

# Rotary

## Club of Spring Valley (Columbia)



Tuesday, July 11, 2023

### Dunphy Named 2022-2023 Rotarian of the Year



Congratulations Brian on being selected as our Rotarian of the Year. Brian has been a member of our club for 27 years, joining in March of 1996 and his sponsor was Sharon Buddin. Brian currently serves as our President-Elect and Membership Chair and he previously served as the Membership Chair about 12 years ago.

Brian is and always has been an engaged member of our club. He energetically participates in nearly every service opportunity including:

**Blood Drives** – He has actively recruited many donors over the years, served on the blood drive committee, and thanks to the recent change in giving criteria for military service members, is now able to donate blood again, and when he can, he gives a double red cell donation.

**Transitions** – Since we started serving dinner monthly at Transitions at the beginning of the pandemic in April of 2020, Brian is pretty much a regular on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Mondays.

**Adopt-a-Highway** – you can usually find Brian helping out at our quarterly trash pick-ups on Polo Rd. And, if by chance, his has out-of town family members visiting, he just brings them with him to serve!

**Table Talkers** – Brian really has a commitment to supporting young people and he has actively participated at Conder Elementary for many years.

**Rotary Reads** –When we launched this new literacy program years ago Brian was once again one of the first to sign up and today you will find him at Lonnie B. Nelson reading with a student, just about every month.

**Youth Exchange** – Brian and his wife Shelly first got involved with the Rotary Youth Exchange Program when the club decided to once again host an exchange student after having been a host club for many years, and taking a hiatus for probably at least 10 years. Brian and Shelly were one of our exchange student's Peter's host families. His commitment to youth exchange continues. Brian even makes time to attend our current youth exchange student's sporting activities, including cross-country meets and lacrosse games.

**Meals on Wheels** – I guess there really is no secret that Brian loves to serve. He and Shelly can be found delivering meals on wheels at least once a month and again, this is a project that Brian has supported for many years.

**Nut Sale** – Brian actively supports our annual nut sale, usually helps unload when the initial shipment arrives, and over the years as key sellers have left the club, Brian has continued to engage them by delivering their nut orders.

**Foundation** – Brian is a Rotary Foundation donor, receiving his Paul Harris Fellow + 3 (meaning he has given \$4,000 to the Foundation)

**Proposing New Members** – If no other action is worthy of being awarded our Rotarian of the Year, it would be Brian's significant impact on the induction of new members this current Rotary year. He's coordinated the induction of 7 new members, and he's



### 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



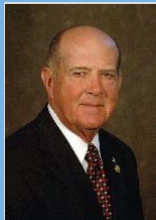
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Club Director / Board Member



Diane Wood Junis  
Club Public Image Chair



Michael J Burney  
Membership Chair



John S. Luallin  
Sergeant-at-Arms



Phillip F. Newsom  
Sergeant-at-Arms



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Service Projects Chair



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International Service Chair

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Club Foundation Chair  
iPast President



Lindsay B. Agostini  
Youth Services Chair



John B. Sloan  
Assistant Governor



## Speakers

July 13, 2023

[Brian Dunphy](#)

Club Assembly-Kick off for the 2023-24 Rotary Year

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

September 14, 2023

[Joakim Matende, Rotary Club of Kampala, Uganda Literacy Program in Uganda](#)

## Community Service Opportunities

July 17th

[Transitions](#)

July 18th

[Red Cross Blood Drive](#)

July 31st

[Transitions](#)

August 19th

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

August 21st

[Transitions](#)

even made it a family affair by inviting his father-in-law and son to join the club, along with him and Shelly. He's conducted several Discover Rotary sessions and has focused himself on growing our club, like no other member! Leadership – Brian has embraced the role of President-Elect this year and has done everything to prepare for his "Coronation" as President, as he calls it! He will be an effective leader for our club in the new Rotary year.

In summary, Brian does it all! Some people give or do because they simply think they should, but when Brian gives, it comes from a good place. His kindness comes straight from his heart. It's just a part of who he is and he lives the Four Way test every day! Brian was selected as our club's Rotarian of the Year in Rotary Year 2010-2011. (If memory serves, it was again for his leadership as Membership Chairman.)

## Proposed New Members to be Inducted this Thursday!

What a great way to start the new Rotary year....by inducting two new members! Brian Dunphy is proposing Brian McComas for membership in our club. He 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. Hobbies: 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.

Brian is also proposing Tony Brock. He 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.

Degree: BSW, Social Work

Hobbies: Running, Guitar

Other: Interim President for BNI West Columbia chapter, Board Member at Trinity Education Center

## Red Cross Blood Drive July 18

Our next Red Cross Blood Drive will be on **Tuesday, July 18th from Noon to 6 p.m.** at Northeast Presbyterian Church in the Grand Hall (where our Rotary meetings are held), located at 601 Polo Rd.

Volunteers are needed:

1. To help prepare the site at the church with tables and chairs, and to help unload equipment from the Red Cross van. **Time commitment: 10:45 am until 11:45 am.**
2. To help clean up the site at the end of the drive, put tables and chairs back, and to help load Red Cross equipment. **Time commitment: 6:30 until 7:30 pm**  
Lifting is required.
3. To work the donor check in table. Shifts are 12-2, 2-4 and 4-6 pm.

If you are able to donate blood and want to make an appointment, call Diane Junis at 803-873-0254, or [dianejunis@gmail.com](mailto:dianejunis@gmail.com) or use this link to make an appointment: [Click here to make an appointment](#)

Please recruit a family member, co-worker or friend to donate. Our goal is to fill 68 appointments so that we can meet our collection goal of 50 pints!

Appreciate your help.  
Diane



## Transitions Service Opportunities



Thanks to ALL for serving dinner at Transitions on Monday, June 19th.....including Greg Seymour, Phil Midden, Brian Dunphy, Ginny Reed and John Walko. Our next service date will be **Monday, July 17, from 5-6 pm, and we also have 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.

## 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.

MEALS ON WHEELS- Two volunteers are needed each Thursday to meet at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church, located on Sparkleberry across from SVHS, at 10:45 am. Delivery of meals will take one hour. Sign up online using Sign Up Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4daea828a4f9c34-meals>  
Thanks to Patricia Barclay for leading our Meals on Wheels effort this year. Contact Patricia at: (386) 449-9452 or [avatarpbj@yahoo.com](mailto:avatarpbj@yahoo.com)

Doorprizes are always needed for our weekly raffles. Any questions, contact Judy Gaskins.

Interested in our satellite Club? The night club meets 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



[Craig J. Currey](#)  
July 2nd



[Paula J. Matthews](#)  
July 5th



[Abdul Ghaffar](#)  
July 6th



[Lindsay B Agostini](#)  
July 7th

[Penny Meekins](#)  
July 15th





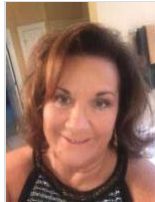
### Wedding Anniversaries



[Ted Rausch](#)  
July 5th



[Beverley Ryan](#)  
July 13th



[Belinda Portnall](#)  
July 14th

### Years of Service



[Craig J. Currey](#)  
10 Years