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#### **Club Meeting**

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

#### **Club Officers**



James Nichols President



Anna Ryan President-Elect Vice President Team Greer,

Happy Valentine's Day (coming up)! I hope this year is full of love and happiness for all of you! As we look forward to the New Year, I see many opportunities for us to make a difference in our community.

It started in January with us participating with the Mauldin Rotary Club in Rise Against Hunger. Greer was well represented by Mark, Becky, Amy, Tony, Deanna, Autumn and me. Autumn brought Alex, his father, and a slew of friends! As we start our big push for Dining Around Greer, a big "Thank You" goes out to Frank and Rachel for leading the charge. We have all 28 restaurants lined up. Also, a big thanks goes out to Carrie and Autumn for the flyers and the tickets. They look amazing!

For those looking to enhance your Rotary experience, RLI is coming up in Anderson on February 15th. If you have an interest in attending, please see me or Mark.

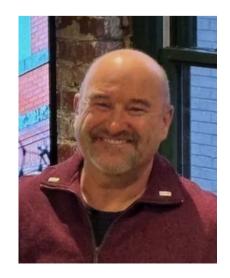
Thanks again for all you do. Let's make 2025 the best yet!

#### **New Member Welcome**

# Welcome to Our Newest Member: Eric Bridge

During our recent meeting, we had the privilege of inducting Eric, and look forward to learning more about him, his work, and his motivation to join Rotary. We can't wait to see how he will contribute to the success of our club and the betterment of our community.

Please join us in giving him a warm Rotary welcome! Let's work together to show Eric the incredible opportunities Rotary offers to build connections, develop leadership skills, and make an impact.



Welcome to the Rotary Club of Greer, Eric—we're glad to have you with us!



Amy Sherrill McBurnie Secretary



Melissa Patterson Treasurer

## **Speaker Line-up for February!**

Join us in the month of February as we hear from a community leader and one of our own Rotarians.

February 4: Martha Bennett, Executive Director, Daily Bread Ministries (aka Greer Soup Kitchen)

February 18: Rotarian John Bartlett, Certified Financial Planner

**Guest Speaker: Martha Bennett Exec Dir, Daily Bread Ministries** 



Rotarian Spotlight: John Barlett Shares His Story



#### **Rise Against Hunger Volunteers**

We love our volunteers! Thank you to everyone who came out to help with Rise Against Hunger!





## **Mauldin Rotary Fundraiser**

Support the Rotary Club of Mauldin by entering their raffle to win a new set of Michelin tires!

10 Entries for \$10!



Text MRC2025 to 3310, or visit Raffle.MauldinRotary.org 2nd Place \$200 Gift Card 3rd Place \$100 Gift Card

### **Dining Around Greer Latest News!**

To my fellow Rotarians, Restaurants are all taken care of, now it's full throttle on sponsors, raffle prizes and ticket sales. Just a reminder that Rotary Club of Greer members do not need to purchase a ticket for themselves, only additional family members. Paper tickets are available to sell to your friends, as well as through Eventbrite. Please contact Deanna Austin to get paper tickets (opusd3@hotmail.com).



We have added two new features to the event for 2025: a door prize and a silent auction.

**Door Prize:** 65" Smart TV funded by donations from several Rotarians. The admission ticket is the entry ticket for the TV.

**Silent Auction:** We have received some raffle prizes that are valued at \$500+, so those will be auctioned off in a Silent Auction.

You can find a list of 2024 donors and sponsors who have not been contacted this year HERE. If any of you have a connection with these companies, please approach them and see if they are able to donate again this year. You can update the 2025 sponsorship\_Raffle prospects, or just let me or Carrie know, and we will update it for you.

I encourage you to reach out to other businesses for sponsors and raffle prize donations. You can find the letter and form for these donations in our Google Drive in the Sponsor File folder. (These files were also in the email sent on January 22 to all members.)

Lastly, please let me know if you will not be able to be at the event. I have a list of "jobs" that need to be filled, and I need a headcount of Rotarians who will be there to help. If you were in a certain area or had a certain responsibility last year and would like to do it again, let me know. If you need more information about what each job entails, please find that information HERE. If you don't have a preference for your job, you can be sure I will make the decision for you.

So grateful I am working with such a great group of Rotarians on this event, Rachel

# **2024** is a Wrap!

2024 is behind us now, but enjoy these final pictures from our holiday party. We really are a fun club!

































#### Happy Birthday!



Jason Andrew Schoettekotte February 1st



J. R. Covert February 3rd



Alexander Farley February 5th