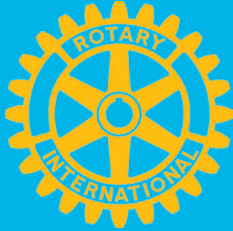


# Rotary

## 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  
President



Denise LaRue  
Ruben Satellite Club Chair



Lachaska Salmond  
President-Elect  
Vice President



Holly Swan  
Secretary



William Keith  
Chichester Treasurer



Patricia A. Barclay  
Club Service Chair



Diane Wood Junis  
Club Public Image Chair



Brian P. Dunphy  
iPast President  
Membership Chair

Lee Roberts Jr.  
Sergeant-at-Arms

Peter J. Stahl  
Club Foundation Chair

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

### Meeting agenda 4.3.2025



## April

ENVIRONMENT MONTH

"We owe it to ourselves and to the next generation to conserve the environment so that we can bequeath our children a sustainable world that benefits all"

Wangari Maathai



**Menu: Quesadillas, salad, dessert and tea**

**Invocation and Pledge: Holly Swan**

**Health and Happiness: TBD**

**Announcements - President Ted Rausch**

**Today's Program: Introduced by Diane Junis**

**Michele Shearin - Director, Trinity Home School Academy**

The mission of Trinity Homeschool Academy is three-fold. The Hybrid School provides fellowship and support for experienced and inexperienced homeschooling families who just need a bit more help. The resource center is a school created in order to provide Godly, passionate, and knowledgeable teachers who are willing to educate middle and high school homeschool students when the parent is unable. The co-op provides a place for parent-led instruction and community for students of all grade levels and parent/teachers alike. By weaving TRINITY into their children's education, parents will enrich their students' experience in the community and will cultivate a deeper appreciation for the beauty of this world and understanding of God's eternal love for them and those in it.

Michele Shearin, Director

Trinity Homeschool Academy

*Equipping the Next Generation of Homeschool Families*

<https://www.trinityhomeschoolsacademy.com>

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John Walko  
Community Service Chair



Michele L. Dunphy  
Youth Services Director

### Speakers

**April 03, 2025**

Michele Shearin – Director, Trinity Home School Academy

**April 10, 2025**

Derrick P. Stanley, Public Participation Coordinator, Bureau of Water WaterSC

**April 17, 2025**

Joel Collins, local legal legend SC's role in America's founding

**April 24, 2025**

Chris Neely, Superintendent, SC Public Charter School District

**May 08, 2025**

2025 Community Grants Awarded

**May 15, 2025**

Nikki Johnson, Workout Warriors

**May 22, 2025**

2025 SVHS Scholarship Presentation

### Events

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

**Transitions Service Opportunity**

June 16th

**Transitions Service Opportunity**

June 30th

**Transitions Service Opportunity**



## Rotary Readers at Lonnie B. Nelson Elementary School

**NEXT SERVICE OPPORTUNITY IS:**

**Tuesday, APRIL 8, 2025 (Last one for this school year)**

**Lonnie B. Nelson Elementary School, 225 N. Brickyard Rd**

**Sign up by contacting: Lindsay Agostini**

**[lindsayagostini@outlook.com](mailto:lindsayagostini@outlook.com), text or call: (803) 530-5571**



**Youth Exchange Update - Meet Iina's Parents!**



Last week's meeting was very special as Iina's parents visited from Finland.  
Iina's Dad, Passi Linna, is a member of the Rotary Club of Kauhajoki, Finland.  
He and his wife Anne-Mari, have hosted a total of nine youth exchange students!  
After a brief visit here in Columbia, her parents are visiting friends in Miami.  
Youth Exchange really is a one-of-a-kind experience!

Lots of opportunities to come out and watch Iina and her team play lacrosse:  
Upcoming HOME lacrosse games:  
Monday, April 7 @ 6 pm vs. Chapin  
Tuesday, April 8 @ 6 pm vs White Knoll  
Thursday, April 10 @ 6 pm vs Blythewood

Come on out and cheer Iina and the team on! They are having their best season ever!

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## Serving Dinner at Transitions



THANK YOU: *Lindsay Agostini, Brian Dunphy and Ginny Reed* for serving on Monday, March 31. They were assisted by Mariah, a USC student! We're helping Transitions fulfill their mission of serving 3 meals a day, 365 days a year!

NEXT SERVICE OPPORTUNITY IS: **Monday, April 21**  
**Signed up is: Brian Dunphy**  
**Room for THREE more volunteers....please consider joining them.**

[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.

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## 2025 Scholarship Applications - due April 15



Again this year we will honor two Spring Valley High School graduating seniors with a \$2500 scholarship thanks to the success of our annual pecan sale. Thank you, Marshalynn Franklin, for again chairing our Scholarship Committee. Serving with Marshalynn on the committee this year are: Paula China, Shelly Dunphy and Carey Grady.

The scholarship is a competitive award and is based on three criteria:

- need for financial assistance (50%)
- scholastic achievement (25%)
- initiative and motivation (25%)

A scholarship candidate must be a graduating senior at Spring Valley High School who plans to enter an accredited institution of higher learning (e.g., technical school, junior college, business college, college, university, etc.) in the fall term following the granting of the scholarship award. Proof of enrollment and a copy of the enrollment bill will need to be submitted prior to the release of scholarship funds. Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the college/university.

Applications can be obtained from the School Counseling Office (803-699-3500 ext. 69002).

The deadline to submit the application and supporting documents is April 15 at 5 p.m.

For more information contact:

[mmorganfranklin@gmail.com](mailto:mmorganfranklin@gmail.com)

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**SIGN UP NOW - Saturday, May 17**

[Adopt-a Highway SIGN UP LINK](#)





Join fellow Rotarians and SVHS Interact Students as we pick up trash on our section of Polo Rd. Meet in the parking lot behind the Taco Bell, at the corner of Polo and Two Notch Rd at **8:45 am, and we'll finish by 10 am**. Non-Rotarians, spouses, teenagers and prospective members are always welcome! Please wear gloves. All other materials will be provided. **Questions? Contact Greg Seymour at [gseymour25@yahoo.com](mailto:gseymour25@yahoo.com)**

**Dates for the rest of 2025:**

**Saturday, May 17**

**Saturday, August 16**

**Saturday, November 15**



KEEP THE MIDLANDS  
**BEAUTIFUL**  
KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE

## Meals on Wheels Delivery

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



**4/3: Peter Stahl and ONE VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

**4/10: Patricia Barclay and ONE VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

**4/17: TWO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**4/24: Diane Junis and Sara Raub**

### **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](mailto:newsomp133@gmail.com)

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## 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](#)  
Conference highlights:

Stars from the National Public Radio Show "A Way With Words" Martha Barnette and Grant Barrett... funny, enlightening, engaging, entertaining, informative, intriguing and interactive. Guaranteed to tell you something you did not know.

Recipient of the prestigious 2021 Sheriff of the Year, national award – the innovative and creative Sheriff Leon Lott will introduce us to the latest member to his staff the amazing CJ a wonderful mut with special skills and happening only in South Carolina.

Dr. Lah will give an understandable talk on the state of Alzheimer's disease. With a panel discussion on the realities of caring for a family member with Alzheimer's.

Former Governor David Beasley will speak on his work fighting hunger... in a time of war, famine and pestilence.

Register now, Early Bird Rates before March 21st, \$295 after March 21st regular rates are \$315.

PIC Ken Gasque and DGN Herman Dixon  
Conference Co-Chairs

District 7770  
**Rotary**  
South Carolina, USA



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**Birthdays - None this week**

**Wedding Anniversaries - None this week**

**Years of Service**



[McKendree R Long III](#)  
2 Years