



# Rotary

## Club of Greer



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## President's Message

August has been a month of building momentum and leaning into the heart of Rotary: fellowship and service. We kicked off the year with strong participation in committee planning, and I'm encouraged by the way members are stepping into roles and sharing ideas. Together, we are shaping a year of purpose and impact.

This month, we also celebrated Rotary's focus on **Membership and New Club Development**. Our growth is not just about numbers; it is about strengthening connections, inviting neighbors and friends to experience Rotary, and ensuring every member feels engaged and valued. Thank you to those who have already brought guests and shared your Rotary story.

Looking ahead, we will continue to highlight our committees, plan upcoming service projects, and create opportunities for members to grow in leadership. Your involvement is what makes our club vibrant and effective. Every handshake, every invitation, and every act of service matters.

I am grateful for the energy, commitment, and spirit you each bring. Together, we are not just a club, we are a community making a difference.

With appreciation,  
Anna Ryan  
President, 2025–2026



## Welcome, New Members

We are thrilled to welcome Zane Absten, Wade Johns, and Trade Street Social (corporate member) into the Rotary Club of Greer! Each brings unique talents, professional expertise, and a heart for service. We look forward to seeing the ways they will help strengthen our club and our impact in the community.



L to R: Stacy Wagner (Trade Street Social) w/ sponsor, Becky Moreno, Jeremy Mosteller (sponsor) w/ Wade Johns, and Zane Absten w sponsor, Autumn Lawhun

## Club Meeting

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

## Club Officers



Anna  
Ryan  
President



Lance  
Pittman  
President-  
Elect  
Vice  
President



Amy  
Sherrill  
McBurnie  
Secretary



Deanna  
Austin  
Treasurer

## September Rotary Theme

### SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

Empower through education,  
promote literacy, and  
support learning initiatives.



## Back-to-School Drive Sparks Rotary Spirit

When the Greer Community Ministries Back-to-School Drive was added to our agenda at the last minute for August 5, our club didn't just step up—we surged forward! Members quickly gathered backpacks, supplies, and enthusiasm, creating a wave of energy that will help local students start the school year strong.

Thanks to your Rotary generosity, we were able to deliver 59 backpacks to Greer Community Ministries! Way to go, Greer Rotary!





## Supplies & Volunteers Needed!

We still need a few more volunteers for the afternoon shift, 12:00–2:30, including breakdown. Let me know if you can help out, and even if you can't stay the whole time, stop by and see us! It's a great way to get to know other club members while letting the community know who we are. We will have a craft project (see supply request), and story time for the children who visit our tent.

*I will set up a prep day for all these toilet paper rolls also, so if you don't want to be outside but want to craft one afternoon with yours truly, my liquor cabinet will be open for helpers.*

Autumn Lawhun

Supplies for Lake Robinson Day  
October 18, 2025

Please save toilet paper and paper towel rolls for a project at our booth! Watch for sign-up to help onsite coming soon!

## Paws & Pints for Polio

Save the date for Paws & Pints - Saturday, October 25, 12-6 PM, The Southern Growl! Plan your costumes for you and your furry friend and come support the End Polio Now campaign.

Printed flyers with a QR code will be available for members to take at our September 16 meeting and the event will be posted to Facebook in that same timeframe. You are encouraged to post flyers at local businesses and to share the FB event widely once they are available. In the meantime, share the 'Save The Date' social media post that came out on August 26th!

More information about this event will be shared over the next few weeks. If you are interested in helping with event plans or in taking a volunteer shift that day, please reach out to me. And of course, if you can't take on a volunteer shift, at least stop by and support the event by donating or buying a beer or two!

Thanks, Autumn Lawhun



## September Meetings

September 2, 2025



Join in the fun as we mix things up  
with an interactive club activity!  
*Probably not Kahoot! IYKYK*

### Rotarian Spotlight: Jeff Leichter Shares Their Story



September 16  
5:30 PM  
Cartwright Food Hall  
215 Trade St.  
Greer, SC

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## Membership Action & Learning

### ***A Message from Membership***

Membership is the lifeblood of Rotary. Each of us joined this club because we believe in fellowship, service, and making a difference—together.

This year, our goals are twofold: **to strengthen connections among current members** and **to welcome new members who share our passion for "Service Above Self."**



*Every Rotarian plays an important role in these efforts. By inviting a colleague, neighbor, or friend to a meeting or service project, you help open the door to Rotary's values and impact.*

Attending meetings, joining service projects, and participating in fellowship events are the best ways to build meaningful relationships and fully experience what Rotary offers.

Together, we can continue to grow our membership and expand our service. Thank you for being an essential part of Rotary and for helping us build a stronger, more vibrant club.

Your Membership Committee  
Becky Moreno, Chair  
Jeff Leichter  
Tom Condor  
Pam Baldwin

### ***Vibrant Club Forum (Formerly Membership Summit)***

This year's forum was attended by several of our members where they gathered to share ideas, discuss problems and possible solutions, and learn from each other about the best ways to increase and retain club membership. The photos below are from the event. Can you spot our Rotarians?"





## Membership Achievement Award

If you missed our August 19 meeting, you missed Mark Moreno speaking about our club receiving a Membership Achievement Award for 2024/25. The award recognizes the continued net membership growth that our club has shown!



## MEMBERSHIP ACTION PLAN MOMENTUM AWARD

The Zones 33/34 Membership Action Plan Committee recognizes the continued outstanding work and dedication demonstrated by the Rotary Club of Greer from District 7750 for achieving 4 years of net membership growth, thereby continuing to expand the spirit and influence of Rotary for year 2024-2025.

  
Membership Action Plan Chair  
George Robertson-Burnett

  
Rotary International Director  
Patrick Eakes



### September Save the Date Info!

Fall is here and there are a lot of projects and opportunities to serve coming up! Mark these dates and keep up with what is happening via email and 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, see article for supply list link

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



## Highlights from August Meetings

August was filled with reasons to celebrate as we welcomed new members, presented a district grant award, gathered school supplies, and honored two members' commitment to Rotary through Paul Harris recognition.

### August 5th

We met at a new location to try it out - Trade Street Social! If you were there, give us your feedback!



### District Grant Award Fuels Service Project

Our club was honored to receive and present a Rotary District 7750 grant to purchase an adaptive wheelchair for Advanced Pickleball. This funding allows them to expand their reach and increase their service to those with diverse-abilities. Pickleball for All!

### Paul Harris Recognition Honors Dedication

Congratulations to Mark and Becky Moreno for achieving Paul Harris Fellow recognition! This honor celebrates significant contributions to The Rotary Foundation, helping fund life-changing projects around the world. Their commitment reflects the very heart of Rotary—turning generosity into lasting change.

Plus, we welcomed 3 new members! See the separate welcome in this newsletter.



### August 19

We received further updates on some of our **fall events** in the works, including

**Lake Robinson Day, Paws for Polio**, and a **\*\*veterans service project**. There's a lot of great work ahead—let's keep the momentum going! Plus we got great news about receiving a Membership Action Plan Award - see above...

Whether it's welcoming new members, securing funding for local services, gathering needed supplies for children, or recognizing steadfast commitment to Rotary ideals, August reminded us that the Rotary Club of Greer is growing stronger every day. Together, we're making a difference—locally and globally.

**\*\* Amazon Wishlist for Veterans Service Project:**

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/37VQ56GQYOWNI?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/37VQ56GQYOWNI?ref_=wl_share)

## Committee Chairs & Opportunities to Get Involved

Interested in how you might help lead at Rotary Greer? Look through the list below at the various committees that already have a chair, and those that don't. Is there something that interests you? Do you have a passion or talent that could be harnessed? Ready to learn something new? Let us know!

Whether you are ready to tackle a chair position or join a committee, there is a place for you here! Reach out to any club leader to learn more—we'd love to help you find the right fit!

## Key Committee Chairs

- Membership: **Becky Moreno**
- Service Projects: **Stacey Matsuda**
- Rotary Foundation: **Jim Nichols**
- Programs: **TBD**
- Club Administration: **Amy McBurnie**
- Fundraising: **Rachel Antifonario**
- Public Image/PR: **Carrie Krause**
- Club Socials: **Autumn Lawhun**
- Learning Leader: **TBD**
- CART: **TBD**
- Literacy: **TBD**
- Interact: **TBD**
- Rotaract: **TBD**
- RYLA: **TBD**
- Vocational Service: **Kevin Comer**
- Youth Exchange: **Amy McBurnie**
- Budget: **Melissa Patterson**
- Grants: **Kevin Comer**

## Upcoming RLI Dates

Congratulations to our newest class of attendees!

Part I: Eric Bridge, Kevin Comer, Stacey Matsuda

Part II: Autumn Lawhun

Part III & Graduate: Claudette Eames

Ever wonder 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 Columbia on September 20. 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.

Future RLI Dates:

September 8-9: Virtual, Part III only

September 20: Columbia, SC; Parts I, II, III

October 11: Asheville, Parts I, II, III

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



**Rotary Leadership Institute**  
**Columbia, SC**  
**September 20**  
**Parts I, II, & III**

### Other Classes

Sept 8: Virtual, Part III

Oct 11: Parts I, II, III, Asheville, NC

Nov 11/12: Parts I, II, III - Virtual

Register for all classes on DACdb!

Register Now



Let us help you find your passion in Rotary

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