

# Rotary

## Club of Greer



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### Club Meeting

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

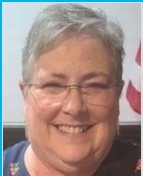
### Club Officers



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### President's Corner

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As we enter November and look forward to the holidays, I want to celebrate our accomplishments this year and our plans for more!

We had a successful presence at Lake Robinson Days—thank you, Claudette, and everyone who helped! Our inaugural Paws and Pints for Polio at The Southern Growl raised over \$200 despite the weather, and we're awaiting additional contributions from the venue.

We also hosted our first Ice Cream Social for seniors at Greer Community Ministries and collected \$732 for Disaster Relief in Western North Carolina. Stacey Matsuda and others did an excellent job gathering supplies for those in need.

In October alone, we responded to natural disasters, raised funds for Polio, promoted clean water, and served our community, showcasing four of Rotary's key causes.

I'm incredibly proud to be part of this group. Our October efforts truly exemplify what it means to be a Rotarian. If anyone asks, you can share our recent achievements!

Looking ahead, we're gearing up for our signature event, Dining Around Greer—be sure to sign up for a committee!

Let's make November another outstanding month!

Yours in Service!  
Jim N.



### We Salute our Club Members who Served!



This November, we take a moment to honor and thank our Rotary members who have served in the armed forces. Your courage, dedication, and sacrifice have safeguarded our freedoms and exemplify the Rotary values of service and integrity. We're deeply grateful for your commitment to both our country and our community. As we observe Veterans Day, please know that your contributions, both in uniform and as Rotarians, are an inspiration to us all.

Frank Antifonario  
JR Covert

Kerry Krause  
Isabella Martinez Bond  
Amy McBurnie  
Mark Moreno  
Jim Nichols

*Thank you for your service!*

**Please be sure to join us on November 5th as we salute these members and have a special presentation by the Quilts of Valor Foundation!**

### Donations for Homeless Veterans



This month, in partnership with Upstate Warrior Solution, we are collecting items for homeless veterans. Donations may be brought to our regular meetings on November 5 and November 19, or to our Health and Happiness event on November 11.

The following are items requested by Upstate Warrior Solution:

Backpacks	Gloves	Scarves
Hoodies	Hats	Coats
Handwarmers	Emergency blankets	Regular blankets
Raincoats	Rain Pants	Non-perishable food items with pull tabs to open
Flashlights	Garbage bags	Tampons

Toilet paper	Water bottles	Mini bottles of hand sanitizer
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You may also donate Gift Cards: Grocery stores, coffee shops, haircuts, Walgreens

Thank you for continuing to support our local veterans!

## Thank You to Our Hurricane Helene Volunteers

A heartfelt "Thank You" goes out to our incredible members who stepped up to support fellow Rotarians and our community after Hurricane Helene. Your quick action, generosity, and dedication have truly shown the strength of our Rotary family. From providing supplies and shelter to offering hands-on assistance, your impact has been profound.



### Special Thanks

We'd like to extend special recognition to:

- *Jim N. & Deanna A. for housing JR and Ann Covert when they were without power*
- *Anna, Jim N., Deanna, and Frank and Rachel for helping with cleanup at Andrea's home*
- *Jim N., Deanna, Deb, Jim M., Anna, Carrie, Andrea, and JR for assisting with cleanup at Joseph's home*
- *Stacey Matsuda for providing a way for our members to contribute supplies via her neighbor*
- *Karin G. and Ace Handyman for donating their time and supplies to go to NC and help out*



If I missed anyone, I apologize. I recognize you all helped in your own way to ease the burden of so many people affected by this disaster! Your efforts are deeply appreciated, and they serve as an inspiring example of our mission.

While we've made meaningful strides in the initial recovery, we know the work isn't done. We remain committed to ongoing support and rebuilding efforts as our community continues to recover. Thank you for your resilience, compassion, and unwavering commitment to service.

## Gratitude to Our Lake Robinson Days Volunteers!

A huge thank you to our dedicated Rotarians who volunteered at Lake Robinson Days, making our Rotary booth a success! Your presence and enthusiasm brought our community closer, and we couldn't have done it without you. Special recognition goes to Claudette Eames for her outstanding coordination of this event—thank you, Claudette, for helping make it a busy, fun, and informative day for everyone involved!

### Rotary Volunteers:

Claudette Eames  
Karin Gierman  
Megan Kincade  
Stacey Matsuda  
Jim Manning  
Becky Moreno  
Autumn Lawhun  
Isabella Martinez Bond  
Jeff Leichter  
Andrew Bond

Thank you all for your time, energy, and commitment to our community!

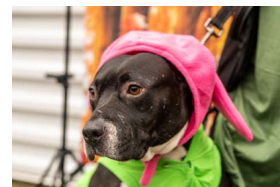
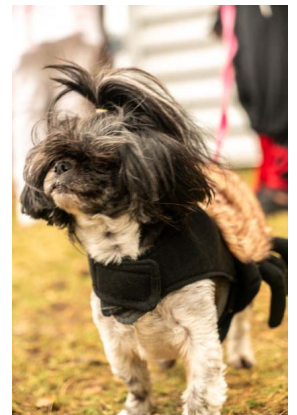


## Wagging Tails & Raising Money at Paws & Pints Event

Even though the weather was iffy, we managed to have a good time and throw back a few beers for a good cause. Thanks to everyone for coming out and to our fantastic sponsors - The Southern Growl, Woofies of Greenville, Barkbox, and Knotty Pawz Toys!

So many cute dogs at our event! We can't wait to do something like this again!

Together we raised \$250 at the event and another \$250 through member donations. That combined with a matching donation from a district club member and a 2-to-1 match by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation means our total impact was \$1500, donated to the Polio Plus Fund!



## Ice Cream Social a Success!

A heartfelt thank you to our incredible group of volunteers who made our day at Greer Community Ministries' Senior Dining a memorable one! Together, we shared ice cream, socialized, and created fall crafts with the 31 seniors who joined us. The joy and laughter shared that day were truly special, and it wouldn't have been possible without the coordination of Andrew Bond, along with Frank and Rachel Antifonario, who brought this opportunity to serve our seniors.





**Our Rotarian Volunteers:**

Frank & Rachel Antifonario  
 Andrew Bond  
 Carrie Krause  
 Autumn Lawhun & her sister  
 Debbie Manning  
 Jim Manning  
 Stacey Matsuda  
 Jeremy Mosteller  
 Jim Nichols

Your commitment to our community  
 shines through every act of service.  
 Thank you for making a difference!



## Health & Happiness Social--Just Around the Corner!

It's almost here! Don't forget to RSVP by November 8th for our Health & Happiness Social on November 11th at 5:00 p.m. We're excited to welcome area Rotarians and prospective members to the front bar area at La Joya Bar & Grill. Enjoy complimentary appetizers, with drinks and additional menu items available for purchase—and don't miss the \$4.50 Margarita special running all day!

In honor of Veterans Day, proceeds from our 50/50 Raffle will benefit Upstate Warrior Solution, and we'll be collecting donations of gloves, scarves, and warm hats for homeless veterans.

Invite a prospective Rotarian to join us! RSVP to Jeremy Mosteller at [jeremymosteller@hotmail.com](mailto:jeremymosteller@hotmail.com) or on our Private Rotary Facebook group.

### Join Rotary Club of Greer for Health & Happiness

A gathering of area Rotary members and friends at:

**LA JOYA**  
 BAR & GRILL



Monday, Nov. 11, 5-7 pm  
 219 Trade Street, Greer

\$5 suggested donation  
 Happy dollars will go to  
 Upstate Warrior Solution



You may also donate adult-size  
 gloves, scarves and warm hats  
 for homeless veterans.

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 Club of Greer, SC

## Save the Date - Annual Holiday Party!

Mark your calendars for our annual Holiday Party at The Bellamore! December 17th, 5:30 PM.

We will gather for fun, games, and a fabulous potluck dinner. More information will be coming soon -- you won't want to miss it!

If you want to help out with planning the festivities, please contact Anna or Maria!



## Speakers

### November

5th - Quilts of Valor Presentation  
Salute to Our Club Member Veterans



19th - John Moore  
Adaptive Pickleball



## Happy Birthday!



Melissa Patterson  
November 3rd



Claudette Eames  
November 29th



Frank Joseph  
Antifonario  
November 30th