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Service Above Self



Rotary Club of Greenville

OUR NEXT MEETING

**JOIN US AT THE WESTIN POINSETT HOTEL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2016 AT NOON**



**AS WE SPOTLIGHT
THE ROTARY FOUNDATION
With Presentations from:
Terry and Pam Weaver
Gillaine Warne
Beth Padgett**

Tuesday's meeting will highlight several projects that both the Rotary Foundation and our club are deeply involved in changing lives for the better. All share in common a focus on sustainability and projects where we can have a greater impact by using our resources together than we could ever alone.

Gillaine Warne will update us on the impact we are having in the Central Plateau in Haiti through "the Farm" (actually three farms) and Vocational school. A group from our Rotary Club will be traveling back from Haiti this week so keep them in your thoughts for safe travels!

Beth Padgett will share with us the lifesaving water system and work being done in Honduras.

Last but not least, Terry and Pam Weaver will share their experiences on a recent trip to India for Polio vaccinations. Polio is an example of a problem that Rotary has committed to defeat for many years where the life being saved may be our own.



[Register Your Guests NOW](#) for Rotary Club of Greenville Meeting--February 23, 2016

**INVITE A FUTURE ROTARIAN AS A GUEST -- \$20
Includes the program, meal, and parking
Preregister your guest to save time at check-in**

Message from the President

LEGACY OF A GREAT IDEA!

One Hundred Years of Rotary and Greenville



One hundred years ago four Greenville businessmen hopped on a train with a new idea. They had the idea of creating an organization where business leaders could come together and offer their time and resources to help make Greenville great. They traveled to Atlanta to find out if this concept of Rotary would be the answer that would make their idea a reality. And so, on March 1, 1916 the Rotary Club of Greenville was officially born.

On March 1, 2016 we will celebrate that great idea with a grand Gala that promises to be an event that members will be talking about for years to come. We will have numerous celebrities as our guests that evening including appearances, on-stage, by the original four men who started it all ... ghosts? Who knows? There will be a special performance by the Chicora Voices who will entertain us with a few of Pete Hollis' favorite songs. An entertainer who has appeared in some 20 Broadway shows will also be there to help us celebrate this important event in the life of Rotary. The new video on the history of the Rotary Club of Greenville will also be premiered at this event. This will truly be a Gala celebration, not a typical Rotary conference meeting! Great food! Great entertainment! Great fellowship! You really don't want to miss this "once in a hundred year celebration. Register now at the link below.

<https://www.directory-online.com/Rotary/Register/Register.cfm?EventID=77280875>

On February 27, an exhibit will open at the Upcountry History Museum that will tell the remarkable story of the Rotary Club and its one hundred years of "Service Above Self." The exhibit is titled **Legacy of a Great Idea!** This exhibit will illustrate the history of the Rotary Club and its impact on the growth of Greenville, including the building of Textile Hall on Washington Street in 1917, the courageous work of Rotary members to help defeat the influenza epidemic of 1918, the building of a gymnasium at Furman University, the creation and building of Camp Greenville and the development of the Rotary Civic Chorale which is now the Greenville Chorale. The exhibit will also examine the projects that the Rotary Club of Greenville is currently involved in, including efforts in Haiti and Honduras, the Literacy Association of Greenville, the Veterans mentor program, the annual recognition of outstanding law enforcement officers and teachers and the major fundraiser, Roper Mountain Holiday Lights. The exhibit will be open through May 2016.

The evening before the exhibit opens to the public, February 26, there will be a special reception for members and spouses at the Museum starting at 5:30pm. The reception is free and will be catered by Saffron's. There will be wine and food and a chance to get a first glimpse at the new exhibit.

Don Koonce
President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Koonce".

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE ALL CLUB CONFERENCE

ALL CLUB CONFERENCE
FOR DISTRICT 7750
APRIL 22-24, 2016
GREENVILLE HYATT

Starts with a kick-off party at 6 p.m.
on Friday. Concludes around noon on
Sunday. The entire **agenda** is on the
website.

REGISTER NOW!

*Many more conference details
and information can be found at
www.rotary7750.org/conference*



BIKE RIDE in Atlanta 2017

Calling all Motorcyclists: Mark your 2017 calendar. Following the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, the International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians (IFMR) will RIDE from June 15 til we get done. Contact jim@dodmead.net for additional information.



Mid-Year Assembly

AG Buddy Smith from Union leads a discussion among club members from his area at the Mid-Year Assembly Jan. 30 in Greenwood. About 185 people were present.

[Link to conference webpage](#)

Picture From Last Meeting



Speaker, S.C. Attorney General Alan Wilson



Greenville City Police Department, Officer of the Year,
Officer Siva "Nikki" Hyatt



Greenville County Sheriff's Office, Officer of the Year,
Sergeant David Weiner



Federal Officer of the Year,
Special Agent Byron Thompson



2015 Rotary Officers of the Year with Attorney General, Alan Wilson
and President Don Koonce

GREENVILLE, SC – The Riley Institute's Diversity Leaders Initiative (DLI) has selected its 21st Class of Fellows. The 45 incoming class members will join more than 1,500 Riley Fellows from across the state to participate in DLI. Two Rotarians from our club were selected:



Sheriff Steve Loftis



D.J. Harris



Be a gift to the world

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.



The Story of the Rotary Club of Greenville

ROTARY CLUB OF GREENVILLE'S CENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES

As you all know, we are celebrating the Rotary Club of Greenville's 100th birthday March 1, 2016. Please make sure these upcoming events are on your calendar.

- February 26, 2016: We are hosting a free reception for Rotary members and spouses at the Upcountry History Museum to preview our Centennial Exhibit. The exhibit will run from February 27 through May and will be a terrific opportunity to see the impact our Club has had on the Greenville community over the last 100 years.
- March 1, 2016: Our Centennial Gala will be at the TD Convention Center at 6pm. You do not want to miss this special event! Register now on [dacdb!!](#) Contact Bert Strange with any questions.
- April 13, 2016: We are hosting a Peace Seminar at the [Younts Center](#) at Furman University with renowned speakers on the topics of peace and conflict resolution. This will be a world-class event, and attendance at any part of the Seminar or lunch is free to all Rotary members. Registration details will be available soon.

In addition, we are seeking to raise funds for worthwhile legacy and service projects that will mark our Legacy for Tomorrow, including a service project for the Greenville Literacy Association, as well as funds for a sculpture and a bridge. Our goals are an average of \$250 per member for the Centennial and 300 people in attendance at the Centennial Gala. Contact George Fletcher for more details about these projects and how you can get involved.



GREENVILLE SWAMP RABBITS

WORKING TOGETHER TO PRESENT



"END POLIO NOW" FUNDRAISER at a GREENVILLE SWAMP RABBITS HOCKEY GAME

PLUS

A BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR - SWAMP RABBITS & BON SECOURS ARENA

Organized by:

The Rotary Clubs & Interact Clubs of District 7750

- **WHAT** – Polio Plus Fundraiser & Hockey Game – Friday February 19, 2016 at 7:00 PM—doors open at 6:00 PM
Behind the scenes tour - Saturday February 20, 2016 at 2:00 PM
- **WHERE** – Bon Secours Arena, Greenville

THE HOCKEY GAME

- **HOCKEY GAME** – Rotarians and their guests, Rotaract Members and their guests, and Interact Members and their guests are invited to purchase tickets to the game against the South Carolina Stingrays on Friday February 19th. Rotarians are invited to go on the Behind the Scenes Tour on Saturday February 20th at 2:00 pm. If space permits, the tour may be opened up to Rotaract and Interact Club members.
- **COST FOR THE GAME** - For Rotarians, Rotaract Members and their guests the cost is \$18 (Sections 103) per person for the game. For Interact members the discounted cost is \$10 (Sections 107 – 109) Adult guests of Interact Members should purchase tickets in the section(s) where the Rotarians will be seated by using the "Adult Guests and ROTARACT Members" link below. A seating chart for Bon Secours Arena is attached. **A portion of each ticket sold will go to Polio Plus.**
- **HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS** – Tickets can be purchased through the following websites:
 - For Rotarian and Spouses – <https://swamprabbits.isportstix.com/order/group/ROTARY/>
 - Adult Guests and ROTARACT Members – <https://swamprabbits.isportstix.com/order/group/ROTARY/>
 - INTERACT Members and Teen Guests - <https://swamprabbits.isportstix.com/order/group/INTERACT/>
- **HOW TO PICK UP TICKETS** – Tickets can only be picked up at the box office during their normal business hours OR at the will call window when you go to the game. The Box Office is open Monday – Friday 10 to 5. If there is a game on Saturday, the box office opens at 3 pm. PICTURE ID IS REQUIRED TO PICK UP TICKETS.
- **PARKING FOR THE GAME** - Parking for the game is available at the Beattie Street parking garage. The cost to park there is \$6 on game nights. A satellite picture of the arena area is attached to show where to park and where to enter the arena.
- **IF YOU HAVE SOMEONE IN YOUR CLUB WHO CAN HELP PROMOTE THIS FUNDRAISER— HAVE THEM CONTACT BOB GRAZIO** [AT rgrazio@sequoia-cg.com](mailto:rgrazio@sequoia-cg.com) – **PLEASE INCLUDE POLIO PLUS FUNDRAISER IN THE SUBJECT LINE.**

Rotary
District 7750



Welcome New Member



New Member Francie Tanner

Proposed New Members

Austin Guest
Financial Advisor
Waddell & Reed
Sponsors: Myles Golden and Don Koonce

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Friday - Closed

Four Way Test

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOOD WILL
and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



Member Calendar

Friday, February 19th 7:00pm Polio Plus Night with Swamp Rabbits Hockey Team

Monday, February 22nd 5:30pm-7:30pm Health and Happiness Hour, Nantucket Seafood

Tuesday, February 23rd 12:00 Noon Rotary Club of Greenville Meeting

Tuesday, March 1 6:00pm Rotary Club of Greenville Centennial Gala, TD Convention Center

Tuesday, March 8th 5:00pm New Member Orientation, Poinsett Club

Wednesday, March 9th 7:30am - 8:30am Discover Rotary, Commerce Club