



# Rotary

## Club of Greer



### President's Corner

Tuesday, July 1,  
2025

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#### Club Meeting

Greer  
Meets at  
Cartwright Food  
Hall, 2nd Floor  
215 Trade St  
Greer, SC 29651  
1st and 3rd  
Tuesdays  
Time: 05:30 PM

#### Club Officers



Anna  
Ryan  
President



Lance  
Pittman  
President-  
Elect  
Vice  
President

Team Greer,

As I look back at the past year, I am amazed by what we have accomplished and how far we have come.

- We hosted our first Paws and Pints for Polio to raise money for Polio Plus. Hopefully, this event will continue to see the growth we have experienced with DAG.
- We overcame a catastrophic hurricane, in which some of our members had damage to their homes and properties. Our club jumped in to help where needed, in true Rotarian fashion.
- We held an Ice Cream Social for the elderly and the mentally challenged at the Greer Community Ministries, another event I hope will continue.

As our membership continued to grow, so did your involvement, with members attending RLI, and helping out with various causes around the District, including Rise Against Hunger, The Duck Derby, Veterans Day Flag planting, Lake Robinson Day, Greer Goes Global, Freedom Blast, and others!

We also continued our success at Dining Around Greer, which allowed us to make donations to 8 different charities as well as provide a scholarship to a student from Bonds Career Center!

That, my friends, is one heck of a year!

With our new leadership taking over in July, I see nothing but blue skies ahead of us. I encourage all of you to be engaged and find areas we can improve and ways we can better serve our community. Thanks again to all of you. It has been an honor.

Yours in Rotary service ~Jim Nichols



Fellow Rotarians,

What a journey it's been already—and we're just getting started! As we step into a new Rotary year, I'm filled with gratitude for all we've built together and even more excited for what's ahead.

This year, our focus is simple: grow stronger, go deeper, and serve with joy.

We'll be investing in leadership, growing our committees, and continuing to invite new faces to experience what makes this club so special.

You'll see more intentional planning, a few new traditions, and, of course, a lot of fun along the way. Thank you for trusting me to serve as your president. I look forward to what we will accomplish together.

Yours in Rotary, Anna Ryan  
President, 2025–2026



Amy  
Sherrill  
McBurnie  
Secretary



Deanna  
Austin  
Treasurer

## June Highlights

### New Faces, Big Thanks, and a Strong Finish

We wrapped up the Rotary year with a whole lot to celebrate! Three new members—Lincoln Gomes, Heloiza Gasparin, and Mica Tholen—joined our Greer Rotary family. We're excited to welcome them and can't wait to see the impact they'll make in our club and community.

We also took time to recognize some of our incredible members. Melissa Patterson, Deanna Austin, and Carrie Krause were each honored with Paul Harris Fellow recognition—a big shoutout to their continued generosity and service.



And speaking of Carrie... she was named our Honorary Jim Mitchell Rotarian of the Year! A well-deserved honor for her hard work and leadership throughout the year.

Finally, we recognized the hard work that Jim Nichols put in over the past year of service as club president. Thank you, Jim, for your leadership and dedication to Rotary!

From new members to heartfelt moments, June was the perfect way to close out a great Rotary year!



## June Volunteers

### JULY VOLUNTEERS - GREER FREEDOM BLAST THANK YOU!

**Deanna Austin Jim Nichols  
Eric Bridge & nephew Casey  
Kyle Brook  
Kevin Comer  
Alex Farley  
Jeff Leichter  
Autumn & Alex Lawhun**

**Stacey Matsuda  
Jim Nichols  
Amy McBurnie & Russ Shumway  
Jeremy Mosteller  
Jason & Marjan Schoettekotte  
Brantlee & Dennis Slusser**

Thank you to our incredible June volunteers who served meals at the Greer Freedom Blast! Your time, energy, and smiles helped make the event a true celebration of community and service. We're proud to have such dedicated Rotarians making a difference.



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## Breaking News!

If you haven't read the district newsletter - Rotary Club of Greer was awarded a district grant for the adaptive wheelchair for Adaptive Pickleball! Exciting news!





## July Meetings!

July brings the start of a new Rotary year! Join us on July 1 for a look at where we came from and where we are headed with speakers, Jim Mitchell and Anna Ryan. Then stay tuned to our social media channels and our website to see what is coming up on July 15th.

**Join Us July 1**  
**5:30 PM**  
**Cartwright Food Hall**

**Hear from our founder & our new president**  
**Rotary Club of Greer – Where community leads forward**

**Rotary**  
Club of Greer SC

## Club Earns EPIC Award

**EPIC AWARD**  
This Certificate Is Proudly Presented To

**ROTARY CLUB OF GREER**

**ROTARY YEAR 2024-2025**

For your Excellence in Public Image Coordination, and diligence in supporting Rotary's public image and sharing the Rotary story.

*Billi Black*  
**BILLI BLACK**  
Rotary Public Image Coordinator

**Rotary**  
Zones 33/34

*Susan Courter*  
**SUSAN COURTER**  
Rotary Public Image Coordinator

**PLATINUM LEVEL**

Maybe some of you wondered what this was when it was awarded in June. I didn't talk about it with anyone except the Board. Throughout the year, as Public Image Chair, I've been submitting monthly tasks related to PI/PR for Rotary. The tasks ranged from doing a Public Image Audit and creating a PI plan and calendar for the year to reporting on how we use media and branding elements provided by Rotary International. Earning a platinum-level EPIC award required 10 tasks to be completed -- we did them all!

Something to celebrate...oh, and BTW, the first two tasks are already completed for 2025-26! ~ Carrie

## SAVE THE DATE

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays: Mauldin Happy Hour Club  
(our satellite club) meeting at Restaurant Rocco,  
315 BridgeWay, 5:30 PM

July 18: District 7750 Awards & Installation,  
Poinsett Club, Greenville

August 9: Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI),  
Duncan, SC

September 20: Rotary Leadership Institute  
(RLI), Columbia, SC

## Rotary Leadership Institute in August

Ever wondered what the wider Rotary organization is about? Where can you learn more about the history and organization of Rotary? Interested in connecting with other Rotarians from other clubs to share and problem-solve together? Well, RLI is the place to start! The next Rotary Leadership Institute is in Duncan on August 9. Sign up early as spots fill fast, and don't forget to tell the treasurer when you complete a component, and you'll receive 1/2 off your next dues invoice.

### Rotary Leadership Institute Duncan, SC August 9

Register Now



### Find Your Passion in Rotary!

#### Rotary Leadership Institute

August 9, 2025

SPARK Center, Duncan, SC  
Register at [www.midatlanticrli.org](http://www.midatlanticrli.org)  
or the District Calendar in QACdb

Join us for an RLI event to learn about our Rotary history, our Foundation, strategies for why and how to grow membership and the latest public image/public relations ideas. Learn, share, and network with fellow Rotarians about how they serve our community and the world.

All sessions are highly interactive and fun.

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We're Looking for ...  
Community minded people,  
passionate & fun people,  
practical & resourceful people,  
helpful people who want to  
lead Rotary into the future.

## Birthdays



Lance Pittman  
July 5th



Debbie Manning  
July 6th



Blake Langford  
July 9th



Barrett Langford  
July 9th



Jeremy James  
Mosteller  
July 21st