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OCTOBER IS ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH

Foster sustainable growth, empower communities, and support economic initiatives.



Opportunities for Community & Service!

Take a peek at October! It is full of opportunities to gather with fellow club members and to serve in the community! Let Autumn know if you are able to help out at either of these events or want to help with prepping the craft for Lake Robinson Days! (Event times on graphic include setup and teardown!)



**LAKE ROBINSON DAY
OCTOBER 18, 9:30 - 2:30
CRAFT & STORYTIME**



**PAWS & PINTS FOR POLIO
OCTOBER 25, 11:30 - 6:30
THE SOUTHERN GROWL**

- COSTUME CONTEST
- LOCAL PET VENDORS
- GREAT BEER & FOOD

Coming in October!

Club Meeting

1st and 3rd
Tuesdays
215 Trade St.
Greer, SC 29651
Time: 05:30 PM

Club Officers



Anna
Ryan
President



Lance
Pittman
Vice
President



Amy
Sherrill
McBurnie
Secretary



Deanna
Austin
Treasurer

Our October meetings are full of opportunities to connect, learn, and serve!

October 7 – We welcome **District Governor Dave Brenner****, who will share Rotary International and District 7750 goals and objectives for the year ahead. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a friend or partner for this special visit.

Special Guest:
District 7750 Governor David Brenner



JOIN US!

Oct. 7, 2025
5:30 PM
Cartwright Food Hall (Upstairs)

Rotarian Spotlight:
Jeff Leichter Shares Their Story



October 21
5:30 PM
Cartwright Food Hall
215 Trade St.
Greer, SC

Rotary
Club of Greer, SC

October 21 – Fellow Rotarian **Jeff Leichter of HealthMarkets** will share his personal story with us.

Throughout the month, we'll also continue work on our **fall service projects**, with updates and new ways for everyone to get involved. Let's show up strong in October as People of Action!

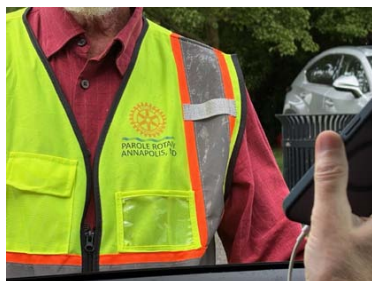
****About District Governor Dave Brenner**

Dave Brenner has been a member of the Rotary Club of Greenville Breakfast since 2013, serving twice as Club President and later as Assistant Governor and District RYLA Chair. A graduate of the Rotary Leadership Institute, he is also a Paul Harris Society member and Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation.

Beyond Rotary, Dave is a retired Michelin plant manager, a U.S. Navy veteran, and a lifelong community leader. An Eagle Scout and recipient of multiple Scouting honors, he continues to serve youth through the Blue Ridge Council, BSA.

Dave and his wife, Peggy, have been married 51 years and enjoy spending time with their three children, four grandchildren, and great-granddaughter.

Rotary Around the World - USA



Service Above Self in Action! Spotted at the Navy football stadium by the Krauses, members of **Parole Rotary Club (Maryland, USA)** in their bright safety vests help keep things moving smoothly. From game day traffic to global projects, Rotary shows up where it counts!

(I have to say this guy was a little crotchety until we mentioned we were part of Rotary!)

Where have you seen Rotary on your travels? Snap a picture and we will feature it in the newsletter!

Wreaths Across America Day in Greer: Remember, Honor, Teach

The American Legion of Greer is spearheading Wreaths across America for Greer, which involves getting donations for purchasing the wreaths and volunteers to place the wreaths at the veterans' graves.



How to get involved:

- **Sponsor a wreath(s):** Give a check to Deanna (indicate "Wreaths Across America") or donate via PayPal (Rotary Club of Greer@rotaryclubofgreer).
- **Volunteer:** We need volunteers to help lay wreaths on December 13th.

What does sponsoring a wreath mean? It's a personal gift of gratitude and remembrance for a veteran who served our country, supporting the year-long mission to remember the fallen, honor those who serve, and teach the next generation the value of freedom. Your \$17 sponsorship places a veteran's wreath at a gravesite. We hope you will consider this opportunity.

Join us on Saturday, December 13, 2025, as we participate in National Wreaths Across America Day at Hillcrest Memorial Cemetery in Greer (across from Walmart), starting at 11 AM. More than two million volunteers nationwide will gather to Remember, Honor, and Teach, and we invite you to join the American Legion of Greer and the Rotary Club of Greer in this meaningful community service project.

Please consider donating and volunteering to help us honor our American heroes in Greer. For more information, visit wreathsassamerica.org.

Board Approves Magic the Gathering Fundraiser!



The Board of Directors has given the green light to a new and innovative fundraising event: a **Magic the Gathering** tournament. Led by Kyle Brook, this initiative will provide a fresh way to raise funds for a future charitable beneficiary.

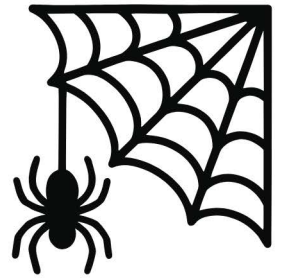
Key Details:

- **What:** A "Commander" format tournament for the classic trading card game **Magic the Gathering**.
- **Where:** Not Just Gaming, a local store in downtown Greer.
- **When:** Date to be determined, with potential for monthly repeats.
- **Cost:** \$20 entry fee per player.
- **Goal:** A minimum of \$120 profit per event, with very little overhead costs.

Keep an eye out for an announcement with the official date and further instructions.



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September Recap

September brought more planning for the year as we were challenged to step into leadership and consider chairing a committee or volunteering to serve on one! On September 2nd, Anna led us in a game of controversial committee bingo as we considered what committee responsibilities were and got some insight into all the overlap in committee work.



The club tried a new location on September 16 when we met at LaJoya Bar & Grill to learn more about service projects in the works and get further updates on fundraising (see article in this newsletter).



We miss those of you who can't make it and look forward to seeing you soon, either at a meeting or a service event.

Rotary Zones 33-34 Summit Recap



Our gathering of Rotary leaders in Jacksonville was a whirlwind of inspiration, service, and fun. The event kicked off with a roaring '20s party at the Florida Theatre and was packed with incredible speakers, from RI President Stephanie Urchick to Angela TenBroek of the Center for Sustainable Agriculture. It wasn't all speeches, though—we rolled up our sleeves to pack 5,000 pounds of T-shirts for Rethreaded, a powerful nonprofit helping human trafficking survivors. The spirit of fellowship was strong, from the BBQ with 2027-28 RI President Nominee Larry Lunsford to the Saturday night celebration with dueling pianos and a lively auction for the Rotary Foundation. We wrapped up the experience with an exciting look ahead to the 2026 International Convention in Taipei.

If you have an opportunity to attend district, zone or international events, you will develop lifelong friendships. My new Facebook friends count is at 15 and growing!



RLI Faculty Trainee

Congratulations to Carrie Krause for completing the first step to becoming a faculty member for Rotary Leadership Institute. On September 20, she attended a full day of faculty training, alongside the RLI regular sessions. There are more hurdles — observing RLI sessions focused on facilitation, and working with a mentor to facilitate at RLI.

When she passes these hurdles, she will be considered an active faculty member. Way to go!



Upcoming RLI Dates



Mid Atlantic RLI

PA • MD • DE • DC • WV • TN • VA • NC • SC

Where can I learn more about the history and organization of Rotary? I want to with Rotarians from other clubs to share and problem-solve together? Well, RLI is the place to start!

Future RLI Dates:

October 11: Asheville, Parts I, II, III

November 11-12: Virtual, Parts I, II, III

January 13-14: Virtual, Part I

March 7: Anderson, Parts I, II, III

There are other training opportunities farther away if you want to travel. You can find all the listings of upcoming training on DACdb at [myclub/calendar](#) and [events/RLI training event](#). If you need help logging into DACdb, please contact Amy.

October Save the Date Info!

Wow, there's a lot happening for the club this fall! Mark these dates and keep up with what is happening via email, our website calendar, and by attending meetings!

SAVE THE DATE

October 7: District Governor official club visit

October 18: Lake Robinson Day. Volunteers needed.

October 25: Paws & Pints for Polio, The Southern Growl, 12 - 6. Volunteers needed.

November 4: Veterans Service Project

December 7: Greer Christmas Parade

December 16: Club Holiday Party @ Bellamore

(Stay tuned for more updates via email & website!)

Happy Halloween

