

Rotary

Club of Spring Valley (Columbia)



Club Meeting

Spring Valley (Columbia)
Meets at Northeast Presbyterian Church
601 Polo Road
Columbia, SC 29223
Time: Thursday at 01:00 PM

Club Leaders



Ted Rausch
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Brian P. Dunphy
iPast President
Membership Chair

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Meeting agenda 3.13.2025



NOTE: We will meet in the Auditorium today. The church and parking lot will be busy as the church is holding a visitation and funeral service.

Menu: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, corn, green beans, salad, dessert and tea
Invocation and Pledge: Lee Roberts
Health and Happiness: Mike Long
Announcements - Past President Mike Long

Today's Program: Introduced by Brian Dunphy
Craig Currey, CEO, Transitions



Since our establishment in 2011, our mission has been unwavering: To enable individuals to transition from homelessness to permanent housing. We believe that everyone deserves a safe place to call home. We provide support to those who are often overlooked and underserved, and operate across South Carolina, reaching out to vulnerable communities and individuals who need our assistance most. We offer comprehensive services aimed at addressing the root causes of homelessness, including lack of affordable housing, unemployment, and insufficient access to healthcare.

Our approach is holistic and compassionate. We not only provide immediate shelter to those in need but also offer a range of services that empower our clients to regain their independence. These services include case management, job training and placement, life skills classes, health care services, and permanent housing assistance.



Lee Roberts Jr.
Sergeant-at-Arms



Peter J. Stahl
Club Foundation Chair



John Walko
Community Service Chair



Michele L. Dunphy
Youth Services Director

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Spring Pet Pals Collection

Senior Resources loves Pets! For many of their clients served by the Meals on Wheels program, their furry friends are a lifeline and constant companion. Through their Pet Pals program they provide food to 130 pets for 67 clients and our contributions help make this possible.

Bev Ryan is coordinating our Spring collection of cat and dog food and treats. Please consider smaller bags of food as they are easier for seniors to carry. And don't forget the treats!

Our collection days will be Thursday, March 13 and March 20.

Any questions, please contact Bev, bev@bevryansellshomes.com or text/call 803-477-4100.



Speakers

March 20, 2025

[Celeste Costick, Homeless Advocate](#)

March 27, 2025

[Sue Poss, PDG](#)

Recent trip to Antarctica on an expedition ship

April 03, 2025

[Michele Shearin – Director, Trinity Home School Academy](#)

April 10, 2025

[Derrick P. Stanley, Public Participation Coordinator, Bureau of Water WaterSC](#)

April 24, 2025

[Chris Neely, Superintendent, SC Public Charter School District](#)

May 08, 2025

[2025 Community Grants Awarded](#)

Events

March 11th

[Rotary Readers at Lonnie B. Nelson Elementary School](#)

March 17th

[Transitions Service Opportunity](#)

March 20th

[SV Rotary Board Meeting](#)

March 31st

[Transitions Service Opportunity](#)

April 8th

[Rotary Readers at Lonnie B. Nelson Elementary School](#)

April 21st

[Transitions Service Opportunity](#)

May 17th

[Adopt-a-Highway Trash Pick-Up](#)

May 19th

2025 Community Grant Application Now Available



Applications for our 2025 Community Grants will be accepted now through Thursday, March 20.

Grants will be awarded at our Thursday, May 8th lunch meeting.

Please submit your application to Lindsay

Transitions Service Opportunity

Agostini by email as noted on the application. lindsayagostini@outlook.com
The application and instructions were emailed to all members on Feb. 17th. Copies will also be available at our lunch meetings. Grants are funded with the proceeds from our annual pecan sale. A member must have sold pecans in order to submit a grant request.

Serving Dinner at Transitions



THANK YOU: ***Ted Rausch, Angelica Bell and Ted York*** for serving on Monday, Feb. 17. We're helping Transitions fulfill their mission of serving 3 meals a day, 365 days a year!

NEXT SERVICE OPPORTUNITY IS: **Monday, MARCH 17**

Signed up are: Brian Dunphy and Ginny Reed

Room for THREE more volunteers.

[Transitions 2025 Sign Up LINK](#)

We need a member to lead our monthly service project at Transitions. If you are interested, please contact President Ted or Community Service Chair, John Walko.

Meals on Wheels Delivery

**COLUMBIA,
LET'S DO LUNCH!**



3/13: Phil Newsom and Patricia Barclay

3/20: Jennifer Broome and ONE
VOLUNTEER NEEDED

3/27: TWO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

4/3: TWO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

[MEALS ON WHEELS SIGN UP link](#)

Please sign up for a **Thursday** Meals on Wheels delivery. This involves meeting at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church at 10:45 a.m. and delivering meals to 5–10 homes on our Northeast Route. Delivery takes about an hour. Ideally, we want two members to sign up. A spouse or friend, non-member or potential member can deliver with you.

Club Coordinator: PHIL NEWSOM 803-315-0299 newsomp133@gmail.com

50/50 Raffle - Still Looking for the 7 of DIAMONDS!



We've pulled over 20 cards from the deck since we started last October, and we're still looking for the 7 of DIAMONDS. If your raffle ticket is selected, and **you pick the 7 of DIAMONDS, then you get half the pot and the other half will go to the Rotary Foundation for END POLIO NOW.**

The 'pot' is currently over \$600, so that means if you pick the 7 of Diamonds.....you take over \$300!

Each week the number of cards in the deck is reduced if there isn't a winner....so your chances increase. Join the fun and continue to support our weekly raffle. We always need consolation prizes too!

Save the Date - District 7770 Conference

Our District Conference will be held in Columbia this year at the Downtown Marriott on **Friday, May 16 and Saturday, May 17**. We'd love to have a great showing from our club as the

conference hasn't been held in Columbia in several years. If you're interested in attending, please let President Ted know.

Registration is now open for the Rotary District Conference!!

Register here:

<https://www.dacdb.com/Register4/index.cfm?EventID=77817738>

For more information click here: [EarlyBird v6.pdf](#)

PIC Ken Gasque and DGN Herman Dixon
Conference Co-Chairs



Save the Date - July 14 Blood Drive

Our next Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for **Monday, July 14, 2025** from Noon-6 pm in the Grand Hall of Northeast Presbyterian Church.

Volunteers are needed to assist with:
Unloading and Site Set up: 10:45-11:30 AM

Donor Check in (12-2, 2-4, 4-6)
Site Clean up and ReLoading 6:45-7:30 PM
Contact Diane to sign up to volunteer:
dianejunis@gmail.com



[MAKE A BLOOD DONATION APPOINTMENT](#)

Help save lives. Give blood.



Camden Rotary Fundraiser March 15

Live and Silent Auctions and more!

2025 WILD GAME DINNER & AUCTION

MARCH 15
6PM TO 10PM
AT CAMDEN CITY ARENA

Sponsor Packages and Tickets available to purchase!
<https://KershawRotary25.givesmart.com>
 Contact Chip Hardy at chip_hardy@bellsouth.net

PREPARING/SERVING WILD GAME

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PROCEEDS BENEFIT LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER ROTARY CAUSES

Birthdays



[Lee Roberts Jr.](#)
March 16th

Wedding Anniversaries



[William Keith Chichester](#)
March 10th

Years of Service - None this week