

Rotary

Club of Greer



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Club Meeting

Greer
La Joya Bar &
Grill, 219 Trade
St, Greer, SC
29651 1st and 3rd
Tuesdays
05:30 PM

Club Leaders

July Program

July 7

We're pleased to welcome **Ken Gebert** as our guest speaker. Ken will share his story and insights, giving members an opportunity to get to know one of our newest Rotarians.

July 21

As the new Rotary year begins, we will hear an update from our incoming president, Lance Pittman, who will outline the club's goals, priorities, and exciting plans for the year ahead. Additional program details will be announced as they are finalized. We look forward to seeing everyone as we begin another year of making a positive impact in our community and beyond.





Lance
Pittman
President



Autumn
Lawhun
President-
Elect



Carrie B.
Krause
Secretary



Deanna
Austin
Treasurer

It's Happening in Our Own Backyard!



This year's District Awards & Installation Picnic is coming to **Greer City Park** on **Saturday, July 11**—and we'd love to see a strong showing from our club! Join Rotarians from across District 7750 for an afternoon of fellowship, family-friendly fun, great food, and the celebration of a new Rotary year.

Be sure to register using the link in your district email. We hope to see you there!

A Year to Celebrate

As we turn the page to another exciting Rotary year, let's take a moment to celebrate what we've accomplished together. Our Annual Report captures the stories, milestones, and impact that defined the past year and serves as a reminder of what can happen when Rotarians work together in service.

Read the 2025–2026 Annual Report ? [Here](#)

Help Shape Our Rotary Year

Rotary is at its best when every member has a chance to contribute in a way that's meaningful to them. Thank you to everyone who has already agreed to serve as a committee chair or project lead for the coming year!

Over the next few weeks, our committee chairs may be reaching out to invite you to join their team. If they do, we hope you'll consider saying "yes." Whether you can help throughout the year or lend a hand with a single project, your time and talents make our club stronger.

You'll also receive a brief survey soon to let us know where you'd most enjoy serving. Until then, take a look at this year's committee leaders below and start thinking about how you'd like to get involved. Have a question? Reach out to any board member for more information!

Key Committee Chairs

Membership: **Bailey Shook & Aaron Bruner**
 Rotary Foundation: **Jim Nichols**
 Club Administration: **Carrie Krause**
 Fundraising: **Rachel Antifonario**
 Public Image/Public Relations: **Autumn Lawhun**
 Learning Leader: **Stacey Matsuda**
 CART: **Mica Tholen**
 Youth Exchange: **Amy McBurnie**
 Grants: **John Bartlett**

Seeking Leads

Service Projects, Club Socials, Budget, Programs, Vocational Service, Literacy, Interact, Rotaract, RYLA

June Meeting Highlights

June was a month of celebrating service, recognizing outstanding members, and preparing for another exciting Rotary year.

June 2 Meeting



We welcomed **Rita Yarbrough**, who shared information about the **Paul Harris Society** and the impact of sustaining gifts to the Rotary Foundation. Amy McBurnie was recognized as a Paul Harris Society member and Jim Nichols was recognized as a major donor.

June 16 Meeting

Our final meeting of the Rotary year was a celebration of leadership, service, and the year we've shared together.

We recognized our outgoing Board of Directors for their dedication and welcomed our incoming board as they prepare to lead the club into another year of meaningful service.



We also honored our outgoing president, Anna Ryan, for her leadership and commitment throughout the year.

The meeting included special Rotary Foundation recognitions:

Stacey Matsuda was recognized as a new **Paul Harris Fellow**.

Carrie Krause received **Paul Harris Fellow +1** recognition for continued giving to the Rotary Foundation.



As we closed one Rotary year and looked toward the next, members reflected on another successful year of fellowship, service, and community impact. We're excited about the opportunities ahead and look forward to continuing to make a difference in Greer and beyond.

Another Successful Freedom Blast

For the fifth year in a row, Greer Rotary served meals at Greer's annual Freedom Blast. This year, 23 members, family members and a former member served pulled pork, chicken, corn, mashed potatoes, salad and bread to veterans and veteran service organizations. Everyone had a great time talking to the veterans and catching up with people we've met through this project. We also had time to get to know each other better when there was downtime. This annual event has become a great way for Greer Rotary to support the City of Greer and local veterans.

~Amy McBurnie



Thank You! Freedom Blast Volunteers

Deanna Austin	Amy McBurnie	Brantlee Slusser
Aaron Bruner	Becky Moreno	Dennis Slusser
Carrie Krause	Mark Moreno	Greg Snyder
Kerry Krause	Jim Nichols	Cindy St. Peter
Autumn Lawhun	Lance Pittman	Rick St. Peter
Debbie Manning	Anna Ryan	
Jim Manning	Jason Schoettelkotte	

Family members: Bruce Lawhun, Russ Shumway, Marjan Schoettelkotte, and former member Claudette Eames

Upcoming Events

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July 7: Club Meeting, La Joya Bar & Grill
(Ken Gebert, Rotarian)

July 11: District 7750 Awards & Installation
Picnic, Greer City Park & Events Center

July 15: Board Meeting, Location TBD

July 21: Club Meeting, La Joya Bar & Grill

August 15: Vibrant Club Forum, Kroc Center,
Greenville

August 22: RLI, Kroc Center, Greenville



Upcoming RLI Dates



Expand Your Rotary Horizon

Ready to connect beyond our club? Join a **Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)** session to learn more about Rotary, share best practices, and problem-solve with fellow leaders.

Upcoming RLI Dates

Online Options:

August 12, Part I

October 5, Part II or Part III

In-Person Options:

August 22, Kroc Center, Greenville, SC, Parts I, II, III ***(this one fills up fast, so don't wait to register!)***

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.