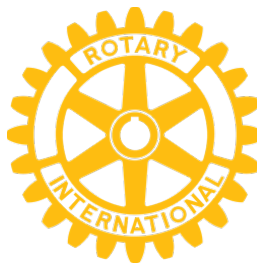


Monday, November 25, 2024



# Rotary

## Club of Greer



### President's Message

Team Greer,

Wow! Where does the time go? It is hard to believe I am entering the 6th month of serving as your President.

November was another great month of giving and tributes. We kicked off the month with a salute to our veterans with a visit from Quilts of Valor. It was a very emotional and touching ceremony, and a great way to show appreciation to those who have served.

Greer Rotary hosted the Greenville area's Health and Happiness Happy Hour at La Joya's restaurant. We also had our annual clothing drive for Upstate Warrior Solution to aid the homeless veterans in the upstate. Just another way our little club in Greer makes a difference in the lives of others.

And then we had a visit from Adaptive Pickleball. I think I felt some synergy in the room and feel we may be doing something with them in the near future.

Don't forget 3 things coming up fast!

- Dec. 3rd - Bring a new, unwrapped gift for children and Cops for Tots.
- Dec. 8th - Greer Holiday Parade! We will have 2 vehicles and will be walking in the parade.
- Dec. 17th - Rotary Holiday Party at Bellamore

Lastly, Deanna and I hope you and your family had a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving!

Yours in Rotary Service,  
Jim



### Special Club Visit from District Governor Rysheeka Bush

Please plan to join us for our meeting on December 3 when our District Governor, Rysheeka Bush, will be our presenter. Every year the DG plans to visit each club to show their support and learn more about what the clubs are doing.

Your board members will meet with her prior to our club meeting that evening. As always, board meetings are open to any members wishing to attend.

Let's show her our Greer Rotary pride and come dressed in our Rotary shirts, hats, pins, and other attire!

Select 'read more' to see her bio. [Read More](#)



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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



James  
Nichols  
President



Anna  
Ryan  
President-  
Elect  
Vice  
President



Amy  
Sherrill  
McBurnie  
Secretary



Melissa  
Patterson  
Treasurer

## Cops for Tots Right Around the Corner!



This year, let's spread holiday cheer by supporting Cops for Tots! Please bring your donations of new, unwrapped toys to our regular meeting on December 3rd.

Due to the timing of the holiday party and the Cops for Tots giveaway, we're collecting toys earlier than usual. A list of suggested items can be found [here](#).

Prefer to make a monetary donation instead of shopping? No problem! Simply give your donation to Mark or Jim N., and they'll handle the shopping for you.

Let's work together to make this holiday season extra special for kids in need!

## Greer Christmas Parade Rotary Elves

Santa's elves are hard at work getting ready for the Greer Christmas Parade on December 8, 2:30 PM, in downtown Greer! Our club is helping out again this year by participating in the parade with the theme of "An Elfish Christmas".



Last year we had a great turnout of club members who walked the parade route handing out candy and smiles. I wonder what our planners have in store for this year's event.

Interested in helping with the planning? Help is needed for:

- Pre-event planning
- Initial set-up on day of event
- Participation in the parade
- Supply purchases (reimbursed by club)

Contact Jeremy Mosteller, [jeremymosteller@hotmail.com](mailto:jeremymosteller@hotmail.com) or add your name to the Google Sheet found [HERE](#) to be added to the list of volunteers!

## Dining Around Greer - Updates!

We're making great progress as we prepare for **Dining Around Greer 2025!** Here's where we stand and what's coming up:

### Sponsorships and Raffle Prizes

We're working hard to secure sponsors and raffle prize donations.

### Other Tasks

Confirm beer/wine bartenders

Reach out to last year's participating restaurants and food vendors.

Continue securing sponsors and raffle prizes

Ramp up social media advertising

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**SAVE THE DATE**

ROTARY CLUB OF GREER

**Dining around Greer**

**FUNDRAISING EVENT**

SAMPLE AMAZING FOODS ALL IN ONE LOCATION!

**SUNDAY  
MARCH 2 2025**

**1:00 PM TO 3:30 PM**

Greer City Hall, 301 E. Pointsett St.  
Greer, SC 29651

FACEBOOK.COM/GREERROTARYCLUB

EMAIL FRANK @  
FANTICONST@GMAIL.COM

**Rotary**  
Club of Greer SC

## Health & Happiness a Success!

On November 11 we hosted the quarterly Health & Happiness event -- a gathering of area Rotarians for fellowship, project sharing, and support. La Joya graciously provided space in the front bar area, where

attendees shared appetizers, drinks, and stories!



In honor of Veterans Day, attendees brought donations of gloves, scarves, and warm hats, and proceeds from the 50/50 raffle at the event were used to purchase additional items for homeless veterans and our Upstate Warrior Solution November project.

The next Health & Happiness Social will be in January. Location TBD. It is usually the 2nd Monday of the month, so mark your calendars and more information will be coming soon about the event and who our host will be.

## Rotary Foundation Giving Tuesday

You should all have received the notice about The Rotary Foundation Giving Tuesday on December 3. Donations may be made online at [Giving Tuesday](#). Be sure to sign in so our club gets credit for the donation, and you as well!

Your club leadership knows that we have all been asked to give a lot lately, but every little bit helps, so if you are able, please consider making a donation to the Rotary Foundation this December!





## Annual Holiday Party!

It's just around the corner! Our annual holiday celebration is at Bellamore on Tuesday, December 17th. Members and their guests will gather for fun, games, and a delicious dinner catered by Café on Trade. So, don your festive holiday attire and join us.

- \* Bartender ready to serve beer, wine, and a signature cocktail (mocktail)
- \* Playlist curated for an evening of dining, dancing, and conversation
- \* Fabulous raffle to raise money and get in the spirit of the holidays

**Event Cost:** \$35/pp

**Raffle Ticket Cost:** \$5/ticket

**Location:** Bellamore, 552 Memorial Dr Ext, Greer, SC 29651

**Time:** 5:30 PM

***All attendees are encouraged to bring a basket of items for the raffle. If you wish to donate a single item to be added to a basket, please bring that item to our meeting on December 3rd.***

Watch for updates in your email or on our private Facebook group!



## November Volunteer Thank Yous

Here is our shout-out to our November event and project volunteers!



Greer Arts & Eats: Mark & Becky Moreno, Jason Schoettekotte (not pictured)  
On-site volunteers



Quilts of Valor Presentation: Amy McBurnie, organizer and quilter; Rachel Antifonario, quilter

Health & Happiness: Jim Nichols and Jeremy Mosteller, event planners



*The Rotary Club of Greer appreciates all you do for the club!*

## Making an Impact on Homeless Veterans



This month, our club proudly came together to support homeless veterans through our November service project. Thanks to the generosity of our members and a special contribution from Greenville Rotary Club, we were able to collect much-needed supplies to make a difference in the lives of those who have served our country.

Virginia Barnes from **Upstate Warrior Solution** joined us at our recent meeting to receive the donations on behalf of the veterans. Her gratitude and stories of the program's impact were a powerful reminder of the importance of giving back to those who have given so much.

Thank you to everyone who contributed—your kindness is making a real difference!



## Global Rotary Networking

Lance Pittman took advantage of his Rotary membership while traveling in Scotland and attended a Rotary Club of Edinburgh meeting. How fun to participate with a group in another country and experience the way they 'do' Rotary! We are glad you came back and aren't surprised they asked you to stay and be a part of their club.




## New Google Workspace Live – Website Coming Soon!

Our Rotary Club is embracing new tools to stay connected and streamline our communications and project work! We're excited to announce the launch of our Google Workspace, which will serve as a central hub for club files, resources, and collaborative tools. Currently, we only have one User License, but plan to increase this as we get everything set up. All club members can access the Google Drive files. If you need an additional level of permission for the Google Drive, please email [admin@rotarygreer.org](mailto:admin@rotarygreer.org).

The Google Drive can be accessed at [Rotary Club of Greer](#).

In addition, all current members can be emailed using the address [members@rotarygreer.org](mailto:members@rotarygreer.org). ***If you use a different email address than the one you provided on your membership form, you need to send that information to [admin@rotarygreer.org](mailto:admin@rotarygreer.org) to be added to the group email list and get drive access.***



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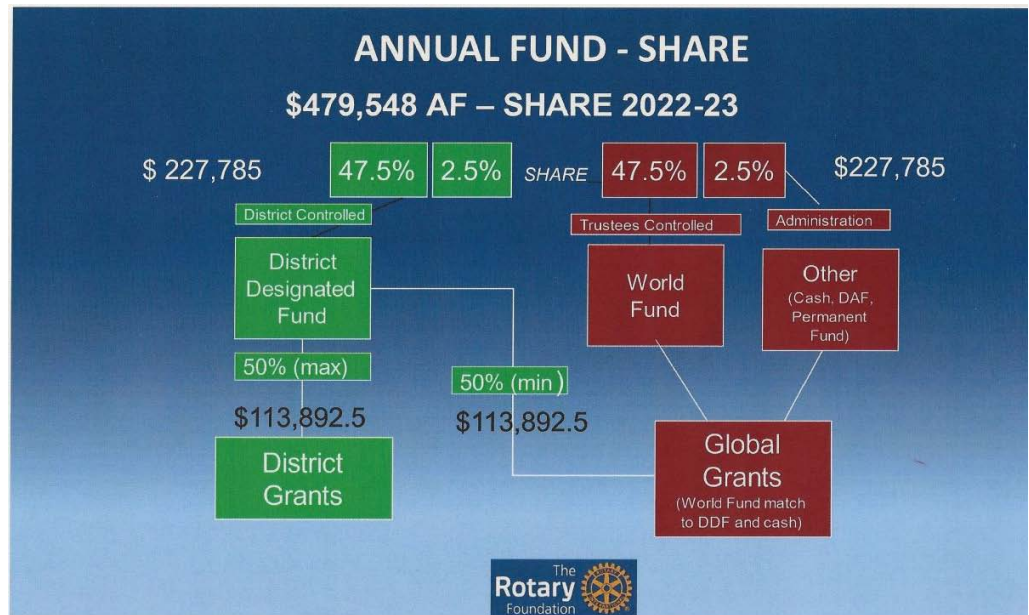
But that's not all! We're also working on a new club website, designed to be a go-to resource for members and visitors alike.

Expect features like event calendars, volunteer sign-ups, and updates on club projects. Our hope is to launch by January 1! Stay tuned for more!

Into the future we go,  
Carrie

## District 7750 Foundation Dinner Highlights Local and Global Impact

The recent **Rotary Foundation Training and Dinner** in Greenville showcased the incredible work being done worldwide through the Foundation—and how it directly benefits us here at home.



One of the key takeaways? Roughly **half of every dollar donated** to the Rotary Foundation returns to our district as **District Designated Funds**. District designated funds may be used for grants to fund impactful projects globally, and right here in the Upstate, and thanks to our club's contributions, we'll be **eligible to apply for matching grants starting in the spring of 2025!** The amount we can request as a grant is directly tied to our overall contributions to the Foundation, as well as the funds we have as a club to support the project.

While our grant eligibility depends on overall giving, achieving **EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year)** status is an exciting goal that reflects our collective commitment to service. We're encouraging every club member to contribute **\$25 or more** this year to help us earn this recognition—it would be a feather in our cap and a testament to our dedication to Rotary's mission.

Together, let's make a difference locally and globally. Every contribution helps us create lasting change!

Mark Moreno,  
Foundation Chair

### Rotary Leadership Institute - Lancaster

**PART 1 - January 18, USC Lancaster Campus, [476 Hubbard Drive](#), [Lancaster, SC 29720](#)**

*Any Rotary member who has never been to RLI can attend the session in Lancaster. All the sessions are interactive and allow participants to grow and share in Rotary.*

**Added bonus: our club will reduce your dues by half on the quarterly membership bill following your attendance at an RLI session! Let Melissa know when you complete a level of training.**

At the end of every event, I often hear participants say things like:

*'I wish I had attended RLI sooner'*

*'I learned so much about Rotary and what other clubs are doing'*

*'I made so many new friends today'*

Register early as these fill up quickly - [www.midatlanticrli.org](http://www.midatlanticrli.org)

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