

Rotary

Club of Spring Valley (Columbia)



Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Meeting agenda 9.14.23

Invocation and Pledge: Ted Rausch
Health and Happiness: Paula Matthews
Announcements

Speaker Introduction: Diane Junis
Speaker: Patricia Barclay
"What is Avatar?"

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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
President



Ted Rausch
President-Elect



Holly Swan
Secretary



William Keith
Chichester Treasurer



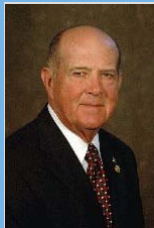
Anna Paige DuRant
Club Director / Board Member



Diane Wood Junis
Club Public Image Chair



Michael J Burney
Membership Chair



John S. Luallin
Sergeant-at-Arms



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Peter J. Stahl
Club Foundation Chair
iPast President

Emma Mitchell
International Service Chair

Popcorn Fundraiser for Youth Exchange a Success!



Our first VIRTUAL fundraiser is officially a SUCCESS! Our four-day online Double Good popcorn sale was held from Thursday, September 7 through Monday, September 11 and our goal was to sell \$6,000 so that the profit for our Youth Exchange Program would be 50% or \$3,000. Our online sales total was \$5,768, with a profit

of \$2,884 and we received another \$325 in donations..... **for a grand total of \$3,209!!** And, we will certainly still accept contributions to support Youth Exchange.

Here's our fundraising recap:
 24 members created "Pop-Up" stores.
 We had 111 supporters who purchased popcorn from 42 cities in 14 states. And 81 bags were donated to essential workers.



John B. Sloan
Assistant
Governor



Lindsay B. Agostini
Youth
Services
Chair



Speakers

September 14, 2023

Patricia Barclay
What is Avatar?

September 21, 2023

Dickson Monk
Columbia World Affairs Council

September 28, 2023

Morgan Crapps
Director of Public Affairs & Government Relations,
Redwood Materials

October 05, 2023

Laird Weaver, Development Manager, Palmetto Place

Events

September 18th

[Transitions Service Opportunity](#)

October 10th

[Table Talkers at Conder Elementary School](#)

October 16th

[Transitions Service Opportunity](#)

November 14th

[Table Talkers at Conder Elementary School](#)

November 18th

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

November 20th

[Transitions Service Opportunity](#)

We learned a whole lot with our first attempt and can be even more successful next time.
Thanks to everyone who supported this effort by either selling or purchasing!

New Members Inducted 9.7.23



Welcome to our newest members, Lee Roberts and Eunika Simons, inducted into the club on Thursday, September 7 and both sponsored by President Brian Dunphy.

Lee served in the SC National Guard for over 30 years. He is now employed by Merrill as a Financial Advisor and was referred to our club by former SV Rotary member Mike Phemister Velasco. Lee received a Bachelor of Science degree from The Citadel, a Master of Divinity and Master of Religious Education from Liberty University. His hobbies include motorcycle riding and playing golf.

Eunika Simons was a member of our club from 2008-2017 and was our 2011-2012 Rotarian of the Year. We're excited to welcome back Eunika. She is currently employed at Benedict College, where she is the Department Chair for the Social Work Department and previously served as Director of Field Education. She has also served as an adjunct faculty member for the University of South Carolina, College of Social Work, and Limestone University, Social Work Department.

Senior Care Pantry Food Drive a Success



We enjoyed hearing from Andrew Boozer, Executive Director for Senior Resources, at our 9.7.23 meeting and were delighted to send him back to his office with all of these food items for their Senior Care Pantry! Thanks to everyone for supporting this effort.

Little Lending Libraries - Children's Books Needed

In celebration of Rotary's September theme of Basic Education and Literacy, we're having a **CHILDREN'S BOOK DRIVE on Thursday, September 28th at our lunch meeting**. Please bring a gently used or new children's book for distribution via our free little lending libraries.

Thanks to Peggy Merrill for providing this update on our FIVE Free Little Lending Libraries:

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 Peggy so that she can continue to stock our libraries. You can reach Peggy with any questions at (803) 727-2640 and let's collect a whole bunch of children's books on Thursday, September 28!

Volunteers Needed for Conder Elementary Table Talkers



Thanks to these members for participating in our first Table Talkers of this school year on Tuesday, Sept. 12th: Brian and Shelly Dunphy, Lindsay Agostini, Don Hogan, Patricia Barclay and Paula China. We have room for more!! The next Table Talkers will be on Tuesday, October 10th.

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. 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. 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 or by text or phone at 803-920-6669.

Transitions Volunteers Needed for Monday, September 18



Thanks to ALL for serving dinner at Transitions on Monday, August 21, including James Hooker, Denise Ruben and new member Hannah Emery. (Denise and Hannah representing our satellite club!) They worked hard and easily served more than 125 meals. Our next service date will be **Monday, September 18 from 5-6 pm**. We really need 5-6 volunteers, so please check your calendars and sign up by contacting James Hooker at: sportagent2004@hotmail.com or 803-250-5514.

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 meals 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>

Dates are available from September through the end of the year. Please sign up for a Meals on

Wheels delivery and invite a new member to join you.

Thanks to Patricia Barclay for taking over as our club's Meals on Wheels coordinator! Patricia Barclay 386.449.9452 or email avatarpbj@yahoo.com

The Weekly Raffle



Door prizes are always needed for our weekly raffles. Any questions, contact Judy Gaskins, 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? Who might have some football tickets that they can contribute this Fall?

For the first quarter of this Rotary year (July-September) our weekly raffle proceeds will help fund our **Rotary Youth Exchange Program**.

Stay Connected via Facebook

Facebook is a great way to stay connected as a member of our club in two different ways.



1. Please "LIKE" our public Facebook page: **Spring Valley Rotary Club**

On this page we post membership information and the impact of all of our community service work. Please SHARE these public posts so that you can help promote the good work of our club. You never know what Facebook friend you have who just might be interested in becoming a

Rotarian!

2. Please join our private club group called: **Rotary Club of Spring Valley**. This is a "Member-Only" group, so nothing posted here can be shared. This page includes member reminders, service project opportunities, club needs, etc. You need to be invited to join this group, so if you are not already a member, please send an email to Diane Junis at dianejunis@gmail.com, and an invitation link will be sent.

Big Red Barn Retreat Fall Jam

The Big Red Barn Retreat is one of the organizations that our Community Grants have supported for many years. Here's details about their upcoming event:

The Big Red Barn Retreat is excited to announce this year's Big Red Barn Retreat Fall Jam at the Ballpark will feature Grand Ole Opry Member and Multi-Platinum songwriter and country music artist Chris Janson. The concert will be held on October 7, 2023 at Segra Park: Home of the Columbia Fireflies, and gates open at 5:00PM.



Chris Janson is part of the country's new breed. In touch with the lighter side of life with self-penned No. 1s "Fix A Drink," "Good Vibes," and the triple platinum "Buy Me A Boat," as well as the more thoughtful truths of "Done," "Things You Can't Live Without," and the CMA Song of the Year nominee and ACM Video of the Year "Drunk Girl." Both "Boat" and "Girl" were named to the Nashville Songwriters Association International's prestigious "Songs I Wish I Wish I'd Written" list, which is why artists like Tim McGraw ("Truck Yeah," "How I'll Always Be"), Justin Moore ("Off The Beaten Path"), Cody Johnson ("Let's Build A Fire"), and the iconic Hank Williams Jr. ("God Fearin' Man," "Those Days Are Gone") reach for Janson's songs for their own projects.

General admission seats are \$40 and on-field, front-of-stage tickets are \$25. Veterans will get a discounted purchase price of \$25 if they buy them in advance and show their military ID. Tickets go on sale July 14th and are nonrefundable. To buy tickets now, visit <https://www.thebigredbarnretreat.org/fall-jam-2023>

Fall District 7770 Seminar

Fall Seminar 2023

Friday, September 22, 2023
Registration/Check-In: 8:30am – 9:00am
Seminar Proceedings: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, lunch included
Location: Hilton Garden Inn Lowcountry Conference Center, Summerville

Cost:

\$55 per participant registered by Friday, Sept 8th
\$75 per participant registered after Friday Sept. 8th
Cutoff date for registration: Friday, Sept 15th

For: 2023-2024 Assistant Governors, Club Presidents, Presidents-Elect, Foundation Chairs, Public Image Chairs, Committee members and any interested Rotarians. Attend the Fall Seminar to hear what's going on in the areas of Foundation and Public Image, learn from presenters and fellow Rotarians in group discussions and gain information to take back to your club to pass along and implement. Training sessions are geared toward helping Chairs and Committee members of Foundation and Public Image; however, all interested Rotarians are welcome, regardless of your specific club roles.

Chairs are welcome! Officers are welcome! Members are welcome!
Please let President Brian know if you want to attend. Any member can attend but you will need to cover your registration fee.

District Grant Checks Will Be Hand Delivered At The Seminar. You must have someone present to collect your club's check.

Registration is from 8:30am – 9:00am. A light continental breakfast with coffee and lunch is included. The meeting will kick-off at 9:00am with the opening session, before we break into concurrent sessions, focusing on Foundation and Public Image. We'll gather again as a group for lunch, followed by our keynote speaker from Zone 33 and then awards.

LINK to [Register \(dacdb.com\)](https://www.dacdb.com)

You must pre-register to attend; no walk-in registrations available. We respectfully request all payments submitted prior to our cutoff date of Friday, Sept 15th. You may pay online or by mailing a check to our District Treasurer Debra Walworth at 1000 William Hilton Parkway, Suite F-4, Hilton Head, South Carolina 29928. If you need to make special payment arrangements, contact Deb Walworth: dwalworthcpa@comcast.net.

Accommodations: This is a one-day training session, centrally located in our District 7770. If you would like to stay and enjoy the beautiful Summerville and Charleston areas, the Hilton Garden Inn has graciously set aside a block of rooms, at \$149 for a King room, available for up to 3 days before or after our Fall Seminar.

Please note that the rate is honored based on availability for those wishing to extend their stay. If you wish to extend your stay longer, would like either an upgraded or accessible room, please contact the hotel directly [843-832-1304](tel:843-832-1304), to speak with someone at the front desk to make your reservation. Please note the hotel reservations cutoff date is **Tuesday, August 29th**. **Booking link - <https://group.hiltongardeninn.com/1wmjvi>**

Birthdays

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Years of Service



[Phil Midden](#)
15 Years



[Michael J Burney](#)
5 Years