

# Rotary

## Club of Spring Valley (Columbia)



Wednesday, July 19, 2023

### Meeting Agenda 7.20.23

#### Club Meeting

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

#### Club Officers



**Brian P. Dunphy**  
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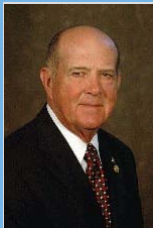
**Anna Paige DuRant**  
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**Michael J Burney**  
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**John S. Luallin**  
Sergeant-at-Arms



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



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Invocation and Pledge: Phil Newsom  
Health and Happiness: TBD

Speaker: Hosted by John Walko  
Steven Diaz, Marine Corps Veteran, Purple Heart recipient  
Mentoring and advising veterans, serving the military community.

Steven Diaz, a Marine who was severely injured by an IED in Iraq in 2005, has been left with numerous permanent scars, which include Post Traumatic Stress, a seizure disorder and Traumatic Brain Injury. Steven's military service earned him the Purple Heart and the Combat Action Ribbon. Steven joined the Marine Corps after the 9/11 attacks and it inspired him to earn his citizenship through service. Steven became an American citizen paid with blood. After service, Steven became a founding member of the non-profit Hidden Wounds after he grew a passion for assisting veterans through suicide prevention and mental health services. Steven has become a mentor and advisor to other veterans as well as other organizations serving the military community. Recently, Steven was selected to join the board of Folds of Honor South Carolina and has helped raise more than 1 million dollars since its inception in 2019. Steven's advocacy and service to the military community has been awarded and recognized nationwide, including being featured on Fox News and The Washington Post. Steven says his commitment to the military post-service is his coping mechanism and he enjoys the camaraderie service members have with each other.

Steven is a graduate of the University of South Carolina with a bachelor's in business administration. He is a founding member of USC's newest alumni affinity group just for Veteran Alumni all across the country. Steven was recruited in 2019 by Northwestern Mutual and currently serves as a financial advisor and serves as a Veteran Ambassador helping transitioning Veterans deal with post military life or help them gain employment with Northwestern Mutual to continue their service to others.



Lindsay B Agostini  
Youth Services Chair



John B. Sloan  
Assistant Governor

## Speakers

### July 20, 2023

[Steven Diaz, Marine Corps Veteran, Purple Heart recipient](#)

Mentoring and advising veterans, serving the military community.

### July 27, 2023

[Susan Owen, SC Midstate Beekeepers Association](#)

### August 03, 2023

[Lou Mello](#)  
DG Official Visit

### August 17, 2023

[Kinsley Turnipseed](#)

My Other Mother – Professional Organizer and Certified Senior Move Manager

## Events

July 31st

[Transitions Service Opportunity](#)

August 19th

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

August 21st

[Transitions Service Opportunity](#)

## Blood Drive a Success!

Our July 18th blood drive was a success! We collected 52 units of blood exceeding our goal of 50. Thanks to everyone who participated in a volunteer capacity or by donating or recruiting another donor. **SAVE THE DATE** for our next drive scheduled for: Tuesday, January 23, 2024.



## New Members Inducted 7.13.23



What a great way to kick off the new Rotary year at our July 13 meeting, by inducting two new members Brian McComas and Tony Brock. Please introduce yourself to these new members!

Brian McComas is a senior manager with Dark Horse CPAs, a cloud-based firm. He and his wife are from Northeast Columbia and both graduated from Spring Valley High School. Prior to his current position, he worked with Elliott Davis, LLC and The Brittingham Group. He has 16 years experience providing accounting and tax strategies and solutions. Brian earned his BS degree from the University of Alabama. His hobbies include: family, golf, working on his Jeep, sports, etc. He is a member of the Fast Forward

Board and a founding member and past treasure of the Columbia nonprofit Artists for Africa.

Tony Brock is originally from Greenville, graduating from Greenville Senior High School in 1986. He graduated from Benedict College in 1992. Tony previously worked as a Sales Banker for Wachovia and Wells Fargo Bank and as a residential mortgage broker for Dimond Mortgage company and Lending Path Mortgage Company. He is a previous owner and operator of Mortgage Essentials, LLC located in Columbia. He has more than 24 years of combined mortgage and real estate experience. He is married to Sonya Brock. He has a BSW in Social Work and his hobbies include running and guitar. He is the Interim President for BNI West Columbia chapter, and a Board Member at Trinity Education Center.

## Proposed New Members

The MEMBERSHIP push continues!

Mike Burney is proposing **Viola Robinson Faust**. Viola is a native of Columbia, and a graduate of the University of South Carolina where she earned a BS degree in accounting. This led to her career with the State of South Carolina government, where she worked in several financial positions before and after her retirement, including: Director of Finance, Vice President of Fiscal Affairs and Director of Administration and Finance. During her career, she completed the South Carolina Certified Public Manager and served as a Board Member and Treasurer for the SC Society of Certified Public Managers. She served as a Board Member, President-Elect, and President of the Governmental Finance Officers of South Carolina. Viola recently passed the exam for Certified Public Accountants and is awaiting a license to practice as a CPA. Viola has 3 children – Kayla 36, Brandon 34 and Krystal 30, and one granddaughter, Karsyn 9.

Denise Ruben is proposing **Hannah Emery** for membership in the satellite club. Hannah comes to us from the Emerald City Rotary Club, also a satellite club in Greenwood, where she has been a member this past year and served as Vice Chair/Secretary. She is already a Paul Harris Fellow! She is a graduate of Lander University with a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology with Minors in Pre-Law, Political Science and Criminal Justice. She studied abroad in 2018 at the University of Winchester, Winchester, England. She is a Paralegal with Hawthorne Merrill Law.

## Transitions Service Opportunities



Thanks to ALL for serving dinner at Transitions on Monday, July 17.....including Phil Newsom, Ginny Reed, James Hooker and Brian Dunphy. Our next service date will be **Monday, July 31 from 5-6 pm**. To sign up, please contact James Hooker, who is taking over as our Transitions coordinator this year, at: [sportagent2004@hotmail.com](mailto:sportagent2004@hotmail.com) or 803-250-5514.

## Get Your FREE Rotary T-Shirt



In case you missed our July 13 meeting, you missed getting your new Rotarian at Work t-shirt courtesy of President Brian. Shirts will be continue to be available at our lunch meetings the next few weeks.....but you can also email Brian with your t-shirt size and that way he'll be sure to have enough for everyone.....and you can pick it up at a meeting.

We're committed to doing even better at telling our community what Spring Valley Rotarians do to Create Hope in the World, which is our 2023-24 Rotary theme. Please be sure to wear your shirt whenever possible when participating in one of our many service projects, i.e. Meals on Wheels, Transitions, Rotary Reads, etc. Contact Brian at: [brian.dunphy1@wellsfargo.com](mailto:brian.dunphy1@wellsfargo.com) or by phone/text at 803-920-4751.



## Meals on Wheels volunteers needed

Please consider signing up for a Thursday Meals on Wheels delivery. This involves meeting at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church at 10:45 and delivering 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>

These dates are urgently needed:

7/20/23 – THIS Thursday, need ONE more

8/10/23

8/24/23

8/31/23



## There Is Still Time To Register For The Membership Summit

By Sandra Olson on Tuesday, July 18, 2023



The D-7770 Membership Summit is July 29 at the Lowcountry Conference Center. There is still time to register. Go to the DACdb calendar and select the register link. It is not too late to join 111 of your fellow Rotarians for this world-class membership training opportunity. Final deadline for registration is Friday July 21.

## Announcements

Please consider donating to the CART. Fund (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust). You can contribute online at [www.mycartfund.org](http://www.mycartfund.org) or feel free to deposit cash or checks into the blue CART buckets during our weekly meetings. Thanks to Ted York for leading our CART Fund effort.

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.

Interested in our satellite Club? The night club meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month for social time (dinner not provided) at Woodcreek Country Club, 6:00pm. Contact Denise Ruben for more information at: (803) 513-2334, [eaglebarth100@gmail.com](mailto:eaglebarth100@gmail.com)

## Birthdays



[Peggy Merrill](#)  
July 18th

## Wedding Anniversaries

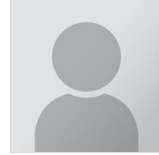
[Marion Hanna](#)  
July 19th

[Harold L. Hudson](#)  
July 22nd

## Years of Service



[Craig J. Currey](#)  
11 Years



[Virginia R. Reed](#)  
1 Year



[Steven Gregory  
Moseley](#)  
1 Year