

# 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  
Treasurer



Patricia A. Barclay  
Club Service  
Chair



Diane Wood  
Junis Club Public  
Image Chair



Brian P. Dunphy  
iPast President  
Membership Chair

Lee Roberts Jr.  
Sergeant-at-Arms

Peter J. Stahl  
Club Foundation

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

### Meeting agenda 5.8.2025



**Menu: Pizza, house and Greek salad, dessert and tea**  
**Invocation and Pledge: Lee Roberts**  
**Health and Happiness: Mike Burney**  
**Announcements: President Ted Rausch**  
**Young's Pecan Basket Raffle - Tickets \$2 each or 6 for \$10**  
**Program: Community Grant Celebration - Lindsay Agostini**

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

### Community Grants to be Awarded on May 8



Just a reminder that our **2025 Community Grants** will be awarded at our lunch meeting on Thursday, May 8.

If you sponsored a grant that has been funded, please RSVP the name of any representatives from the funded organization who will attend our May 8 meeting. We need to know who is



John  
Walko  
Community  
Service  
Chair



Chair

Michele L.  
Dunphy  
Youth  
Services  
Director



## Speakers

**May 08, 2025**

2025 Community Grants Awarded

**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**

June 30th

**Transitions Service Opportunity**

July 21st

**Transitions Service Opportunity**

attending to accept the check, and we also need to plan for additional guests for lunch. [lindsayagostini@outlook.com](mailto:lindsayagostini@outlook.com) or text: 803-530-5571

We will make 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  
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!



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## Youth Exchange Update - Lacrosse Awards and Prom

It's been a busy week for Iina. She attended the SVHS Prom on Saturday, May 3. The Lacrosse Team Banquet was held on Tuesday, May 6, and she was selected as the "Most Improved Midfielder," an award given by the coaches, and her team awarded her the player with the "Best Smile!" (as if that wasn't obvious!)

She will go on the "Western Trip," from June 7-20 and will return home to Finland on July 7.





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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**  
**Room for TWO more volunteers....please consider joining him.**

[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.

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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)**

**Dates for the rest of 2025:**

Saturday, May 17 - Signed up are: Greg Seymour, Stan Luallin and Corey Price- Lots of room available! We need at least 4-5 more volunteers!  
Saturday, August 16  
Saturday, November 15



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## Meals on Wheels Delivery



5/8: Phil Newsom and Patricia Barclay  
5/15: Phil Newsom and ONE VOLUNTEER NEEDED (NO LUNCH MEETING 5/15)  
5/22: TWO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED  
5/29: TWO VOLUNTEERS 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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## Urban Farming Project - May 8

Members, we are aware that this May 8 date conflicts with our Community Grant Award meeting on May 8th, but unfortunately, this ended up being the best date for the schools. If your schedule permits, please contact Traci Cooper directly to sign up for a shift and support our **Urban Farming Project**. This project is 50% funded by our District Grant, which is money we all give to the Rotary Foundation that comes back to us in the form of a District Grant....and the other 50% comes from a club community grant.

As always, non-Rotarians, family and friends can always join any of our service projects. You'll need to bring your own tools. Tasks will include things like preparing the raised beds, clearing beds, inserting weed barrier, planting, watering.

Traci's contact info to sign up directly:  
[cooper4kidsc@gmail.com](mailto:cooper4kidsc@gmail.com)  
text or cell: 803-414-7101

### Thursday, May 8

Site #1  
9-10:45 am  
John P. Thomas Elementary  
6001 Weston Ave (29203)

Site #2  
11 am-12:15 pm  
Arden Elementary  
1300 Ashley St (29203)

Site #3  
12:45-2 pm  
Fairwold Pendergrass School  
5935 Token St (29203)

Site #4  
2:15-3:15 pm  
Trinity Baptist Church  
2521 Richland St (29204)

Please consider participating and special thanks to Traci Cooper and Paula Matthews for their leadership of this project.



## Corey Price Inducted April 24



Corey Price was inducted as a new member of our club on April 24. She is a Para-Actuary, a type of data analyst, for BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina and has worked there for the past six years. Previously, she worked for various retail companies, co-managed the Columbia Metropolitan Airport location for Hertz Rental Cars, and wrote body damage estimates for various product lines as an adjuster with GEICO Insurance Company. When not at work, she is an active member of the Thread of Time Quilt Guild in Lexington and the Quilters of



South Carolina State Guild. She also enjoys singing in her church choir on Sunday mornings.

Thanks Brian! Members, let's all invite a guest to a meeting in May. Let's continue to grow our club!

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## CART Fund Update



### CART FUND 101

Ever wonder why we talk about those "blue buckets" at every lunch meeting? What exactly is the CART Fund?

Founded in 1995 by Roger Ackerman, a Rotarian in Sumter, SC, The CART Fund (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust) is a non-profit grassroots organization that provides "seed" money for cutting edge, high impact research grants to help find a treatment or cure for Alzheimer's Disease. Roger passed away in 2018, yet to this day, we still adhere to our founder's initial mission – that 100% of every dollar donated goes directly to research! Since 1999, 64 grants totaling more than \$11 million have been awarded to 62 recognized research institutions in the United States.

The CART Fund is a 501(C)3 organization (Federal ID #31-1466051) governed by an Executive Committee and a Board of Directors composed of representatives from qualified Rotary districts that support the program. CART is chartered as a nonprofit organization under the laws of the state of South Carolina.

While primarily supported by members of Rotary Clubs in the United States, CART has an active volunteer base and can accept donations of major gifts, bequests or volunteer efforts from anyone. A new donor recognition program was recently introduced, allowing "recurring donors" through the online system to be designated as members of the "Roger Ackerman Circle." [Click here to donate today or enroll as a recurring donor.](#)

For more information visit: [cartfund.org](http://cartfund.org)  
Thanks to Ted York for coordinating our CART bucket efforts!

**Our blue bucket total for this Rotary year is almost \$800. THOSE COINS REALLY DO**

**ADD UP!**

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### **Birthdays**



[Bart  
Bartlett](#)  
May 6th



[Stuart A.  
Hamilton](#)  
May 8th

**Wedding Anniversaries - None this week**

### **Years of Service**



[Carey A Grady](#)  
1 Year