

Rotary
Club of Greer



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Club Meeting

Greer
La Joya Bar & Grill,
219 Trade St, Greer
1st and 3rd Tuesdays
05:30 PM

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President


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President-Elect

October Theme



October Meetings: Connect, Catch Up & Get Involved

October is shaping up to be a busy month for our club, and our meetings are a great way to stay connected and keep up with everything happening!



On **October 6**, Rotarian **Aaron Bruner** will help us get to know him a little better, and we'll officially kick off planning for **Dining Around Greer** with a preview of what's ahead and how members can get involved.



On **October 20**, we'll turn the spotlight to **Cora Newcomb**, one of our newer Rotarians. Cora will share more about her story, giving us a chance to learn about the experiences, interests and perspectives she brings to our club.

Both meetings will also give us a chance to get everyone on the same page about our growing list of service projects, events and volunteer opportunities. There's a lot happening this fall, so come be part of it!



Carrie B. Krause
Secretary



Deanna Austin
Treasurer

Volunteer Opportunities: Act Now



(Freedom Blast 2026)

There are plenty of ways to get involved this fall, but these opportunities need your attention **now!**

Lake Robinson Day | October 17, 10 AM–2 PM
Help represent Rotary at this community event while highlighting our environmental focus area and sharing what Rotary does. Sign up for a shift and spend a little time connecting with our community. Lake Robinson Day 2026

Paws & Pints for Polio | October 24, 12–6 PM
Our third annual Paws & Pints returns to The Southern Growl on World Polio Day! Bailey and Holly are leading the charge, and we need Rotarians to help throughout the day, including setup and cleanup. Come help us raise awareness and funds for End Polio Now!

Interested in Reading at Crestview? Act Now!
We're working toward opportunities for Rotarians to read with students at Crestview Elementary. If you'd like to participate, let Pam or Cindy know, and complete the required background check as a Level 2 volunteer by **mid-October**. https://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/Parents/main.asp?titleid=volunteers

Don't just save the date—step up, sign up and serve!

Bring Your Old T-Shirts to October 6th Meeting



Have old T-shirts taking up space in your drawers? Bring them to our October 6 meeting and put them to good use!

We're collecting T-shirts for Project Repat, which turns old shirts into keepsake quilts. Their mission is to help people preserve memories, reduce textile waste, and support U.S. jobs by turning sentimental T-shirts into functional quilts. Mark Moreno will take our club's donations to the Rotary Zone 33-34 Summit in Williamsburg, VA, where clubs from across the Zone are joining together in this project.

Any T-shirt can become part of something new—so clean out those drawers and bring yours on October 6!

September Meeting Recap

September brought meaningful conversations, new ideas, service and plenty of Rotary fellowship.

On September 1, **Amy McBurnie** shared her Rotary story, from her father's involvement in Rotary to her own experience as a Rotary Youth Exchange student in Sweden. Now serving as our Youth Exchange Chair, Amy is beginning to lay the groundwork for our club to participate in the program in the future by hosting an exchange student.

Dennis Slusser introduced a creative fundraising idea—a Rotary cruise! Members expressed interest in exploring the possibility of a group cruise in fall 2027 that could combine fellowship with fundraising for the club.



At our September 15th meeting, local leaders from the **American Foundation for Suicide Prevention** joined us for a moving presentation. They shared personal stories as well as information about AFSP's work in research, advocacy, awareness and education throughout South Carolina and across the country.

We also wrapped up the quarter with a portion of our Happy Dollars supporting **CART** (Coins for Alzheimers Research Trust) and its work to fund Alzheimer's research.

And September wasn't just about meetings. Members also shopped as they were able to supply Greer Relief with more food for it's Choice Pantry, and we rolled up our sleeves for our first project with Crestview Elementary. More on that below!

Our Crestview Partnership Is Growing

What started with snacks is becoming something more!



At our September meeting, members made quick work of preparing more than **700 individually packaged snacks** for Crestview Elementary's Kids Cheer Cart. Stacey delivered the snacks to the school on September 3, and thanks to everyone's generosity, we have enough left to stock the cart again after Christmas.



Now we're looking at more ways to support Crestview throughout the school year. Conversations have begun about opportunities for Rotarians to **read with students**, and members interested in participating will need to complete a background check by **mid-October**. You can submit your background check at https://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/Parents/main.asp?titleid=volunteers

We're also discussing a possible **Thanksgiving basket project** for Crestview families, with more information to come as plans develop. (Our Rotarian realtors are looking at a competition between businesses to help support the need!)

This partnership is just getting started, and we're excited to see where it takes us!

Coming Up in Service

Our fall service calendar isn't slowing down! As we head into November, we're lining up more opportunities to put **Service Above Self** into action.

At our **November 3 meeting**, we will once again bring service right to our seats with our annual project supporting local veterans. We're also working on a **hands-on service opportunity with Rebuild Upstate**, giving members a chance to help make a neighbor's home safer and healthier. Sign up HERE.

And our new partnership with **Crestview Elementary** continues to grow. In addition to the reading opportunities mentioned above, we're exploring a **Thanksgiving basket project** to support school families during the holiday season.

Details and sign-ups are still being finalized, so **save the dates, watch for updates, and be ready to jump in!**

🇺🇸 NOVEMBER 3
Veterans Service Project
In-seat project

🔨 NOVEMBER 14
Rebuild Upstate
Hands-on service

🧺 NOVEMBER 17
Crestview Elementary
Thanksgiving baskets

It Takes a Whole Restaurant

ROTARY CLUB OF GREER
Dining around Greer

A great restaurant doesn't run on the chef alone. It takes the hosts, servers, bartenders, kitchen crew and plenty of people behind the scenes to make everything click.

Dining Around Greer works the same way.

Planning for our March event begins this fall, and this year we're looking for **all hands on deck**. We'll have several working groups, with plenty of ways to pitch in depending on your interests, talents and time.

So whether you like being out front, working behind the scenes, connecting with people or keeping things organized, there's a role for you.

It takes all of us to make Dining Around Greer a success. Where will you pitch in?

It's Soup Weather (Well Almost)



Join your Rotary friends on Sunday, October 18, 1:00 PM, for our first annual Fall Soup Cook-off. Rob and Karen Hansen are hosting at their home in Greer.

Cooks are encouraged to bring their best fall soup with enough to share! Attendees will sample, judge, and award 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. Everyone is encouraged to bring drinks and/or bread. Don't worry, football will be on the television!

Sign up to let us know you are coming at Fall Soup Cook-off.

Did You Know?

Rotary Leadership Institute

Did You Know? You Don't Have to Be a Club Leader to Attend RLI

Despite the name, Rotary Leadership Institute isn't just for club presidents, board members, or Rotarians preparing for a leadership role.

RLI is for **any Rotarian who wants to get more out of Rotary.** Through conversation with members from other clubs, you'll learn more about how Rotary works, explore opportunities beyond your own club, exchange ideas, and discover new ways to make an impact.

You don't need a title. You don't need to be on a leadership track. You just need to be curious about Rotary and what's possible.

RLI isn't about preparing you for a position—it's about helping you become a more informed and engaged Rotarian.

Online Options:
October 5–6, Part II or III
November 2–3, Part I or II
January 19–20, Part I or III

In-Person Options:
October 3, Asheville, NC, Parts I, II, III
October 10, Aiken, Part I
October 17, Conway, Part I, II, III
January 16, Columbia, Part I, II, III

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.

