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Club of Greer



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Club Meeting

Greer Meets at La Joya

Rotary Monthly Theme



President's Message

The past few months have been a great reminder of what makes this club special.

Dining Around Greer was a huge success. Events like that don't happen without people stepping in, taking ownership, and working together behind the scenes. It was fun, meaningful, and most importantly, it made an impact on our community.

We've also welcomed new members recently, which is always exciting. Growth brings new energy, fresh ideas, and new opportunities for all of us.

I've also appreciated seeing members show up for each other outside our regular meetings. Several Rotarians recently gathered to support one of our own, and it was great to hear about it. That kind of connection is what makes this club special.



Bar & Grill 219
Trade St Greer,
SC 29651 1st and
3rd Tuesdays
219 Trade St.
Greer, SC 29651
Time: Tuesday at
05:30 PM

Club Officers



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President



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Vice
President



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Secretary



Deanna
Austin
Treasurer

At our last meeting, we had a little fun with a St. Patrick's Day game—drawing numbers for prizes... which turned out to be committee assignments. It got a few laughs, but there was a real purpose behind it.

This is where we go next.

We have momentum right now. The question is how we carry it forward.

Rotary works best when more people are involved—not just attending, but contributing. Committees, projects, events, ideas—this is where the experience becomes more meaningful and where our impact grows.

If you've been thinking about getting more involved, this is the time. Not in a big, overwhelming way—just one step. One committee. One way to contribute.

That's how everything we've done so far has been built.

I'm excited about where we are—and even more excited about where we're headed.

~ Anna

Welcome New Members

We're excited to welcome two new members to our Rotary family—**Bailey Shook**, sponsored by Moody Blue Designs, and **Ken Gebert**, sponsored by Jim Nichols. Their addition strengthens our club, and we look forward to serving alongside them.



Welcome!

Ducks for Sale



Support **Team Greer Rotary** in the Reedy River Duck Derby! When you purchase your ducks through our club's link, a portion of the proceeds comes back to support our club projects, while also contributing to the fundraising efforts of the Rotary Club of Reedy River Greenville. Be sure to share the link to help us grow our impact!

<https://www.duckrace.com/greenville/teams/14876>

People of Action: Building Momentum in Greer

February and March were full of momentum for the Rotary Club of Greer! Alongside inducting two new members, we prepared for and celebrated Dining Around Greer, recognized our restaurant partners and continued important conversations around service and funding. A highlight of February was our Adaptive Pickleball presentation, showcasing our commitment to creating inclusive opportunities and making a meaningful difference in our community.



Read more about Dining Around Greer below.

Thank You to Our Volunteers



A big thank you to everyone who helped make Dining Around Greer such a success—we truly couldn't do it without you.

Special thanks to Frank and Rachel Antifonario for once again leading the charge. Your time, energy, and heart behind this event make all the difference.

We'd also like to recognize Kyle Brook for volunteering alongside fellow Rotarians to spruce up the garden at Rolling Green Village—thank you for continuing to serve our community in meaningful ways.

We appreciate each of you!

Dining Around Greer Recap

Dining Around Greer – 2026

The 3rd Annual Dining Around Greer, hosted by the Rotary Club of Greer on March 1, 2026, was a record-breaking success. Held at Greer City Hall, the event featured 28 local eateries serving samples of their best dishes.

The lineup showcased a mix of beloved favorites and standout newcomers, including White Wine & Butter, River Falls Café, Greer Diner, The Mason Jar, Rick Erwin's, Capri's Italian, and Café on Trade.

Competition was strong for both the People's Choice and Judges' Choice awards:

- **Best Appetizer:** Amber's Creations & Catering
- **Best Entrée:** House 509 Bistro
- **Best Dessert & Best Presentation:** Sinfully Delicious LLC (first double winner)

Guests also enjoyed raffle opportunities, including a big screen TV door prize awarded to a ticket holder.

Proceeds from the event—along with raffle funds—are reinvested directly into the Greer community through Rotary grants and scholarships. The Grants Committee is currently working on selections for this year's proceeds. Recent recipients include Bond School, Greer Relief, Greer Community Ministries, Greer Soup Kitchen, Adaptive Pickleball, and more.

The 4th Annual Dining Around Greer is scheduled for March 7, 2027—mark your calendar!

~ Rachel

See photos on next page!



New Connections, New Opportunities to Serve

I've been busy exploring new ways for us to get involved in the community—especially opportunities that don't necessarily require financial support, but instead focus on giving our time and presence.

After putting out a call on Facebook, I've connected with several local organizations, opening the door for meaningful service opportunities for our club. One especially exciting connection has been with The Dance Collaborative, a local 501(c)(3) nonprofit doing incredible work in our area.

The Dance Collaborative brings dance to individuals ages 2 to 100, with a unique focus on inclusion. Notably, they offer the only adaptive dance program in the area for teens and adults, creating opportunities for individuals of all abilities to participate, connect, and express themselves through movement.

Their impact extends across the community through mobile programming—hosting classes at schools, community centers, birthday parties, and more. They've even expanded their reach, recently launching a program in North Carolina's Triangle area after one of their members relocated.

I had the privilege of attending their 10th anniversary gala, where I watched both their youngest dancers and their adaptive group perform. It was a powerful reminder of how transformative inclusive programming like this can be.



Equally inspiring is their commitment to accessibility. The Dance Collaborative ensures that no one is turned away due to financial limitations. For those interested in supporting their mission, sponsoring a dancer is \$150 and is tax-deductible.

I am working to bring a representative from The Dance Collaborative to speak at an upcoming meeting, and look forward to sharing ways our club can get involved—both through service and support.

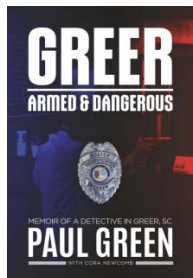
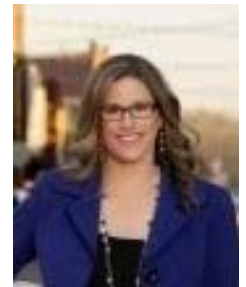
This is a great example of how we can continue to expand our impact in the community, not just through funding, but through connection, collaboration, and service.

~ Stacey

April Meetings Preview

Join us this month for two engaging programs highlighting local insight and history. Both meetings will be held at La Joya Bar & Grill, 219 Trade Street, Greer.

April 7: Alison Rauch, Public Information Coordinator for Greer CPW
Topic: Insights into Greer's utilities, infrastructure, and community communication.



April 21: Paul Green, Author & Local Historian
Topic: Recollections about the Greer community, crime, and justice.

SAVE THE DATE

Apr 7: Club Meeting, La Joya

Apr 21: Club Meeting, La Joya

Apr 16: Dancing for Our Heroes (Anderson Club)

Apr 24-26: District 7750 Conference

Apr 25: Greer Goes Global International Festival

May 2: Reedy River Duck Derby

(Stay tuned for more updates via email & website!)



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.

Spring RLI Dates

Online Options:

May 11, Parts I, II, III

Local Options:

April 11, Kannapolis, NC, Parts I, II, III

April 25, Asheville, NC, Parts 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.