**

**Please consider signing up for a Thursday Meals on Wheels delivery in May or June, Adopt-a-Highway trash pick-up on May 17, or Transitions, serving dinner on May 19.**

(Sign up links in the articles below.)

### Community Grants Awarded on May 8



Our **2025 Community Grants** were awarded at our lunch meeting on Thursday, May 8. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make our annual Young's Pecan Sale such a success....it is the reason we were able to give back \$22,700 to non-profits in our local community.

We gave 19 community grants to these organizations:

The Big Red Barn  
Carolina Cares  
CART Fund (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust)  
Camp Wonderhands  
Camp Cole Foundation  
EMS Closet  
Harvest Hope Food Bank  
Kind Acts for Humanity  
Lifeline Children's Services  
Lonnie B. Nelson Elementary (Rotary Reads Program)  
Midlands Orphan Relief  
Palmetto Animal Assisted Life Services  
Prisma Health Children's Hospital



Michele L.  
Dunphy  
Youth  
Services  
Director

## Speakers

**May 15, 2025**

NO MEETING 5.15.25 due to District Conference

**May 21, 2025**

Third Wednesday Night of the Month - Woodcreek Club House

**May 22, 2025**

2025 SVHS Scholarship Presentation

Will Anderson, Chief Operations Officer, District Two Update

**May 29, 2025**

Chris Neely, Superintendent, SC Public Charter School District

**June 05, 2025**

Nikki Johnson, Workout Warriors

Helping disabled veterans with mental health/wellness through fitness

## Events

May 17th

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

May 19th

**Transitions Service Opportunity**

June 16th

**Transitions Service Opportunity**

Senior Resources (Meals on Wheels)  
Sons of the American Legion  
SV Rotary-Little Lending Libraries  
SV Rotary-Urban Farming Project  
Transitions  
51Fifty Foundation

## How to best pay your quarterly invoice

ATTENTION: Dues invoices were sent by EMAIL last week. Check your email for your invoice from Keith. Please consider automating your quarterly dues payment. One call to our Treasurer, Keith Chichester, and you will no longer need to worry about writing a check or paying your dues late. You can set it up so it auto drafts directly from your bank account.

**To do this, please call Keith at his office: 803-788-2224**

He will need:  
the name of the account holder  
the name of the bank  
the routing number  
the account number

Doing this will really help our club. Remember, we're a 100% VOLUNTEER organization. Please help make the job of the treasurer a little easier.  
THANKS!



## Save the Date - Rotary Year End Celebration



**Save the date for our End of the Rotary Year Celebration:**

**Thursday, June 26, 5:30 to 7:30 pm  
at the home of Steve and Diane Junis**

**Spouses, guests, and potential members are invited.  
Details and invitations to follow.**

**NOTE: We will not have a lunch meeting on June 26.**

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## Meals on Wheels Delivery



**5/15: Phil Newsom and ONE VOLUNTEER NEEDED (NO LUNCH MEETING 5/15)**

**5/22: TWO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**5/29: Peter Stahl and ONE VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

**All Thursdays in JUNE are also OPEN - Please sign up.**

### **MEALS ON WHEELS SIGN UP link**

Please sign 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 5–10 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. **Club**

**Coordinator: PHIL NEWSOM** 803-315-0299

[newsomp133@gmail.com](mailto:newsomp133@gmail.com)

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## **SIGN UP NOW - Saturday, May 17**

### **Adopt-a Highway SIGN UP LINK**



Join fellow Rotarians and SVHS Interact Students as we pick up trash on our section of Polo Rd. Meet in the parking lot behind the Taco Bell, at the corner of Polo and Two Notch Rd at **8:45 am, and we'll finish by 10 am.** Non-Rotarians, spouses, teenagers and prospective members are always welcome! Please wear gloves. All other materials will be provided. **Questions? Contact Greg Seymour at [gseymour25@yahoo.com](mailto:gseymour25@yahoo.com)**

**Saturday, May 17 - Signed up are: Greg Seymour, Stan Luallin, Sara Raub, Phil Midden and our newest member Corey Price- Lots of room available! We need at least 4-5 more volunteers!**

**Dates for the rest of 2025:**

**Saturday, August 16**

**Saturday, November 15**

## Serving Dinner at Transitions



THANK YOU: **Jennifer Broome, Brian Dunphy and Sara Raub** for serving on Monday, April 21.

We're helping Transitions fulfill their mission of serving 3 meals a day, 365 days a year!

NEXT SERVICE OPPORTUNITY IS: **Monday, May 19**

**Signed up: Brian Dunphy, Hannah Miller and Denise Ruben**

**Room for ONE more volunteer....please consider joining this group.**

**[Transitions 2025 Sign Up LINK](#)**

We need a member to lead our monthly service project at Transitions. If you are interested, please contact President Ted or Community Service Chair, John Walko.

## Save the Date - July 14 Blood Drive



Our next Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for **Monday, July 14, 2025** from Noon-6 pm in the Grand Hall of Northeast Presbyterian Church.

**If you want to donate blood now and be eligible to give again at our blood drive, you need to give before MAY 19...May 19 is 56 days from our July 14th blood drive.**

Volunteers are needed to

assist with:

Unloading and Site Set up: 10:45-11:30 AM

Donor Check in (12-2, 2-4, 4-6)

Site Clean up and ReLoading 6:45-7:30 PM

Contact Diane to sign up to volunteer:

[dianejunis@gmail.com](mailto:dianejunis@gmail.com)

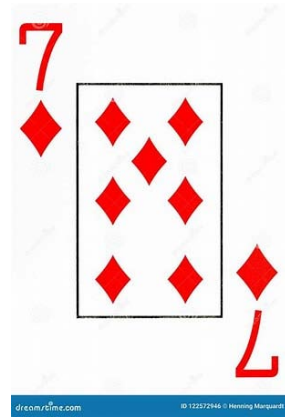
### [MAKE A BLOOD DONATION APPOINTMENT](#)

Help save lives. Give blood.



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### 50/50 Raffle - Still Looking for the 7 of DIAMONDS!



We've pulled about 30 cards from the deck since we started last October, and we're still looking for the 7 of DIAMONDS. If your raffle ticket is selected, and **you pick the 7 of DIAMONDS**, then you get **half the pot** and the other half will go to the Rotary Foundation for **END POLIO NOW**.

The 'pot' is currently over \$1,050, so that means if you pick the 7 of Diamonds.....you take over \$500!

**UPDATE: We'll be pulling 3 cards at the next few meetings, with the hope that we'll have a winner soon!**

Each week the number of cards in the deck is reduced if there isn't a winner....so your chances increase. Join the fun and continue to support our weekly raffle. We always need consolation prizes too!

**Doorprizes are needed for our consolation prizes. Please consider contributing a door prize.**

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### District Assembly May 30

Are you interested in a leadership role in our club? Or, just want to learn more about being a Rotarian? We'd love to have a few more members attend the upcoming District Club Assembly on Friday, May 30th. It will be held at

Orangeburg/Calhoun Technical College in Orangeburg, from 8:30 am to 2 pm with breakfast and lunch included. Please see President Ted if you are interested in attending.  
Attending are: Brian and Shelly Dunphy, Diane Junis, Sara Raub and Jennifer Broome  
Here's a tentative agenda:

**8:30 am: Registration and Breakfast  
Session One 10:00 am – 11:30 am -  
Please select one option.**

- 1. Rotary Foundation - Part 1: Rotary Foundation Basics/Polio Plus**
- 2. Membership - Part 1: Building a Membership Growth Plan for 2025-26**
- 3. Public Information**
- 4. Club Secretary**
- 5. Rotarians Against Human Trafficking (RAHT) Training**

**LUNCH**

**Session Two 12:30pm – 1:30pm - Please select one option.**

- 1. The Rotary Foundation - Part 2: MOU and Grant Training**
  - 2. Membership -Part 2: Membership Strategies**
  - 3. District Database DACdb / Website**
  - 4. Club Treasurer**
  - 5. Future District Leadership Opportunities**
- Wrap up 1:30-2 pm**

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### **Columbia East Club Fundraiser**

**WIN A DREAM BEACH HOUSE FOR A WEEK!**

Join our exclusive Beach House Giveaway Raffle and stand a chance to stay at a beach house with stunning creek views in Pawleys Island, SC. Drawing will be held on Tuesday, MAY 20.



**Grand Prize:**

-A beautiful, fully furnished beach house with breathtaking ocean and creek views for 1 week (during a mutually agreed upon date by donor and winner)

-Sleeps 10

- Beach & Pool Access

-A round of golf for 4 people at Award Winning Pawleys Island Golf Course

-\$500 gift card to Franks & Franks Outback

**How to Enter:**

- Purchase a raffle ticket for just \$100
- Proceeds support Rotary Club of Columbia East and community projects

Drawing Date: Tuesday, May 20th Location: Seawells

Get Your Tickets Now! :

<http://columbiaeastrotary.betterworld.org/giveaways/rotary-club-beach-giveaway-affle>

Don't miss your chance to live the coastal dream while making a difference!

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#### **Birthdays - None this week**

#### **Wedding Anniversaries**



[Judson G  
Seymour](#)  
May 18th

#### **Years of Service**



[Beverley Ryan](#)  
21 Years