



Merry & Bright



Happy New Year, Rotarians! I can hardly believe we have reached the halfway point of another Rotary year and a brand new calendar year. I hope you had a joyful and peaceful holiday season. After a busy December and a break from our normal meeting schedule, I am happy to report we have a great lineup of speakers this month and a lot of fun things to look forward to! We have also reached the time to make a big push for Waves of the Future sponsorships. As you may know, 100% of the money raised by ticket sales for Waves of the Future goes to Horry County Schools. What you may not know is that the money we raise from sponsorships is largely what funds our club throughout the entire year! Such funding is what allows us to coordinate our many other service projects and socials, which is why getting sponsors is vital to the life of our club and our ability to do good in our community! It is my goal and my hope that each of you can secure at least one sponsorship for Waves this year. The more we raise, the more good we can do!

Yours in Service, *Holly*

**UPCOMING SPEAKERS**

- Jan. 5: **Brenda Barlek - Medicare Meeting @ The Grove - Coastal Grand**
- Jan. 12: **Dr. Karen Vassell - GS Boys & Girls Club**
- Jan. 19: **Kind Keeper Animal Rescue**
- Jan. 26: **Karen Riordan - MB Chamber of Commerce**



*January Birthdays*

Dan Ober - January 4  
Andrew Finch - January 14  
Stephanie Burgess - January 24

*January Anniversaries*

Mike Hussey - Jan 2 (43 Years)  
Jim McCracken - Jan 14 (30 Years)  
Holly Lusk - Jan 16 (9 Years)  
Jason Toy - Jan 17 (4 Years)  
Jill Griffith - Jan 29 (36 Years)  
Anthony Johnson - Jan 31 (4 Years)  
Jim O'Neil - Jan 31 (4 Year)



If you would like to submit a prayer request to our Prayer Committee, please submit all requests to [chicorarotaryprayers@gmail.com](mailto:chicorarotaryprayers@gmail.com)

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## NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

MEGAN MARTIN

**Megan joined Chicora Rotary in July 2023. Megan is a local resident of Conway, SC, where she works as an Insurance Agent for Southern Farm Bureau. She has two little boys, Kaisyn and Korbyn, and one fur baby, Luna. Megan loves spending her free time on the beach, exploring new places, taking her kids on fun trips, and learning new things. One huge goal for Megan is to make a positive impact on the world, in a way that inspires others to do the same. Megan says, "I am grateful to have found this group of incredible, like-minded individuals who share this goal and work hard to make a difference in this community and around the world!" We are likewise excited and grateful to have Megan in our club!**



## DID YOU KNOW?



The world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, Illinois, USA, was formed on February 23, 1905 by Paul P. Harris, an attorney who wished to recapture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth. The name "Rotary" derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices. Rotary's popularity spread throughout the United States in the decade that followed. By 1921, Rotary clubs had been formed on six continents, and the organization adopted the name Rotary International a year later. As Rotary grew, its mission expanded beyond serving the professional and social interests of club members. Rotarians began pooling their resources and contributing their talents to help serve communities in need. The organization's dedication to this ideal is best expressed in its principal motto: Service Above Self. Rotary also later embraced a code of ethics, called The 4-Way Test, that has been translated into hundreds of languages.



## UPCOMING EVENTS



- Feb. 9 - Discover Rotary Meeting
- Feb. - Winter Happy Hour (Date TBD)
- April 13 - Waves Rehearsal
- April 14 - Waves of the Future



The Four Way Test: Of the things we think, say, and do:

Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?