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# Greenville Rotarian

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## Rotary Club of Greenville OUR NEXT MEETING

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

Greenville County  
Museum of Art



### **Stephanie Rainey and Paula Angermeier** Greenville County Museum of Art

The Greenville County Museum of Art has been an important part of the fabric of Greenville's arts community for decades. Two representatives from GCMA will be at our next meeting to discuss the museum's extensive Andrew Wyeth collection and the Wyeth Dynasty exhibition currently available for viewing through September 10, 2017.

Andrew Wyeth (1917 - 2009), regarded as one of the most important American artists of the 20th century, launched his career in 1937 with a sold-out exhibition of his watercolors in New York.

In celebration of the centennial of his birth, the Greenville County Museum of Art presents the exhibition Wyeth Dynasty, a retrospective not only of Andrew Wyeth's work, but also a glimpse into the work of his father, N. C., his son Jamie and his sisters Carolyn and Henriette. More than 70 works are featured in this important look at the first family of American painting. The exhibition also includes a number of sketches and studies that complement and enrich the finished watercolors and temperas.

The Museum's collection emphasizes Wyeth's preference for painting intimate subjects, including his family, his homes, his memories, and his favorite models. He once said, "I am an illustrator of my own life."

Greenville's Andrew Wyeth collection encompasses the full scope of the artist's extraordinary career, including significant decade-by-decade examples, from the 1930s to the 21st century. Wyeth himself described it as "the very best collection of my watercolors in any public museum in this country."

#### **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

Wisdom from President Scott Stephens



## An Event that Defines Our Rotary Club

One of the signature events for our Rotary club is to honor the Greenville County Teacher of the Year. I'm excited to say that our annual Teacher of the Year Luncheon will be on September 26th.

Each year, our Teacher of the Year Luncheon gives us the opportunity to celebrate those unsung heroes who sacrifice and selflessly instruct the children of our community. Again this year, we will be hosting the three runners-up and the winner of the Greenville County Teacher of the Year.

One of the things I always enjoy about this program is hearing of the teacher's wonderful accomplishments and innovative ways of reaching the kids in the classroom. I am always inspired by the passion the teacher exhibits and shares with students.

Because of the proceeds from Roper Mountain Holiday Lights, we have the ability to provide each of these fine teachers a monetary gift in appreciation of their accomplishments.

Bill Gates made a wonderful observation which I believe applies to our teachers this year: "If you want your child to get the best education possible, it is actually more important to get him assigned to a great teacher than to a great school."

Please make sure to attend this wonderful event. Better yet, bring a guest to join the celebration!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Stephens".

Scott Stephens, President

# Mark Your Calendar

## CALENDAR

- Tuesday, September 12 Rotary Club of Greenville Meeting, 12:00 noon, Westin Poinsett Hotel featuring **Greenville County Museum of Art**
- Tuesday, September 26 Rotary Club of Greenville Meeting, 12:00 noon, Westin Poinsett Hotel featuring **Greenville County Teacher of the Year**
- Tuesday, October 10 Discover Rotary, 11:00, Westin Poinsett Hotel
- Tuesday, October 10 Rotary Club of Greenville Meeting, 12:00 noon, Westin Poinsett Hotel featuring **Dick Wilkerson “Diversity and His Story”**
- Tuesday, October 24 Rotary Fall Outing, 5:30pm to 8:00pm, Greenville Country Club
- Tuesday, November 14 Rotary Club of Greenville Meeting, 12:00 noon, Westin Poinsett Hotel featuring **Lt. Governor Kevin Bryant**
- Tuesday, November 28 Rotary Club of Greenville Meeting, 12:00 noon, Westin Poinsett Hotel featuring **Governor Henry McMaster**



## 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.

# Notes

## Ruth Lassiter Wilson



It is with sadness that we note the passing of Ruth Lassiter Wilson at the age of 90 on August 31. She was the widow of Past President Rush Wilson, Jr., mother of Rush Wilson III, and grandmother of Jay Wilson (Rush IV). A native of Johnston County, NC, she moved to Greenville with her husband and children in 1965 when Rush Wilson, Ltd. opened its new store in Greenville.

She was an exemplary Rotary wife/mother/grandmother through the years, supporting her family in their Rotary endeavors as well as participating herself. She was a multiple Paul Harris Fellow. A service to celebrate Ruth's life was held on Tuesday in the Chapel of The Mackey Mortuary.

Burial was on Wednesday in Smithfield, NC. Please remember Rush, Jay, and all the family in your thoughts and prayers during these days.

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## Read to Me

### ONCE A MONTH, ONE HOUR, FUN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

The Read to Me Committee is in need of volunteers to read to 3, 4, and 5 year olds in various child development centers in Greenville. Please help us keep this program consistent for the children and teachers by volunteering so we can fill each spot!

Contact Kathryn Helt  
864-325-3526  
[kathryn.helt@dignitymemorial.com](mailto:kathryn.helt@dignitymemorial.com)



## Discover Rotary -- October 10

The next Discover Rotary meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10 at 11:00 am at the Westin Poinsett Hotel. Invite your potential member to attend this informative meeting and to join us for the club meeting at Noon.

[Register here.](#)

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## Fall Outing Fellowship and Fun

*You've experienced top notch Rotary luncheons. You've experienced the solar eclipse. Now experience the 2017 Rotary Fall Outing!*

You are invited to the 2017 Rotary Fall Outing at the Greenville Country Club on Tuesday, October 24 at 5:30pm. Guests are only \$15 and prospective members are free!

Hailed as a favorite event among Rotarians annually, the Fall Outing will include cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, door prizes, and entertainment provided by, drum roll please...fellow Rotarians! You won't want to miss this fun evening at the Greenville Country Club.



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## Luncheon Committee Needs Volunteers!

The Luncheon Committee is looking for 4-5 volunteers to help out with the logistics of scanning badges and checking in guests and visiting Rotarians at the bi-monthly club meetings. This is a great way to meet your fellow Rotarians!

The goal is to acquire enough volunteers so each volunteer will only work during one club meeting per month. When working during the meeting, volunteers are asked to arrive no later than 11:30. Please contact Walker Smith or Mandy Dutton if you can serve on this committee.

Walker Smith - [walker\\_smith@bshsi.org](mailto:walker_smith@bshsi.org)

Mandy Dutton - [mandy.dutton@dignitymemorial.com](mailto:mandy.dutton@dignitymemorial.com)





# Ho. Ho. Ho. Roper Mountain Holiday Lights

## The Grand Finale

## Celebrate the Holidays Now

### *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.

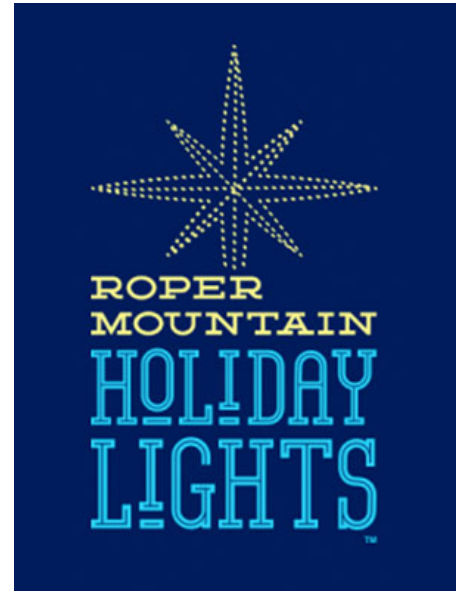
**Display Committee:** Concentrated weekend commitment from September 1 through November 22 and from January 2 through February 28, 2018. We need four people to fill this committee.

**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. 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)).



# Become A Holiday Lights Sponsor

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

## 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!

# News From District 7750



## TO DONATE

Clubs and Rotarians in D7750 who want to donate to Rotary's efforts to provide relief to those impacted by Hurricane Harvey may send contributions to:

**Rotary 7750 Charities, Inc.  
P.O. Box 9092  
Greenville, SC 29604 USA**

Mark your check with the notation: "Hurricane Harvey." The funds will be disbursed to Rotary districts in Texas.

## Rotary response to Hurricane Harvey

By DG Ed Irick

Our prayers go out to those affected by the devastation of Hurricane Harvey. Our Rotary hearts tell us that we must do what we can to help those who are currently suffering and assist in long-term recovery from this natural disaster.

As **People of Action**, our District's leadership is developing a measured and deliberate plan of action to be executed through Rotary channels. This plan will address needs assessed by Rotarians on the ground in the affected areas and where we can do the most good. You can be sure that District 7750 will make a difference in helping those impacted by this powerful storm.

## THIS MONTH'S TRIVIA:

**1** The E-Club of the Carolinas draws its membership from across the country and around the world. Its members hail from SC, NC, PA, NE, FL, VA, WI, CA, Thailand, India, Costa Rica, and Haiti. It is truly an international club. It also happens to have 4 PDGs as members. This is more than any other club in the district.

**2** The Rotary Club of North Greenville was chartered in 1955. Rotary International President, Herbert J. Taylor, presided at its charting ceremony. Taylor was the author of the Four-Way Test.

**3** The Rotary Club of Greenville is the oldest club in the state. It was organized in 1916. It has sponsored 14 clubs throughout its history. The first was the Rotary Club of Spartanburg in 1917 and the last was the Greenville Evening Club in 2003. It recently organized and sponsored Woodlands, the first satellite club in the District.

## As people of action, let's strengthen our membership to do more

By DG Ed Irick

I continue to enjoy my visits to the clubs in the District and meeting the many Rotarians who are truly **People of Action** and who exemplify Service Above Self. All of us recognize that we can do more by working together than we can by working alone. We can also do more with more members. This is why membership is our number one priority.

One challenge for many clubs is diversity of membership. Most people agree that stronger, healthier, and

more vibrant clubs reflect the demographics of their communities. A club that focuses on being more representative of its community benefits from fresh ideas, has more energy, and develops different and new perspectives of service. These clubs are more attractive to potential members. Take a step outside your club and look back into it. Does your club mirror its community? Think in terms of ethnic, gender and age diversity. What do you see?



# Your Rotary Club Board of Directors



**Scott Stephens**  
President



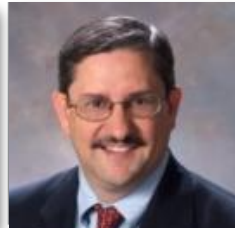
**Ron Debonet**  
President Elect



**Stephanie Lewis**  
Immediate Past  
President



**Scott Powell**  
Secretary



**Mark Swanson**  
Treasurer



**Walker Smith**  
VP Administration



**Phillip Kilgore**  
VP Membership



**Catriona Carlisle**  
VP Service



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Montgomery**  
Fundraising Chair



**Wade Kolb**  
Teacher Recognition  
Chair



**Don Koonce**  
Public Relations Chair



**Russ Miller**  
Rotary Foundation  
Chair



**Laura Moore**  
Fundraising Chair



**Cory Patterson**  
Board Member



**Grady Patterson**  
Club Director



**Ryan Thackray**  
Board Member



## 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**

1<sup>st</sup> Sponsor Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sponsor Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Sponsor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sponsor Signature \_\_\_\_\_



**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**

Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Greenville

Organized January 7, 1916

RI President	Ian H.S. Riseley
District Governor	Ed Irick
Club President	Scott Stephens
President Elect	Ron Demonet
Secretary	Scott Powell
Treasurer	Mark Swanson
Bulletin Editor	Russell Stall
Club Administrator	Jeanine Harrison

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#### **Office Hours**

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