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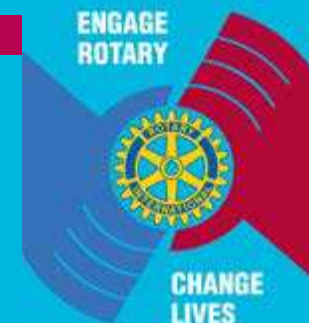
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WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

What better way to celebrate WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH than participating in **Rotary Has Heart** on February 14. This is a perfect opportunity to show your community what Rotary does to make life better for the children. It may only be one day, but it is an opportunity to show others that children are going to bed hungry every day and that Rotary would like to make a difference.

Please have information about your club available to anyone that is helping with your project. Remember to bring your club banner and wear your Rotary shirts and pins. In addition, see if the paper will print a press release showing what your club is doing to make a difference. Also, take lots of pictures and send a short article

to Sue Poss at editor@rotary7750.org so she can put in next month's newsletter. Do not forget to let Bert Strange bertstrange@yahoo.com know what you are doing. Bert is our District Chair for Community Service.

Mid Year Assembly

Our mid-year Assembly on Saturday, January 25 was a great event. Training was available for Club Secretaries, Club Treasurers, and our presidents were prepared for PETS. In addition, we had seminars on public image, membership, and global grants.

More than 130 Rotarians attended the sessions. In the afternoon, we had the Assembly and learned that the District is having a record breaking year for donations to The Rotary Foundation (AF-

SHARE, Polio, and Endowment Fund) and membership.

We also learned that to meet our goals we need some additional Paul Harris Society members (donate \$1,000 to the Foundation per year), Bequest Society members (\$10,000 or more left to the Foundation upon your passing to the Endowment Fund), Major Donor (\$10,000 or more contribution to The Rotary Foundation), and Benefactors (\$1,000 or more left to the Foundation to the Rotary Foundation Endowment Fund).

Remember the answer to the questions: What are you going to do once you get home?

Register now for these events

Register for the District Conference in Dillard, GA (www.rotary7750.org) | Register for the Friendship Ride to End Polio (www.friendshipride.org) | Register for Rotary Leadership Institute (www.rli33.org) | Register for PETS (www.carolinaspets.org).

DISTRICT GOALS

MEMBERSHIP +268

CURRENT: +61

FOUNDATION

\$309,811 | ANNUAL FUND-SHARE

\$192,477 | ACHIEVED (62%)

\$49,818 | POLIOPLUS

\$36,770 | ACHIEVED

6 | MAJOR GIFTS

2 | ACHIEVED

15 | BEQUEST SOCIETY

10 | ACHIEVED

122 | BENEFACTORS

22 | ACHIEVED

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CLEMSON-CALHOUN 2013 VOCATIONAL SERVICE AWARD

Ken Whitener, a Clemson CPA, is the recipient of the 2013 Vocational Service Award presented by the Rotary Club of Clemson-Calhoun. Presenting the award to Ken is the President of the Clemson-Calhoun Rotary Club, Tom Hunter (on right). Ken was nominated for the award because “through” his profession and other involvements within the community, Ken truly exemplifies the motto of Rotary—Service Above Self—and the 4-Way Test of Rotary has a guiding influence in his relationships with others.”

THANKS FOR MID-YEAR ASSEMBLY

I would like to thank Rotary Coordinator Paula Matthews and Rotary Public Image Coordinator Sue Poss for presenting at the event.

I would also like to thank presenters Foundation Chair Gary Goforth, Polio Chair Kim Gramling, Fellowship and RAGS Chair Barbara Shayeb-Helou, RLI Chair George Fletcher, DGE Tom Faulkner, DGN Terry Weaver, Foundation Advocate Ed Irick, District Membership Chair Babette Sabia, District Treasurer Bobby Elrod, District Secretary Dave Knapp, CART Chair Steve Black, Conference Chair Lori Kent, and President of E-Club of the Carolinas, Mike Emily.

Special thanks to our District Registrar Marvin Lord, District Administrator Pam Weaver, Audiovisual Coordinator Hank Hatchell, and District Photographer Alberto Meloncelli.—Lorraine

FEEDING THE HUNGRY in Greenwood

The Greenwood and Emerald City Rotary clubs joined Interact clubs, Boy Scouts, church groups, and other volunteers to battle against hunger around the world on Saturday, January 25.

In about 90 minutes, the group of over 100 volunteers packed 24,192 meals. In the five years that the event has been held, over 84,000 meals have been packed in Greenwood. The meals will go to Haiti and West Africa or other location where there is a need. Feed the Hungry events are a great method of bringing the community together, having fellowship, and most of all having FUN!

The *Index Journal* in Greenwood dedicated over half of the front page of the newspaper to tell others in the community about the event and included two large color pictures. Greenwood Rotary president Jon Scott said the project would not have been possible without a matching \$3,000 grant from the Rotary Foundation.



Josh the Otter in Anderson

Bud Moon, a member of the Rotary Club of Anderson, read Josh the Otter to a group of 4 year olds at Boulevard Baptist Church's Enrichment Center. He said that they really enjoyed the book and the teachers were excited to have some extra copies for their library.

LIGHT UP ROTARY!

by DGE Tom Faulkner

At the beginning of the Rotary International Assembly held in San Diego in January, RI President-Elect Gary C. K. Huang announced the Rotary Theme for 2014-15, **LIGHT UP ROTARY!** The announcement was accompanied by the sound of fireworks and cheers all around.

It is an appropriate theme for Rotary at this particular time in history when we are making great strides to reposition our organization for the 21st century.

President-Elect Gary's 2014-15 goals are indicative of this revitalizing spirit.

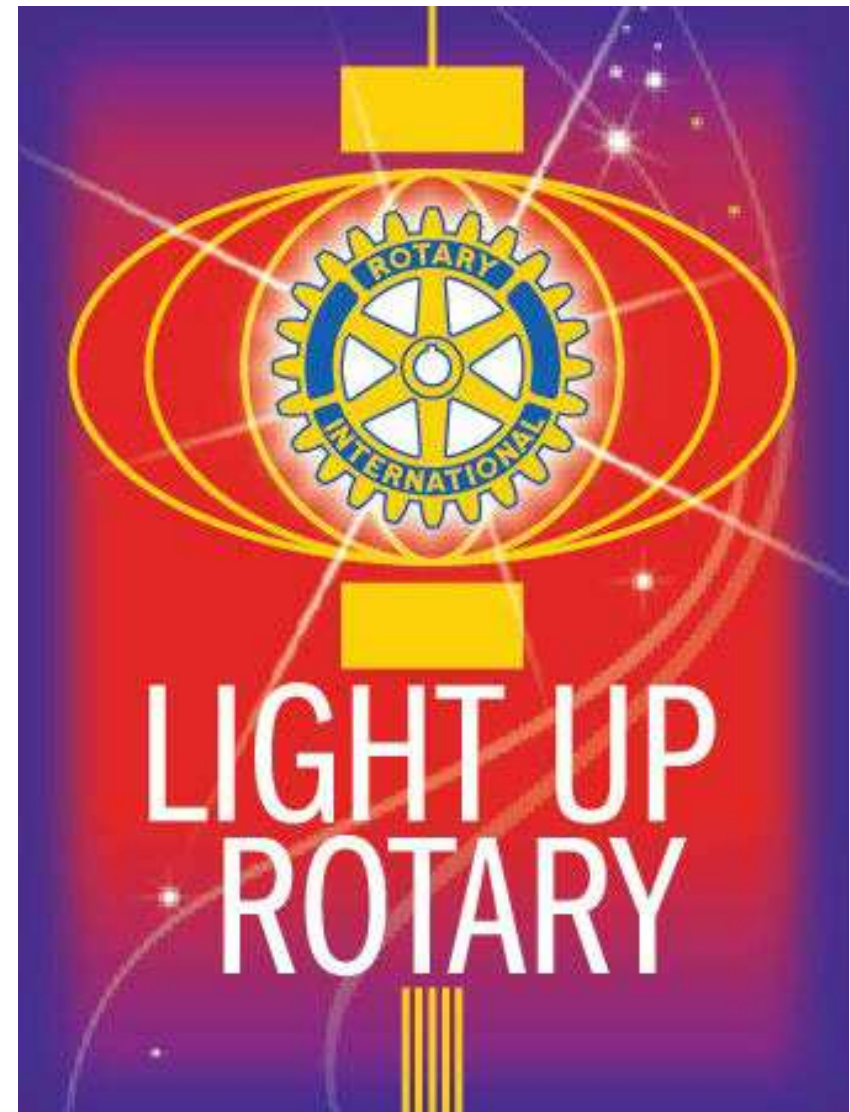
1. He is determined with our help to reverse the trend in stagnant membership growth over the last ten years by setting a goal of increasing net membership worldwide by 100,000 Rotarians to a total membership of 1.3 million members. He challenges us to think outside of the box using the new concept of satellite clubs, optional activities for club attendance, and diversification of our membership base as tools in our quest. He challenges us to start a new trend by encouraging our spouses and significant others to join Rotary!

2. His next goal is to get us all to contribute another \$120 million new dollars in 2014-15 to the Rotary Foundation. At last year's International Assembly, DG Lorraine's class achieved for the first time a goal of having her entire class contribute to the Foundation. By the end of the Assembly, they had raised \$750,000! This year, at the beginning of the week, President-Elect Gary announced that his DG Class had raised \$800,000! By the end of the week, he

announced that all his District Governors had contributed to the Foundation for a total gift of \$1,750,000!! He announced that our DG Class was now the Best Class in the history of the Rotary Foundation. I am challenging all of my President-Elects to set the example for their club by giving at least \$100 to the Foundation in DG Lorraine's year. Let us also achieve our President-Elect Gary's goal of having our entire President-Elect class make a contribution to the Rotary Foundation this year!

3. President-Elect Gary announced a goal of \$35 million for Polio Plus. With 34,000 clubs worldwide, this means an average goal of \$1,000 a club or \$54,000 for District 7750. The Leadership team has agreed to provide 20% of next year's Deferred Designated Funds (DDF) or about \$31,000 to Polio Plus. Our clubs and the District need to come up with creative ways to raise at least another \$23,000 for Polio Plus next year. The Gates Foundation will match our contributions \$2 for every \$1 contributed. Polio is still endemic in Nigeria, Pakistan, and Afghanistan. An international plan involving contributions of \$15 billion a year projects eliminating the disease off the face of the earth by 2018. We will achieve this objective!

4. A fourth major goal President-Elect Gary has set is to hold Rotary Days throughout the world at the District and club levels. Be thinking about major annual fundraisers or events your club is doing and plan your Rotary Day around them. Get your County and/or City Council to recognize your Rotary Day with a proclamation. Let's increase the visibility of what we do as Rotarians during 2014-15 and celebrate our achievements!



We are planning to make the District Conference to be held at Embassy Suites May 1-3 in Greenville a Rotary Weekend with events attracting Rotarians and non-Rotarians throughout the weekend. Place these dates on your calendar now and come and enjoy the Rotary fun!!

FOUNDATION FACTS

DISTRICT FOUNDATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH 12/31/2013

- 63.2% positive swing in **year to year total giving** (\$249,249 in 2013-14 vs. \$152,599 in 2012-13)
- At mid-year, 34.3% ahead of **Annual Fund contributions** for the same period in 2012-13 (\$184,740 in 2013-13 vs. \$137,605 in 2012-13)
- Per capita giving** to 12/31/13: \$70.48. Last year's per capita ended up at \$110.80. If we continue at a 34% growth rate, our per capita will come in around \$141 and set a new district record!
- District **Annual Program Fund goal** is \$311K (\$5K higher than 2012-13)
- Annual Fund Contributions**: \$184,740 (59.4% goal)
- If we continue on a 34 % growth rate, **we will raise \$407,563**, which will provide \$203,782 in DDF three years from now for humanitarian projects.
- 100% of our clubs** have contributed to our Rotary Foundation this year
- 22.1% of members are **sustaining members** (7% increase)
- 33 donors are **Paul Harris Society** eligible. Active PHS members should fulfill their commitment before June 30 and invite potential members to join.
- 2 Major Gifts** (\$10,000 or more) this year
- Currently have 293 **Benefactors**, 66 **Bequest Society** members, and 57 **Major Donors**

TOP 5 CLUBS BY DOLLAR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ANNUAL PROGRAM FUND (TO 12/31/13)

Greenville | \$38,307.90
 Emerald City | \$14,645.00
 Aiken | \$13,875.50
 Greenville Evening | \$11,040.00
 Clemson | \$ 7,769.00

Correction for the January 2014 newsletter: The Rotary Club of Clemson had donated \$6,719 to the Annual Program Fund through Nov 2013 and should have been listed as the #5 Top Giving Club by \$ contributions. Sorry for this oversight!

TOP 5 CLUBS BY PER CAPITA CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ANNUAL PROGRAM FUND (TO 12/31/13)

Greenville Evening | \$408.89
 Emerald City | \$276.32
 Clover | \$224.79
 E-Club Carolinas | \$206.79
 McCormick County | \$183.75

2013-14 FOUNDATION GRANT SCHEDULE

February 1	District releases advertisement for District Grant applications
April 30	Deadline for District Grant applications from Clubs to District
May 15	Second Grant Management Workshop from 1-5pm for all Global Grant Applicants only
June 2	Grant awards published by District
Aug. 1	Targeted distribution of District Awards
March 31	Deadline for completion of District Grants and filing of final reports

DISTRICT GRANT APPLICATION PROCEDURE

District Grant Eligibility Requirements: Club must

- Be qualified
- Meet submission date deadline of April 30, 2014
- Match dollar for dollar grant money
- Meet minimum per capita giving levels to the Foundation.
- All applications must be submitted online (<http://rotary7750.org/GrantsForm.asp>) by 4/30/14

DISTRICT GRANT MAX AWARD LEVELS:

Per Capita Giving | Maximum Amount
 \$25 -49 | \$1,000
 \$50-99 | \$2,500
 \$100 or more | \$5,000

The top five giving clubs are eligible for up to \$5,000 more.



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REGISTRATION

Register for the conference at www.rotary7750.org, member access, and then access the calendar. If you have questions on registering, Marvin Lord can assist you.

FEATURED SPEAKERS

GEORGE R. CAMP President's Rep

MARIOS ANTONIOU 2008-2010 Rotary Peace Fellow

KATHY & BLAKE COLLINGSWORTH Josh the Otter

BOB MUTCHLER "Motorcycle Bob"

Lori Kent, Conference Chair
lkent@selfregional.org

2014 District Conference

April 25 – 27, 2014 at the Dillard House

Located amidst the Chattahoochee National Forest in Dillard, Georgia

Conference Activities begin at 5:00pm on Friday, April 25th

at the Conference Center

with a cocktail hour followed by an Outdoor BBQ with Blue Grass Music, and weather permitting, a bonfire and hayride.

The annual Rotary District 7750 Conference, taking place in Dillard, Georgia, April 25-27 is less than three months away. The conference kicks off at 5:00pm on Friday evening with a cocktail hour, followed by an outdoor Southern BBQ, local Bluegrass music, bonfire, s'mores and hayride. Registration can be done at www.rotary7750.org.

To make reservations at the Dillard House, please call (706)-746-5348 and let them know you are attending the Rotary District Conference, as the Dillard House has blocked their entire campus for this event. To find detailed options on hotel accommodations and Chalet Village please go to www.dillardhouse.com.

District Governor Lorraine Angelino invites all clubs to show your pride by displaying your accomplishments in the House of Friendship.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Early Bird Registration Deadline: February 17, 2014

Standard Registration Deadline: March 17, 2014

Book your hotel rooms now; the Dillard House has been kind enough to hold 2013 room rates until March 17.

WHAT WE NEED FROM OUR CLUBS:

Your club banner and your House of Friendship display, we would like to have as many displays as possible.

We would like each club to donate one silent auction item. Credit of the item donated will be split 50/50 between the club donating and the person who wins the bid. Each can allocate the money to the Polio Fund or the Annual Program Fund.

If you would like to advertise your business in the program, there are a few sponsorships available.

FRIENDSHIP RIDE TO END POLIO

The post conference District 7750 Friendship Ride to End Polio follows the conference on Sunday, April 27th, 2014 or you can meet them in Maggie Valley, NC that afternoon. More information available on www.friendshipride.org or contact James Dodmead at (202)207-4559.

Gist of Southeastern USA and Caribbean project: Clubs find a way to feed hungry children on Valentine's Day 2014

Resources you can download (click below)

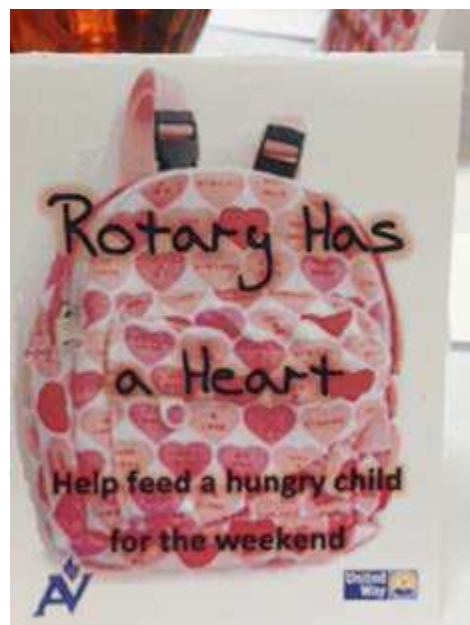
Ideas for Clubs

RHH Press Release Template Pre-Event

RHH Press Release Template Post-Event

Rotary Has Heart Logo

Proclamation for your Mayor



A graphic from Greater Anderson's
Rotary Has Heart backpack project.

BE A VALENTINE—SHOW ROTARY HAS HEART

By Bert Strange, Rotary Club of Greenville
Rotary Has Heart District 7750 Project Chair

In just two weeks we will celebrate Valentine's Day. Most of us know that it is a significant occasion for florists, greeting card makers, and restaurants—as well as for each of us as we remember our spouse or significant other, parents, children, et al.

But this year Valentine's Day is also a significant occasion for Rotarians in District 7750 (and throughout Zones 33 and 34). It is the day we implement our plans for Rotary Has Heart. You've been reading about it in this newsletter for several months now. The excitement has been building. The time for final action is at hand.

What better way to celebrate

Valentine's Day than for all of us to act to end childhood hunger in our communities!

Greater Anderson and Lancaster Breakfast plan to support the Operation Backpack programs in their cities to feed at-risk children on weekends. Rock Hill will be working to support two local non-profit organizations that have food pantries. Clover, Lake Wylie, and Clover Interact are having a competition to see which club can provide the most food (by weight) for the Clover Area Assistance Center. Greenville Metro Area clubs are joining together to fund, pack, and man Mobile Food Pantries through the

Harvest Hope Food Bank.

These are just a few examples of the great efforts of our fellow Rotarians in this effort to address the crisis of childhood hunger in our communities. What is your club doing? Whether it's a hands-on activity or simply making a monetary contribution to a local agency, your project is an important part of helping RIVP Anne Matthews' vision become reality.

Thanks to all Clubs and Rotarians in District 7750 for being a Valentine this year by showing that **ROTARY HAS HEART.**

POLO FOR POLIO

The Rotary Club of Aiken held a Polio Plus fundraiser in conjunction with a recent polo match. The Foundation Committee, chaired by Aiken School District Superintendent Beth Everitt, saw the club's traditional outing to the polo match as an opportunity to step up to the Gates' challenge. Events included a a divot stomping competition and a contest to see who could hit the polo ball farthest with a shortened mallet.

Attendees could also get their photos taken with a mock polo pony (photo above).

The club raised \$678, which when combined with the Gates 2 for 1 challenge, amounts to over \$2000 for Polio Plus.

We are proud of our club and all it does to support our community and the Foundation," said club member Dave Tavernier.



AIKEN ROTARY AND INTERACT CREATE MAP FOR STUDENTS TO EXPLORE

Jefferson Elementary students in Aiken will soon be get to explore South Carolina, Alaska, Massachusetts and all the other states—and even walk on them.

Members of the Aiken Rotary Club and the Interact Club it sponsors from Aiken High School joined Jefferson Elementary teachers and administrators to stencil, chalk off and paint a map of the United States on the school's basketball court.

The project, envisioned by Rotarian Lyn Kenney and Interact Club Coordinator Karen Bowles took a little over 3 hours to complete with 13 Interact members and handful of Rotarians working.

The school is planning a range of activities using the map as an educational tool for their students.

"We are very excited and it's great to have these high school students with us" said school Principal Becky Wilson.

District School Superintendent Elizabeth Everitt, also a member of the Aiken Rotary Club and current Foundation Chair, heartily endorsed the project and Rotarian and State Representative Don Wells donated the paint and other materials.

The Rotary Club and its Interact Club are already planning a map at another Aiken school to be completed in the spring.



FROM FAIR PLAY



The Rotary Club of Fair Play participated in Salvation Army bell ringing. Pictured are Grady Harrell and Gerry Spejewski.

The Rotary Club of Fair Play is honored to have a new Paul Harris Fellow, Dianna Salsgiver, center. At left is club president Peggy Layden-North, and at right is Cynthia Spejewski. Thank you Dianna for contributing to this worthwhile cause.



GREATER ANDERSON

U.S. Congressman Jeff Duncan from the S.C. 3rd Congressional District spoke to the Rotary Club of Greater Anderson on Jan. 23. At left, Jeff shows the club an actual running clock from his iPad of the U.S. National Debt. At right, club president Amelia Nelson thanks Jeff for providing an update on the many issues in Congress.

LEARN MORE ABOUT ROTARY AT MARCH 15 RLI

A Rotary Leadership Institute training event will be held March 15 at Spartanburg Community College's Tyger River Campus in Duncan. This one day interactive course at three levels is designed to expand a Rotarian's base of knowledge about Rotary, and enhance leadership skills relevant for our organization.

Clubs are encouraged to select a candidate for each of three sessions and support registration costs for them. RLI participants will return with stronger Rotary contacts, new ideas, and more dedication to the work Rotary can do.

All courses offer facilitated, not lecture based, training. There are three sessions that must be completed sequentially to graduate from RLI. Participants can attend the sessions within our District or attend sessions in nearby Districts.



All levels are held in the 9:00 to 4:00 time period. Registration and a light breakfast begin at 8:00 am. Lunch is provided.

Attendees take the three-part course in order, one part per institute day. Part I centers around what being a Rotarian means, Part II focuses on effectiveness in your local club, and Part III blends techniques, collaborations, and programs to strengthen the Rotary journey. Enclosed is the curriculum sheet for all three Parts.

Registration fees for the Spring Program are \$95 for Part I, \$85 for Part II, and \$75 for Part III.

The RLI Zone site for registration is rli33.org. Then click on the yellow highlighted "Register Now – Events Calendar." There are nearby hotels if you wish to stay overnight. Contact George Fletcher (864.380.6392) if you need additional information.

ANDERSON UNIVERSITY ROTARACT MOVING ON UP

Amanda Sheehan and Meredith Rice, respectively president and vice president of AU Rotaract, led the club in handing out candy in wrappers with Rotaract meeting times and place to inform AU students of Rotaract and the opportunities membership affords. The event was successful and drew several new members to the first Rotaract meeting for this semester. The club now has 15 members and big plans for projects. AU Rotaract is sponsored by the Anderson Rotary and Greater Anderson Rotary clubs.

Also speaking at the first Rotaract meeting was PDG Carol Burdette, Director of United Way. Carol gave a very enlightening and encouraging talk on the history of Rotary and what it means to be a Rotarian. The club has two new faculty sponsors who are also "pumped up" for growing Rotaract. Stay tuned....



STATE INTERACT CONVENTION WILL BE IN WINNSBORO

The state Interact Convention, which includes all Interact clubs in South Carolina, will be held this year at White Oak Conference Center, near Winnsboro April 4-6. At the convention, each club will highlight its best service project as a part of the activities. Awards will also be presented, two in each category based on club size. :

- Best Community Service Project
- Best School Service Project
- Best International Service project
- Best "Service Above Self" Project
- Best Cooperative service project with sponsoring Rotary club
- Best Fund-Raiser
- Best Club t-shirt
- Best Facebook Page (pages saved on flash drive)
- Best Scrapbook / Club Exhibit

Clubs can submit entries for as many categories as it chooses.

LINKS

[Schedule](#)

[Cover Letter](#)

[Registration Form](#)

[Letter to Club President](#)

[Insurance Policy](#)

[District Interact Chair](#)

Jimmy Roach

Rotary Club of Clover

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SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATIONS NEEDED

The Significant Achievement Award recognizes Rotary clubs for outstanding community service projects. To be eligible, projects must:

- address a significant problem or need in the local community
- involve most or all of the club members in personal rather than monetary service
- be commensurate with the club's size and resources
- be capable of emulation by other Rotary clubs

- be currently active or reach a conclusion during the Rotary year for which the award is given

- be carried out by a single Rotary club

No club may receive the award more than once for the same project. You must get your nomination form to Lorraine no later than March 5. She will submit one winning entry from 7750.

[Download the Significant Achievement Award nomination form.](#)



Panelists for the included Anthony Keck, head of South Carolina's Department of Health and Human Services; Matthew Shaffer, a senior vice president with BlueCross BlueShield South Carolina; and Angelo Sinopoli, chief medical officer with Greenville Health System.

GREENVILLE CLUB HEARS HEALTHCARE UPDATE

The Rotary Club of Greenville featured a panel on healthcare titled, The Future Healthcare Environment with a Focus on Cost, Quality, and Access. The purpose of the panel was to educate Rotarians on the changes taking place in health care today and those expected in the future. The panel made it possible for the club to have outstanding media cover, including coverage on television and in newspapers. The panel was sponsored by the Greenville Hospital System, and Robyn Zimmerman, a Rotarian who works at at GHS, did much of the planning.

Two articles on the health care panel can be found at the following links:

GSA Business: <http://gsabusiness.com/news/50120-s-c-medicare-head-hospitals-need-to-change-on-filling-beds-to-make-money>

Greenville Journal: <http://www.greenvillejournal.com/local/2831-leaders-discuss-healthcare-cost-access-and-quality.html>

NORTH GREENVILLE ROTARY AT THE CHRISTMAS PARADE

Nothing goes better with a good ole-fashion Christmas Parade on a cold December evening than a cup of hot chocolate and Krispy Kreme doughnuts. And who better to serve up hundreds of each than the members of the North Greenville Rotary Club!

As one of its many annual projects, the North Greenville Club raised over \$2,000 for its Charitable Foundation by soothing the taste buds of thousands of Greenvillians who braved the chilly weather for a glimpse of local high school bands, dance troupes, clowns and, of course, Ole Saint Nick.

Most of the members of the NG Club, with the help of the Wade Hampton High School Interact Club that it sponsors, doled out the favors.

A home-base tent was centrally located in the Main Street plaza of the Peace Center for the Performing Arts, while teams of jolly Rotarians and Interactors pulled wagons laden with the goodies up and down Main Street, taking their warm drinks and tasty treats to the folks who had for many hours camped out curb-side for the big parade.

Each year the North Greenville Rotary Club gives out thousands of dollars from the earnings of its Foundation to many local charities that support the needy in Greenville. Members nominate their favorite charities, and the recipient organizations are selected by a committee of the last three club presidents. Since its founding in 1955, the North Greenville Rotary Club has supported a broad spectrum of local charitable groups who in turn give a helping hand to those most in need.



ROTARY CELEBRATES INDIA'S THIRD STRAIGHT POLIO-FREE YEAR

At the Mid-Year Assembly, PDG Kim Gramling, our District Polio Chair pictured at right, repeated the announcement made earlier in January that India has now passed the crucial third anniversary of no new polio cases.

The last reported case in India was Jan. 13, 2011, when a two-year old girl suffered polio paralysis in Howrah district of West Bengal. Since then, India has not reported any new cases of wild poliovirus.

In celebration of the decades-long battle, Rotary clubs throughout the country illuminated landmarks and iconic structures on Jan. 13. India Gate in Delhi and Red Fort in Delhi and Agra were among the structures that carried the dramatic message – 'India is Polio Free'.

The three-year achievement also sets the stage for the polio-free certification of the entire South East Asia Region of the World Health Organization in the first quarter of 2014 by the Regional Certification Committee. The challenge now is to replicate India's success in neighboring Pakistan (which is in a different WHO region), one of three remaining polio-endemic countries. Afghanistan and Nigeria are the others.



Mid-Year Assembly and Pre-PETS 2014: More photos from the Mid Year Assembly are on the [District Picasa website](#).



ROTARY CLUB OF GREENWOOD CELEBRATES 94 YEARS OF SERVICE

Charter Day—What could be better than celebrating a birthday in the snow?

As the snow drifted down lazily outside on Tuesday, January 28, the Rotary Club of Greenwood celebrated its Charter Day and 94 years serving the community.

But club service is not just celebrated history. Last Saturday, January 25, Club members, Interact members, Emerald City Club members, and local Boy Scouts packed 24,192 meals for Feed the Hungry!

The upcoming Oyster Roast—while being a time of fellowship and fun—raises valuable funds for local charities.

The CART Bucket has quickly become a Club tradition, and the generosity of members has led Club President Jon Scott to restyle it DART (Dollars for Alzheimer's Research Trust).

Finally, upcoming Educator Appreciation Day honors outstanding teachers from schools in our area, and the upcoming Shadow Day provides over 50 provides local high school students an opportunity to learn

about local careers in preparation for their own.

Emceed by Claire Kuhl, the Charter Day celebration was both serious and lighthearted. Three stalwart Rotarians communicated the impact Rotary has had in their lives and on the community:

Lex Walters challenged the Club with a question of the greatest gravity. "What if everyone believed in Service Above Self and in the principles of the 4 Way Test? What would the impact be on our world?" asked Lex. "Rotary", he proposed, "gives members a bag of tools that they must use to impact the world."

Steve Odom celebrated the people he has met and the opportunities he has had to address local and international issues.

Jack Parham reflected on the fellowship and service of Rotary, remarking that "Rotary embodies the aspects of a meaningful life - spirituality, patriotism, community support, and awareness of community issues."

Embodying the fellowship of

Rotary, four Rotarians participated in a quiz bowl about Rotary history. "Young Turks" Lelion Elledge and Mark Kasper faced off against the "Old Timers," Erin Layland and—in a surprise appearance!—the Oldest Living Rotarian. The hard-fought quiz battle ended in a 6-6 tie.

Erin Layland (right) pictured with OLDEST ROTARIAN.



In a meeting full of fellowship, fun, and serious reflection, the highlight was the presentation of several awards, pictured on this page.

The action-packed Charter Day was a celebration of many sorts; full of history, engaging stories and games. It was an appropriate way to celebrate the club's rich history over the past 94 years during a busy year of engaging Rotary and changing lives.

Left to right: Jack Parham, Lex Walters, and Steve Odom



The Outstanding New Member Award was awarded to Blaine Pearsall for his dedication to the Club. A well-deserved award, Chuck Fox reported (or slightly embellished) that Blaine spends 24 hours daily preparing for the Oyster Roast!



Contributed by Eric Goodwin and photos by Stephen Baggett, Jr.

Lex Walters, Club President during 2009-2010 and president Emeritus of Piedmont Technical College, was recognized as the club's first Major Donor during Charter Day. From left are: Rotary Club of Greenwood President Jon Scott, Rosemary Walters, Lex Walters and District Governor Lorraine Angelino.



Mo Scott, Co-Chair of the club's Rotary Foundation Committee earned his Paul Harris +4 pin. Pictured are Mo (left) and his son, Jon.

CALENDAR



FRIDAY, FEB. 14

Rotary Has Heart. Effort in Zones 33-34 to get every club involved in a project to feed hungry children.



THURSDAY-SATURDAY, MARCH 6-8

Carolinas PETS, Greensboro, NC. For all incoming club presidents and assistant governors. www.carolinaspets.org



FRIDAY, MARCH 14

On March 14, a Rotary Leadership Institute training event will be held at Spartanburg Community College's Tyger River Campus in Duncan. Registration fees for the Spring Program are \$95 for Part I, \$85 for Part II, and \$75 for Part III. The RLI Zone site for registration is rli33.org. Then click on the yellow highlighted "Register Now – Events Calendar." Contact George Fletcher (864.380.6392) if you need additional information.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25-

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

District Conference, Dillard House. Dillard, Georgia. Come and plan to have FUN! Families are welcome. Guests: Motorcycle "Bob" (See August 2013 Newsletter), Blake and Kathy Collingsworth (Josh the Otter), Marios Antoniou (Peace Fellow), and the Presidents Representative. We are trying to get a couple more speakers as well as speakers from within the District. Our number one goal is to have FUN with Rotary. Friday night will include a BBQ buffet (ribs are out of this world) with local music, hayrides, and a bonfire. Dress will be casual (jeans, country shirt, boots, and cowboy hats).



We will have a house of friendship so start putting your display boards together and the hospitality suite will be there in the house of friendship. Cash bar but a portion of the proceeds will go to Polio as will tips. More information will be available soon.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

Rotary District 7750: 2014 Friendship Ride to End Polio – Starts at Dillard House in Georgia and goes to Maggie Valley, NC on Sunday, April 27 following the District Conference. Meet at the Dillard House or meet in Maggie Valley, NC. For more information visit: www.friendshipride.org.



THURSDAY, JUNE 19

Installation of Tom Faulkner as Governor. Cannon Centre, 204 Cannon Street, Greer, SC 29651 6-8:30pm.

Rotary District 7750 Membership & Attendance for December

Club	Members 6/30/2013	Current Members	Change	Meetings Held	Attend. %
Abbeville	52	55	3	3	59.00
Aiken	170	171	1	3	78.03
Aiken Sunrise	40	43	3	3	80.18
Anderson	95	96	1	2	72.93
Batesburg-Leesville	21	22	1	3	46.59
Blacksburg	12	13	1	3	69.70
Chester	43	46	3	3	54.81
Clemson	98	92	-6	2	66.48
Clemson-Calhoun	28	27	-1	3	76.71
Clinton	26	27	1	2	59.26
Clover	24	25	1	3	77.33
EClub of the Carolinas	21	24	3	3	83.33
Easley	59	55	-4	3	84.52
Electric City	0	0	0	0	0.00
Emerald City	53	49	-4	3	74.83
Fair Play	14	11	-3	3	96.60
Fort Mill	81	79	-2	4	44.90
Fountain Inn	40	41	1	3	70.40
Gaffney	72	65	-7	3	73.25
Golden Strip Sunrise	15	14	-1	3	64.30
Greater Anderson	53	59	6	3	63.87
Greater Greer	18	16	-2	3	35.00
Greenville	258	256	-2	2	64.25
Greenville Breakfast	20	22	2	3	86.00
Greenville East	20	29	9	3	62.06
Greenville Evening	27	33	6	2	60.00
Greenwood	103	104	1	2	70.67
Indian Land	33	33	0	3	70.71
Inman	19	21	2	2	75.00
Lake Wylie	24	24	0	3	78.50
Lancaster	69	75	6	3	70.73

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Lancaster Breakfast	77	74	-3	2	72.00
Laurens	49	50	1	3	80.00
Mauldin	26	27	1	3	60.76
McCormick County	12	9	-3	3	67.00
Newberry	66	74	8	2	83.00
North Augusta	18	17	-1	3	58.70
North Greenville	22	30	8	3	73.33
North Spartanburg	42	43	1	2	86.23
Pickens	45	42	-3	3	66.67
Pleasantburg	39	37	-2	3	64.29
Rock Hill	100	100	0	1	75.43
Seneca	39	45	6	3	76.00
Seneca Golden Corner	28	28	0	3	61.90
Simpsonville	50	48	-2	3	98.60
Spartan West	21	23	2	3	83.33
Spartanburg	164	175	11	2	56.25
The Foothills	15	17	2	2	55.88
Twin City	16	17	1	3	72.00
Union	40	46	6	3	71.21
Walhalla	36	36	0	3	71.00
Westminster	23	28	5	4	79.00
Winnsboro	39	42	3	2	79.00
Woodruff	14	15	1	0	0.00
York	32	32	0	3	76.90
TOTALS	2621	2682	61		
55 of 55 clubs reporting					



Membership Champions

(new members and their sponsors during December)

New Member	Club	Sponsor	Classification
Alexander, Greg (GREG)	Laurens		
Beam, John Ellis (ELLIS)	Chester	Randy Ligon	Web Designer
Burke, Rosiland (ROSILAND)	Laurens		
Cahill, Elizabeth (ELIZABETH)	Aiken Sunrise	Rysheeka N. Bush	IT Consultant
Cantrell, H. Furman (FURMAN)	Batesburg-Leesville		
Chesser, James (JAMES)	Greenville	Judith Prince, Elizabeth LYons	Attorney
Gangadeen, Kevin E (KEVIN)	Fort Mill	Andreas Schuhmacher	Assistant General Manager
Garrity, Lindsay Gosnell (LINDSAY)	Spartanburg	Barney Gosnell	Accounting - Regional
Graham, Chad McQueen (CHAD)	Spartanburg	Louis Smith	Law - Contract Law
Hardaway, Jack (JACK)	Greater Anderson	Joseph T. Maxwell	Clergy
Katz, Robert (BOB)	Fort Mill	Jeff W Harr	Operations Director
Kingery, Jon (JON)	York		
Ledda, Sonny (SONNY)	Laurens		
Minton, Kevin (KEVIN)	Greenville	Terry Weaver, Myles Golden	Consulting
Priest, Ellen Clohosey (ELLEN)	Aiken	Scott B. Hunter	Publishing-Newspapers
Redish, Carlotta Denise (CARLOTTA)	Spartanburg	Russell William Booker	Public Education - Administration
Ward, George (GEORGE)	Laurens		
Wham, Allen (ALLEN)	Laurens		
Zinn, Wayne Michael (MICHAEL)	Lake Wylie	Matt McGarrity	Business Consultant