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## Rotary Club of Greenville OUR NEXT MEETING

Join us at the Westin Poinsett Hotel  
Tuesday, May 23 at 12:00



### **Carlos Phillips**

#### **President, Greenville Chamber of Commerce**

Carlos Phillips began serving as President / CEO of the Greenville (South Carolina) Chamber of Commerce on March 29, 2016. The Chamber has over 2,200 investors supporting the vision of continually improving the quality of life in the community by inspiring and facilitating business success.

Phillips served as the Senior Vice President of Operations at the Greater Louisville Inc., The Metro Chamber of Commerce of Louisville, KY. He helped to lead Greater Louisville Inc. (GLI) to be recognized as “Chamber of the Year” in 2007, and the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce to be recognized as an industry leader in membership growth and programmatic excellence.

Phillips is an active member of the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives, where he serves as a member of the Board’s Executive Committee, Chair of its Education Committee, Chair of the Membership Development Division, and a member of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee. He also serves as a Board Member of the Louisville Sports Commission and the University of Kentucky National Alumni Association. Additionally, Phillips serves on the VisitGreenvilleSC Board of Directors, Community Foundation Board, Metropolitan Arts Council Board, United Way of Greenville County Board, and Urban League of the Upstate Board.

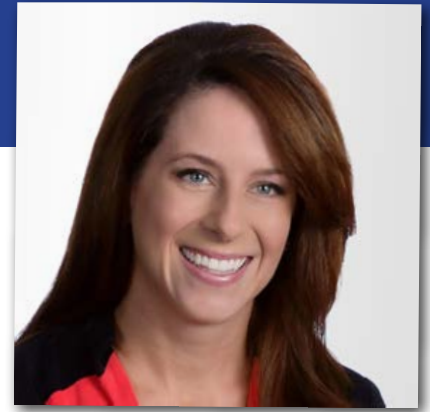
Phillips received an undergraduate degree in Communications from the University of Kentucky and a masters degree from Western Kentucky University. He and his wife, LaTonya, have four children. He is a native of Owensboro, KY.

#### **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



## It's Not How You Start, It's How You Finish

Grady Patterson reminded us of this important lesson at a recent meeting when discussing the wind-down of Roper Mountain Holiday Lights. As I enter my last six weeks of serving as your Club President, I want to ensure we finish this year as strong as we started! To do that, I need your help.

**Roper Mountain Lights.** I saw several of you raise your hands to serve in open positions for Roper Mountain Holiday Lights. Please reach out to Caroline Stewart [carolinestewart@LPBatson.com](mailto:carolinestewart@LPBatson.com) or Ron Demonet [ron.demonet@gmail.com](mailto:ron.demonet@gmail.com) to make this commitment. We are going to have a fun and successful last year of Roper Mountain Holiday Lights, but we can't do it without you!

**Top Guns.** Our next Top Guns event will be May 22, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at The Poinsett Club. Bob Hughes is our keynote speaker and will address development in Greenville. Please consider inviting community and business leaders to join us for this event and learn more about our Downtown Rotary Club, where business and community leaders have been working together to improve Greenville for over 100 years. If you are interested in learning more or would like to register or invite someone to attend, please contact Mandy Dutton at [clubadmin@greenvillerotary.org](mailto:clubadmin@greenvillerotary.org).

**Lion King.** We are in for a special treat from our friends at the Peace Center!! We are going to have a panel of actors from The Lion King present to our club at our meeting on June 13. As members of our Rotary Club, we are being offered a special discount on tickets for the June 13 7:30 p.m. performance. This will be a fun night out and an exclusive Rotary member experience. Please Purchase Discounted Lion King Tickets.

Let's end this Rotary Club year with great service projects and fun outings with our friends and fellow Club members!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie Lewis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

# Mark Your Calendar

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 18 **Greenville Literacy Fundraiser** at Jason's Deli
- May 22 **Top Guns.** 5:30 at the Poinsett Club
- May 23 **Club Meeting.** 12:00 at Westin Poinsett Hotel featuring Carlos Phillips of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce
- June 6 **New Member Orientation.** 5:00 at the Poinsett Club
- June 10 **Rotary International Convention.** Atlanta, Georgia
- June 13 **Discover Rotary.** 11:00 at the Westin Poinsett Hotel
- June 13 **Club Meeting.** 12:00 at the Westin Poinsett Hotel featuring artists from the Lion King
- June 13 **Rotary Night at the Lion King.** 7:30 at the Peace Center
- June 27 **Club Meeting.** 12:00 at Westin Poinsett Hotel featuring Jennifer Stillwell of VisitGreenvilleSC



## Rotary Night at The Lion King

***Tuesday, June 13 at the Peace Center***

Join fellow Greenville Rotarians at the Lion King. The Peace Center has provided discounted tickets for us to attend. To secure your tickets,

[click here](#) and use the promotional code ROTARY.

You don't want to miss this opportunity!

[Purchase Discounted Lion King Tickets](#)

## Proposed New Members

### **Susan McLarty**

Mission Outreach Coordinator  
Westminister Presbyterian Church  
Sponsors: George Fletcher and Charlie LeGrand

### **Les Vann**

General Manager  
WHNS-TV, Fox Carolina  
Sponsors: David Carfolite and Terry Weaver

# Mark your Calendar

## Rotary Business Mentors

As announced at Tuesday's Rotary meeting, we have a new vocational service project, Rotary Business Mentors. Briefly, we are looking for Rotarians who are interested in providing mentorship, coaching, and advice to disadvantaged startup entrepreneurs in the Upstate.

A qualified mentor needs to have owned or run a small business or a business unit of a larger company. If this describes you, I'm asking you to volunteer for a few hours a month, helping someone else up the economic food chain. If you have an interest, please tell us about your experience by completing a short Rotary Business Mentor Profile: <https://goo.gl/forms/OcqglBxNNdMxPFsE2>. We'll attempt to make the best possible match between mentors and clients.

Interested Mentors will be invited to an Orientation/Training session and provided both engagement processes and collateral prior to assignment to a client. Please email or call if you have questions.



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## Dinner at Jason's Deli

**Thursday, May 18, 2017**

Friends of Greenville Literacy Association will hold a fundraising night at Jason's Deli by Haywood Mall. Jason's Deli will donate 15% from sales to customers who visit between 5 and 10 p.m. on Thursday, May 18. Customers simply need to notify cashiers that they are supporting GLA. The deal applies to both dine in and take-out purchases. While not required to participate, it is helpful if Rotarians RSVP at [www.groupraise.com/events/31619](http://www.groupraise.com/events/31619).

Let's plan for a group of us to eat at Jason's Deli on Thursday, May 18th.



# DISCOVER



## Rotary

## Bring a New Member No Initiation Fee Through June

Bring a potential member to our next Discover Rotary Tuesday, June 13 at 11am at the Westin Poinsett Hotel, before our regularly scheduled club meeting. Click to [register for Discover Rotary](#).

We changed the time and location this year to make it easier for you to bring potential members to learn about our club. You can also have your guest join us for our club program immediately following Discover Rotary.

We are enthusiastic and excited about the 2017-2018 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 and of the Downtown Rotary Club of Greenville is growing. In an effort to maximize the impact of our 2017-2018 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, 2017. 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 discretionary contribution to the Rotary Foundation.



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## Calling All Singers

Come and help form a **Rotary Barbershop Quartet**. Yes, a quartet is four, but more are welcome.

Come and share the joy of four part harmony!  
Michael Duty and Luke Thorwart are in...  
And are looking for a few others with the singing bug.

Michael Duty: [mduty1@charter.net](mailto:mduty1@charter.net) or 505-470-9405  
Luke Thorwart: [Luke.Thorwart@gmail.com](mailto:Luke.Thorwart@gmail.com) or 864-520-4025



# Roper Mountain Holiday Lights

Ho. Ho. And More Ho for 26 years...

## Celebrate the Holidays Before Summer

***It is Time to Start the Planning at the Mountain.***

Roper Mountain Holiday Lights (our significant fundraiser for Rotary Charities) is searching for the following positions for the 2017 season. Commitment time frame is noted by each position.

**Fundraising Committee:** Concentrated commitment from now until November 1. Limited engagement from November 1 through February 28, 2018. We need two people to fill this committee.

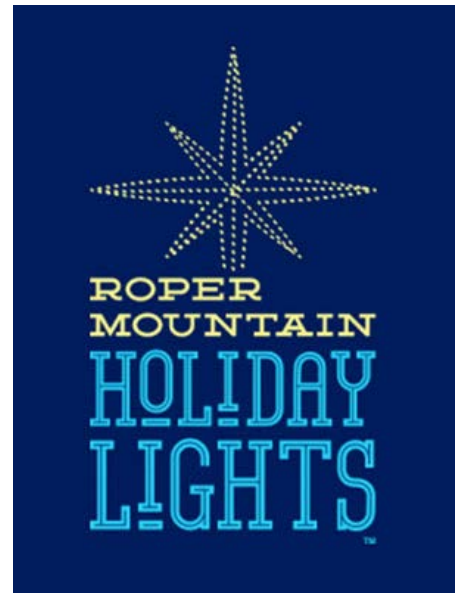
**Display Committee:** Concentrated weekend commitment from September 1 through November 22 and from January 2 through February 28, 2018. We need four people to fill this committee.

**Bankers:** 4 - 5 nights during the event between November 23 and December 30. Each night requires a four hour commitment. We need two people to fill this committee.

**Gate Captain Committee:** Concentrated commitment from November 1 through the event. Will be responsible for recruiting and training Gate Captains for seven nights. Committee is chaired by Mary Grimes-McGreer. We need three people to fill this committee.

**Landscape Lighting Committee:** Concentrated weekend commitment from October 1 through November 22 and from January 2 through January 28. Committee is chaired by Stefan Voss. We need two people to fill this committee.

If you have any questions about these positions, please reach out to Caroline Stewart ([carolinestewart@LPBatson.com](mailto:carolinestewart@LPBatson.com)) or Ron Demonet ([ron.demonet@gmail.com](mailto:ron.demonet@gmail.com)).



# Rotary Partnership for Literacy

## Celebration of the Rotary Partnership for Literacy

The goal of Basic Education and Literacy, one of Rotary International's six areas of focus, is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and increase adult literacy. To help strengthen the capacity of the Greenville Literacy Association (GLA) to foster adult literacy, Rotary Clubs in the Greater Greenville Metro Area signed a Memorandum of Agreement to create the Rotary Partnership for Literacy on October 23, 2014. According to the agreement, Rotary Clubs would provide funding to GLA for a period of three years in amounts determined by each Rotary Club. Each club would encourage Rotarians to serve as volunteer tutors and one Rotary member would serve on the GLA Board. Judith Prince, Rotary Club of Greenville, served as chair of the partnership.



On July, 27, 2017, ten Rotary Clubs celebrated the end of the three-year partnership that had raised \$50,000 for the GLA. Clubs participating in the partnership are as follows: Rotary Club of Fountain Inn; Rotary Club of Greater Greer; Rotary Club of Greenville; Rotary Club of Greenville Breakfast; Rotary Club of Greenville East; Rotary Club of Greenville Evening; Rotary Club of Mauldin; Rotary Club of North Greenville; Rotary Club of Simpsonville; The Foothills Rotary Club.

Each Rotary Club was represented at the celebration, and each received a commemorative crystal with the name of the club, dates of the partnership, and a quote by Kofi Annan, "Literacy is a bridge from misery to hope." Jocelyn Slaughter, Executive Director of GLA and a member of the Rotary Club of Greenville, addressed the partnership members. Two GLA students spoke at the celebration and thanked the Rotary partners for their contributions to adult literacy. Lance Young, Rotary District 7750 Governor, thanked the Rotary Clubs for working together.

Based on needs identified by the GLA Executive Director, funds contributed over the three-year period by Rotary Club partners were used to purchase technology for GLA, fund GED and Quick Jobs Scholarships, and purchase materials for GED students. The Rotary Partnership for Literacy purchased the first smart boards used by GLA. Three Promethean Activ Panel Boards were purchased, one for each GLA Learning Center. A Communications Board was purchased for the lobby of GLA to provide information for students about classes and to recognize students' successes and graduations as well as recognize volunteer staff.

One of the greatest accomplishments of the Rotary Partnership for Literacy was the funding of many GED scholarships. GED students may be in low wage jobs and not employed at all, so paying \$150 to take the GED is not possible. Funding was provided for Aztec online seats for independent study for the GED, Rosetta Stone language resources for ESL students, and other materials.

Other outcomes for the Partnership included volunteering to "take down" GLA's Really Good, Really Big, Really Cheap Book Sale, volunteering to serve as mentors for GED and ESL students, and providing greater visibility and advocacy for adult literacy by offering programs on adult literacy in each Rotary Club.

In recognition of support for adult education programs at GLA by the Rotary Partnership for Literacy, Jocelyn Slaughter, Executive Director, announced that the Media Room at GLA will be named the Rotary Partnership for Literacy Media Room. A plaque with the names of Rotary Clubs who are partners is displayed outside the media room.

The Rotary Partnership for Literacy will receive the Greenville Literacy Association Community Service Award during the GLA Graduation and Awards ceremony on Tuesday, May 23, 2017. Lance Young, Rotary District 7750 Governor, will accept the award on behalf of the Rotary Partnership for Literacy.



# Rotary International

## Help Shape the Future of Rotary

Rotary International is developing a vision for the future so that we can stay relevant and thrive in the years ahead. Our goal is a compelling, inspirational, and aspirational vision that reflects the impact Rotary strives to have on the world.

We're asking for your input on this brief online survey. With your help, we'll better understand what about Rotary excites and inspires you and how we can make the greatest possible impact.

Follow this link to the survey. [https://rotary.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_czG05nuA9r6w8FT?Q\\_DL=7QfnMSzoVDqmkwB\\_czG05nuA9r6w8FT\\_MLRP\\_czKoafa24WY4srH&Q\\_CHL=email](https://rotary.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_czG05nuA9r6w8FT?Q_DL=7QfnMSzoVDqmkwB_czG05nuA9r6w8FT_MLRP_czKoafa24WY4srH&Q_CHL=email)

Your participation will be vital to our success. Thank you for your assistance in shaping our future.

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ROTARIANS  
TO ATLANTA**

Our annual convention is for all Rotarians to come together to learn, share, be inspired, and have fun.

From the breathtaking opening ceremonies, to the world-renowned speakers and informative programs, to the spectacular entertainment events, the Atlanta convention promises to deliver an unforgettable experience for all members of the Rotary family.

### MEET THE MOST INSPIRING PEOPLE IN THE WORLD

Rotarians from more than 130 countries meet at the convention every year. This is your unique opportunity to connect with old friends, make new ones, and share stories about your club's current and future projects.

### STRENGTHEN YOUR CLUB

The general sessions, breakout sessions, and House of Friendship exhibits offer countless ways to help you get the most from your Rotary membership and make your club stronger.

## Program highlights

### HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP

This is where the Rotary world comes together — where ideas, best practices, and project successes are proudly shared.

### SATURDAY CELEBRATION

One of the main events on the convention calendar is our Saturday evening concert, starring a special artist whose performance will be a convention highlight. Don't miss this spectacular show!

**The convention calendar is packed with fun and festivities. Register today!**



### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- The Rotary Foundation Centennial exhibit
- Restaurant night on Monday
- The Rotary Foundation 100th Birthday Party
- Book signing for "Doing Good in the World: The Inspiring Story of The Rotary Foundation's First 100 Years"
- Special tours and events offered by the Host Organization Committee
- 3K Run/Walk
- Host Hospitality Night



# CELEBRATE WITH US IN ATLANTA

Our hope is that more than 45,000 Rotarians visit Atlanta for the convention, and that everyone goes home saying they had a great time. We want you to experience the hospitality of Atlanta and feel the passion Rotarians have for doing good in the world.

I'm really looking forward to sharing this with my son and brother, both Rotarians who have never been to a Rotary International Convention. Hope to see you in Atlanta.



Robert Hall, Rotary Club of Dunwoody,  
Georgia, USA

Chair, Host Organization Committee,  
2017 Atlanta Convention

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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.





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?**

## The Greenville Rotarian

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#### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday - 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Friday - Closed.