

# Rotary

## Club of Spring Valley (Columbia)



Tuesday, February 20, 2024

### Meeting agenda 2.22.2024

**Invocation and Pledge: Phil Newsom**  
**Health and Happiness: LaChaska Salmond**  
**Today's Program - Hosted by Diane Junis**  
**Dickson Monk, Executive Director**  
**Columbia World Affairs Council**



#### 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



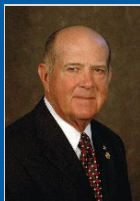
**Anna Paige DuRant**  
Club Director / Board Member



**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

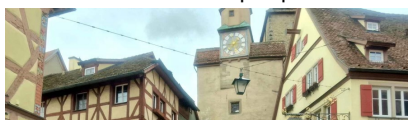
Founded in 1993, the Columbia World Affairs Council is a private, non-profit 501(c) 3 non-partisan organization in the Midlands region of South Carolina, located in the state capital. They serve as the bridge between our local community and its global counterparts. In recent years, South Carolina has 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.



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### SV Rotarians in Germany

Brian and Shelly Dunphy are vacationing in Germany and spent the day with a former SV Rotarian, Amanda Jordan and her husband Rob and kids. Amanda was a Rotary Group Study Exchange member (GSE) to India before joining our club and she still keeps up with us! Rotary is INTERNATIONAL!





Lindsay B  
Agostini  
Youth  
Services  
Chair

#### Speakers

##### February 22, 2024

Dickson Monk, Executive Director, Columbia World Council

##### February 29, 2024

Scott Billings, Paul Mitchell The School-Columbia

##### March 07, 2024

Nell Killoy, Director of Programs, Midlands and Upstate - Palmetto Project

##### March 14, 2024

Traci Cooper/Paula Matthews - Urban Garden Project Update

##### March 28, 2024

RCSD - Sheriff Leon Lott  
RCSD Update Mental wellness

#### Events

February 27th

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

March 12th

**Table Talkers at Conder Elementary School**

March 18th

**Transitions Service Opportunity**

March 21st

**SV Rotary Board Meeting**

March 26th

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



#### What's for Lunch?

Menu's for February's meetings:

**Special thanks to Ginny and her team for taking care of our meals every week! We appreciate you.**



Feb 22. Chicken souvlaki, rice, Greek salad, mixed veggies, bread, dessert

Feb 29. Pulled chicken and BBQ, buns, beans, slaw, mac and cheese, salad, dessert

If you've got a suggestion for a meal, please reach out to Ginny Reed. She is open to suggestions.

[ginnyreed93@gmail.com](mailto:ginnyreed93@gmail.com)

#### Meals on Wheels Delivery

**Signed up are:**

**2/22 - Bev Ryan and ONE VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

**2/29 - Diane Junis and Ramesh Yajnik**

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 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)

#### Little Lending Libraries Update





Did you know we now have FIVE Free Little Lending Libraries? Here's where they are located:

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 our Thursday meetings and thanks to Peggy for continuing to stock our libraries. You can reach Peggy with any questions at (803) 727-2640.

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### Rotary Reads at Lonnie B. Nelson Elementary School

**Remaining dates for 2024 - Feb. 27, March 26, April 16  
8-9am**



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

**Sign up by contacting: Lindsay Agostini**

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

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

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### 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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### Harvest Pack - A Success!





Awesome turn out by our SVHS Interact Club on Saturday, Feb. 10th for the 2024 Harvest Pack Project.

Interact had 18 students participate and from our club Mike Burney served as the emcee/DJ, Lindsay Agostini, Anna Paige DuRant and Emma Mitchell and her son joined in on the fun too!

Together, a total of 70,000 meals were packed for use right here in the Midlands!



### Serving at Transitions Monday, Feb 19

Thanks to James, Bev, Lindsay and Lee for serving on Monday....They served 156 meals!



**Monday, March 18th is our next shift, 5-6 pm.**

### **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)

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### **Pet Pals Food and Treat Drive**

Would you give up your  
own meal if it meant  
your dog could eat?



[www.DoggingtonPost.com](http://www.DoggingtonPost.com)

We will be collecting cat and dog food during the following meetings:

Feb. 29  
March 7  
March 14

We are looking for small and medium bags or cans of food, so seniors can lift them.

Treats and toys would also be appreciated.

These items will be given to seniors served by Senior Resources Meals on Wheels program.

Thanks to Bev Ryan for coordinating this effort.

Contact Bev at (803) 477- 4100 or

[bev@bevryansellshomes.com](mailto:bev@bevryansellshomes.com)



### Conder Elementary Table Talkers



**Thanks to Don Hogan and his wife Kathy, Brian Dunphy, Lindsay Agostini and Judy Gaskins for participating at Conder Elementary on Tuesday, Feb. 13th.**

#### **Our next Table Talkers is on Tuesday, March 12th.**

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.

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. No worries if you can't make it every time. Note: 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 -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.



## Taste of the Vine

**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 the third and fifth Monday of every month.**

**Greenâ€™s Beverages is once again proud to sponsor and host the â€œTaste of the Vine,â€ a wine event benefiting Transitions Homeless Center, February 29th at Central Energy from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.**



â€œTaste of the Vineâ€ is an exclusive event designed to connect Columbiaâ€™s wine enthusiasts with vendors, providing an opportunity to sample wines from around the world, all available locally. Greenâ€™s generous donation directs 100% of the eventâ€™s wine sales proceeds to Transitions Homeless Center. Further support comes from a silent auction, ticket sales, and external donations, all contributing to the centerâ€™s cause. Beyond exclusive ticket sales, we invite local businesses to participate through sponsorship opportunities, providing a chance for broader community involvement and support.

[Event Information link](#)

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## Birthdays

### Wedding Anniversaries



[H. Victor Murdaugh Jr.](#)  
February 25th

## Years of Service