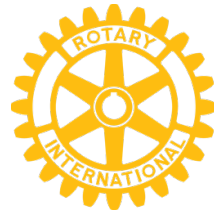


# Rotary

## Club of Spring Valley (Columbia)



Tuesday, January 30, 2024

### Meeting agenda 2.1.2024

**Invocation and Pledge: Craig Currey**  
**Health and Happiness: Anna Paige DuRant**  
**Today's Program - Hosted by Ted Rausch**  
**Craig Currey, CEO, Transitions**



Engaging And Equipping Homeless Adults Of The Midlands To Transition To Stable And Permanent Housing.  
 Craig brings 34 years of US Army service, retiring as Deputy Commander of Fort Jackson in Columbia, SC in 2008. His military background instilled strong leadership, resource management, and an understanding of trauma's impacts. His military service also fostered discipline and structure, ensuring smooth, efficient operations at Transitions. Craig's commitment to collaboration and teamwork, honed in the military, fosters effective relationships with staff, volunteers, community partners, and those we serve. His experience in Iraq combat operations developed quick thinking, adaptability, and resilience in high-pressure situations, enabling swift, effective responses to unexpected challenges.

A special welcome to one of our very own Spring Valley Rotarians - Craig Currey.

<https://transitionssc.org/>

### Rotary's February Theme



### Urban Garden Project



Several years ago, we asked for a Rotary District 7770 Grant to help start our Urban Garden project. Traci Cooper has led this effort, and we've received several subsequent District Grants to continue this program. Our club has used nut money to match the District grants. as a match is

### Club Meeting

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

### Club Leaders



**Brian P. Dunphy**  
President



**Ted Rausch**  
President-Elect



**Holly Swan**  
Secretary



**William Keith Chichester**  
Treasurer



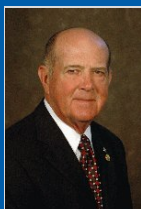
**Anna Paige DuRant**  
Club Director / Board Member



**Diane Wood Junis**  
Club Public Image Chair



**Michael J Burney**  
Membership Chair



**John S. Luallin**  
Sergeant-at-Arms



**Phillip F. Newsom**  
Sergeant-at-Arms



**Lachaska Salmond**  
Service Projects Chair



**Peter J. Stahl**  
Club Foundation Chair  
iPast President



**Emma Mitchell**  
International Service Chair



Lindsay B  
Agostini  
Youth  
Services  
Chair

#### UPCOMING Speakers

**February 01, 2024**

[Craig Currey, CEO Transitions Homeless Shelter](#)

**February 08, 2024**

[Amanda Malanuk, Executive Director of Hickory Top Therapeutic Riding](#)

**February 22, 2024**

[Dickson Monk, Executive Director, Columbia World Council](#)

**February 29, 2024**

[Scott Billings, Paul Mitchell The School-Columbia](#)

#### UPCOMING SERVICE PROJECTS/Events

January 30th

**[Rotary Readers at Lonnie B. Nelson Elementary School](#)**

February 3rd

**[Adopt-a-Highway Trash Pick-Up](#)**

February 10th

**[Harvest Pack at SVHS](#)**

February 13th

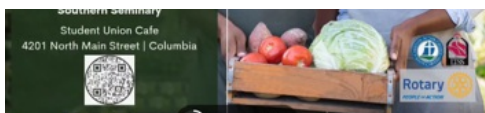
**[Table Talkers at Conder Elementary School](#)**

February 15th

**[SV Rotary Board Meeting](#)**

February 27th

**[Rotary Readers at Lonnie B. Nelson Elementary School](#)**



Grant is possible because of our contributions to the Rotary Foundation.

Community leaders gathered on January 16 to begin discussions addressing the food insecurity issue in zip code 29203. Rotary leaders from the Spring Valley, Forest Acres and Eau Claire clubs, currently working in this zip code, brought together Faith leaders, administrators from Richland County School District One, non-profit leaders from Koinonia of Columbia, Inc and Wiley Kennedy Community Center, and Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary faculty. All bring additional assets and heart-felt leadership for sustainable food and want to increase the IMPACT of ongoing projects within the 29203 zip code. Club President Brian Dunphy, Traci Cooper and Paula Matthews attended this meeting to represent our club. Traci Cooper will speak to our club on March 14 with an update on our Urban Gardening project.



#### Save the Date - Friday, April 19th

Urban Garden Project

Earth Day 2024 Planting

More Details to come. Volunteers will be needed from tentatively 9 am - 1 pm at various locations for this HANDS ON, get in the dirt project!

Plan to attend our Thursday, March 14th lunch meeting for an update on our Urban Garden Project.



## Meals on Wheels Delivery

### Signed up are:

**2/1 - Peter Stahl and Bev Ryan**

**2/8 - Patricia Barclay and ONE VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

Please consider signing 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 about 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.



### MEALS ON WHEELS SIGN UP

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

## Rotary Reads at Lonnie B. Nelson Elem.

Thanks to these members for reading on Tuesday, Jan. 30th at Lonnie B. Nelson Elementary:

Lindsay Agostini

Bev Ryan

Mike Long

Brian Dunphy

Shelly Dunphy

Peggy Merrill

**Remaining dates for 2024 - Feb. 27, March 26, April 16**



**Hope you'll consider joining Peggy Merrill in February!**

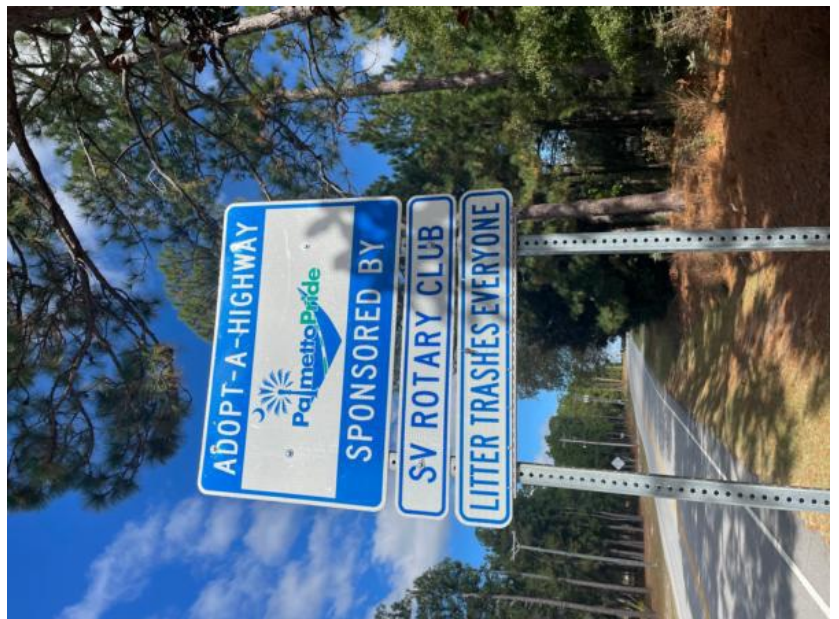
**Sign up by contacting: Lindsay Agostini**

**[lindsayagostini@outlook.com](mailto:lindsayagostini@outlook.com)**

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



**Save these 2024 Pick Up Dates!**



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.

**Here are our 2024 dates:**

**February 3 (NOTE - moved from Feb.10)**

**May 18**

**August 17**

**November 16**

Sign up by contacting Greg Seymour at [gseymour25@yahoo.com](mailto:gseymour25@yahoo.com)

**Harvest Pack - Feb 10, 2024 - Save the Date!**



Join us in packing **60,000** meals for **local hunger!**

**February 10, 2024**

**9:00 AM to 11:00 AM - Arrive at 8:30 am**

**Spring Valley High School -120 Sparkleberry Lane**

**We Need 10 VOLUNTEERS!**

TO SIGN UP: Contact Lindsay Agostini by text or phone: (803) 530-5571  
email: [Lindsayagostini@outlook.com](mailto:Lindsayagostini@outlook.com)

### Serving at Transitions

Thanks to Brian, James, Bev and John for serving on Monday, Jan. 29th.....They served over 150 meals!



We've now got a Sign Up Genius site to better manage our volunteer shifts at Transitions.

Reminder, we serve dinner the 3rd and 5th Mondays of the month.

Monday, February 19th is our next shift, 5-6 pm.

Here's the link:

[Transitions Sign Up Link](#)

James Hooker is looking for 3 volunteers to join him.

Questions, call/text James at (803) 250-5514 or email: [sportagent2004@hotmail.com](mailto:sportagent2004@hotmail.com)

### Blood Drive a Success!



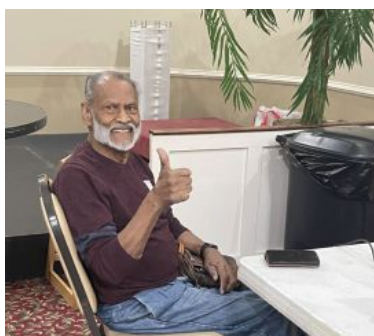
Outstanding job on Tuesday, January 23.

55 donors presented to give with 12 deferred for a variety of reasons (not unusual for the winter months) 7 people gave a Power Red (double red cell which counts as 2 pints) and 36 others gave whole blood for a total of 50 pints.

NEXT BLOOD DRIVE WILL BE on Tuesday, JULY 2 from Noon-6 pm.

You can make your appointment now at  
(sponsor code SVRotary)

<http://redcrossblood.org>





### Youth Exchange Update

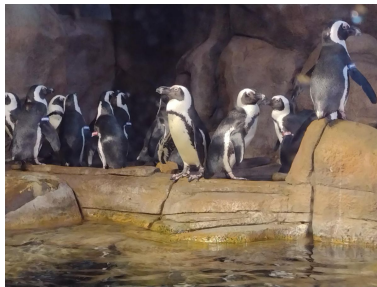
Thanks to Peter and Wendy Stahl for taking Elsa with them to Myrtle Beach this past weekend. They visited Ripley's Aquarium, and Elsa loved the penguins, sharks, rays and jellyfish. They had dinner w/friends at Solé and did a little "retail therapy" at Tanger Outlets. They also saw MENOPAUSE THE MUSICAL 2--where Elsa was one of the youngest in the audience, but really enjoyed the show. Enjoyed dinner at Carolina Ale House. Elsa returned home to Columbia and is pictured with Peter and host family Deborah DePaoli.

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exchange



Peter said they enjoyed the time driving to and from the beach to talk. He learned a lot about Swedish holidays and festivals, special foods at holiday times, how the family spends vacation time, etc. They go sailing in the summer; they have their own boat. They ski every winter; Elsa is trying to learn to snowboard--still trying after falling and breaking both wrists!

Do you have an activity that you'd like to experience with Elsa or Ana? If so, please reach out to Shelly Dunphy who can connect you with the students and host families. Shelly's cell is: 803-920-3709



### Membership Update

Welcome back to former Spring Valley Rotarian Emily Lewis and special thanks to Judy Gaskins for inviting her back to the club!

Do you have a family member, friend, or co-worker that you'd like to introduce to our club? Membership is our lifeline. Reach out to Mike Burney or President Brian or bring your guest to one of our upcoming meetings!



### How to best pay your quarterly invoice

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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### The Weekly Raffle -Jan through March '24

Door prizes are always needed for our weekly raffles. Please consider contributing an item.

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?

For the third quarter of this Rotary year (Jan-March), our weekly raffle proceeds will help fund our CART efforts.



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### District Conference 2024



**JOIN US IN HISTORIC CHARLESTON  
FOR THE 2024 ROTARY  
DISTRICT CONFERENCE!**



**March 22 - 24, 2024 - Francis Marion Hotel, Charleston, SC**

**REGISTER ON  
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1/31/24  
\$300 PER  
PERSON**

**\$350  
REGISTRATION  
2/1/24 - 2/20/24**

**SPOUSE OPTIONS  
AVAILABLE**

**INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKERS!**

**Jeremy Hurst**

Rotary international Director  
Zones 33 & 34 (2023-2024)



**Larry Lunsford**  
Trustee, The Rotary Foundation

**Tiffany Ervin**

Executive Director, CART Fund



**Lorraine Angelino**  
Zone 33 Regional Rotary Foundation  
Coordinator

**Clemson Turregano**

CEO, Global Leadership Services



**CONFERENCE SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE**

**Friday, March 22**

9 am: Pre-Session: Emerging Leaders  
10 am: Registration/House of Friendship  
Noon - 4 pm: Opening Plenary Session  
6 pm: Reception/Dinner/Dancing

**Saturday, March 23**

9 am - 12:30 pm: General Session/Speakers  
1 pm: Lunch on your own/tour Charleston  
4 pm: Wine & Whiskey Tasting (\$20/Free for PHF)  
6 pm: Reception/Awards Dinner/DJ

**Sunday, March 24**

7:30 am: Sunday Breakfast Buffet  
8:30 am: Worship/In Memoriam Service  
9:30 am: 2024/25 Rotary Year Preview  
10:30 am: Conference Wrap-Up

**REGISTER BY 1/31/24!**

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**Birthdays**

**Wedding Anniversaries**

**Years of Service**



**Diane Wood  
Junis**  
17 Years



**Anna Paige  
DuRant**  
16 Years