

# Rotary

## Club of Spring Valley (Columbia)



Tuesday, January 28, 2025

Meeting agenda 1.30.25

January's Rotary Theme is Vocational Service

### 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



Peter J. Stahl  
Club Foundation Chair



John Walko  
Community Service Chair

Michele L. Dunphy  
Youth Services Director



Menu: Hamburgers and hotdogs, chili, cole slaw, chips, dessert and tea

Invocation and Pledge: Brian Dunphy

Health and Happiness: Mike Long

Announcements - President Ted Rausch

Today's Program: Vocational Service Celebration

A series of vocational talks by these members:

Ted Rausch, Holly Swan, Raul Ortiz, Sara Raub, Lindsay Agostini and Sharon Hodge

**SIGN UP NOW - Saturday, Feb. 1**



**2025 Pick Up Dates:**

**Saturday, February 1 - Signed up are: GREG SEYMOUR and GINNY REED. We need 8-10 more!**

**SIGN UP NOW!**

**[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**

**Saturday, August 16**

**Saturday, November 15**



UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

**February 06, 2025**

Sheila Foster, Lighthouse for Life

**February 13, 2025**

TBD

**February 27, 2025**

Rona Stuart, Richland District Two Teacher of the Year

**March 06, 2025**

Tori Anderson, CDP, CADDCT

Dementia Care/South Carolina Department on Aging

Events

February 1st

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

February 8th

**Harvest Pack at Spring Valley High School**

February 11th

**Rotary Readers at Lonnie B. Nelson Elementary School**

February 17th

**Transitions Service Opportunity**

February 20th

**SV Rotary Board Meeting**

March 11th

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**Save the date for Harvest Pack - Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025**

Join us on Saturday, Feb. 8th for the 2025 Harvest Pack Project at Spring Valley High School.

Hours are: 8:45 am to 11 am (at the latest). It's a morning event and another way to serve jointly with our Interact Club!



We need 12-14 volunteers and Non-Rotarians, Spouses, Prospective Members, and teens can participate.

To sign up: contact Diane Junis by email at:

[dianejunis@gmail.com](mailto:dianejunis@gmail.com) text or cell: 803-873-0254

Signed up are:

Ginny Reed, John Walko and his wife, Rachel Woods

Sign up no later than January 30th.



**New Member Proposed**

Brian Dunphy is proposing Sara Raub for membership.



Here's some information about Sara:

Company: First Community Bank

Position: Retail & Business Banker

My primary goal is to partner with small businesses to bring business to the bank while offering resources such as access to capital funds, business consulting and commercial lending needs.

Hobbies include: reading, traveling, networking, volunteer work, campfires, plants, foodie adventures

Achievements: President, Vice President, Visitor Host, Mentor Coordinator, Membership Committee positions with BNI for the past 6 years

Supply Specialist for Army National Guard serving 6 years

PTO for Bookman Rd Elementary - 4 years  
Board member for Trinity Homeschool Academy non-profit  
Board member for Workout Warriors non-profit

Sara has a daughter, Mena, who is involved in competitive cheer.  
We look forward to inducting Sara as a member of our club.

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## Health and Happiness



**Judy Gaskins will be having hip surgery on Wednesday, January 29. If you'd like to send her get-well wishes, her contact information is below:**

**Email:**  
[jgaskins001@sc.rr.com](mailto:jgaskins001@sc.rr.com)  
**Mobile Phone:**  
803-315-3723  
**Address:**  
4 Ridgetop Ct.  
Columbia, SC 29229

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## The Rotary Foundation - Thank you Don Hogan!



Every active and Rule of 85 member (R85= age+ years of club service) of our club contributes \$25 per quarter to the Rotary Foundation. At that rate, it takes 10 years to contribute a total of \$1000 and achieve Paul Harris Fellow status. Continued quarterly donations would move you up to the next Paul Harris Fellow level every ten years.

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 Peter Stahl, our Club Foundation Chair at (803) 730-7030.

Congratulations to Don Hogan for reaching the Paul Harris +7 Award level.  
He was recognized at our meeting on January 23.

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## Meals on Wheels Delivery



Signed up are:

1/23: Phil Newsom and Lindsay Agostini

1/30: Paula Matthews and ONE VOLUNTEER NEEDED

2/6: Ramesh Yajnik and a friend

2/13: TWO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

2/30: TWO VOLUNTEERS 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 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.

**Thanks to PHIL NEWSOM for serving as our club's Meals on Wheels coordinator! Contact Phil with any questions. 803-315-0299 [newsomp133@gmail.com](mailto:newsomp133@gmail.com)**

### **Serving Dinner at Transitions**



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

And this group looks like they are having lots of FUN!

Thanks to these members for serving on Monday, January 20:

Brian and Shelly Dunphy, Lindsay Agostini, Angelica Bell and Ginny Reed

NEXT SERVICE OPPORTUNITY IS:

**Monday, FEBRUARY 17**

**Signed up is: Brian Dunphy**

**Room for four more volunteers.**

#### **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.

### **Blood Drive Results**

Thanks to everyone who helped with our January 21st blood drive. Our 'official' total is 34 pints of lifesaving blood collected, which **exceeded** our goal of 33 pints. We had 32 donors present and 9 were first-time donors! Great work in spite of the inclement weather!





Thanks also to Northeast Presbyterian for the use of the Grand Hall.

Our next drive will be Monday, July 14, 2025.

### Nut Campaign

From the HEAD NUT:

1. Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's nut sale!
2. Please turn in any outstanding checks/cash ASAP.

Bring to this week's meeting or if you have checks, please feel free to mail to:

Steve Junis  
128 Bellelake Ct  
Columbia, SC 29223



### Save the Date District 7770 Conference

Our District Conference will be held in Columbia this year at the Downtown Marriott on **Friday, May 16 and Saturday, May 17**. More details and agenda will be available soon. We'd love to have a great showing from our club as the conference hasn't been held in Columbia in several years. If you're interested in attending, please let President Ted know.

District 7770  
**Rotary**  
South Carolina, USA



### Taste of the Vine - Feb. 21

Transitions is one of the organizations our club supports through our Community Grant program, and we're proud to be a partner with Transitions, serving dinner on the third and fifth Monday of every month. "Taste of the Vine," a wine event benefiting Transitions Homeless Center, will be held February 21st at Central Energy from 5:30 to 9 p.m.



Link to purchase tickets:

[TICKETS](#)

Indulge in:

- \* Wines from around the world
- \* A silent auction featuring rare wines, spirits, and more
- \* Delicious hors d'oeuvres by Loosh Culinaire

Proceeds support Transitions Homeless Center and their mission to end homelessness in the Midlands.

Tickets are limited—secure yours today!

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### Birthdays - None this Week

### Wedding Anniversaries



[Emma Mitchell](#)

January 28th

### Years of Service



[Diane Wood](#)

[Junis](#)  
18 Years



[Anna Paige](#)

[DuRant](#)  
17 Years