



Gene Smith
Executive Director
Greenville County Recreation District



Gene, a native of Greenville, graduated from Clemson University in August of 1974 with a BS in Recreation and Park Administration. He is a lifelong supporter of Clemson, particularly it's athletic program and has held season football tickets since graduation.

He met his wife, Linda, while at Clemson. They have 2 daughters, Lindsay and Melissa, both of whom have masters degrees in education. He has 2 grandchildren, Ava Jane and James who he enjoys immensely.

Professionally, he has served as Parks and Recreation Director for the City of Mauldin, and has served Greenville County Recreation District for the last 19 years as Director of Parks until his appointment as Executive Director in 2006. Gene was instrumental in the development and passage of the TRAC plan in 2006, which provided a much needed capital infusion for Greenville's park system. Greenville County Recreation District received the "Agency of the Year" in 2007 and in 2009 Gene received the Robert L. Reid Lifetime Achievement award from the South Carolina Recreation and Parks Association.

WELCOME PROPOSED NEW MEMBERS

Robyn Zimmerman

Greenville Hospital System
Director of Public and Community Relations
Sponsors: Judith Prince and Paul Wickensimer

Ronda Nager

Self-employed
CPA
Sponsors: Bob Atkinson and Manoj Jain

Caroline Stewart

Louis P. Batson Company
President
Sponsors: Charles Little and Max Cochran

John Castile

City of Greenville
City Manager
Sponsors: Paul Wickensimer and Julie Horton

New Polio Eradication Plan Launched

The World Health Organization and UNICEF co-hosted a meeting with Rotary International and other stakeholders in Geneva on 18 June to launch the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) Strategic Plan 2010-12. The new plan comes at a critical time for the GPEI. Key endemic countries are witnessing historic gains against the disease. Nowhere is progress more evident than in Nigeria, which has reported just three cases in 2010 as of 6 July compared with 333 cases for the same period in 2009. India has reported 22 cases compared with 107 cases.

In May, the World Health Assembly welcomed the new plan while expressing deep concern about the substantial funding gap over the next three years. The shortfall is a serious risk to ending polio and highlights the need for Rotary to reach its goal of raising US\$200 million.

WHO Director-General Margaret Chan called on the international funding community to stand tall for polio eradication. "The next three years, and especially the next 12 months, are critical to the polio eradication initiative and, by extension, the entire international public health agenda."

An essential element of the plan is the bivalent oral polio vaccine, which is being used effectively against wild poliovirus types 1 and 3 in all four endemic countries: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan. (Type 2 poliovirus has been eradicated.)

The partners of the GPEI are exploring every option to secure fresh funding and are managing existing cash flow to limit any threat to the eradication effort. The risk of not stopping polio in endemic countries was made clear when a large outbreak occurred in Tajikistan, caused by poliovirus that had spread from India in early 2010. The outbreak has paralyzed 334 children as of 29 June. Tajikistan had been polio-free since 1997.

"The complete eradication of polio is an absolute goal, and it requires absolute commitment from us all," says UNICEF Executive Director Tony Lake.

"Rotary believes the new strategic plan provides the blueprint to achieving the goal of polio eradication," says Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar.

By Dan Nixon
Rotary International News



New Member Expectations

We know that it takes both time and personal involvement to make the most of your Rotary experience. The first year in Rotary is very important, and we have established a set of minimum expectations, intended to get you acquainted with other members of The Rotary Club of Greenville, SC and involved in some of our Club projects. New members keep their “red badge” until these items have been accomplished, where upon they “graduate” to full member status and receive a regular blue badge and recognition. These are our minimum expectations of a new member during his/her first year:

1. Luncheon meetings are on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. at the Westin Poinsett. New members must attend (or make up) at least 75% of all luncheon meetings in the first 12 months of membership (18 of 24 meetings). Note, Health & Happiness Hours, New Member Luncheons, Committee meetings and other service-related activities are qualifying makeup activities. Long-term attendance requirements are 60% on a semiannual basis, and no more than four (4) consecutive missed meetings without a makeup;
2. Attend at least two (2) Health & Happiness Hours;
3. Attend at least four (4) New Member Luncheons;
4. Act as Greeter for one (1) regularly scheduled Rotary luncheon meeting;
5. Perform four (4) hours of any Rotary service related activity; and
6. Actively participate in the work of at least one (1) committee (may be the same as # 5)



July Birthdays

Jim Williams	18
Forms/Supply	
George Fletcher	19
S.C. Council on Competitiveness	
Nancy Eichstadt	20
Member	
Tommy Sinn	20
TSC, Inc.	
George McCall	22
Wachovia Trust	
Greg Chasteen	25
Design Strategies, LLC	
Stan Reid	25
Westminster Presbyterian Church	
Jim Tate	25
Tates Temporary Service	
Nancy Welch	25
Greenville Technical College	
Tim McConnell	26
Member	
Hal Shaw	26
Jervy Eye Group, P.A.	
George Tate	26
Retired	
Heyward Clarkson	27
Clarkson, Walsh, Terrell, Coulter, P.A.	
Bill Engle	27
Stark Solutions	
Phil Justice	27
Total Product Destruction	
Johnny Mack Brown	28
U.S. Marshals Service	
Bruce Meyer	29
Always Best Care Senior Services of Greenville	
Dwayne Wood	30
Dwayne Wood and Associates, LLC	

Upcoming Discover Rotary

July 28 - 7:30am at the Commerce Club
 August 11 - 7:30am at the Commerce Club
 August 25 - 7:30am at the Commerce Club



History of the Rotary Foundation and Rotary Charities, Inc.

In 1947, Henry T. Mills established a Trust Indenture to create the Rotary Foundation of Greenville, SC. It was Mr. Mills' intention to establish a centralized foundation to receive contributions from him and other donors. The Foundation was to disburse the contributions, together with any increments thereon to the Rotary Club of Greenville, SC as beneficiary for general religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes.

On December 12, 1960, Rotary Charities, Inc. was incorporated by the State of South Carolina to be "organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes." Rotary Charities, Inc. is recognized by the State of South Carolina as a charitable organization and qualifies as a 501c3 for federal tax purposes. Presently, Rotary Charities, Inc. is divided into 2 "funds", the H.T. Mills Permanent Fund of Rotary Charities, Inc. and the Annual Fund of Rotary Charities, Inc. The majority of the funding of the Annual Fund comes directly from the Roper Mountain Holiday Lights event. A small portion of the funding comes from the \$50.00 "Scholarship Donation" collected annually from the members of the Rotary Club of Greenville, SC.

In 2006, the Rotary Club of Greenville undertook a comprehensive study of Rotary Charities, Inc. and the Rotary Foundation of Greenville, SC which concluded that it would be more efficient and better serve the purposes of the Foundation to combine with Rotary Charities, Inc. The joining of the two entities was done during the course of the 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 Rotary Club years and the funds from the Rotary Foundation of Greenville, SC were transferred to Rotary Charities, Inc. in the name of the H.T. Mills Permanent Fund on December 23, 2008. These funds will be kept separate from the Annual Fund of Rotary Charities, Inc. account and will continue to be managed in accordance with the original wishes of the Grantor and be used to further the purposes specified in the original Trust Indenture. It is also the intent of the Boards of the Rotary Club of Greenville, SC and Rotary Charities, Inc. to begin a campaign to grow the H.T. Mills Permanent Fund into a substantial endowment to further purposes of the Grantor and the Rotary Club of Greenville. Rotary Charities, Inc. will function as the entity for disbursing funds from the H.T. Mills Permanent Fund and the Annual Fund of Rotary Charities, Inc.

End Polio Now

The Rotary Club of Greenville is raising \$30,000 during 2010-2011 to support the funds needed to eradicate Polio from the planet. These contributions will help Rotary raise \$200 million to match \$355 million in challenge grants received from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. This total funding agreement of \$555 million between Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation marks another milestone in Rotary's 20-year legacy of polio eradication work.

To date, Rotary has already contributed more than \$800 million to the polio eradication effort. Rotary made a commitment to immunize the world's children against polio in 1985 and became a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative three years later. The other partners are the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF. Rotary's primary responsibilities include fundraising, advocacy, and volunteer recruitment.

You do not need to be a member of Rotary to contribute.

[Contribute NOW Online](#)



Upcoming Meeting Lineup

July 27	Gene Smith / Liz Seman	Greenville County Parks & Recreation
August 10	John Warner	Innovation & Entrepreneurship
August 24	District Governor - Becky Faulkner	District 7750 for 2010-2011
September 14	Teacher Recognition	School District slideshow
September 28	Mike Riordan	GHS Hospital President
October 12	Dean Blanton Godfrey	The New World of Textiles

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.

New Member Lunch

On the first Monday of each month, new members are invited to join other new members for lunch (dutch treat) at noon at City Range Grill, 615 Haywood Road (across from Haywood Mall). This is a great opportunity to get to know each other in an informal setting with time for conversation and networking. These meetings count as a makeup for a regular meeting up to 2 weeks before or after.

Health and Happiness Hour

The Rotary Club of Greenville hosts a monthly evening fellowship hour that's open to Rotarians from any club.

Typically held at a Greenville-area restaurant, the Health & Happiness Hour (HHH) includes complimentary hors d'ouvres, a cash bar and some great fellowship with Rotarians in a non-meeting setting.

These events are typically on the third Monday of each month at 5:30, although schedules may change. HHH events count as a makeup.

Be sure to check the [Club Calendar](#) for location and possible date changes.

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