



Rotary Club of Greer



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December Rotary Theme

DECEMBER IS DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT MONTH

Combat diseases, promote healthcare access, and support medical research initiatives.



Don't Be a Grinch! RSVP for Our Holiday Party by Dec 2nd!

Get ready to jingle all the way with your fellow Rotarians! Our annual Christmas Party is just around the corner on **December 16th**, and it's the perfect opportunity to celebrate the season of fellowship and goodwill. To ensure we have enough cheer (and food!) for everyone, please make sure to **RSVP by December 2nd**. Don't miss out on the festive fun – click the link below to secure your spot today!

[Christmas Party RSVP](#)



Save the Date!

Club Meeting

Greer
Cartwright Food
Hall, 215 Trade
St, Greer
1st and 3rd
Tuesdays
05:30 PM

Club Officers



Anna
Ryan
President



Lance
Pittman
President-
Elect/VP



Amy
Sherrill
McBurnie
Secretary



Deanna
Austin
Treasurer

December Meetings: Community Impact and Holiday Celebration!

Our December calendar is packed with meaningful charitable initiatives and holiday fellowship!

December 2nd Meeting: Service and Giving

Join us for one of our most impactful meetings of the year as we celebrate the spirit of service and community giving:

Honoring Veterans: We welcome the **American Legion** to accept our donation check for **Wreaths Across America**. They will also give a brief lesson on the proper tradition of laying the wreaths before we join them on **December 13th at Hillcrest Cemetery**.



Cops for Tots: The **Greer Police Department** will accept our donation of unwrapped toys for their crucial **Cops for Tots program**. Please remember to bring your toy donations to this meeting!

Featured Speaker: We are honored to host **Tiffany Ervin, Executive Director for the CART Fund (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust)**. Tiffany will share where they are in their vital work and how we can begin to support the cause in our club. Bring your extra coins to this meeting!

Opportunities to Serve in Our Community

Mark your calendar and lend a hand for these important service dates:

Greer Christmas Parade (Sunday, December 7th, 2:30 PM): Join fellow members as we participate and walk the route in this beloved community event! Details will be sent out to those participating.



Wreaths Across America (Saturday, December 13th, 11:00 AM): We will join the American Legion at **Hillcrest Cemetery** to lay the sponsored wreaths and honor our veterans.

Call to Action: Links to sign up for both the Parade and the Wreath-laying ceremony have been emailed to all members and are also below. Please let us know if you plan to participate!

[Greer Christmas Parade \(Dec. 7\)](#)
[Wreaths Across America wreath-laying \(Dec. 13\)](#)

December 16 No Meeting — See Christmas Party note above.

New Member Spotlight



We are pleased to formally welcome **Holly Henley** as the newest member of our Rotary Club! Holly is the **Marketing Director for Moody Blue Designs** and has been a familiar face and friend to the club for some time. We are delighted to have her officially join our ranks, and we look forward to integrating her talents and experience into our service projects and community work.

Welcome aboard, Holly!

Upcoming RLI Dates



Have you ever wondered...

Where can I learn more about the history and organization of Rotary? How do I meet with Rotarians from other clubs to share and problem-solve together?

Well, Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is the place to start!

Future Winter RLI Dates:

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 trainings on DACdb at myclub/calendar and events/RLI training event. If you need help logging into DACdb, please contact Amy.

Dining Around Greer (DAG) 2026: Action Needed!

Planning for our signature fundraiser, Dining Around Greer 2026, is well underway, and we need **all members to engage now** to ensure maximum success.

The Asks: We Need Your Help with Restaurants, Sponsors, and Prizes!

Area	Current Status & Goal	Member Action Required (The Ask!)	Contact for Follow-Up
Restaurants	25 previous participants were contacted; 5 have replied. Goal is 29 signed agreements by January.	Suggest New Restaurants: Send suggestions for new or interested local restaurants to add to the follow-up list after the holidays.	Frank Antifonario
Sponsorships	Large companies require 3 months lead time. Agreements will be delivered in January.	Secure Sponsors: Approach businesses (large and small) immediately for sponsorship commitments. Form is in the Google Folder.	Autumn
Raffle Prizes	Raffle prizes are essential to boosting fundraising efforts.	Solicit Raffle Donations: Approach acquaintances and businesses for Raffle Prize donations. No prize is too small!	Stacey

January will be launch month. We plan to have all restaurants signed, tickets on sale, and full-force marketing ready to go. Your commitment now ensures that DAG 2026, our signature fundraiser, is the biggest and best yet!

November Recaps: Service & the Future of Greer

November was a busy month filled with both immediate community service and a look ahead at Greer's exciting future.



Our club meeting on November 4th was all about **action and speed!** In a fantastic display of *Service Above Self*, our members completed the "Stuff the Duffle" initiative as this year's salute to veterans. We came together and, in an astonishing **15 minutes**, packed all **50 duffle bags** with care and efficiency. These bags, filled with essential items, clothing, and comfort supplies, were given to the **Greenville County Veterans Affairs** to provide support and dignity to veterans in need. It was a fast-paced, high-impact demonstration of what we can achieve when we serve together!

On November 18, we were thrilled to host **Adam Forringer**, the Director of the upcoming **Greer Sports & Events Center**. Adam shared exciting new details about the **200,000-square-foot facility**, which is slated to open in **2027**. This \$60 million investment is set to be a regional magnet, featuring nine basketball courts, 18 volleyball courts, multi-sport simulators, and dedicated spaces for the whole community. This center will not only be a game-changer for recreation in Greer but will also drive significant economic growth through sports tourism. Thank you, Adam, for an insightful look into the future of our city!



In the middle of all of this, we also managed to bring food for the Greer Relief Choice Pantry and send a team of volunteers to help pack emergency bags (see *Volunteer Thank You*).

November Volunteer Spotlight: Giving Back Together!

A huge **THANK YOU** to all our incredible Rotary Club volunteers who made a difference this November! Your dedication shone brightly on three vital projects. We kicked off the month with enthusiasm during our "Stuff the Duffle" event at the November 7th club meeting, assembling essential items with camaraderie and teamwork. Our partnership with Greer Relief Food Pantry continued strong, with many hands making light work to support local families. And finally, a heartfelt thanks to those who thoughtfully wrote cards for Veterans Last Salute, sharing warmth and gratitude with our brave veterans.



Each contribution, big or small, reinforces the power of "Service Above Self." We are so proud of our members for their unwavering commitment to our community!

Connecting Across District 7750

This month, Becky and I had the privilege of attending the Council of Governors luncheon held at the beautiful Poinsett Club in Greenville.

The event gathered many esteemed former District Governors who have served or live within District 7750. We received updates on current District reporting and enjoyed rich fellowship, discussing current events and future planning with leaders including Dave Brenner and Eric Krichbaum. Sue Poss, our District Newsletter editor, captured a great photo of us with the current District Governor line, symbolizing the strength of our District 7750 leadership!

This gathering was a wonderful reminder of the vast network of dedicated Rotarians committed to Service Above Self throughout our region.

~ Mark Moreno, District Governor Nominee, District Governor 2027-28



L to R: Rysheeka Bush,
Dave Brenner, Eric
Krichbaum, Mark Moreno

Save the Date!

Wow, are we busy this month! Check out the events don't forget to RSVP for the parade, wreath-laying, and party! You can find the links in your email. Let's finish the year strong!

Dec 2	Club Meeting Guest Speaker: Tiffany Ervin - CART Bring Coins for CART (Coins for Alzheimers Research Trust) Bring an unwrapped gift for Cops for Tots
Dec 7	Greer Christmas Parade Starts at 2:30, but we line up by 1:30 PM.
Dec 13	Wreaths Across America Help place wreaths on the gravesites of Greer veterans. 11 AM at Hillcrest Memorial Cemetery in Greer.
Dec 16	Club Christmas Party Bellamore, 5:30 - 8:30
Jan 6	Club Meeting Guest Speaker: Allison Krause, Exec. Dir., Time Served Legal Aid

UNITE FOR GOOD Car Raffle: Win a 2026 Chevrolet TRAX!

Rotary District 7750 is excited to launch the **UNITE FOR GOOD Car Raffle**, with one lucky winner driving home a **2026 Chevrolet TRAX!** Every \$100 ticket helps fund **Leadership Development** at our 2026 District Conference and supports the **Youth Exchange Program**.

Only **550 tickets** are available — get yours before they're gone! Sales run **Oct 15 – Dec 9, 2025** (or until sold out). **Drawing:** Dec 12 at 3 PM on District 7750 social media.

How to enter:

Venmo @Rotary-Foundation-568 (with your contact info),
Mail a check to *Pleasantburg Rotary Foundation*, 308 Hampton Ave., Greenville, SC 29601,
Or email District7750Raffle@gmail.com for cash arrangements.

Full details at pleasantburgrotary.org/rotary-raffle
Thank you to the Pleasantburg Rotary Club for hosting the raffle site!

Let's make this a sell-out success and show how Rotarians Unite for Good!

— Dave Brenner, District Governor 2025-2026

