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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 26 at 12:00*



### **GREENVILLE COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

## **Greenville County Teacher of the Year**

Teaching is a calling. We have all heard it. Some knew it was their destiny from childhood. Others discovered later in life that they were meant to teach. Being a teacher requires much more ability than mastering a subject. Teachers serve as surrogate parents, social workers, mediators, technology specialists and entertainers in the classrooms of today. Our Rotary Club serves as a major sponsor for the Greenville County Teacher of the Year program.

Every resident in our area should have the opportunity to visit the classrooms of the top ten finalists. Each teacher has a unique teaching style that matches their personality. It is so challenging to compare a guidance counselor to a kindergarten teacher or a high school statistics teacher. They are all wonderful and it is clear that they have each found their calling.

At our September 26 meeting, the Greenville County Teacher of the Year and the three runners-up will be recognized. Members will be able to see the passion the teachers have for their jobs as well as their students. Plan to be present to honor four amazing teachers.

### **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



## Getting the Most for Your Time at Rotary

As I've gotten to know many of you, I see a few things that we have in common. We all want to make a difference in our community, to be successful in our careers, to have significant friendships, to provide the best for our families, and to make an impact during our life-time.

I believe that one of the biggest hindrances to being able to achieve all that we want is "busy-ness." It seems as if we just don't have enough time to do everything we'd like to do!

Victor Hugo wrote, "He who every morning plans the transactions of that day and follows that plan carries a thread that will guide him through the labyrinth of the most-busy life."

Here are a couple of things you can do to plan for your best Rotary experience:

First, make sure to look at the Rotary calendar and read the weekly emails. If you have read this week's edition, I hope you've already planned to attend the Fall Outing at the Greenville Country Club on October 24th.

Second, make sure to come to the next Rotary meeting a little early. We're going to give you a few minutes of your time back by starting our Rotary business at 12:15. By doing this, we can ensure that you have some time to network after we end at 1:15.

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



## 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.

# From the News

## Congratulations to the Greenville County Teacher of the Year

Editorial by Scott Powell reprinted from the Greenville News.

It is always fun to see the enthusiasm of students and parents at the start of a new school year. Their excitement is fueled by the welcome they receive from their teachers.

After a long school year that ended with high-stakes testing, teachers received a much needed break. They recharged their batteries, took professional development classes to learn new ideas and techniques and tweaked their lesson plans for the new school year. No one has been more excited for school to start than the dedicated professionals who make a difference daily in the noble profession called teaching. Having been a judge for Greenville County Teacher of the Year for the past four years, I have been amazed to witness the quality instruction being delivered by highly educated individuals who rarely receive the pay and respect that they deserve. With a shortage of teachers looming, all parents and citizens should seek to recognize teachers for their dedication to our children.

I am proud that the Rotary Club of Greenville continues to acknowledge the efforts of teachers through our support of the Greenville County Teacher of the Year program. The competition is outstanding since each school nominates a representative from their faculty. Judges read the written applications, visit the classrooms of the top ten finalists and culminate with a personal interview.

The top four winners were announced recently and this year's finalists did not disappoint.

The third runner-up grew up with a passion for sports. Her life was heavily influenced by her coaches so she entered the education field so she could coach. After a few years, her passion for coaching was superseded by her craving to learn and teach history. Ashley Jenkins has taught history at Woodmont High School for 23 years. She has served as athletic director and been named conference Coach of the Year, but she currently uses her motivational skills solely in the classroom which is why she has been named Teacher of the Year at her school twice.

Erin Rigot grew up as the daughter of an Army Colonel and moved frequently. The awkwardness of starting new schools and the kindness of her teachers drew her to want to instruct middle school students who are not only transitioning to a new school, but are trying to find their own identity. In Erin's case, it was Wade Hampton High School.

Anjosia has two Master degrees, including an MBA. After college, Anjosia enjoyed several jobs in business. Through each job, she realized that she had a gift for training and mentoring others. Like her mother and grandmother, she realized her calling to share her passion for business and desire for learning with others so she became a teacher. Her professionalism and positive spirit convey her love for both business and her students.

When a third of teachers leave the profession within the first five years of teaching, it is refreshing to see a veteran teacher of 18 years have the enthusiasm of a first year teacher when dealing with her students. Suzanne Billings, the Greenville County Teacher of the Year, teaches fourth grade at Plain Elementary School. Suzanne entered the teaching profession because she saw the influence her father had on not only improving the skills of his players, but on their personal development. Through her experiences as a guidance counselor and a special education teacher, she grasps that teaching goes well beyond the purpose of knowledge.

As parents and citizens of Greenville County, we should be proud and thankful for all of the individuals who have dedicated their lives to educating our children. Their rewards are not monetary. They may not feel it daily, but they are changing the world one student at a time.

*Scott Powell is a Teacher of the Year judge representing the Rotary Club of Greenville and a Principal/Architect with Craig Gaulden Davis. To learn more about the finalists for teacher of the year or to attend the Sept. 26 event, email [clubadmin@greenvillerotary.org](mailto:clubadmin@greenvillerotary.org).*

# Mark Your Calendar

## CALENDAR

- Tuesday, September 26 Rotary Club of Greenville Meeting, 12:00 noon, Westin Poinsett Hotel featuring **Greenville County Teacher of the Year**
- Tuesday, October 10 Rotary Club of Greenville Meeting, 12:00 noon, Westin Poinsett Hotel featuring **Dick Wilkerson “Diversity and His Story”**
- Tuesday, October 10 Discover Rotary, 11:00, Westin Poinsett Hotel
- 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**
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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)



# New Members

## Welcome New Members

### **Ransom Bryan**

Relationship Banker  
Bank of Travelers Rest  
Sponsors: Randy Bell and Robert White

### **Cam Freeman**

Vice President, Business Banking  
PNC Bank  
Sponsors: Robert White and Randy Bell

### **Lucas Marchant**

Attorney  
Marchant Law Firm  
Sponsors: Phillip Kilgore and Terry Weaver

### **Joyce McAbee**

Entrepreneur  
Monogram Concierge  
Sponsors: Dolly Durham Montgomery and Laura Moore

### **Tom McGrath**

Director of Development  
Upcountry History Museum  
Sponsors: Walker Smith and Phillip Kilgore

### **Kristin Stansbury**

Private Banker  
City National Bank  
Sponsors: Terry Weaver and Russell Miller

### **Tom Theodore**

Partner  
Intelligent Investing, LLC  
Sponsors: Douglas O'Neal and Scott Stephens

*Introduce Yourself.*

**Some other new members.**



Jim Cunningham



Ramona Ferrell



Cam Freeman



Heather Hayes



Harold Waters

# DISCOVER



## Rotary

## 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.

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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.

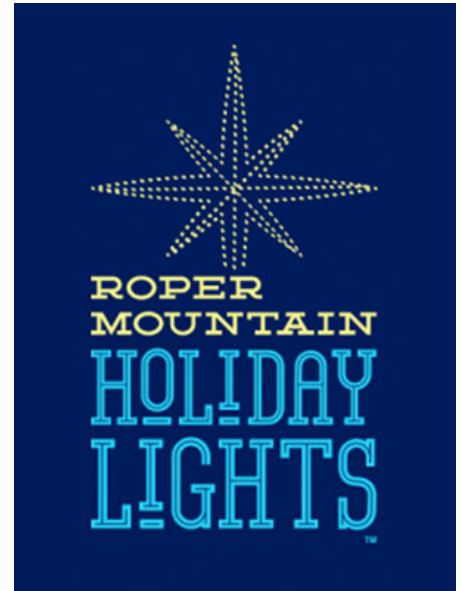
**Display Committee:** Concentrated weekend commitment from September 1 through November 22 and from January 2 through February 28, 2018. We need four people to fill this committee.

**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!





## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

# Your Rotary Club Board of Directors



**Scott Stephens**  
President



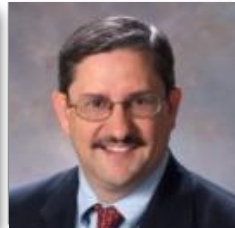
**Ron Debonet**  
President Elect



**Stephanie Lewis**  
Immediate Past  
President



**Scott Powell**  
Secretary



**Mark Swanson**  
Treasurer



**Walker Smith**  
VP Administration



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Chair



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Chair



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Fundraising Chair



**Cory Patterson**  
Board Member



**Grady Patterson**  
Club Director



**Ryan Thackray**  
Board Member



**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
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#### **Office Hours**

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