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Rotary Club of Greenville OUR NEXT MEETING

*Join us at the Westin Poinsett Hotel
Tuesday, September 27 at 12:00*



Glenis Redmond Poet - Teaching Artist - Activist

Glenis Redmond travels nationally and internationally reading and teaching poetry so much that she has earned the title, Road Warrior Poet. She has posts as the Poet-in-Residence at The Peace Center for the Performing Arts in Greenville, South Carolina, and also at the State Theatre in New Brunswick, New Jersey. During February 2016, at the request of U.S. State Department for their Speaker's Bureau, Glenis traveled to Muscat, Oman, to teach a series of poetry workshops and perform poetry for Black History Month.

In 2014-16, Glenis served as the Mentor Poet for the National Student Poet's Program to prepare students to read at the Library of Congress, the Department of Education, and for First Lady Michelle Obama at The White House. Glenis is a Cave Canem Fellow, a North Carolina Literary Fellowship Recipient, and a Kennedy Center Teaching Artist. She also helped create the first Writer-in-Residence at the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site in Flat Rock, North Carolina.

Glenis believes that poetry is a healer, and she can be found in the trenches across the world applying pressure to those in need, one poem at a time.

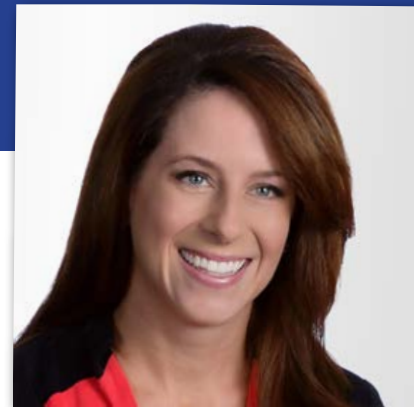
Visit Glenis at www.glenisredmond.com

INVITE A FUTURE ROTARIAN AS A GUEST

\$21 includes a delicious lunch, an inspiring program, and free parking.
Preregistration is required. Walk-ups cannot be accommodated.

President's Message

Wisdom from President Stephanie Lewis



Our member satisfaction survey results are out (you can still participate if you have not already here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W637S6T>), and there are two main takeaways:

- Our members want more local service projects; and
- Our members want more networking opportunities and time to get to know other members.

We hear you! Here are some of the steps we have taken to address each:

Local Service

Our Club's current local service projects include Read To Me, Money Smart, Veteran's Mentor Project, Greenville Literacy Association, Service Above Self Scholarships, and Early Act First Knight. To get involved in one or more of these service projects, simply go to our Club website at <http://greenvillerotary.org/projects/> and click "Volunteer Now" on the project that you are interested in.

This year, we have also announced a New Member Capstone Service project working with local Title I schools to help the students grow their own gardens and learn about nutrition. We will start clearing the gardens and will build a fence in the next month. We will send out the project work dates shortly. All members are welcome to join. To sign up, either Volunteer for the project on the website link above or call or email me or Francie Tanner (Project Chair) at francietanner@gmail.com.

We also have made our non-profit members the focus of monthly local service projects. In August, we supported the Greenville Literacy Association's book sale with a group of volunteers to assist with take down. In September, we supported The Blood Connection with an emergency blood drive. We will be announcing our October service focus at the October 11 meeting, and it will involve a special story about one of our own members.

We are still looking for ways to serve the local community. If you have ideas for other service projects, please let me know!

Networking/Time to Know Fellow Members

It is always a struggle to get to know our fellow Club members in our monthly Club meetings in the limited time we have for speakers and Club business. We will work on that by including Club meetings this year that focus on activities to get to know one another better, but I also encourage members to attend some of our networking events outside of Club meetings to deepen relationships with other members. Get a small group together to join you for our Happy Hour (Rotary Connect: The Idea Hour) October 3 at Hall's or for our Rotary Night Out October 25 at Zen at 6:00 pm. Or join a group to work on display set ups for Holiday Lights on a Saturday or Sunday! I promise you will have fun and build relationships with other members! Also, don't forget our Top Gun event at the Poinsett Club September 28. Please RSVP to me if you would like to join.

As you can see, we are continuously looking for ways to improve our Club experience for members. Please reach out to me with suggestions and feedback.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie Lewis".

The President's Challenge



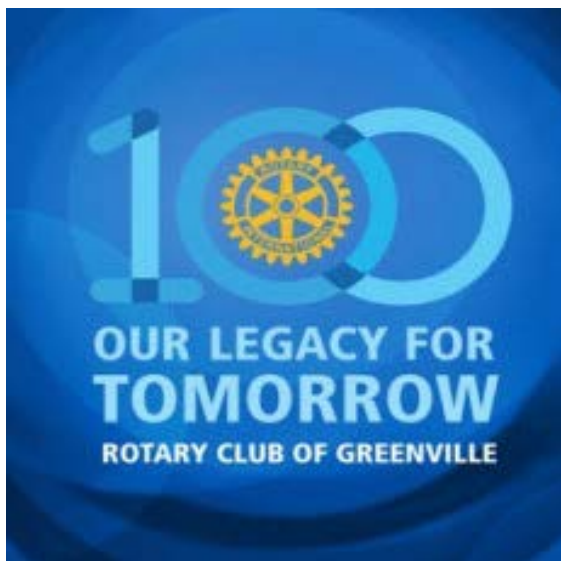
Win a Cool Grand in Cold Cash

Any member who brings in the most new members by January 15, 2017 will get a cash prize of \$1,000; or for those "Service Above Self"-minded folks, a donation of \$1,000 to the charity of your choice.

To qualify, bring in at least two new members who pay their dues by mid-January. If there is a tie, the prize will be split among winners.

We already have a few members who are starting strong. This club is great because of our ability to bring in new, talented, and engaged new members.

[Click here](#) for the membership application.



members in the news

Run, Jack, Run!

Jack Rogers participated in the 11th Annual DC Nation's Triathlon to Benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The Triathlon took place on Sunday, September 11, 2016 in Washington, DC. It features a course that winds through Washington, DC's monument corridor in the shadow of the nation's best known memorials and national treasures.

The Olympic Distance triathlon includes a 1.5k swim in the Potomac River, 40k bike course through DC, and a 10k run through Washington, DC's historical landmarks.

Jack completed the Triathlon, and, as pictured here, he is wearing the 2016 finisher medal. The 2016 medal shows the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, and Jefferson Memorial which athletes passed during the course. Congratulations, Jack! We are proud that you are a member of the Rotary Club of Greenville.



Mark Your Calendar

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 27	Club Meeting, Glenis Redmond , 12:00 at Westin Poinsett Hotel. Click to Register.
September 28	"TOP GUN," featuring Carlos Phillips , 5:30 at The Poinsett Club
October 3	Rotary Connect: The Idea Hour , 5:30 at Hall's Chop House
October 4	New Member Orientation, 5:00 at The Poinsett Club
October 11	Club Meeting, 12:00 at Westin Poinsett Hotel, Chip Felkel
October 25	Rotary Night Out (In place of club meeting), 6:00-8:00 at ZEN
November 7	Rotary Connect: The Idea Hour , 5:30 at Hall's Chop House
March 16	Carolinas PETS (President Elect Training Seminar)
June 10	Rotary International Convention, Atlanta, Georgia
June 30	District 7750 Awards and Installation Banquet, TD Center

Top Gun Event

We are hosting a "Greenville Top Guns" event at the Poinsett Club on September 28 from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm featuring our own member and keynote speaker Carlos Phillips, President and CEO of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce. We have invited over 100 community and business leaders to attend. Please RSVP at lewiss@jacksonlewis.com if you are interested in attending and inviting a guest.



NEXT PROGRAM



October 11, 2016

Chip Felkel

The Elections

Chip Felkel has served as a trusted advisor, navigator and connector to senior decision-makers at all levels of business and government providing a frank objective perspective on political and policy issues, on communications challenges and business development projects. Based on those years of experience Felkel founded RAP Index®, a revolutionary public affairs tool that uncovers an organization's best stakeholder assets. Felkel's expertise and insight has also been sought by law firms, associations and corporations as a speaker for staff retreats, training seminars, and annual meetings.

Connect with the Club

ANSWER THE SURVEY!

Your Opinions Count

The only way we can know what you want as a member of the Rotary Club of Greenville is by listening to you. We can only provide the best programs and speakers, the best service opportunities, and the best relationships and connections to Greenville and the world if we understand how our members want us to provide them.

With this in mind, please complete the member satisfaction survey. It will only take five or six minutes, and your input is invaluable.

Just click on the logo to the right to let us know how to continue to improve and make your membership amazing!

[Click here to complete the survey.](#)

Proposed New Members

Trey Gardner
Vice President—TD Bank

Sponsors: Stephanie Lewis and Bob Morris

Andy Moorman
Assistant U.S. Attorney
U.S. Attorney's Office

Sponsors: Stephanie Lewis and Jason Elliott

New Website Features

We've made some updates to the Club's website.

- You can now volunteer for our service projects through the "Projects" link on the main page.
- There is also be a direct link to register guests and potential members on the main page for the upcoming speaker/program.



Roper Mountain Holiday Lights

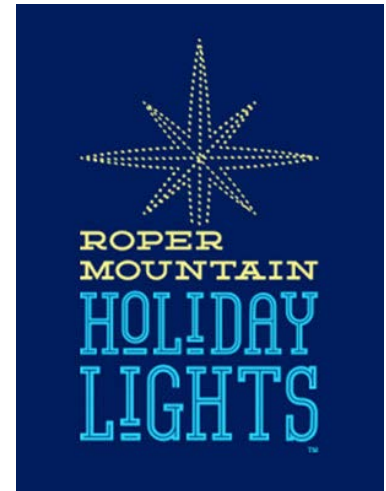
Ho. Ho. And More Ho for 25 years...

Celebrate the Holidays in September

It is Time to Reconvene at the Mountain.

It is once again time to start setting up the displays for Roper Mountain Holiday Lights. Every weekend between now and Thanksgiving week, we will be preparing and erecting the displays for this year's festivities. We need your help to ensure a successful event. [Go to the Greenville Rotary calendar](#) to sign up. Thank you for your participation.

Holiday Lights continues to be our club's biggest fund-raiser, and this year marks the 25th year! As always, we count on our members to help make this event amazing.



The Rotary Club of Greenville is the largest and oldest club in South Carolina and is celebrating its 100th year.

Become A Holiday Lights Sponsor

We are looking for sponsors for our big year! Sponsor opportunities are listed below.

Please contact Elizabeth Lyons (elyons@tdconventioncenter.com) if you would like to be a part of the event that has allowed the Rotary Club of Greenville to fund all of our scholarships, grants and projects for the last 25 years!

Presenting Sponsor – \$25,000

- Lead sponsor – only one is available
- Recognition in billboard, radio advertising, social media and the electronic Holiday Guide
- Recognition on the Roper Mountain Holiday Lights website with a hyper-link to sponsor's website
- Recognition displayed on RMSC's permanent electronic kiosk from Thanksgiving Day to December 30
- Prominent entry signage at the event
- Exclusive signage at the exit
- Recognition in signage at Winter Wonderland
- Recognition at the Sponsor "Thank You" breakfast following the end of the event
- 100 complimentary event passes

Diamond Sponsor – \$10,000 to \$15,000

- Recognition in billboard, radio advertising, social media and the electronic Holiday Guide
- Recognition with signage as the sponsor for one of the following: the Pre-Opening Ceremony, the lighted stage at the Amphitheatre, the Front Gate Volunteer Warming House, or the Sponsor and Volunteer Thank You Breakfast (Selection is based on a first come basis.)
- Recognition as a Diamond level sponsor on the Roper Mountain Holiday Lights website with a hyper-link to the sponsor's website
- Recognition as a Diamond level sponsor in signage at the entry
- Recognition as a Diamond level sponsor in signage at Winter Wonderland
- 40 complimentary event passes

Platinum Sponsor – \$5,000

- Recognition on all social media and the electronic Holiday Guide
- Recognition as a Platinum level sponsor on the Roper Mountain Holiday Lights website with a hyper-link to the sponsor's website
- Recognition as a Platinum level sponsor in signage at the entry
- Recognition as a Platinum level sponsor in signage at Winter Wonderland
- A lighted sign with your company logo displayed adjacent to one of our signature Platinum level displays on site (Display selection is based on first come basis)
- Recognition at the Sponsor "Thank You" breakfast following the end of the event
- 25 complimentary event passes

Gold Sponsor – \$3,000

- Recognition on social media and the electronic Holiday Guide
- Recognition as a Gold level sponsor on the Roper Mountain Holiday Lights website with a hyper-link to the sponsor's website
- A lighted sign adjacent to one of our signature Gold level displays on site (Display selection is based on first come basis)
- Recognition at the Sponsor "Thank You" breakfast following the end of the event
- 15 complimentary event passes

Silver Sponsor – \$1,500

- Recognition on social media and the electronic Holiday Guide
- Recognition as a Silver level sponsor on the Roper Mountain Holiday Lights website
- A lighted sign adjacent to one of our signature Silver level displays on site (Display selection is based on first come basis)
- Recognition at the Sponsor "Thank You" breakfast following the end of the event
- 10 complimentary event passes

Bronze Sponsor – \$750

- Recognition in social media and the electronic Holiday Guide
- Recognition as a Bronze level sponsor on the Roper Mountain Holiday Lights website
- A lighted sign adjacent to one of our signature Bronze level displays on site (Display selection is based on first come basis)
- Recognition at the Sponsor "Thank You" breakfast following the end of the event
- 6 complimentary event passes

By Supporting Roper Mountain Holiday Lights....

- You support Greenville's largest, local not-for profit holiday tradition
- You support the Roper Mountain Science Center
- You support local charities and education through Rotary Charities and the Rotary Club of Greenville

Over 80,000 people will see that you have made an investment for the benefit of the Upstate!

Service Above Self



Formerly, Rotary Fall Fellowship
October 25, 6pm - 8pm

Register NOW for Rotary Night Out--
No Meeting at the Westin Poinsett Hotel

REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL

Don't miss our exciting Rotary Night Out (formerly Fall Fellowship Outing) on Tuesday, October 25, 6pm-8pm at Zen in downtown Greenville. To get the very most out of your Rotary membership, you must attend this fun social event designed with you in mind. Meet and greet new Rotarians, network, and most of all have fun! We have hired a professional Trivia facilitator so we can determine who has the most trivia knowledge in the room! Elegant heavy hors d'oeuvres, music and dancing, open and cash bar, prizes -- What more could you ask for? Bring a guest for only \$21. Register Now!

NO CHARGE for active Rotary Club of Greenville Members (\$21 for guests, Active-Exempt Members and Members on Leave of Absence.) Advanced Payment is Required

This gathering replaces the luncheon on October 25. We will not be at The Westin Poinsett Hotel at noon on October 25.



Join us for the 23rd Celebration of Greenville Business Magazine's Best and Brightest 35 and Under presented by Furman University to acknowledge the 2016 recipients!

Greenville Business Magazine, in partnership with Furman University, is pleased to announce the annual 2016 Best & Brightest 35 and Under awards ceremony. This event honors local, young professionals who have been identified by the community through a nomination process as Greenville County's future leaders.

This event is open to the public to purchase ticket(s) to attend.

Tickets are \$65 per person

Event Details:
Melvin and Dollie Younts Conference Center at Furman University, 3300 Poinsett Hwy. Greenville SC

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

5:00 pm - 5:30 pm - Registration

5:30 pm - Awards Ceremony

6:30 pm - Cocktail Reception

(Dress is Business Casual)

**Please note: there will not be tickets sent, you can receive your name badge at the registration area at the Younts Conference Center between 5:00 pm-5:30 pm*

To purchase tickets click [HERE](#)



2016 Honorees:

Brooke Barlow
Samantha Bauer
Jennifer Belshe
Evan Black
Eliza Bostian
Courtney Swan Camferdam
Lane Chapman
Jeremiah Dew
Megan Finnern
Jane Harrison Fisher
Tierney Gallagher
Trey Gardner
Brian Geppi
Christina Gridley-Robles
Sunnie Harmon
Grice Hunt
Annie Knight
Nick Kulick
Matthew Littlejohn
Denny P. Major
James McAden
Kevin McCarrell
Jessica McDowell
James Moseley
Lindsey Myers
Mark Owens
Paula Palacio
Ana Parra
Nisha Patel
Grady Patterson
Jamie Patterson
Lauren Roach
Erin Smith
Katrina Walker
Zach Weaver
Joshua Woodward



Track the Impact

Follow-up on Jermaine Johnson, GED student, and Magaly Mitchell, ESL Student, at the Greenville Literacy Association, who are recipients of Rotary Literacy Funds

Jermaine Johnson, who spoke at the Rotary Club of Greenville meeting several months ago, passed the GED test, and, on September 20th, he graduated with a high school equivalency diploma at a ceremony held by the Greenville Literacy Association. During that ceremony, Jermaine said that getting his GED was the greatest accomplishment of his life along with all of the certifications that he had obtained along the way. Jermaine gave special thanks to the Rotary Clubs who are in the Rotary Partnership for Literacy for making it possible for him to receive a scholarship to take the GED tests and a scholarship to Quick Jobs with a Future to learn to be a CNC Operator.

Jermaine said, "Rotary is the major factor that helped me by putting this great opportunity out there so that those of us who have "fallen off the wagon" along the way have an option to get back on and keep riding until we reach our destination." Jermaine received a second scholarship from Greenville Technical College to take the next level of CNC training, and he begins a new job next week as a CNC Operator at GE Aviation.

Magaly Corredor Mitchell, who also spoke at Rotary, thanked Rotary for the opportunity she had to complete training with Quick Jobs with a Future as a Medical Interpreter. She is getting a lot of work in her new career!



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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.



CELEBRATE WITH US IN ATLANTA

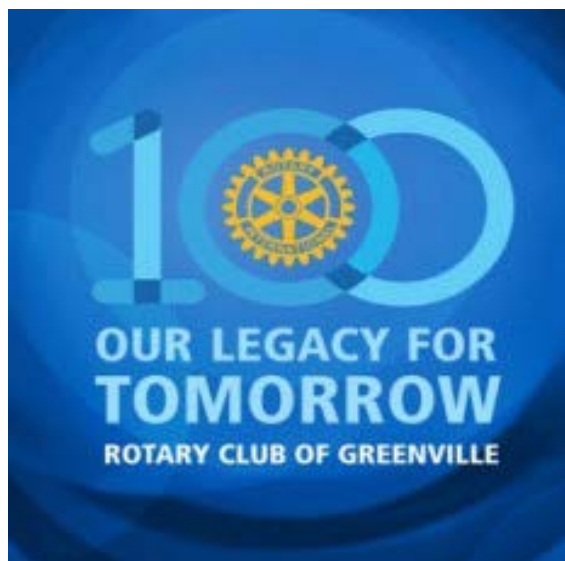


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- 1. Is it the TRUTH?**
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
- 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**



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