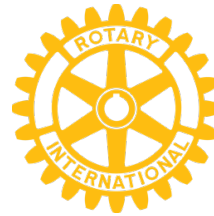


# Rotary

## Club of Spring Valley (Columbia)



### 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

### Speakers

#### August 08, 2024

David Vandelay, 2024 Outbound Youth Exchange Student  
Youth Exchange Update - And introduction of our 2024-2025 Inbound Student

#### August 15, 2024

Tom Falvey, Director of Audience Engagement, South Carolina State Museum

#### August 22, 2024

Tuesday, July 30, 2024

### Meeting agenda 8.1.2024

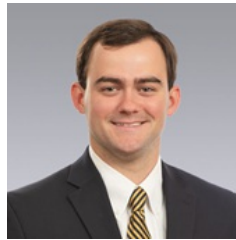
**Menu: Baked Potato Bar, Salad, Dessert, Beverages**

**Invocation and Pledge: Craig Currey**

**Health and Happiness: Patricia Barclay**

**Today's Program - Introduction by Ted Rausch**

**John Gressette - Brokerage Associate, Colliers/South Carolina Commercial Real Estate Services with Focus on Retail Services**



As a Brokerage Associate, I work with tenants, landlords, sellers and purchasers to lease, purchase and sell retail properties of all sizes and am responsible for increasing the Colliers retail portfolio in South Carolina. I work closely with team members Rox Pollard Jr., Danny Bonds and Rox Pollard III and am a member of the Colliers | South Carolina Retail Services Team.

The Southeast is in a stage of tremendous growth. Our team focuses on helping clients maximize the value of their assets, bringing new businesses to the area and helping clients take advantage of the opportunities here through quality marketing solutions, advanced data analytics and creative real estate solutions.

I constantly seek new connections and enjoy meeting new people in the commercial real estate business. I enjoy developing strong, lasting relationships that extend far beyond a transaction.

Speaker Contact:

John Gressette

Colliers

1301 Gervais St # 600, Columbia, SC 29201

[John.gressette@colliers.com](mailto:John.gressette@colliers.com)

803 401 4233

### Club Leaders Needed

We have an immediate need for someone to take over as the **Health and Happiness coordinator**. This entails scheduling members to do the brief health and happiness portion of our meetings. If you are interested and want to know more, please contact : Ted Rausch, President, (803) 351-5913, [Ted.Rausch@colliers.com](mailto:Ted.Rausch@colliers.com), or Patricia Barclay, Club Services Chair at (386) 449-9452, [avatarpbj@yahoo.com](mailto:avatarpbj@yahoo.com)

We need someone to lead our efforts at **Transitions** where we serve a meal at dinner time the third and fifth Mondays of each month. If you are willing to coordinate this

**August 22, 2024**

Yvett Thomas, "The Candle Lady"

**August 29, 2024**

District 7770 Governor Mary Gasque

**September 12, 2024**

Melissa Payne, M.S. PAALS Executive Director

Update on Palmetto Animal Assisted Life Services

#### Events

August 17th

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

August 19th

**Transitions Service Opportunity**

August 21st

**Satellite Club Meeting**

August 22nd

**SV Rotary Board Meeting**

August 29th

**SV Rotary Board meeting with District Governor**

September 16th

**Transitions Service Opportunity**

September 18th

**Satellite Club Meeting**

September 19th

**SV Rotary Board Meeting**

**service project**, please contact:

Ted Rausch, President, (803) 351-5913, [Ted.Rausch@colliers.com](mailto:Ted.Rausch@colliers.com),  
or John Walko, Club Community Service Chair at (704) 968-4915,  
[john.walko@standoutwebsite.com](mailto:john.walko@standoutwebsite.com)

Want to get more involved with our Youth Exchange Program? Shelly Dunphy is looking for several members to serve on the **Youth Exchange Committee**. This committee will help to ensure that we offer the best experiences to our exchange student. Please contact Shelly at: [shellydunphy@icloud.com](mailto:shellydunphy@icloud.com) or call (803) 920-3709.

We're also looking to two members to serve as **"AT-LARGE" members of the board**. For more information, contact President Ted.



#### Rotary's August Theme



#### 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

We plan to add two additional libraries this



We plan to add two additional meetings this Rotary year. More details to come!

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

### Meals on Wheels Delivery

**Signed up are:**

**8/1 - Diane Junis and ONE VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

**8/8 - Ted Rausch and Peter Stahl**

**8/15 - TWO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**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 link**

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)

### Save these DATES!



**NEXT pick-up date:  
Saturday, August 17**

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.

**Use this link to sign up: Adopt-a-Highway Sign Up Link**

**Thanks to Stan Luallin for being the first to sign up for Saturday, Aug. 17th!**

**Questions? Contact Greg Seymour at [gseymour25@yahoo.com](mailto:gseymour25@yahoo.com)**

### Serving Dinner at Transitions





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

Thanks to these members for serving on July 29:

Ted Rausch, Hannah Emery and Denise Ruben

NEXT Service opportunity is:

Monday, August 19 - Signed up are - Brian Dunphy and Ginny Reed

Room for one to two more.

Thanks!

#### **Transitions 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.

To learn more about the great work Transitions is doing in our community, visit:

[Transitions website](#)

#### **Youth Exchange Host Families Needed for 2024-25 School Year**

Members, we will have an inbound Youth Exchange Student for the 2024/25 school year. Her name is Iina Linna, a 17-yr-old from Finland. She hopes to play volleyball at SVHS.

**SAVE THE DATE: She arrives into the Columbia Airport on Saturday, August 3rd around 4:15 pm.**

**We'd love to have a nice group of members, family members, and friends to WELCOME her! Please let Shelly know if you are able to be at the airport Saturday as part of our welcoming group.**



See the details below as to what a host family needs to provide and reach out to Shelly Dunphy with any questions.

**Do you know a family who would like to serve as a Youth Exchange Host Family? Contact Shelly Dunphy for more details. We still need TWO more HOST families for the November 2024 through June 2025 timeframe. Special thanks to Lisa and James Brindel for agreeing to serve again this year. They will be the first host family.**

[shellydunphy@icloud.com](mailto:shellydunphy@icloud.com)

text or call: (803) 920-3709



ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE  
DISTRICT 7770







# YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENT



We need families who are willing to host an exchange student (age 15-18.5) for a period of 3-5 months.

HELLO,  
Rotary's Motto is **SERVICE ABOVE SELF**. Every Rotarian joins a Rotary Club as a volunteer. The Youth Exchange Program is no different; we depend on volunteers who want to make a difference in a young student's life.



**LOVE**  
-as a family member. The student will be a part of your family, not a guest.



**A BED**  
The student does not require his/her own room, but we do ask that they have their own bed.



**FOOD**  
We ask that you provide food for the student including lunch while at school, treating the student as you would your own.



**TRANSPORTATION**  
The student will not be allowed to drive while in the US. If bus transportation is not available to school, the host family would need to provide that and transportation to other events within reason.

**CONTACT**  
US NOW

843-437-9084  
Lou Mello  
RYE Chair  
Loumello9@gmail.com

<https://my.rotary.org/en/document/66101>

If you are able to volunteer for this opportunity to change the life of a young person and expose your family to a different culture, WE NEED YOUR HELP.

**SERVICE ABOVE SELF**

## Partner Event



WESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY PRESENTS

2ND ANNUAL



transitions

5K RUN/WALK

AUGUST 10, 2024 @ 8:30AM  
RACE BEGINS AND ENDS AT  
WESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL



REGISTRATION: \$30.00  
FREE T-SHIRT TO ALL WHO  
SIGN UP BY JULY 25TH

All proceeds from the race go to Transitions Homeless Shelter. Please bring items to donate such as new undershirts, underwear for men and women, feminine products and personal hygiene items.



**REGISTER HERE**  
[www.strictlyrunning.com](http://www.strictlyrunning.com)



## CART FUND 101



Ever wonder why we talk about those "blue buckets" at every lunch meeting? What exactly is the CART Fund?

Founded in 1995 by Roger Ackerman, a Rotarian in Sumter, SC, The CART Fund (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust)

is a non-profit grassroots organization that provides "seed" money for cutting edge, high impact research grants to help find a treatment or cure for Alzheimer's Disease.

Roger passed away in 2018, yet to this day, we still adhere to our founder's initial mission "that 100% of every dollar donated goes directly to research! Since 1999, 64 grants totaling more than \$11 million have been awarded to 62 recognized research institutions in the United States.

The CART Fund is a 501(C)3 organization (Federal ID #31-1466051) governed by an Executive Committee and a Board of Directors composed of representatives from qualified Rotary districts that support the program. CART is chartered as a nonprofit organization under the laws of the state of South Carolina.

CART has been recognized as an "angel charity" by the SC Secretary of State for being "extremely effective at giving a high percentage of their total expenditures directly to programs for their designated cause, their compliance with the S.C. Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act, and their high use of volunteers in their fundraising efforts."

While primarily supported by members of Rotary Clubs in the United States, CART has an active volunteer base and can accept donations of major gifts, bequests or volunteer efforts from anyone. A new donor recognition program was recently introduced, allowing "recurring donors" through the online system to be designated as members of the "Roger Ackerman Circle." [Click here to donate today or enroll as a recurring donor.](#)

For more information visit: [cartfund.org](http://cartfund.org)

Thanks to Ted York for coordinating our CART bucket efforts!

**Super job Spring Valley Rotarians - during our 2023/2024 Rotary year our club contributed a total of \$2,982.54 to the CART Fund. A combination of all the coins collected in those blue buckets and a community grant!**

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**Birthdays - None this week**

**Wedding Anniversaries**



[Robert F. Curtis](#)  
August 4th

**Years of Service - None this week**