

# Rotary

## Club of Spring Valley (Columbia)



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### Club Meeting

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

### Club Leaders



Lachaska  
Salmond  
President



Michele L.  
Dunphy  
President-  
Elect



Denise  
LaRue  
Ruben  
Satellite  
Club Chair



Sara Raub  
Secretary



William  
Keith  
Chichester  
  
Treasurer



Jennifer  
Guerry  
Broome  
Club  
Director /  
Board  
Member



John Walko  
Club  
Director /  
Board  
Member



Diane  
Wood  
Junis  
  
Club  
Foundation  
Chair

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

### Meeting agenda 7.17.2025



**Menu:** Greek chicken, potatoes, green beans, salad, dessert and tea  
**Invocation and Pledge:** Phil Newsom  
**Health and Happiness:** John Walko  
**Paul Harris Fellow Awards**  
**Presented to** Traci Cooper and Peter Stahl  
**Announcements:** President Lachaska  
**Introduction of Speaker:** Traci Cooper  
**Trevon Fordham, Ed.D., MSCJ**  
**Director, Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement**  
**City of Columbia**



Dr. Fordham is the Director of the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (formerly the Office of Violent Crime Prevention) for the City of Columbia. Additionally, Dr. Fordham serves as an adjunct Criminal Justice instructor at York Technical College. Previously, Dr. Fordham served as the state's Juvenile Justice Specialist and Compliance Monitor at the South Carolina Department of Public Safety; Senior



Brian P. Dunphy

Membership  
Chair



Club Public  
Image  
Chair

Peter J. Stahl

Service  
Projects  
Chair



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iPast  
President

### Upcoming Programs:

#### July 16, 2025

Satellite Club Meeting - Third Wednesday Night of the Month - Woodcreek Club House

#### July 17, 2025

Trevon Fordham, Director

Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement, City of Columbia

#### July 31, 2025

Dr Fred Littles, Jr., - Radiation Oncologist  
Prisma Health

### Service Opportunities:

July 21st

Transitions Service Opportunity

August 16th

Adopt-a-Highway Trash Pick-Up

August 18th

Transitions Service Opportunity

Deputy Sheriff at the Richland County Sheriff's Department; Juvenile Correctional Officer, Public Safety Officer, Corporal, and Institutional Programs Manager at the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice.

Dr. Fordham enjoys spending time with his family and friends, serving his community, traveling, and simply enjoying life.

### Trevon Fordham, Ed.D., MSCJ

Director

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## New Member Proposed - Candice Watkins



We have another proposed new member. Lachaska Salmond and John Walko have proposed **Candice Watkins** for membership in our club. Candice is married to Jody and the mother of three boys, five stepdaughters and five grandchildren. She is also a cancer survivor and an advocate of living a healthy and holistic lifestyle. After receiving a Bachelor's degree from the University of South Carolina Upstate, she worked as the director of a private preschool. She also owned and operated a children's development center and was an administrative assistant for a number of years before moving to Columbia. She is currently in a role where she has the privilege of assisting owners with their health and life benefit offerings. She is a payroll deduction coordinator with Universal Benefits/Occidental Life. Her hobbies include: traveling, karaoke, reading, and spending time with family.

## Officers and Board Members Inducted 7.10.25

Officers for the 2025-2026 Rotary year were inducted at the July 10 meeting by our Area 1 Assistant Governor, James Murray. Thanks to all

for answering the call to accept a leadership position in our club.



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## Youth Exchange Committee

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If you'd like to get involved with our Youth Exchange Program, Shelly Dunphy is creating a Youth Exchange Committee which will meet via Zoom monthly. Reach out to Shelly if you are interested in serving on this new committee. [shellydunphy@icloud.com](mailto:shellydunphy@icloud.com) cell/text: 803-920-3709

And, we are still looking for host families for the 2025-2026 year. Amelia arrives in early August. Who do you know that would make a wonderful host family. Do you know anyone with students at SVHS?

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## Blood Drive Results



Thanks to everyone who helped with our July 14 community blood drive. Our 'official' total is 53 pints of lifesaving blood collected, which far **exceeded** our goal of 40 pints. We had 54 donors present

and five were first-time donors! A total of seven donors were not able to give, and eight donors gave a 'Power Red' donation, which counts as two pints. Great work in spite of the oppressive heat and a thunderstorm! A total of 23 club members either volunteered, gave blood or recruited a donor. Our club participation increases every drive!

Thanks also to Northeast Presbyterian for the use of the Grand Hall, for promoting the blood drive and for encouraging church members to participate too!

Save the date: Our next drive will be Tuesday, January 27, 2026.



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## New Member Inducted



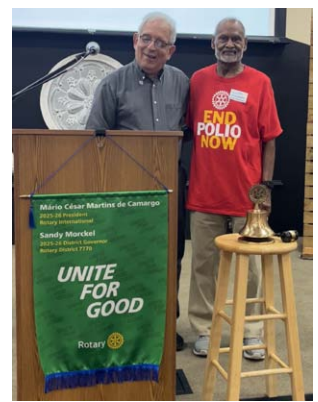


Traci Cooper and Paula Matthews proposed **Selina Latimore** for membership in our club, and she was inducted at our July 10 meeting. Awesome way to start the new Rotary year! Love that she brought her husband and two of their children to her induction meeting.

Selina is married to Byron Latimore, and they have five grown children and four grandchildren between the ages of 2-13. She was born overseas in Bitburg, West Germany, and was raised in Charleston, SC from the age of three. After graduating from Presbyterian College, she moved to Columbia to start her career as a science teacher at Crayton Middle School from 1995 until 2004, serving grades 6th to 8th in various teacher leadership positions as a grade level team leader and Science Department Chairperson. In 2004, she transitioned to W.A. Perry Middle school, first serving as a Master Teacher for Science for the TAP program, and then transitioned to Academic Facilitator and finally the Assistant Principal until 2009 in grades 6th- 8th grade. In 2009, she moved to John P. Thomas Elementary School as the Assistant Principal and was promoted to Principal in 2011. She is currently serving as the Principal at John P. Thomas Elementary. NOTE: Her school is one of our Urban Farming Project sites. A fantastic partnership! Welcome, Selina!

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**The Rotary Foundation -  
Congratulations Abdul Ghaffar**



Every member of our club contributes \$25 per quarter to the Rotary Foundation for the Annual Fund and \$8 for Polio. At that rate, it takes many years to contribute a total of \$1000 and achieve **Paul Harris Fellow** status. Continued quarterly donations will move you up to the next Paul Harris Fellow level every \$1,000 contributed.

BUT--Many members contribute more to the Foundation and advance their Paul Harris Fellow, or PHF, status more rapidly. If you'd like to know more about this, contact Diane Junis, our Club Foundation Chair, at (803) 873-0254.

Congratulations to Abdul Ghaffar for reaching the Paul Harris+2 Award level, meaning his contributions now total more than \$3,000 to the Rotary Foundation. Abdul was recognized at our July 10 meeting by outgoing Club Foundation Chair, Peter Stahl. THANK YOU, Abdul, for your continued support of The Rotary Foundation.

## August Adopt-a-Highway



Nice work cleaning up our section of Polo Rd on Saturday, May 17. Thanks to everyone who participated:

Greg Seymour, Don Hogan, Phil Midden, Corey Price, Sara Raub, Landon Sahagun and Stan Luallin.

[Adopt-a-Highway SIGN UP LINK](#)

**Dates for the rest of 2025:**

**Saturday, August 16 - Signed up are Ginny Reed and Diane Junis - we need about 8 more volunteers. The more the**

better, the faster we'll get done and in the heat, that's not a bad thing!

Saturday, November 15



## Serving Dinner at Transitions

[Transitions 2025 Sign Up LINK](#)



Next Service Date:

Monday, July 21 @ 5:15 pm

Signed up: Brian Dunphy, Sara Raub (+guest) and John Walko - THANK YOU!

## Meals on Wheels Delivery



7/17: Phil Newsom and Bev Ryan

7/24: Sara Raub and Jennifer Broome

7/31: Diane Junis and Debbie Clark

8/7: Peter Stahl and ONE VOLUNTEER NEEDED

### [MEALS ON WHEELS SIGN UP link](#)

Please sign up for a **Thursday** Meals on Wheels delivery. This involves meeting at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church (across from SVHS) at 10:30 a.m. and delivering meals to 5–10 homes on our Northeast Route, which takes about an hour.

A spouse or friend, non-member or potential member can deliver with you.

### Birthdays



[Peggy Merrill](#)  
July 18th

### Wedding Anniversaries



[Carey A Grady](#)  
July 17th



[Marion Hanna](#)  
July 19th

### Years of Service



[Craig J. Currey](#)  
13 Years



[Brian J McComas](#)  
2 Years



[Tony D. Brock](#)  
2 Years