

# 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 Officers



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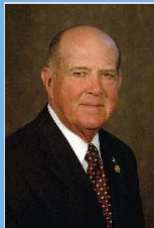
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Chair

Monday, September 18, 2023

### Meeting agenda 9.21.23

**Invocation and Pledge: Phil Newsom**

**Health and Happiness: LaChaska Salmond**

**Announcements: Brian Dunphy**

**Today's Meals on Wheels Volunteers: Patricia Barclay and Bev Ryan**

Signed up for 9/28 - Marshallynn Franklin and ONE volunteer needed

**Speaker Introduction: Emma Mitchell**

**Speaker: Dickson Monk, Executive Director, Columbia World Affairs Council**



Dickson Monk joined the Columbia World Affairs Council in June of 2016, becoming executive director in January 2017. He is dedicated to advancing the trajectory of his hometown towards a thriving and innovative international center in the Southeast and passionate about cultivating a supportive and connected global community.

After eight years of working in the publishing industry at Brucoli, Clark, Layman, he joined Columbia's nonprofit community as communications manager for the Columbia Museum of Art and, later, as director of marketing and communications at Historic Columbia. Dickson currently serves on the boards of South Carolina Sister Cities, Columbia Council for Internationals, SC Partners of the Americas, and US Global Leadership Coalition SC Advisory Committee; and previously, International Association of Business Communicators of South Carolina, The Anchor Institute, American Advertising Federation, and the Media Club of Columbia. He is a member of the Society of International Business Fellows. Dickson can be contacted at [dmonk@columbiaworldaffairs.org](mailto:dmonk@columbiaworldaffairs.org)

Founded in 1993, the Columbia World Affairs Council is a private, non-profit 501(c) 3 non-partisan organization in the Midlands region of South Carolina, located in the state capital. It serves as the bridge between our local community and its global counterparts. In recent years, South Carolina has experienced rapid growth in international business, politics and culture. Devoted to promoting intercontinental awareness in South Carolina, the Columbia World Affairs Council exists not only for the state's benefit, but also for its citizens by enhancing their opportunities to engage in projects that are beneficial to the international community. Members might be invited to spend an evening with an ambassador, attend seminars on crucial topics presented by different nations, or even dine with foreign diplomats, dignitaries or international business executives.

### Nut Campaign Kick Off October 12

Save the Date and don't miss our Thursday, October 12 lunch meeting. We'll "Kick-Off" this year's Youngs Plantation Nut Campaign and will have all the information needed for a successful campaign so that we can fund lots of Community Grants next Spring! If you are a new member, don't worry....our Head Nut Steve Junis will train you up quickly! We'll have some product samples and nut folders for every



Lindsay B. Agostini  
Youth Services Chair



John B. Sloan  
Assistant Governor



member and a silent auction. Proceeds of the silent auction will help cover the expenses of the nut campaign to ensure that 100% of the proceeds will go to local non-profits. If you can donate an item for our silent auction that will be held during this meeting, please contact Holly Swan at (803) 603-1671. Gift baskets, event tickets, themed baskets, etc are all great items for the silent auction.

## Speakers

**September 21, 2023**

Dickson Monk  
Columbia World Affairs Council

**September 28, 2023**

Morgan Crapps  
Director of Public Affairs & Government Relations,  
Redwood Materials

**October 05, 2023**

Laird Weaver, Development Manager, Palmetto Place

**October 12, 2023**

Steve Junis  
2023 Nut Campaign Kick Off

**October 19, 2023**

City Council At-Large Candidates Forum

**October 26, 2023**

Tommy Stringfellow, President and CEO, Riverbanks  
Zoo

## Events

September 18th

Transitions Service Opportunity

September 21st

SV Rotary Board Meeting

October 10th

Table Talkers at Conder Elementary School

October 16th

Transitions Service Opportunity

October 19th

SV Rotary Board Meeting

October 24th

Rotary Readers at Lonnie B. Nelson Elementary School

## Each One ...



## ...Reach One

District 7770 Membership Campaign

September 1 - October 31, 2023



- All clubs in our district will be competing to see which one can add the most members between 9/1/23 and 10/31/23.
- To make a level playing-field among clubs of different sizes, the winner will be the club with the highest percentage of growth over this two-month period, using the RI membership reports for the official count. If there is a tie, the winner will be decided by a drawing.
- Winning club will receive one free registration for our District Conference in March 22-24, 2024. Campaign winner will be announced first week in November.
- Only new active members, not honorary members, will be counted.

Tip: Run a Rotary Compare Report in DACdb to determine if there are members that have been added to your club roster in DACdb but NOT in the RI database. If you correct this discrepancy during the contest period, your club will be credited with adding these as new members.



## New Members Inducted 9.7.23



Welcome to our newest members, Lee Roberts and Eunika Simons, inducted into the club on Thursday, September 7 and both sponsored by President Brian Dunphy.

Lee served in the SC National Guard for over 30 years. He is now employed by Merrill as a Financial Advisor and was referred to our club by former SV Rotary member Mike Phemister Velasco. Lee received a Bachelor of Science degree from The Citadel, a Master of Divinity and Master of Religious Education from Liberty University. His hobbies include motorcycle riding and playing golf.

Eunika Simons was a member of our club from 2008-2017 and was our 2011-2012 Rotarian of the Year. We're excited to welcome back Eunika. She is currently employed at Benedict College, where she is the Department Chair for the Social Work Department and previously served as Director of Field Education. She has also served as an adjunct faculty member for the University of South Carolina, College of Social Work, and Limestone University, Social Work Department.

## David Vandelay Leaves for Spain!



And, he's off! David left this past weekend for Spain as our Outbound Youth Exchange Student. We will miss him and know that he will have the experience of a lifetime!



**Little Lending Libraries - Children's Books Needed**



In celebration of Rotary's September theme of Basic Education and Literacy, we're having a **CHILDREN'S BOOK DRIVE on Thursday, September 28th at our lunch meeting**. Please bring a gently used or new children's book for distribution via our free little lending libraries.

Thanks to Peggy Merrill for providing this update on our FIVE Free Little Lending Libraries:

1. Mr. Suds Car Wash - 9301 Two Notch Rd - painted and new door installed 3/23, this location tends to use lots of children's books. This was our first library.
2. Tacos Nayarit, 1351 Percival Rd - installed 1/22, uses Spanish books and military
3. 128 Brook Hollow Dr. - painted 6/21, neighborhood partnership
4. Dove Park Rd. - in green space across from 301 - installed 3/23 in cooperation with the Dove Park HOA
5. HillRidge subdivision -on Island on left. Installed 3/23

Please continue to bring books to Peggy so that she can continue to stock our libraries. You can reach Peggy with any questions at (803) 727-2640 and let's collect a whole bunch of children's books on Thursday, September 28!



## Rotary Readers at Lonnie B. Nelson Elementary



It's time for our Rotary Readers program to begin for the 2023-24 school year. We read with second graders at Lonnie B. Nelson Elementary School, usually the 4th Tuesday of the month but sometimes the third or fifth due to the holidays. Here are the dates: **Tuesday mornings from 8-9 am** at Lonnie B. Nelson located at 225 N Brickyard Rd.

**2023 - Oct. 24, Nov. 28, Dec. 19,**

**2024 - Jan. 30, Feb. 27, March 26, April 16**

**Sign up by contacting: [Lindsay Bourke Agostini](mailto:lindsayagostini@outlook.com)**

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**text or call: (803) 530-5571**

## Transitions Recap



Thanks to ALL for serving dinner at Transitions on Monday, September 18, including James Hooker, Lindsay Agostini, John Walko and Greg Seymour. They worked hard, had FUN and served more than 125 meals. Our next service date will be **Monday, October 16 from 5-6 pm**. We need 5-6 volunteers, so please check your calendars and sign up by contacting James Hooker at: [sportagent2004@hotmail.com](mailto:sportagent2004@hotmail.com) or 803-250-5514. Thanks for supporting our partnership with Transitions. Rotarians: Making a difference!

## Meals on Wheels - We Deliver EVERY Thursday



Please consider signing up for a Thursday Meals on Wheels delivery. This involves meeting at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church at 10:45 and delivering meals to about 5-10 homes on our Northeast Route. Delivery should take under 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- Continue to use the SignUp Genius link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4daea828a4f9c34-meals>

**Dates are available from September through the end of the year. Please sign up for a Meals on Wheels delivery and invite a new member to join you.**

Thanks to Patricia Barclay for taking over as our club's Meals on Wheels coordinator! Patricia Barclay 386.449.9452 or email [avatarpbj@yahoo.com](mailto:avatarpbj@yahoo.com)

## Mentors Needed for Conder Elementary Table Talkers





Thanks to these members for participating in our first Table Talkers of this school year on Tuesday, Sept. 12th: Brian and Shelly Dunphy, Lindsay Agostini, Don Hogan, Patricia Barclay and Paula China. We have room for more!! The next Table Talkers will be on Tuesday, October 10th.

There are 25 students in Ms. Ross's 5th grade class at Conder Elementary School, just waiting to meet a Rotarian.....ideally, we'd love to have 25 Rotarians volunteer. Here's what is involved. Be able to commit to having lunch with your student on the second Tuesday of each month, starting Sept 12th, through May. Lunch is from Noon-12:30. You can bring your lunch if a school lunch isn't your bag! Plan on arriving at Conder (8040 Hunt Club Road) by 11:40/11:45 so you have time to park and access the school. You will need to bring ID. The school is under some construction, so please allow time for parking. Thanks to Don Hogan for coordinating this program again this year. Please contact Don to sign up at: [brushandfloss@hotmail.com](mailto:brushandfloss@hotmail.com) or by text or phone at 803-920-6669.

## The Weekly Raffle



Door prizes are always needed for our weekly raffles. 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? Who might have some football tickets that they can contribute this Fall?

For the first quarter of this Rotary year (July-September) our weekly raffle proceeds will help fund our **Rotary Youth Exchange Program**.

## Big Red Barn Retreat Fall Jam

The Big Red Barn Retreat is one of the organizations that our Community Grants have supported for many years.

Here are details about their upcoming event:

The Big Red Barn Retreat is excited to announce this year's Big Red Barn Retreat Fall Jam at the Ballpark will feature Grand Ole Opry Member and Multi-Platinum songwriter and country music artist Chris Janson. The concert will be held on October 7, 2023 at Segra Park: Home of the Columbia Fireflies, and gates open at 5:00PM.



Chris Janson is part of the country's new breed. In touch with the lighter side of life with self-penned No. 1s "Fix A Drink," "Good Vibes," and the triple platinum "Buy Me A Boat," as well as the more thoughtful truths of "Done," "Things You Can't Live Without," and the CMA Song of the Year nominee and ACM Video of the Year "Drunk Girl." Both "Boat" and "Girl" were named to the Nashville Songwriters Association International's prestigious "Songs I Wish I Wish I'd Written" list, which is why artists like Tim McGraw ("Truck Yeah," "How I'll Always Be"), Justin Moore ("Off The Beaten Path"), Cody Johnson ("Let's Build A Fire"), and the iconic Hank Williams Jr. ("God Fearin' Man," "Those Days Are Gone") reach for Janson's songs for their own projects.

General admission seats are \$40 and on-field, front-of-stage tickets are \$25. Veterans will get a discounted purchase price of \$25 if they buy them in advance and show their military ID. Tickets go on sale July 14th and are nonrefundable. To buy tickets now, visit <https://www.thebigredbarnretreat.org/fall-jam-2023>

## Senior Resources Benefit 10.28.23

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## SATURDAY

**OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup> 2023**  
**10:00AM - 2:00PM**

**HUNTER GATHERER BREWERY**  
1402 Jim Hamilton Boulevard  
Columbia, SC 29205

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## Birthdays

[Richard C. Hucks](#)

September 20th



## Wedding Anniversaries



[Michael J Burney](#)  
September 24th

## Years of Service



[Mary Othella](#)  
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3 Years