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Service Above Self

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Rotary Club of Greenville OUR NEXT MEETING

Join us at the Westin Poinsett Hotel
Tuesday, April 24 at 12:00; Business Begins at 12:15



Larry Dandridge Author, *Blades of Thunder*

Larry Dandridge is the CEO, Editor, and a Senior Writer with Tigers, Vikings, and Vipers Publishing, LLC. His latest military history and action book includes 416 pages of edge-of-your-seat reading and 46 combat pictures. *BLADES OF THUNDER (BOOK ONE)*, is an all five-star reviewed, action-packed, informative, fast selling, and non-fiction account of the US Helicopter War in Vietnam in 1968 and 1969. Four of the main characters in the book are SC heroes and ex-Army Aviators.

Larry also played in *ARMY WIVES* as Corporal Arnold Sedowski, a Vietnam War Veteran, and he is a member of the Screen Actors Guild.

LTC (Retired) Larry Dandridge is an ex-enlisted Army infantryman, aviation warrant officer aviator, and retired aviation commissioned officer. He served as an Army flight instructor, flight examiner, flight commander, maintenance test pilot, US-German negotiator, locomotive operator, procurement official, and logistician in the US Army for 24 years. Larry was severely wounded in Vietnam in 1969 flying an attack helicopter.

His military awards include the Legion of Merit, Purple Heart, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, German Silver Cross, the Joint Meritorious Service Medal, five Meritorious Service Medals, 15 Combat Air Medals, and two Silver Quill Awards to mention a few.

He is also the past president of the Association of the US Army (AUSA) Charleston, SC Chapter and the current VP for Veteran Affairs. He has led many efforts to help our military men and women, veterans, and their families to find jobs, obtain housing, and much more.

Today, between writing books, Larry is a volunteer Patient Advisor, Veterans Service Officer, and Employment Assistance Officer at the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center where he teaches Patient and Family Centered Care (PFCC). He also serves on the Customer Service Council, the Directors Veterans Service Officer (VSO) Council, and several other VA advisory councils at his local VA hospital.

Larry is married and has five children and nine grandchildren and a miniature Italian Greyhound. He likes to read, write, act, play tennis and pickle ball, fish, walk, do volunteer work, and spoil his nine grandchildren and his Greyhound.

INVITE A FUTURE ROTARIAN AS A GUEST -- \$21

Includes a delicious lunch, an inspiring program, and free parking.
Pre-register your guest to save time at check-in.

President's Message

Thoughts from President Scott Stephens



Making a Difference in Our Community Through Rotary

The last time I wrote to you, I referred to the number of volunteer hours our club members have dedicated to one of the many projects to which Rotary Club of Greenville is committed. Over 3000 hours have been volunteered in service to our local community through our Rotary Club. I've found that every so often, we need a reminder of all of the significant work we are accomplishing for people in the Upstate:

- We have donated money to help the Nicholtown Association build a playground for underprivileged youth in addition to providing support to other worthwhile local charities.
- We sponsor the "Service Above Self" scholarships which help pay college tuition over a four year commitment for four outstanding young people.
- We recognize and show appreciation for top performing teachers and law enforcement professionals in our community.
- We partner with and provide financial support for the Greenville Literacy Association.
- We provide mentors for returning veterans re-entering the workforce and women who want to start a small business.
- We sponsor the Early Act First Knight character-building program at two elementary schools in the Upstate.
- We donate money to fight Polio and support Alzheimer's research.
- We provide vocational direction and guidance to high school seniors at our annual Career Day program.

All of these great accomplishments are possible because of members like you. You volunteer, giving your time generously, and you sacrificially give your support financially. Thank you!

Our Rotary club provides a platform from which we can serve others in our community. Remember that when someone asks you why you're in Rotary.

Better yet, invite them to be your guest and see Rotary at its best the next time you volunteer for one of these great projects.

"You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you"
- John Bunyan

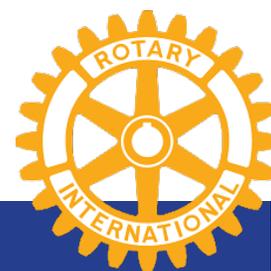
Scott Stephens

President

Mark Your Calendar

CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 24	Discover Rotary, 11:00am, Westin Poinsett Hotel
Tuesday, April 24	Rotary Club of Greenville Meeting, 12:00 noon, Westin Poinsett Hotel
Tuesday, May 1	New Member Orientation, 5:30pm, Poinsett Club
Tuesday, May 8	Rotary Club of Greenville Meeting, 12:00 noon, Westin Poinsett Hotel, Attorney General Alan Wilson
Friday, May 18	All Club Conference, Hilton Charleston Convention Center
Monday, May 21	Rotary Centennial Cup Golf Tournament, Holly Tree Country Club
Monday, May 22	Spring Fellowship Outing, 5:30pm, Westin Poinsett Hotel



The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- FIRST:** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- SECOND:** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- THIRD:** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- FOURTH:** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Remembering Rotary



Remembering Dr. Randy Kowalski

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of long-time member and Past President the Reverend Doctor Paul Randolph (Randy) Kowalski. During his long and distinguished career as a Presbyterian minister, Randy served congregations in South Carolina and Georgia, culminating in his 30 year tenure as Senior Minister at First Presbyterian Church of Greenville. He joined the Rotary Club of Greenville in 1974, and remained an active member until 2016. He served as President of the club during the 1987-1988 Rotary year.



It's a Match! PHF Matching Initiative

Be sure and check your mail for information regarding the Club's Paul Harris Fellow Matching Initiative!

The Club is offering to match your contribution to the Foundation and boost you to the next level of Paul Harris Fellow Recognition.

Please consider sending in your tax-deductible contribution to help advance communities, improve health and promote peace both locally and throughout the world.

Make checks payable to Rotary Club of Greenville, 728 N. Pleasantburg Dr., Greenville, SC 29607

Membership

Bring a New Member

No Initiation Fee!



We are enthusiastic and excited about the 2018-2019 Rotary Club Year! It should be a great year for both stronger friendships as well as service above self! Through diversity of ideas and people, the energy of the Downtown Rotary Club of Greenville is growing. In an effort to maximize the impact of our 2018-2019 club year, we are offering all new members a waiver of the \$150 initiation fee for applications received, accepted, and paid between April 15 and June 30, 2018.

Additional annual fees are pro-rated for the remainder of the Club year to include a nominal amount for club dues, meals, scholarship funding and a contribution to the Rotary Foundation.

Welcome New Members

Julie Heller
Greenville Center for Creative Arts
Sponsored by Scott Stephens and Phillip Kilgore

Carla Renner
Sponsored by Donna Gottschall and Judith Prince

Bill Robinson
Robinson Financials
Sponsored by Joyce McAbee and Scott Stephens

Megan Zapf
Upcountry History Museum
Sponsored by Walker Smith and Lauren Scoggins

Got News? Call Bob.

Do you have news about you or another member? Call or email Bob Howard
bobhoward@charter.net.

Fellowship



Spring Fellowship Outing

May 22, 5:30 - 7:00

We had such a good time at the Rotary Fellowship Outing last Fall, we are going to do it again!

The Rotary Spring Fellowship Outing will be May 22, from 5:30 to 7 pm, at the Westin Poinsett Hotel. The Spring Outing will take the place of the regular meeting that date. Don't miss the Rotary networking opportunity of the season.

The planning for the Spring Outing is ongoing but it promises to be another great social. Please:

- Come (for Active members there is no cost! - R-85s only \$10 each)
- Bring a spouse or guest (only \$10 each!) and
- Bring a prospective member (at no cost!!)

We also are moving the start time for Discover Rotary on that date. Now it will be immediately before the Spring Outing, so your prospective member can learn more about Rotary and our Club at 4:30 pm and then join you at the Spring Outing. This would be a great time to invite a friend, neighbor or business associate to hear about Rotary.

So, please mark your calendars – May 22, 5:30 pm at the Westin Poinsett Hotel. And, you can even sign up right now:

Register NOW for Spring Fellowship Outing -- 5:30 pm on May 22 -- No Noon Meeting on May 22 or send your regrets that you cannot attend by clicking [here](#).

AND Register NOW for Discover Rotary -- 4:30 pm on May 22 at Westin Poinsett Hotel or send your regrets that you cannot attend by clicking [here](#).

Fore! Time to Tee it Up!



The Rotary Club of Greenville - Rotary Charities Cup

Monday, May 21, 2018

HOLLY TREE COUNTRY CLUB

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Holly Tree Country Club's eighteen-hole golf course is laid out over rolling Foothills terrain. The course was designed by George Cobb and is a challenge from all sets of tees. The course plays 6,790 yards from the blue tees, 6,340 yards from the white tees, 5,901 yards from the grey tees, 5,01 yards from the gold tees, 5,184 yards from the red tees, and 4,812 from the black tees. Four beautiful lakes and Gilder Creek bring water into play on nine of the holes. The course features a double St. Andrews-style green serving holes 9 and 18. In addition to a driving range and putting green, Holly Tree Country Club also offers a separate chipping area and a short course practice area ideal for players of all ages and skill levels wishing to work on their game.

Format: Four Person Scramble

Monday May 21, 2018

9:30-11:30am Registration (practice facilities open and putting contest)

11:30am Shotgun Start
Box Lunch served!

After Play Reception & refreshments
Presentation of Awards
(Gross & Net Team
Winners, Closest to Pin
and Hole in One Prizes)

**Only the first 25 teams
will be accepted!**

Check your level of sponsorship

(Description of sponsorship levels on next page)

- \$5,000 Title Sponsor (8 players) \$200 Single Player
 \$3,000 Presenting Sponsor (4 players) \$150 Hole Sponsor
 \$700 Foursome (4 Players)
 \$500 Supporting Sponsor

Count Me In!

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

(Upon receipt of this registration we will send you a confirmation asking for players' names & Handicap/Average Score) The first 25 teams will be accepted.

Check enclosed (payable to Rotary Charities)

VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER

Expiration Date _____ / _____ (month/year)

Card#: _____

Signature: _____

TO REGISTER scan and email form to clubadmin@greenvillerotary.org or mail to: **Rotary Club of Greenville** - 728 N. Pleasantburg Dr. Greenville, SC 29607

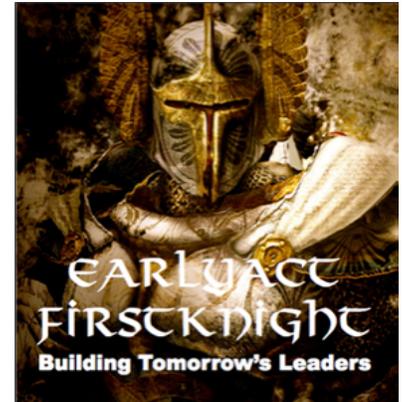
Service Above Self

Early Act First Knight (EAFK) Update

Our Club partners with 2 schools in the area, Alexander Elementary School and Lead Academy, in the Early Act First Knight program.

In a recent report on the partnership, Jane Dyer explained, “Our first knighting ceremony was a few weeks ago and you can’t imagine how excited the students were when the curtains were pulled back and they saw a real knight!!! “

Make plans to attend one of the knighting ceremonies; however, if you do plan to attend, contact Jane as schedules may change due to conflicts that arise within the schools.



Future Knighting ceremonies:

Alexander Elementary School
May 7, 1:15 PM

Lead Academy
May 11, 1:00 PM

The program still needs volunteers, so if you would like to be involved in this very rewarding endeavor, Jane will be happy to provide additional information.

Jane Dyer, janddyer@hotmail.com

Support Our Service Above Self Scholarship Winner

Ellen Featherstone, our club’s first recipient of the Rotary “Service above Self” Scholarship, spoke at the last Rotary Club of Greenville meeting about her plans after graduation from Clemson University. Ellen will graduate from Clemson University on May 11th at 2:30 p.m. After graduation, she will be going to Malawi (Africa) for 27 months to serve as a Health Extension Volunteer with Peace Corps Malawi.

To celebrate Ellen’s graduation, we want to provide her with funds for a special project or projects which she chooses for the Malawi village in which she will be working. Three-quarters of Malawians live below the international poverty line, surviving on less than \$1.25 per day. The funds will be presented to Ellen as a graduation gift to support her continued commitment to “Service above Self.”

Following Ellen’s presentation, funds were collected for a Malawi project. If you did not have an opportunity to contribute funds for Ellen’s use in Malawi, you may send a check directly to Ellen Featherstone, 9 Northbrook Way, Greenville, SC 29615. Checks should be made payable to Ellen Featherstone with Malawi Project(s) on the memo line. You may also give Dee Kivett or me your contribution at the next Rotary meeting.

If you did not hear Ellen’s presentation at our Rotary meeting, you will enjoy reading excerpts from her presentation below.

Rotarians, you can take great pride in the contributions that you have made to Ellen Featherstone’s life and continued service to humanity through the Rotary “Service above Self” Scholarship! Join us in celebrating Ellen’s graduation from Clemson University!

Judith S. Prince
Member, Rotary Scholarship Committee
Past President, Rotary Club of Greenville

Service Above Self Scholarship

Excerpts from an Address to the Club

A Season of Lasts

I come to you today in a season of “Lasts”. I am in my “Last” semester at Clemson University, I am attending my “Last” spring football game this Saturday, and I am speaking to the Rotary Club of Greenville for the “Last” time.

It's strange to think that only four years ago, I stood at this podium to accept the first Rotary “Service Above Self” Scholarship. This was not an accolade I felt I had earned, and to be honest it was not an award that I truly understood. But I can say with confidence, now more than ever, that over my years at Clemson I have come to understand that service is so much more than a simple definition. Service is a lifestyle, service is love, and the potential for service is in each of us. It is because of my experiences and the influence of many mentors that I now know what service and more specifically servant leadership mean.

For those of you who are not already aware, following graduation, I have accepted a position as a Health Extension Volunteer with Peace Corps Malawi. After departing June 2nd, I will be serving for 27 months abroad. During this time, I will be working under the President's Malaria Initiative and the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief. I am thrilled to be able to serve in the global health sector, and cannot wait to use my degree to help the community I will be living in.

For those of you wanting a little bit of background, Malawi is a small landlocked country in Southeast Africa bordering Zambia, Tanzania, and Mozambique. It is affectionately referred to as the “Warm Heart of Africa” due to the generosity and kindness of the people who live there. Malawi experiences high rates of poverty. Over 90% of the population survives on subsistence agriculture living under \$2 per day, and 47% of children under the age of 5 experience growth stunts related to malnutrition. Over 10% of the population is suffering from AIDS/HIV. Despite progress, Malaria continues to be a major public health problem. The disease accounts for 40% of hospitalizations in children under 5, 30% of all outpatient visits, and is one of the major causes of mortality across all age groups.

I am not ignorant that this opportunity to serve comes with challenges. But if there is one thing that I have learned since coming to college, it is that the greatest of gifts can come from the most challenging of times.

There were challenges when I worked at a summer camp for people with disabilities: A place where I taught art to the blind, learned to talk through smiles, and learned the true meaning of hope. A place where I began to question if I was making a difference, or if others were strictly making a difference in me. A place where for the first time in my life I woke up in the morning with the sole purpose of serving others instead of myself.

Ellen continued to discuss challenges she faced while in college. She ended her presentation with the following:

“I want to thank each and every one of you for the investment that you've made in my education. The Rotary “Service Above Self” Scholarship has meant the world to me. It has allowed me to place service as a focal point in my college career and to truly learn what it means to place Service above Self.”

Ellen Featherstone





MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL FORM

Proposed Member’s Business/Professional Information:

Name: _____ Title or Occupation: _____

Business Name: _____ Website: _____

Business Phone: _____ Email: _____

Business Address: _____
Street/City/State/Zip Code

Industry: _____ If not currently employed, are you: Retired
In Transition
Other

If retired or in transition, list employer/title/occupation/industry at time of retirement/transition: _____

Proposed Member’s Personal Information:

Mailing Address: _____
Street/City/State/Zip Code

Cell Phone: _____ Cell Carrier: _____ Email: _____

Which address do you prefer? Personal Business Which Email address do you prefer? Personal Business

Place of Birth: _____ Date of Birth: _____
(Year will not be published in Directory)

Spouse/Partner’s Name: _____ Date of Anniversary: _____
(Year will not be published in Directory)

If a former Rotarian, list club(s) and date(s): _____

If a former Rotarian, were you? Sustaining Member Board Member Active Exempt
Paul Harris Fellow Club President Rotaract

Are you a veteran? Yes No

Please explain your community service background and interest in joining the Rotary Club of Greenville (attach page if necessary):

Please Attach Updated Resume, Bio, or Linked in Connection.

Statement to be signed by Proposed Member:

I understand that it will be my duty, if accepted for membership, to exemplify the Object of Rotary (please see attachment and/or back), in all my daily contacts and. I agree to abide by the Four-Way Test. I agree to pay an initiation fee of \$150.00 (does not apply to former members or transferring Rotarians) upon acceptance of my membership, as well as annual dues, luncheon meal fees, scholarship fund and Rotary International Foundation contribution on a timely basis and in accordance with the bylaws of the Club; additional information on costs is provided on the attached/back. I hereby give permission to the Club to publish my business and personal information (excluding actual years of birth date and anniversary date) and photograph to the Club membership via newsletters, meetings, an online Directory and the annual hardcopy Yearbook.

X
Date

X
Proposed Member’s Signature

Proposed Member should keep all back-up of the application form for informational purposes and obtain all signatures before submitting

1st Sponsor Printed Name _____ 2nd Sponsor Printed Name _____

1st Sponsor Signature _____ 2nd Sponsor Signature _____

THE JOINT ALL CLUB CONFERENCE

MAY 18-20, 2018



Rotary  **Districts 7750 and 7680**



Sponsors are needed to help defray the cost of the Conference.
[Click here for a sponsorship form.](#)

Embassy Suites by Hilton Charleston Convention Center
5055 International Blvd., North Charleston, SC

Mark your calendar to enjoy a wonderful Rotary experience among fellow Rotarians and friends in Charleston, known for its rich history, southern charm, unparalleled beauty, and its celebrated restaurant community.

We will have outstanding, interesting speakers from leadership at Rotary International and other speakers of distinction.

Join us for a fun weekend of good food, musical entertainment, and to share many Rotary accomplishments as well as free time to enjoy Charleston, voted the Number 1 city in the world and in the U.S./Canada in 2016 by Travel + Leisure.

This is a Rotary experience not to be missed that you will long remember as we seek the goal of **"Rotary: Making a Difference."**



[Watch a video](#) about the Charleston/Embassy Suites/ Convention Center



Of the things we think, say or do

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?**
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
- 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**

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