

# Rotary

## Club of Spring Valley (Columbia)



Wednesday, March 27, 2024

### Meeting agenda 3.28.2024

**Menu: Pizza, Salad, Dessert**  
**Invocation and Pledge: Holly Swan**  
**Health and Happiness: Keith Chichester**  
**Today's Program - Introduction by Phil Newsom**  
**Speaker: Sheriff Leon Lott**



Born in Aiken, South Carolina, in 1953, Sheriff Leon Lott attended the University of South Carolina - Aiken, earning an Associate Degree in Police Administration. He went on to attend the University of South Carolina - Columbia, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology and continued with graduate studies for a Masters in Criminal Justice.

He also graduated from the FBI National Academy, FBI National Executive Institute, Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, and Furman University's SC Diversity Leadership Academy. Sheriff Lott earned a Masters in Emergency Management from Lander University.

Sheriff Lott came to the Richland County Sheriff's Department in 1975 as a patrol officer. He advanced thereafter to various positions, including Criminal Investigator, Narcotics Agent, Lieutenant and Captain of Narcotics Division, Administrative Captain, Uniform Patrol Captain, and Watch Commander.

In 1993, Sheriff Lott took the position of Chief of Police of St. Matthews, SC. In 1996, he made a successful run for Sheriff of Richland County. Upon taking office, Sheriff Lott turned the direction of the Department to Community Oriented Policing. He was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General, Commander of the South Carolina State Guard in 2018. He received an Honorary Doctoral Degree in Public Service from the University of South Carolina in December 2021.

Sheriff Lott, a member of the First Baptist Church of Columbia, is married and has four daughters.

### 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



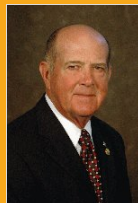
**Anna Paige DuRant**  
Club Director / Board Member



**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

### Meals on Wheels Delivery

**Signed up are:**

**3/28 - Bev Ryan and Patricia Barclay**  
**4/4 - Tony Brock and ONE VOLUNTEER NEEDED**  
**4/11 - Peter Stahl and ONE VOLUNTEER NEEDED**





Lindsay B  
Agostini  
Youth  
Services  
Chair

## Speakers

### March 28, 2024

RCSD - Sheriff Leon Lott  
RCSD Update Mental wellness

### April 04, 2024

Gregory "Scott" Jackson, Deputy Garrison Chaplain,  
Fort Jackson

### April 11, 2024

Kelly Barbrey, Experience Columbia SC

### April 18, 2024

Community Grants Presentation

### April 25, 2024

SVHS Viking Singers

### June 13, 2024

Jessica Mackey, Chair, Richland County Council

## Events

April 9th

**Table Talkers at Conder Elementary School**

April 15th

**Transitions Service Opportunity**

April 16th

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

April 18th

**SV Rotary Board Meeting**

April 19th

**Earth Day 2024 - Urban Garden Project Work Day**

April 29th

**Transitions Service Opportunity**

May 16th

**SV Rotary Board Meeting**

May 18th

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

May 20th

**Transitions Service Opportunity**

June 17th

**Transitions Service Opportunity**

June 20th

**SV Rotary Board Meeting**



Thanks to Ramesh Yajnik for delivering Meals on Wheels this month. Isn't it time YOU signed up? 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!

Contact her with any questions.

**Patricia Barclay 386.449.9452** or email [avatarpbj@yahoo.com](mailto:avatarpbj@yahoo.com)

## Well represented at the District Conference!



## Meet Ana's new host family



Ana has moved to her third host family, the Rescigno's. Pictured above are Krish and Peter and their two grown children Ella and Ryan. Ella is currently a student at Harvard University. Our Youth Exchange program

currently a student at Harvard University. Our Youth Exchange program wouldn't work without host families so thank you to the Rescigno's!

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### Pet Pals Spring Food and Treat Drive a Success



Thanks to all who contributed to our spring pet food drive for Senior Resources's Pet Pals program.  
Bev Ryan delivered the goods this week.  
Rotarians making a difference again!

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### Proposed New Member

Thank you Paula Matthews and Traci Cooper for recommending Rev. Carey Grady, Pastor at the Reid Chapel for membership in our club.  
Here is the link to his bio:

[Bio Rev. Carey Grady](#)



Let's continue to grow our club. Please consider inviting a guest to join you at an upcoming meeting or service project!

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

Thanks to Brian and Shelly Dunphy, Mike Long, Bev Ryan, Peggy Merrill and Lindsay Agostini for serving on Tuesday, March 26. They are pictured with Ellen Weaver, South Carolina Superintendent of Education who just happened to be at Lonnie B. Nelson yesterday!



**Tuesday, April 16 will be our last Rotary Reads day for this school year.**

**8-9am**

**Hope you'll consider joining the group in April!**

**Sign up by contacting: Lindsay Agostini**

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

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

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### Conder Elementary Table Talkers



Thanks to Don Hogan and his wife Kathy, Brian Dunphy, Lindsay Agostini, Peter Stahl and Judy Gaskins for participating at Conder Elementary on Tuesday, March 12th. Our next Table Talkers with Ms. Ross's 5th Grade class is on Tuesday, April 9.

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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.

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.

### Earth Day Service Project Friday, April 19



What a fantastic presentation by Traci Cooper at our meeting last week! Please reach out to Traci to sign up to participate in our Earth Day work day at one or more of our Urban Gardens!

Invite a friend, family member or gardening friend to join you! Non-Rotarians are welcome to participate.

Traci Cooper's email to sign up is: [Cooper4kidsc@gmail.com](mailto:Cooper4kidsc@gmail.com) Call or text: 803-414-7101

#### ROTARIANS IN ACTION – SERVICE DAY Earth Day Friday, April 19, 2024 (AM/PM)

##### Spring Valley Rotarians In Action – “Go Green” Service Day Schedule

###### John P. Thomas Elementary

6001 Weston Avenue (29203)

9 am – 10:45 am

- Preparing the (2) Raised-Beds • Clearing the Beds
- Filling the beds with the soil and fertilizer
- Inserting the weed barrier
- Planting • Watering

###### Arden Elementary

1300 Ashley Street

11:00 am – 12:15 pm

- Clearing the Beds • Inserting the weed barrier
- Filling the beds with the soil and fertilizer • Planting
- Watering

###### Trinity Baptist Church

2521 Richland Street (29204)

12:45 pm – 2:00 pm

- Clearing the Beds • Inserting the weed barrier
- Filling the beds with soil/fertilizer/compost
- Planting and Watering

###### V.V. Reid Church School

6005 David Street (29203)

2:15 pm – 3:15 pm

- Clearing the Beds • Setting-Up/Positioning the Rain Barrel
- Planting • Watering

###### Primary Contact:

Rotarian Traci Young Cooper  
(803) 414-7101  
[Cooper4kidsc@gmail.com](mailto:Cooper4kidsc@gmail.com)

No Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries or Service Anniversaries this week