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Club Meeting

1st and 3rd
Tuesdays

Welcome to June



May in Review

May was a busy and rewarding month for the Rotary Club of Greer as we continued to focus on service, fellowship, and preparing for the year ahead.

We welcomed two new members, Cora Newcomb and Greg Snyder, and celebrated the presentation of grants to five local organizations. Members also approved updates to the club bylaws and learned more about opportunities to support The Rotary Foundation as we work toward Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) recognition.

Our meetings featured meaningful conversations, including a presentation from Jim Mosteller on the HeartSTAR principles and a visit from the Dance Collaborative team,

La Joya Bar & Grill
219 Trade St.
Greer, SC 29651
Time: Tuesday at
05:30 PM

Club Officers



Anna
Ryan
President



Lance
Pittman
President-
Elect



Carrie B.
Krause
Secretary



Deanna
Austin
Treasurer

who shared the work they do in the Upstate, and how Rotary members can make an impact through an upcoming volunteer opportunity.

Outside our regular meetings, members enjoyed fellowship at our Bourbon Social and joined the community in celebrating fellow Rotarian Maria Amore, whose business, Bellamore, was recognized as the Greer Chamber's Small Business of the Quarter.



As we approach the close of another Rotary year, thank you to everyone who continues to show up, serve, and strengthen our club. Your participation makes a difference in Greer and beyond.

Welcome, Cora and Greg!

We are excited to welcome our newest members, Cora Newcomb and Greg Snyder, who were officially inducted into the Rotary Club of Greer on May 19.



Rotary is strengthened by members who bring diverse experiences, talents, and a shared commitment to Service Above Self. We look forward to getting to know Cora and Greg and working alongside them as we continue making a positive impact in our community and beyond.

Please join us in extending a warm Rotary welcome to Cora and Greg!

Know someone who would make a great Rotarian? One of the best ways to grow our club is through personal invitations. If you have a friend, colleague, neighbor, or community leader who shares a heart for service and fellowship, invite them to join you at an upcoming meeting and experience Rotary firsthand.

Dance Collective Service Event

Thank you to everyone that came to help out at the End of Spring Recitals for the Dance Collective. They are a super organized operation and were so appreciative of the help on the flower arrangement night, as well as the rest of us who helped on Saturday. Way to exemplify our *Service Above Self* motto!

~Stacey Matsuda



May Volunteers

**Thank You,
Dance Collaborative Volunteers!**



Deanna Austin
Pam Baldwin
Autumn Lawhun
Carrie Krause
Kerry Krause
Stacey Matsuda
Jim Nichols
Cindy St. Peter
Rick St. Peter

A Surprise Honor for Maria Amore

Congratulations, Maria!

On May 20, Rotary Club of Greer member Maria Amore, owner of Bellamore, received a wonderful surprise when the Greer Chamber of Commerce presented Bellamore with its Small Business of the Quarter Award.

The presentation took place during Bellamore's monthly Business & Bagels networking event, which Maria hosts to bring local professionals and business leaders together. What Maria didn't know was that friends, colleagues, and community supporters had gathered for more than just networking—they were there to celebrate her and the success of Bellamore.

The award recognizes Bellamore's commitment to excellence, community engagement, and the positive impact the business has made in Greer. Those who know Maria were not surprised by the honor, as she consistently invests her time, energy, and talents into supporting others and strengthening our community.

Congratulations, Maria, on this well-deserved recognition! We are proud to have you as part of the Rotary Club of Greer and grateful for the many ways you help make Greer a better place.



New Fundraising Ideas

Now that Dining Around Greer is behind us, we are trying to come up with new fundraising ideas.

Rotarian Dennis Slusser is in the tourism business. He has made a suggestion to have a cruise trip open to anyone. It's not a raffle, so there is no upfront investment for the club. He will take care of all the details from taking payments, arranging flights, excursions, etc. This fundraiser will be open to everyone — families, friends and associates of Rotarians. You don't have to be a Rotarian to join in. All that Greer Rotary needs to do is promote it. A portion of the cost of the cruise per person will come back to the club. Dennis has offered to donate part of his receipts of the costs of excursions, etc., as well. The more cabins that are reserved, the more profitable for the Greer Rotary Club.



I also asked Dennis if there might be an alternative to a cruise, i.e. a resort trip, bus tour. Looking for anyone's questions or suggestions about this fundraising idea. What do you think?

~ Rachel

Looking Forward to June

June brings two meaningful meetings as we close out another Rotary year together.

June 2 – Join us as we welcome **Rita Yarbrough**, District 7750 Paul Harris Society Coordinator, for a presentation on the Paul Harris Society and its impact through The Rotary Foundation. We'll also hear from our own Foundation Chair, **Jim Nichols**, who will share more about The Rotary Foundation, how it supports life-changing projects around the world, and why member participation matters.



June 16 – It's time to celebrate! Our annual Awards and Recognition Meeting will honor the members, volunteers, and leaders who have helped make this a successful Rotary year. We'll also mark the official "passing of the baton" as we welcome our incoming club leadership and look ahead to another year of Service Above Self. Come

celebrate the accomplishments of our club, recognize outstanding service, and help us kick off an exciting new Rotary year.

June Calendar

SAVE THE DATE

June 2: Club Meeting, La Joya Bar & Grill
(Rita Yarbrough, Paul Harris Society)

June 10: Board Meeting, Location TBD

June 16: Club Meeting, La Joya Bar & Grill
(end of year celebration and club awards)

June 27: Greer Freedom Blast

July 11: District 7750 Awards & Installation
Picnic, Greer City Park & Events Center



Upcoming RLI Dates



Expand Your Rotary Horizon

Ready to connect beyond our club? Join a **Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)** session to learn more about Rotary, share best practices, and problem-solve with fellow leaders.

Upcoming RLI Dates

Online Options:

August 12, Part I

October 5, Part II or Part III

In-Person Options:

June 6, Columbia, SC, Parts I, II, III

August 22, Duncan, SC, Parts I, II, III (*this one fills up fast, so don't wait to register!*)

There are other training opportunities farther away if you want to travel.

Ready to register? Log into **DACdb** and head to the "Calendar" or "RLI Training" tabs. If you've forgotten your login, don't sweat it — just reach out to **Carrie** for a quick reset.