September 2023 Edition







Happy September, Rotarians! Although it doesn't quite feel like it yet, fall is on the way, football will soon be taking over our television screens, and pumpkin-flavored items are out in full force! It is also the beginning of an exciting stretch of months for our club, and some of my favorite Rotary events of the year. We have another fantastic lineup of speakers this month, a fun service project to help keep our beach beautiful, and an opportunity to cook up (and eat) some delicious chili! I very much appreciate everyone's contributions to the club, whether it be speaker ideas, participation in our projects, or members stepping up to help plan or get the word out about events. It is also so encouraging to look out at the group during Friday meetings and to see such great attendance. I know I have expressed this in my weekly emails, but it is truly an honor to be a part of such a great group of people and I am excited for all the things I know we will accomplish together this year!

Yours in Service, Hour

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

- Sept. 1: NO MEETING (Labor Day)
- Sept. 8: Rod Gragg Military Historian
- Sept. 15: Tracy Gardner Helping Hand (Meeting @ PINE LAKES)
- Sept. 22: Jonathan Evans CPR Presentation
- Sept. 29: Christina Cortes Food Distribution

If you would like to submit a prayer request to our Prayer Committee, please submit all requests to chicorarotaryprayers@gmail.com September Birthdays

Frank Smith - Sept 5 Cramer Thompson - Sept 10 Jim McCrackin - Sept 13 Nick Muti - Sept 15 Robin Agnew - Sept 16 Eric Bitetto - Sept 23 Holly Lusk - Sept 24

tember Anniversaries

Cliff Tall – Sept 7 (34 Years) Harold Cooper – Sept 23 (36 Years)

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NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT DOUGLAS ERNEST. JR



Douglas Ernest, Jr. joined Chicora Rotary in March 2023. Douglas works for United Bank, in its commercial lending department. Douglas was born and raised in West Virginia and is a graduate of West Virginia University. He moved to the Grand Strand in July 2022. Douglas loves camping, fishing, and being outdoors as much as possible. He also loves spending time with his dog (Tucker), cat (Zoey), and his girlfriend (Scottie). Douglas joined Chicora Rotary to connect with area leaders and to make an impact in our community through service.



This June, Doug played in the Rotary **National Golf** Invitational.

DID YOU KNOW?

The following terms are often used in discussing the **Rotary Foundation:**

Sustaining Member: A Rotarian who gives \$100+ per year to the Annual Fund.

Benefactor: A Rotarian who includes the Endowment Fund as a beneficiary of \$1,000+ in his/her estate plans or donates \$1,000+ to the fund outright.

Paul Harris Fellow: A Rotarian who gives \$1,000+ to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved **Foundation Grant.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept. 16 Beach Sweep @ Sea Captain's 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM
- Sept. 22 District Training Summerville, SC 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- Sept. 29 Chili Cookoff @ Old Pavilion Site 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- Oct. 13 Halloween Party (Details to Come)
- Nov. 4 Project Happy Feet @ JCPenney 7:45 AM - 9:45 AM

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?