

History of the Rotary Club of Chester, S.C.

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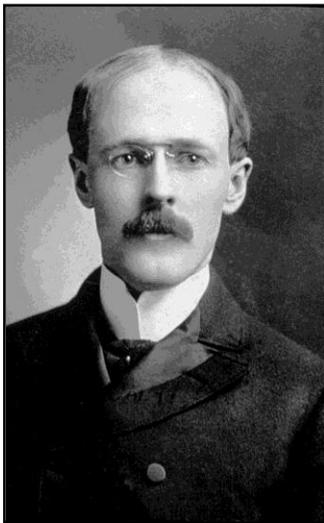
Guest Night

Chester War Memorial Building

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Paul Harris, founder of Rotary International

Rotary was founded on February 23, 1905 by Paul P. Harris of Chicago, Illinois and became the world's first service club. It is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. Its name derives from the practice of rotating meetings among members' offices early in the history of the club. Rotary is dedicated to friendship, fellowship, high ethical standards and service to fellow man. From its beginnings, Rotary has taken people of different faiths, opinions, and races, and brought them together in fellowship with one another; planning, working and searching for opportunities for service. The story of Rotary is the story of individuals discovering their responsibilities to each other and coming together in group action. Rotary International has been a model of service to the world, accomplishing such notable goals as the eradication of polio from the face of the earth through its "Polio Plus" program. But, the success of Rotary International depends on the success of individual clubs, striving to do good in their local communities, their states, their countries and throughout the whole world. Little did Paul Harris dream that one day, approximately 1.2 million Rotarians would belong to more than 31,000 Rotary clubs in 167 countries around the world.

By 1921, Rotary clubs had been formed on six continents and the organization adopted the name Rotary International a year later. In the fall of 1926, twenty-one years after the founding of the first Rotary club, the movement began to take root in Chester, South Carolina. David Clark of Charlotte, NC, the editor of "The Southern Textile Bulletin," who was later a District Governor, contacted John Vorhees Brookshire, in reference to organizing a Rotary Club in Chester. Mr. Brookshire had previously been a Rotarian before coming to Chester as the local Southern Public Utilities (now Duke Energy) executive. At that time, the district serving Chester was called District 58 and covered all of South Carolina and Western North Carolina. Mr. Brookshire was assisted in the effort to organize

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John V. Brookshire, founder and first president of the Rotary Club of Chester

a Chester club by Roddey Reid, then president of the Rock Hill, South Carolina Rotary Club. Thus, the Rock Hill club became our sponsoring organization.

Ours was to be the first service club ever organized in Chester. According to Dr. William Wallace, who wrote the first history of our club in 1963, the idea did not meet with much enthusiasm in the beginning, but sixteen local businessmen were recruited as charter members. The first members of the Chester Rotary Club were: John V. Brookshire, Judge Arthur L. Gaston, Myron E. Brockman, William P. Stroud, Claude D. Crosby, William T. Betts, Robert Frazer, Thomas Ancrum, J. Boyce Bankhead, R. Alexander Oliphant, John P. Young, M.D., Robert Gage, William R. Wallace, M.D., Joseph Lindsay, Harry M. Williams, Sr., and Robert E. Abell, M.D.

There is a discrepancy as to the founding date of our club. An organizational meeting was held on December 13, 1926, and this is sometimes given as the date that our club was officially organized. At this meeting, John Brookshire was elected the first president; Arthur Gaston, vice president; Myron Brockman, secretary-treasurer; and William Stroud, sergeant-at-arms. The first board of directors consisted of the above-named officers along with Claude D. Crosby and Robert Frazer. Sadly, the club had the misfortune of losing by illness, and later death, one of its charter members, Mr. Crosby, before he was ever able to attend a meeting. It is interesting to note that seven of the sixteen original charter members later served as presidents of the club.

Our official charter date was January 7, 1927. Charter night on January 11 was a great occasion for the Chester Club. This document was presented to the Chester Club by District Governor Zaccheus F. Wright of Newberry, S.C. Our Charter number was 2445 in District 58. The charter meeting was held at the Carolina Inn and was attended by forty visitors from Charlotte, Belmont, Gastonia, and Monroe, in North Carolina as well as Rock Hill, Union, Spartanburg, and Columbia in South Carolina. The meeting was presided over by Roddey Reid, assisted by David Clark. According to Dr. William Wallace, everyone was impressed by the large number of visitors from surrounding cities and their good fellowship and friendliness. Dr. Wallace also reported that the members felt that they were joining up with a wonderful organization and never had reason to change their minds.

The first official club meeting was held on Tuesday, January 18, 1927.

The Chester Rotary Charter Bell, engraved with the club's name, charter number and charter date on the front and the names of the charter members listed on the back. The bell is still used to call the weekly meetings to order.





Chester Rotary Charter Members



**John V.
Brookshire**



Arthur L. Gaston



**Myron E.
Brockman**



**William P.
Stroud**



**Claude D.
Crosby**



William T. Betts



Robert Frazer



Thomas Ancrum



**J. Boyce
Bankhead**



**R. Alexander
Oliphant**



**John P. Young,
M.D.**



Robert Gage



**William R. Wallace,
M.D.**



Joseph Lindsay



**Harry M.
Williams, Sr.**



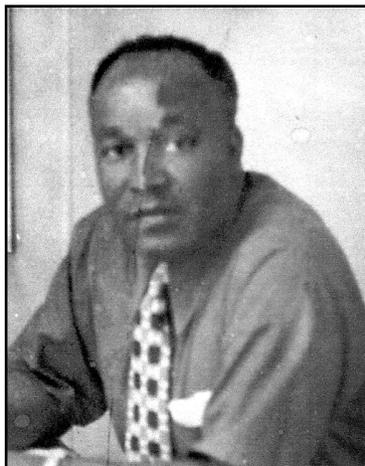
**Robert E. Abell,
M.D.**

As the Rotary movement grew, our governing Districts changed boundaries. More and more clubs required a greater and greater commitment from District Governors, so the districts were divided into smaller and smaller geographic regions. At first, Chester was in a district that comprised all of South Carolina and Western North Carolina; District 58. That same district was renumbered District 190 in 1937, and by 1945, the designation of District 190 was given to South Carolina alone. This district number was changed to 282 in 1949 and that number was assigned to only Western South Carolina in 1954. In 1957, Western South Carolina was given the designation of District 775, and in 1991, this was renumbered District 7750, our present district assignment.

The membership of the Rotary Club of Chester gradually increased in numbers. Some, who originally said that our club would not last, later became valuable members and even future officers. The first new member to join the Chester Rotary Club, following its charter members, was William Ward Pegram, editor of the Chester News. By 1932, the club had 34 members. In 1963, the club boasted 66 members. In 2001 our membership stood at 73. As many are aware, the Rotary classification system originally guided membership. This program was designed to select members from various businesses and professions, insuring diversity in each club. The classification system has changed over the years and in 2016 was abandoned by Rotary International in favor of a more open-door policy.

Speaking of diversity, as we all know, Rotary began as an organization for white men only. As times and attitudes have changed, so has the club. In 1984, the Chester Rotary club inducted its first African-American member, Mr. Jeff Brown. Mr. Brown was, at the time, a vice-principal of Chester High School. He served for many years as one of our most valuable members. Rotary International allowed women to be members in 1989. It was, however, up to the individual club to decide whether it would remain all male. Diane Simpson came to Chester as the local executive for Duke Power. Diane had been a Rotarian in the North Mecklenburg club prior to coming to Chester, and as such, requested membership in our club, her classification then being open. The club received her as its first female member in November 1990. Since that time, the club has been blessed with many women who have added greatly to its success. Our first female president was Judy Gaskins who took office 1997. I must say that under Judy's guidance, the club reached a new pinnacle of service, achieving many goals that it had not in the past, and increasing our club's public awareness through her tireless efforts to highlight Rotary activities in the newspaper. Our club is much the better for the addition of diverse members and needs to continue to strive to attract members of all races, sexes, creeds, and religions.

Chester Rotary
Firsts, Left to
Right: First
African-
American
member, Jeff
Brown; First
Female Member,
Diane Simpson;
First Female
President: Judith
Gaskins



The Chester Rotary Club has had the honor of having three district governors in its membership. Our first president, and founding father, John V. Brookshire, became Governor of district 190, which encompassed all of South Carolina in 1946 and 1947. At that time, Mr. Brookshire was a member of the Spartanburg, S.C. club. Herman P. Hamilton served as governor of District 282, also covering all of our state, from 1949 to 1950 while a resident member of our club. And, John I. Barron, who served as governor of district 775 (western South Carolina) from 1978 to 1979 while a member of the York Rotary Club, later became an active and vital member of the Chester Club.



Left: Chester Rotary Past District Governors: Left to right: John V. Brookshire, Herman P. Hamilton, and John I. Barron
Below: Assistant District Governor, Edie Cantrell



Edie Cantrell, a former president of our club became the assistant governor of area 7 of district 7750 in 2009. Her territory covered the counties of Lancaster, Chester and Fairfield in South Carolina.

There have been 94 members of our club who have served as its president. Since Mr. Brookshire's term began in January 1927, he continued to serve for 18 months until June 1928. Each successive president has served for a period of one year, beginning on the first Tuesday in July. Their names, photographs, and years of service are listed here. We have had two Rotarians who have served a two-year presidency. Cyrus Corbett volunteered to serve an extra year in 2023 and 2024. Kathy Davis agreed to serve a second year when our president elect had to step away in 2025-46. Each has served the club well and has been an outstanding member of the club and of the

community in general.



Chester Rotary Presidents



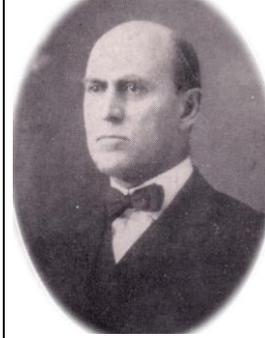
John Vorhees Brookshire
1927-28



Augustus M. Aiken
1928-29



Arthur L. Gaston, Sr.
1929-30



Thomas H. White
1930-31



William A. Corkill
1931-32



Myron E. Brockman
1932-33



William R. Wallace, M.D.
1933-34



William J. Irwin
1934-35



M. Lamar Banister
1935-36



Joseph Lindsay
1936-37



John McSween, D.D.
1937-38



Carl E. Johnson
1938-39



Frank E. Vantine
1939-40



William H. W. Baker
1940-41



A. Farris Martin
1941-42



Vivian P. Patterson, M.D.
1942-43



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Fred J. Powell, Sr.
1943-44



J. Boyce Bankhead
1944-45



Herman P. Hamilton
1945-46



James G. Lynn
1946-47



Kenneth L. Black
1947-48



H. Phelps Brooks
1948-49



H. Robert Woods, Jr.
1949-50



C. Banks Gladden
1950-51



Frank E. Abell
1951-52



Donald B. Murray
1952-53



David A. Gaston
1953-54



Arthur M. Rogers, D.D.
1954-55



E. Jacy Fowler
1955-56



William T. Betts, Sr.
1956-57



Marion G. Pratt
1957-58



J. C. McCleave
1958-59



Chester Rotary Presidents



Charles M. Bell
1959-60



Wilbur M. Runyan
1960-61



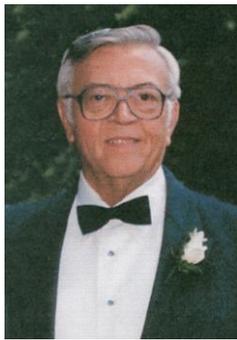
Edwin Hunter
1961-62



Edward H. Dawson
1962-63



Joel M. Smithwick
1963-64



James H. Horner
1964-65



James M. Caldwell
1965-66



J. B. McDowell
1966-67



William G. Van Buskirk
1967-68



Frank R. Pavese, O.D.
1968-69



W. K. Stringfellow, Sr.
1969-70



Curtis A. Fennell
1970-71



Joe J. Fougrousse
1971-72



Arthur L. Gaston, II
1972-73



R. Edmund Hamrick, Jr.
1973-74



Harvey S. White
1974-75



Chester Rotary Presidents



P. Lamar Coogler
1975-76



Coy F. Stroud
1976-77



Joseph M. McElwee
1977-78



Edward R. Robeson
1978-79



Frank R. Armstrong
1979-80



N. Linn Gresham
1980-81



James D. Leitner
1981-82



Charles D. Elliott, D. D.
1982-83



Claude S. Coleman
1983-84



Jessie L. Thompson
1984-85



Edgar M. Alexander
1985-86



R. Carlisle Roddey
1986-87



William L. D. Marion
1987-88



William C. Keels
1988-89



James L. Jackson
1989-90



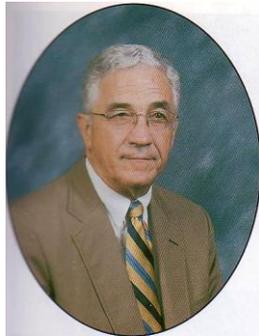
Samuel M. Frazer, III
1990-91



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Ladson F. Stringfellow
1991-92



Dwight L. Pearson, D. D.
1992-93



John D. Sherer, D. M. D.
1993-94



A. Douglas Marion, M. D.
1994-95



Joel P. Johnston, D. M. D.
1995-96



Edward R. Driggers
1996-97



Judith C. Gaskins
1997-98



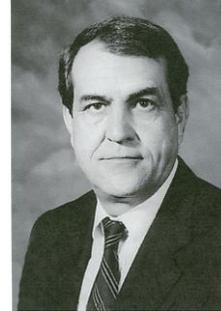
Russell B. White
1998-99



Frank J. Sinicrope
1999-00



Brian M. Gibbons
2000-01



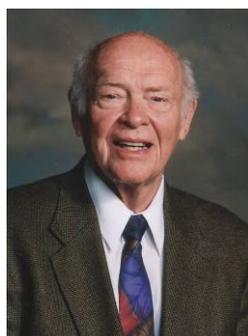
Mitchell B. Foster
2001-02



Walter R. Whitman
2002-03



Robert M. Wilkinson
2003-04



Willis W. Crain
2004-05



Edith A. Cantrell
2005-06



J. Brian Singleton
2006-07



Chester Rotary Presidents



William J. Aultman
2007-08



David M. Tavernier
2008-09



W. Timothy Sharpe
2009-10



Debbie Parsons
2010-11



Jim Mayhugh
2011-12



J. Kenneth Ackerman
2012-13



Stephen D. Atkinson
2013-2014



William A. Smith
2014-2015



Ricky Cremeans, D.D.S.
2015-16



Megan M. Gaston
2016-17



Everett B. Stubbs, III
2017-18



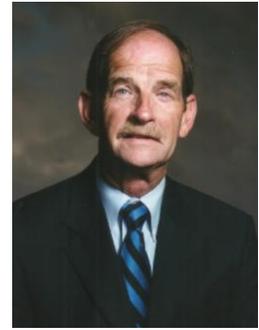
Charles R. (Chet) Tucker
2018-19



Nancy F. Forlaw
2019-20



R. Wayne Raines
2020-21



William H. Bundy
2021-22



W. Cyrus Corbett
2022-24

			
Kathy Davis 2024-26	Teresa Skidmore 2026-27 President Elect	Malcolm Russell 2027-28 President Nominee	Trey Counterman 2028-29 President Nominee Elect

The presidents of the Chester Rotary club are as follows:

John Vorhees Brookshire	1927-28	Frank R. Armstrong	1979-80
Augustus M. Aiken	1928-29	N. Linn Gresham	1980-81
Arthur L. Gaston	1929-30	James D. Leitner	1981-82
Thomas H. White	1930-31	Charles D. Elliott, D.D.	1982-83
William A. Corkill	1931-32	Claude S. Coleman	1983-84
Myron E. Brockman	1932-33	Jessie L. Thompson	1984-85
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William J. Irwin	1934-35	R. Carlisle Roddey	1986-87
M. Lamar Banister	1935-36	William L.D. Marion	1987-88
Joseph Lindsay	1936-37	William C. Keels	1988-89
John McSween, D.D.	1937-38	James L. Jackson	1989-90
Carl E. Johnson	1938-39	Samuel M. Frazer, III	1990-91
Frank E. Vantine	1939-40	Ladson F. Stringfellow	1991-92
William H.W. Baker	1940-41	Dwight L. Pearson, D.D.	1992-93
A. Farris Martin	1941-42	John D. Sherer, D.M.D.	1993-94
Vivian P. Patterson, M.D.	1942-43	A. Douglas Marion, M.D.	1994-95
Fred J. Powell	1943-44	Joel P. Johnston, D.M.D.	1995-96
J. Boyce Bankhead	1944-45	Edward R. Driggers	1996-97
Herman P. Hamilton	1945-46	Judith C. Gaskins	1997-98
James G. Lynn	1946-47	Russell B. White	1998-99
Kenneth L. Black	1947-48	Frank J. Simicrope	1999-00
H. Phelps Brooks	1948-49	Brian M. Gibbons	2000-01
H. Robert Woods, Jr.	1949-50	Mitchell B. Foster	2001-02
C. Banks Gladden	1950-51	Walter R. Whitman	2002-03
Frank E. Abell	1951-52	Robert M. Wilkerson	2003-04
Donald B. Murray	1952-53	Willis W. Crain	2004-05
David A. Gaston	1953-54	Edith A. ("Edie") Cantrell	2005-06
Arthur M. Rogers, D.D.	1954-55	J. Brian Singleton	2006-07
E. Jacy Fowler	1955-56	William J. ("Buddy") Aultman	2007-08
William T. Betts, Sr.	1956-57	David M. Tavernier	2008-09
Marion G. Pratt	1957-58	W. Timothy ("Tim") Sharpe	2009-10
J.C. McCleave	1958-59	Debbie Parsons	2010-11
Charles M. Bell	1959-60	Jim Mayhugh	2011-12
Wilbur Clark Runyan	1960-61	J. Kenneth Ackerman	2012-13
Edwin Hunter	1961-62	Stephen D. Atkinson	2013-14
Edward H. Dawson	1962-63	William A. Smith	2014-15
Joel M. Smithwick	1963-64	Ricky Cremeans, D.D.S.	2015-16
James H. Horner	1964-65	Megan M. Gaston	2016-17
James M. Caldwell	1965-66	Everett B. Stubbs, III	2017-18
J. B. McDowell	1966-67	Charles R. ("Chet") Tucker	2018-19
William G. Van Buskirk	1967-68	Nancy F. Forlaw	2019-20
Frank R. Pavese, O.D.	1968-69	R. Wayne Raines	2020-21
W.Kirkwood Stringfellow, Sr.	1969-70	William H. Bundy	2021-22
Curtis A. Fennell	1970-71	W. Cyrus Corbett	2022-24
Joe J. Fougousse	1971-72	Katherine Davis	2024-26
Arthur L. Gaston, II	1972-73	Teresa Skidmore (President Elect)	2026-27
R. Edmund Hamrick, Jr.	1973-74	Malcolm Russell (President Nom)	2027-28
Harvey S. White	1974-75	Trey Counterman (Pres. Nom Elect)	2028-29
P. Lamar Coogler	1975-76		
Coy F. Stroud	1976-77		
Joseph M. McElwee	1977-78		
Edward R. Robeson	1978-79		

Fellowship has always been a major part of Rotary. Some clubs have been criticized that their only goals have been to "Meet, Eat, and Hit the Street." But, while secondary to service, fellowship is a vital part of the Rotary movement. Our weekly, Tuesday lunch meeting has provided local members the opportunity to fellowship and enjoy each other's company while networking with each other to promote business and industry in our community for over 98 years. The Rotary Club of Chester has only met in seven locations over its long history. As mentioned previously, the club was chartered in 1927, in the dining room of the Carolina Inn, a hotel that stood across from the courthouse on Main Street. From 1929 through 1932 we met at the Hotel Chester dining room on the top of the hill. This building has recently been renovated as the McAliley apartments. In 1933, an advertisement for the club states that we met at the Carolina Inn January through June and at the Chester Hotel July through December. By 1938 we were back at the Chester Hotel where we apparently continued to meet until the mid 1950's. By 1956, the large banquet room on the second floor of the Chester War Memorial Building had become the next meeting place of our club. Beginning at this time, and until about 1983, the meals were catered by Annie Mae Dove Grant, (Mrs. Boyd Grant,) who served each lunch family style. She was assisted by Mrs. Brakefield. Mrs. Grant used fresh vegetables grown by local farmers in her cooking during the growing season and home-canned delicacies during the winter. She was also well known for her desserts, with stickies, home-made pies, and cakes with chocolate and caramel icings being her specialties. Members during that time were known to choose seats beside dieters in order to get an extra serving of one of these desserts.

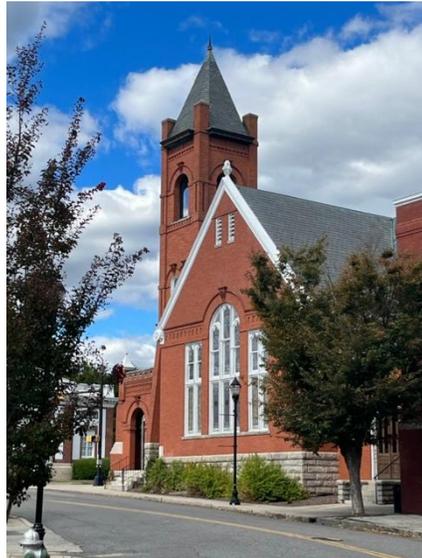


Chester Rotary Meeting Places: Top left, Carolina Inn, Top Right, The Hotel Chester, Bottom Left, The Chester County War Memorial Building, Bottom Right, Pundt's Restaurant



Chester Rotary Meeting Places: Top left: Russell & Company (Later Jacob's Home Plate,) Top right: The Summit Food & Spirits Bottom left: Chester A.R.P. Church. Bottom right: Rhino's Restaurant and Lounge

The catering was taken over by Van Pundt, of Pundt's Restaurant about 1983. Mr. Pundt continued the family style meals for a few years. After this, the serving style was changed to our present buffet line. In 1987, the club members voted to move the meeting place to the banquet room at Pundt's restaurant on the 72 Bypass. When this



restaurant closed in December 2000, we moved to the restaurant at Russell & Co., on Gadsden Street in Downtown Chester. Our first meeting there was in January 2001. When this business was sold in June 2005, we remained at the same location, but the restaurant was re-named Jacobs Home Plate. This business was short-lived and closed abruptly in September 2005. At that time, we moved our weekly meetings to The Summit Food and Spirits, located in the Wiley Building on the hill, not far from the original meeting place, the Carolina Inn. In November 2017, the Summit closed and its owner moved the business to a renovated restaurant on the 72 by-pass called Rhino's. This restaurant was sold in 2022 and renamed M.B.K. This restaurant closed abruptly in August 2022. Since that time, the club has met in the Barron Room of the Chester A.R.P. Church with meals catered by various local businesses. Our club has always had a reputation of having excellent food and good fellowship and is a favorite spot for area Rotarians to visit and make up missed meetings.

The responsibility of the program at each weekly meeting has traditionally been rotated among

members of the clubs. Each Tuesday, at one o'clock, a member will either speak on his business or a topic of interest to him, or to secure an interesting speaker for the club. Sometimes, the membership has been able to tour a local industry or another nearby site of interest. I can honestly say that almost every week, I learn something new and interesting from the speakers that provide our weekly entertainment. One story that has gone down in the annals of the club involves the time in the late 1930's when the speaker for the program was an orthopedic surgeon. He brought a series of slides showing detailed examples of his surgery. Dr. John McSween, then minister of Purity Presbyterian church, apparently did not have a strong enough constitution for this type of after-lunch entertainment and fainted. Thereafter, he was known to the club as "Dr. McSwoon."

For many years, singing was an integral part of each Rotary meeting. From its organization until September 1929, Miss Nannie White accompanied the club in singing on the piano. In the 1930's Mrs. Adeline Crain, wife of Monroe Crain played the piano to open each meeting. Later, in the 1940's, Mrs. Spratt Moore played the piano for members to sing. Our club has also been blessed with many talented pianists such as Herman Hamilton, Tim Smith, and Ed West, who have used their keyboard talents to lead the club in a patriotic or Rotary-inspired song. Presently, each meeting is begun with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, followed by a blessing from a member of the club.

Once a year, the club sponsors a meeting for family members and guests. When Rotary was an all-male organization, that night was known as "Ladies' Night." Rotary wives were then known as "Rotary Anns." In addition, it was the tradition for many years for each lady to come home with a gift supplied by a local business or industry. Many times, various members provided gifts from their businesses and industries and names were drawn for prizes. At other times an identical gift was provided for each guest. I can remember my mother coming home once with a silver cream and sugar set from Runyan's Jewelers and then, at another time, with sheets and pillow cases from Springs Mills.

At these annual galas, the club has endeavored to provide excellent entertainment for our guests. Often, the entertainment has been provided by local members. For years, a favorite type of entertainment involved skits that poked fun at local members and residents. For example, in one skit, a local matron who was proud of her family heritage was portrayed as "Mrs. Was-A-Heyward." In another, poetry was recited, "Roses are Red. Violets are Blue. Willie Robinson is tight. Jake Perkins is, too!"



But, one special program deserves special mention here. In the 1940's several local members got together a minstrel show for the club's entertainment. This show was so popular that these Rotarians began to provide Ladies' Night programs for scores of other clubs in South Carolina, North Carolina, and Georgia. Herman Hamilton was the originator of this idea. In the spirit of Al Jolson, "Lasses" (Boyce) Bankhead, and "Honey Boy" (Herman) Hamilton appeared as black-face comedians par excellence. "Mr. Willie" (Dr. William) Wallace was the interlocutor or straight-man. Mary Janet Caldwell reports that she typed a script for each man which was affixed to the inside of his tambourine. There was also a barbershop quartet, made up originally of Banks Gladden, David Crosby, Spratt Moore, and Phelps Brooks, accompanied by Mrs. Catherine Moore. They were so popular in the area that they were chosen to entertain at the 1949 Rotary



Top: Herman P. ("Honey Boy") Hamilton Banks Gladden, David Crosby, Dr. Will Wallace, Spratt Moore, Phelps Brooks and J. Boyce ("Lasses") Bankhead at the Commodore Hotel in 1948. Right: Herman Hamilton and Boyce Bankhead in blackface along with Julian Cave and Arthur Gaston at the revival of the Rotary Minstrel Show, Ladies' Night 1966

International Convention in New York City. They performed for an audience of 11,000, at the ballroom of the Commodore Hotel. This was the largest Rotary meeting ever held up to that time. In 1966 a revival of this minstrel show was performed at a Valentine's Ladies' Night. The original comedians were still available, but all of the original members of the quartet with the exception of Phelps Brooks were gone. The new members of the quartet were Arthur Gaston, Don Murray, and Julian Cave.

Top: Rotarians, Mick Eland, Betty Dietrich and Dorothy Melton with their spouses and guests enjoy a meal at the 2006 Guest Night at Anna's Arbor. Bottom: Rotarians and guests enjoy burgers and hot dogs at the 2006 Rotary Family Picnic at Chester State Park.



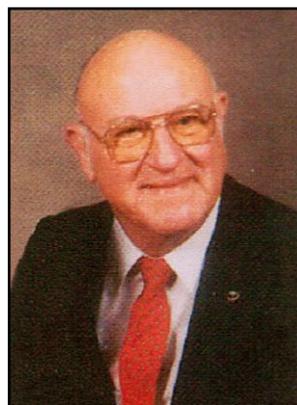
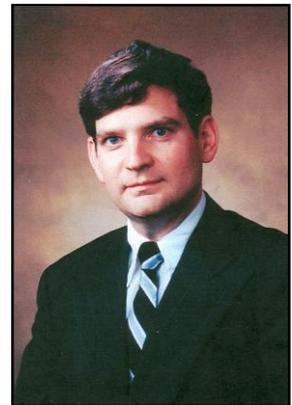
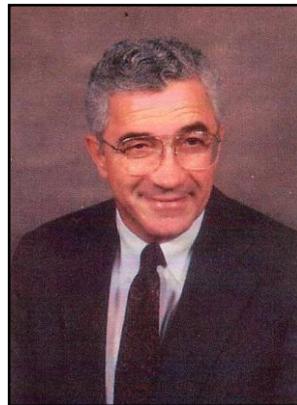
It has also been a tradition for the club to host an annual picnic at the Chester State Park for the members and their families and guests. Various Rotarians have assisted in cooking such grilled delicacies as hamburgers, hot dogs, barbecued ribs and minced barbecue for this affair. A special treat some years has been the make-your-own-sundae ice cream bar. Rotarians and their families have enjoyed the fellowship that this activity has provided.

In more recent years, Bessie and George Vastis offered their beautifully landscaped back yard as a location for our picnic. Members have enjoyed their hospitality as well as the pleasure of being with their families and friends.

No history of the club would be complete without a tribute to the long, faithful and efficient services of our secretaries and treasurers. Often, these members serve without much in the way of thanks or recognition. However, just as often, their terms of office have lasted decades. They have served our club and each president well, not only with their official duties, but as advisors who have seen many presidents come and go. Myron E. Brockman, who was then the superintendent of the Chester school district, served as both secretary and treasurer from 1926, when our club was first organized until 1930. Mr. Brockman then served as secretary continuously from 1931 when the duties of secretary and treasurer were divided, until 1958, after his retirement. He only relinquished these duties for the two years that he served as president and vice-president, (1932-1934.) During these years, James M. Lathan served as secretary. Mr. Brockman also represented the Chester club at the Rotary International convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota in June 1929.

Another longstanding secretary was Curtis A. Fennell, who held this office from 1959 until his death in 1983. Wilbur Runyan served as interim secretary while Mr. Fennell was president of the club in 1970-71. Rotarian Dwight L. Pearson assisted Mr. Fennell with his duties as secretary during his last illness and officially took over the job at Mr. Fennell's death in 1983. He has continued to serve in that capacity until 2010, only stepping down during his term of office as president in 1992-93, when J.B. McDowell performed the duties of secretary. When Dr. Pearson resigned from the club in 2010, Bill Marion took over the job and continues in that role to the present day.

Secretaries of the Rotary Club of Chester, SC



Above:
 Myron Brockman
 1926-1958
 Curtis A. Fennell
 1959-1983
 Dwight L. Pearson
 1983-2010
 William L.D. Marion
 2010-present

Below:
 James M. Lathan
 Interim 1932-1934
 Wilbur C. Runyan
 Interim 1970-1971
 J.B. McDowell
 Interim 1992-1993

The first full-time treasurer of the club was Nick M. McDill who served from 1931 to 1932. David A. Gaston then filled this office, beginning in 1932. Mr. William T. ("Goat") Betts' obituary states that he served as the treasurer of the club for 33 years. He apparently took over this job early in the 1930's and continued to serve in this capacity until his health forced him to step down in 1966. Then, another long and faithful servant, E. Jacy Fowler took over this job around this time, and again served well for around 30 years, until his death in 1996. The treasurer's duties then fell to Gerald Wyatt who served in 1996 and 1997, at which time his job took him away from Chester. At that time, Anne M. Campbell took over this job and served as treasurer until she resigned from the club in 2011. At that time, J. Glenn Anderson was elected to this office and served until 2014. Kathy H. Davis served as treasurer from 2014-2021. At that time, Brenda Raines was elected to this office and continues to serve the club in this capacity.

In 2008, the club elected an assistant secretary, Bill Marion, and an assistant treasurer, Ruth Whitman. It is amazing that in our 94th year of existence that so few persons have served as secretaries and treasurers of the club. This is a real tribute to their hard work and their commitment to the Rotary Motto, "Service Above Self."

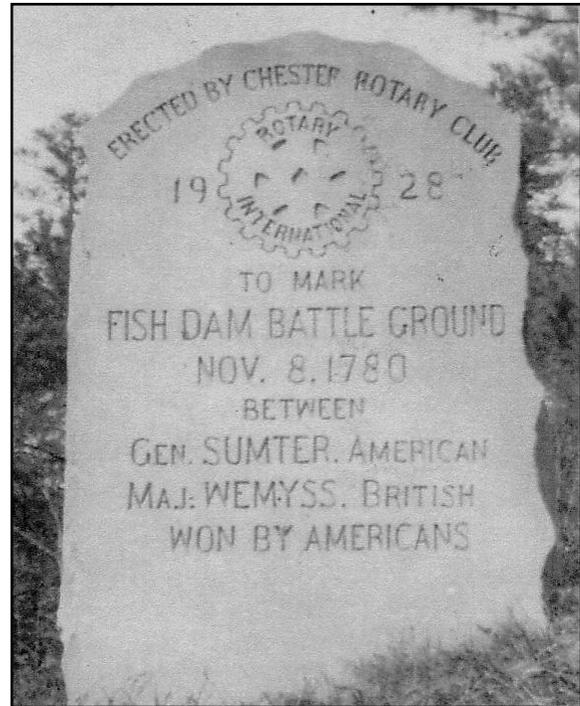
Treasurers of the Rotary Club of Chester, SC



Top Row: Myron Brockman 1926-1930, David A. Gaston 1932-1933, William T. Betts 1933-1966, E. Jacy Fowler ca 1966-1996, Gerald Wyatt 1996-1997 Bottom Row: Anne M. Campbell 1997-2010 J. Glenn Anderson 2010-2014, Kathy H. Davis 2014-2021, Brenda H Raines 2021-2026, Wendy Lawson 2026-present

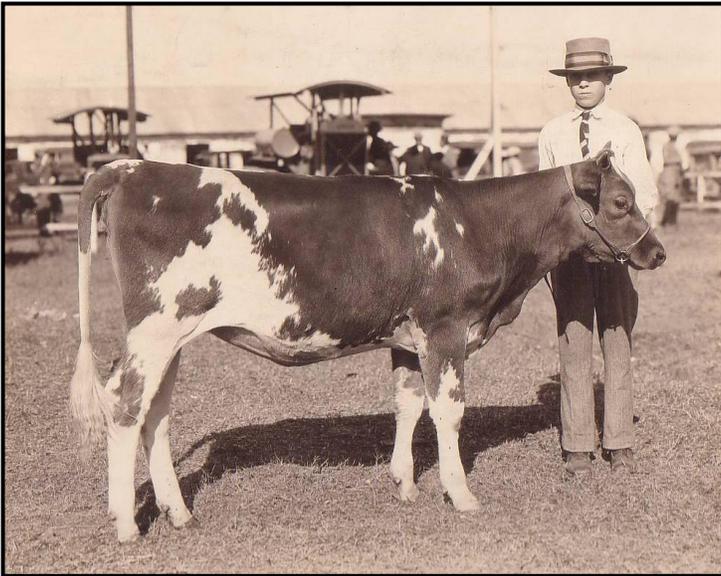
The Chester Rotary Club has always endorsed and worked for the best interests and welfare of Chester and Chester County. It has never been the object of gain credit for endeavors of the club in civic and philanthropic enterprises, but rather to endorse and cooperate with those who are promoting them. Because of this, often, our club has been guilty of not taking credit for all the good that it does in the community and the world. To list all of the contributions that the club has made would be impossible. But, it seems worthwhile to highlight some of the positive things that have happened in Chester as a result of the efforts of Rotarians.

One of the first community projects was in August 1928. Our club erected a handsome granite monument on Highway 72, just east of the Broad River to commemorate the Revolutionary Battle of Fish Dam Ford. This monument can still be seen today approaching the bridge crossing the river near Carlisle, S.C. at the western edge of our county.



Our club has always been particularly interested in helping the youth of our community. An early project of the club was to establish a student loan fund for worthy students to attend colleges and universities. Many local men and women were able to further their educations using this fund. However, over the years some difficulty arose in that some students were not financially able to repay the loan and others postponed payment for a long period of time. So, when the construction of the Chester War Memorial Building was proposed in the late 1940's, the remaining \$1,400.00 of this fund was donated toward the construction of this building.

When Chester was known as the "Wonderful Guernsey Center of Dixie," Rotary began a "calf chain." Thoroughbred calves were given to a select group of boys to grow out, develop, and exhibit in cattle shows. Each young man was to give the first female born to the animal to the Club, which in turn, gave it to another boy, thus, perpetuating the project. J.G. Grant's calf grew into a very fine cow and won many prizes. She was cased up on one occasion, and brought to the Chester Hotel dining room to show off to the Rotarians. While members of the Rotary Club ate chicken and dressing, she munched on fragrant, new-mown hay. Money from the sale of this cow enabled Grant to go to college. Later, a "pig chain" was started by Rotary, but there were so many links in it that it was later abandoned.



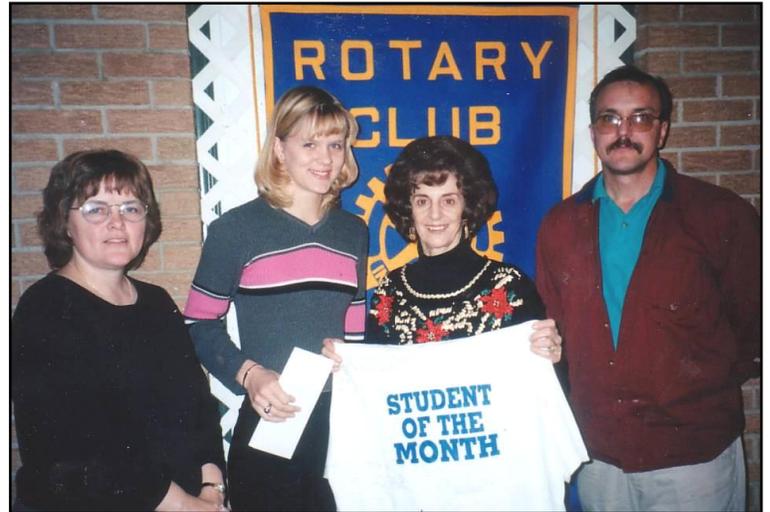
J.G. Grant with "Florentine's Eastern Lydia," the cow he obtained from the Rotary Club's calf chain. He sold "Lydia" for \$1000 to J.C. Penney, who took her to his farm in New York.



The meeting at the Hotel Chester where J.G. Grant's prize-winning cow was brought in. She is below the Rotary Wheel. Those identified are: seated, left to right: Sarah Gaston (Banks) daughter of Judge A.L. Gaston, Zeb Vance Davidson, Judge Arthur L. Gaston (face partially hidden), ? E.R. Lucas, John M. Bell, unknown, unknown, William J. Irwin, John P. Young, M.D., Robert Frazer, C.C. Edwards, unknown, R.R. Hafner, J.G. Grant, Robert Abell, M.D., Frank Vantine. Standing: unknown, unknown, Thomas Ancrum, Robert Gage, ? N.M. McDill, unknown female, unknown, unknown, (column) J.O. Mann, Joseph Lindsay, R.B. Caldwell, three men's heads obscured by glare, William Wallace, MD, ? Dr. W.E. Anderson, Augsutus M. Aiken, unknown, unknown, unknown, Myron Brockman. Note the rotary bell on the rear table to the right.

In the 1940's our club sponsored a Boy Scout Troop in Chester. Troop 65 distinguished itself with several Eagle Scouts and was a credit to the community. One of its earliest eagle scouts was Angus H. Macauley, Jr., who earned his eagle at the early age of 14 in 1945. He later served as junior scoutmaster of this troop with James ("Chick") Anderson serving as assistant scoutmaster.

Early in the club's history nine boys from Chester High School and nine from Great Falls High were selected to act as Junior Rotarians for one month each. This program was revived in 1998 and now involves selecting a "Student of the Month" based on teacher recommendations from area high schools. This student receives a small honorarium, a plaque, a T-shirt, and recognition at a meeting. Beginning in 2001, at the end of the school year, one of these 12 students is selected by a committee to be Student-of-the-Year and receives a \$500.00 scholarship check. The amount of this scholarship has recently been increased to \$1000.00.



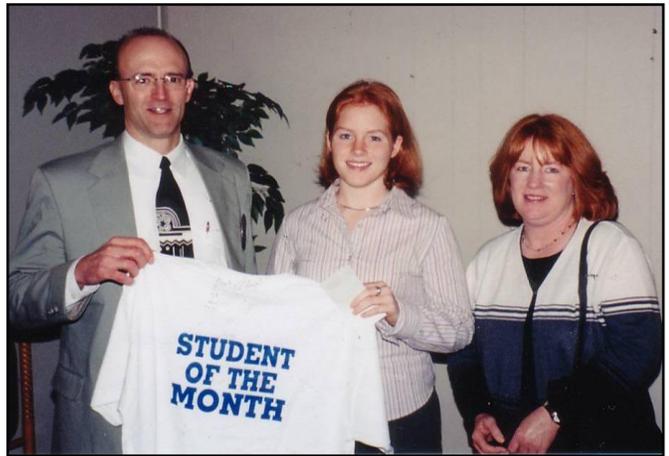
Top: November 2000 Student of the Month, Erica Darby, (2nd from left) with Rotarian, Bessie Vastis (3rd from left) and her parents, Wanda (left) and Richard Darby Bottom: Rotarian Brown Simpson with September 2002 Student of the Month, Montell Dover

Students recognized as Student of the month are as follows:

1998-	November 1998	Brian Bell	Chester
1999	January 1999	Amy Gill	Chester
	February 1999	Shane Perry	Chester
	March 1999	Thad Hollis	Chester
	April 1999	Jason Jones	Chester
	May 1999	Lindsay Gentry	Chester
1999-	November 1999	Paula Boyd	Chester
2000-	September 2000	April Bailey	Great Falls
2001	October 2000	Amy Hines	Lewisville
	November 2000	Erica Darby	Chester
	December 2000	Dontavius Williams	Lewisville
	January 2001	Kelly Lundsford	Chester
	February 2001	Torri Barber	Great Falls
	March 2001	Ashley Evans	Great Falls
	April 2001	Princess Stringfellow	Chester
2001-	September 2001	Matthew Brown	Chester
2002	October 2001	Alan Taylor	Great Falls
	November 2001	Missi Edmunds	Chester
	December 2001	Donny Lawson	Great Falls
	January 2002	LaKeysha Maloney	Great Falls
	February 2002	Shavonda Harris	Chester
	March 2002	Emily Holzinger	Great Falls
	April 2002	Alicia Wohltmann	Great Falls



2002-2003	September 2002 October 2002 November 2002 December 2002 January 2003 February 2003 March 2003 April 2003	Montrell Dover Jamarcus Gaston Marketra Johnson Phillip Lindsay Kayla Gibson Jessica Ghent Laura Hicklin Katrina Young	Lewisville Great Falls Great Falls Lewisville Great Falls Great Falls Lewisville Chester
2003-2004	September 2003 October 2003 November 2003 December 2003 January 2004 February 2004 March 2004 April 2004	Dwayne Pursley Sarah W. Marion Peter Wilson Kenyanna Williams Becky Wilson Timothy Widener Ja'Pel Sumpter Alicia Boyd	Lewisville Chester Chester Great Falls Chester Chester Chester Chester
2004-2005	October 2004 November 2004 December 2004 January 2005 February 2005 March 2005 April 2005 May 2005	Katherine ("Kit") Davis Maegan Dacus Alex Stroman Patrick Hamilton James Elliott Rachel Hinson Rhonda Winchester Pete Sam Poulos	Chester Chester Chester Chester Lewisville Great Falls Lewisville Chester
2005-2006	October 2005 November 2005 December 2005 January 2006 February 2006 March 2006 April 2006	Amanda Enoch Heather Wade Adam Wilson Joshua May Sally Morris Ja'Pel Sumpter Allyson Brown	Chester Chester Chester Great Falls Chester Chester Richard Winn
2006-2007	October 2006 November 2006 December 2006 January 2007 February 2007 March 2007 April 2007	Nikhil Singal Thomas Delancy Robin Winchester Keely Lewis Logan Lewis Siobhan McLaughlin Jenna Darby	Richard Winn Richard Winn Lewisville Chester Richard Winn Home Schooled Chester
2007-2008	October 2007 November 2007 December 2007 January 2008 February 2008 March 2008 April 2008	Amber Hamacher Briana Horne Logan Lewis Wes Gladden Padraic Hampton Laura D. Marion John Wilson Jordan	Chester Westminster-Catawba Richard Winn Chester Westminster-Catawba Lewisville
2008-2009	October 2008 November 2008 December 2008 January 2009 February 2009 March 2009 April 2009 May 2009	Katie Rishebarger Shaquaisha Woods Adrian Alt Stacey Stallard Jacob Waldrip Katelyn Love Jamie Hinson C. Matthew Orr	Westminster-Catawba Chester Lewisville Lewisville Chester Westminster-Catawba Great Falls Great Falls
2009-2010	November 2009 December 2009 January 2010 February 2010 March 2010 May 2010	Ciara Williams Cheryl McKenzie Logan Pemberton R.J. Canty Ciara Ellis Anna Houston	Chester Chester Lewisville Chester Westminster-Catawba Chester



Top: Jessica Ghent, February 2003 Student of the Month (center) with Rotarian Tim Sharp (left) and her mother, Kim Ghent (right) Below: Rotarian Robin Currence congratulates Robin Winchester, December 2006 Student of the Month



2010-	October	2010	Matthew Blakely	Great Falls
2011	November	2010	Brandon S. Green	Chester
	December	2010	Jerry W. ("Tripp") Thomas	Lewisville
	January	2011	Jordan Hinson	Great Falls
	February	2011	Tyreke White	Chester
	March	2011	Amber Matthews	Chester
	April	2011	Joseph B. ("Joby") Moss	Lewisville
2011-	October	2011	Tripp Nichols	Westminster-Catawba
2012	November	2011	Tiona Thompson	Chester
	December	2011	Jordan Temple	Great Falls
	January	2012	Allison Jordan	Lewisville
	February	2012	Nate Walker	Chester
	March	2012	Justin Craven	Chester
	April	2012	Shaquille Simpson	Great Falls
	May	2012	Jasmine C. Jackson	Chester
2012-	October	2012	Leigh Ann Lehman	Lewisville
2013	November	2012	Derion Woods	Chester
	December	2012	Joseph Kovas	Chester
	January	2013	Clark Schofield	Great Falls
	February	2013	Jamie Butler	Lewisville
	March	2013	Jada Mayfield	Chester
2014-			Tamaris Davis	Chester
2015			Sta'Keria Sanders	Chester
			LaMarion Crane	Great Falls
			William Renwick	Great Falls
			Cody Montgomery	Lewisville
			Elisabeth Streeter	Lewisville
2015-	August	2015	Myliyah Caldwell	Chester
2016	September	2015	Lanisha Oates	Chester
	October	2015	Samantha Lovern	Lewisville
	November	2015	Savannah Crosby	Lewisville
	December	2016	Jacob ("Jake") Wright	Chester
	January	2016	Rea'L Jackson	Chester
	February	2016	Sayani Ponce Lopez	Chester
	March	2016	Nicole Crist	Great Falls
	April	2016	Morgan Lubojacky	Great Falls
	May	2016	Amari Merchant	Lewisville
	June	2016	Jacinda Merchant	Lewisville
2016-			LaTerrica Spring	Chester
2017			Asia Turner	Chester
			Mason Salters	Chester
			Eric Gage	Great Falls
			Emilee Smarr	Great Falls
			Clayce Reid	Great Falls
			KaTerra Talford	Great Falls
			William C. Keels, III	Lewisville
			Megan Fulks	Great Falls
			DeAllen Boulware	Lewisville
			Kassy Kirby	Lewisville
2017-			Zyonna Jones Moore	Great Falls
2018			Garrison Wyatt	Chester
			Justin Lyles	Lewisville
			Rena Herr	Chester
			Jenna Barrett	Lewisville
			Colby Ruff	Great Falls
			Alyssa Boulware	Chester
			Jaylen McFadden	Lewisville
			Aaron Stevens	Lewisville

2018- 2019	Madyson J. Patel	Lewisville
	Ebonie Hicklin	Chester
	Hannah Mitchell	Great Falls
	Skylar Bogan	Lewisville
	Keith Boyd	Chester
	Joylen Woodard	Lewisville
	Niamah Maria Cabbagestalk	Lewisville
	Nj Jenna Allison	Lewisville
	Madelynn "Meg" Garner	Lewisville
2019- 2020	Jacobe Reid	Chester
	Arkia Stroud	Lewisville
	Chloe Rice	Lewisville
	Gia Crank	Chester
	Jordan Ramsey	Great Falls
	Preston R. Seeby	Great Falls
	Hailey Rivera	Chester
	Dakota Caskey	Lewisville
2020- 2021		
2021- 2022	Jaila Graham	Chester
	Sydney Bailey	Great Falls
	Nolan Rachels	Lewisville
	Lauren King	Lewisville
	Jordan Holmes	Great Falls
	Victoria Smith	Chester
	Andrew Myers	Chester
	Vinny Yang	Lewisville
	Jerod Lockhart	Great Falls
Tariyah Adams	Great Falls	
2022- 2023	Ar'Niya Roseboro	Great Falls
	Ariel Moyd	Chester
	Sha'Laiyah Robinson	Lewisville
	Krisitana Boyd	Chester
	William Chen	Chester
	Jerrod Lockhard	Great Falls
	Tyler Nunoo	Lewisville
	Jordan Holmes	Great Falls
	Bailee Henson	Lewisville
2023- 2024	Makayla Hughes	Chester
	Hannah Davis	Lewisville
	Jackson Kennington	Great Falls
	David Fairfax	Lewisville
	Kenley Henson	Great Falls
	Wade Alley	Chester
	Ayda Colon	Lewisville
	Christopher Kirkland	Great Falls
	Trinity Orr	Chester
	Da'Len Massey	Lewisville
	Keshawn Killian	Great Falls
Kenneth McClinton	Chester	
2024- 2025	Kinsley Price	Great Falls
	Elane Wightman	Chester
	Jordan Parham	Lewisville
	Trooper Floyd	Chester
	Jalen Craig	Great Falls
	Amaya Hall	Lewisville
	Hunter Chase Self	Great Falls
	Hannah Leary	Lewisville
	Mari Strong	Chester
	Rebecca Bryan	Great Falls
	Riley Darby	Chester
Saul Vazquez-Villatoro	Lewisville	

2025-	Jocelyn Howard	Chester
2026	Jaden Archie	Lewisville
	Cameron Sims	Great Falls
	Aliyah McManus	Great Falls
	Hudhaifah Taylor	Chester

Recipients of the Student of the Month Scholarship are as follows:

2001	Kelly Lunsford	(Chester)	University of South Carolina
2002	Emily Holzinger	(Great Falls)	University of South Carolina
2003	Phillip Lindsay	(Lewisville)	Clemson University
2004	Dwayne Pursley	(Lewisville)	Clemson University
2005	James Elliott	(Lewisville)	U.S. Air Force Academy
2006	Sally Morris	(Richard Winn)	Furman University
2007	Keely Lewis	(Chester)	University of South Carolina
2008	John Wilson Jordan	(Lewisville)	The Citadel
2009	Katie Rishebarger	(Westminster-Catawba)	Winthrop University
2010	R.J. Canty	(Chester)	N.C. A&T University
2011	Brandon S. Green	(Chester)	Clemson University
2012	Jordan Temple	(Great Falls)	University of South Carolina – Lancaster
2013	Leigh Ann Lehman	(Lewisville)	University of South Carolina – Lancaster
2014	not given		
2015	Sta’Keria Sanders	(Chester)	Clemson University

Beginning in 1988, each year, a Chester County high school senior has been selected to receive a scholarship to attend the college or university of his choice. This scholarship has expanded and continues until today. The scholarship was originally in the amount of \$1000.00 and was initially awarded only to a Chester High School senior. The amount of the award was increased to \$1500.00 in 1997. In 2001, the board voted to increase the size of the scholarship fund to \$3000.00, which was divided between two county recipients. For the first time, in 2003, a senior at each of the three county high schools, Chester, Lewisville and Great Falls was awarded a \$1000.00 scholarship to attend college. In 2007, a fourth scholarship of \$1000.00 to York Technical College was added, making five total college awards. The York Tech Scholarship was discontinued after 2011 and the Student of the Month Scholarship was discontinued after 2015 .



Rotarian Clint Davis congratulates Briana Horne, November 2007 Student of the month.

Recipients of the annual Chester Rotary College Scholarship are as follows:

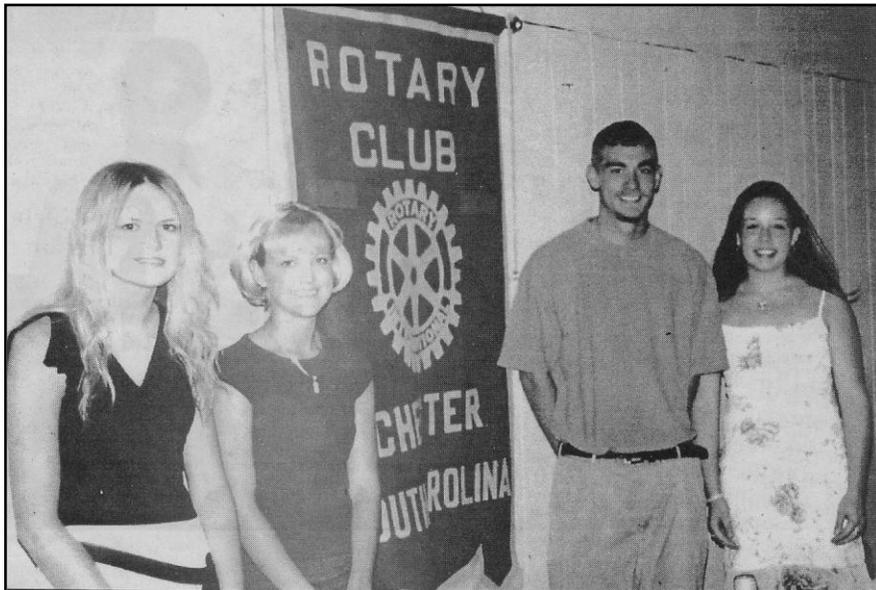
1988	Carolyn Brown	(Chester)	
	Kitty Bukovac	(Chester)	Clemson University
1989	Stephen Lee Counterman	(Chester)	Clemson University
1990	J. Scott Roberts	(Chester)	Travecca Nazarene College
1991	Tracey Orr	(Chester)	Clemson University
1992	Anthony Feltz	(Chester)	Clemson University
1993	Brad Wingate	(Chester)	University of South Carolina
1994	Jodie Allen	(Chester)	Clemson University
1995	Robert Nelson	(Chester)	Georgia Tech
1996	Lori Jennings	(Chester)	Winthrop University
1997	Ben Gantt	(Chester)	Wofford College

1998	Andrea Grant	(Chester)	University of South Carolina
1999	Brian Bell	(Chester)	Winthrop University
2000	Avis Wright	(Chester)	Clemson University
2001	Jennifer Widener	(Chester)	University of South Carolina
2002	Alicia Wohltmann	(Great Falls)	University of South Carolina
	Sarah Gildea	(Lewisville)	College of Charleston
2003	Princess Stringfellow	(Chester)	Clark Atlanta University
	Marchella Stroud	(Lewisville)	U.S.C. Spartanburg
	Kimberly Curry	(Great Falls)	U.S.C. Lancaster
2004	Jaquelyn Green	(Chester)	U.S.C. Union
	Madison Lucas	(Lewisville)	Coastal Carolina University
	Jessica Guidry	(Great Falls)	U.S.C. Spartanburg
2005	Jennifer Perry	(Chester)	Clemson University
	Rhonda Winchester	(Lewisville)	Columbia College
	Rachel Hinson	(Great Falls)	Anderson College
2006	Adam Wilson	(Chester)	Clemson University
	Shemeika Howze	(Lewisville)	Lander University
	Natalie M. Garner	(Great Falls)	U.S.C. Lancaster
2007	Jenna Darby	(Chester)	Winthrop University
	Robin Winchester	(Lewisville)	Clemson University
	Adoria Hutchinson	(Great Falls)	Francis Marion University
2008	Brittany S.T. Chisholm	(Chester)	Clemson University
	Jamarius A. Robinson	(Lewisville)	North Greenville College
	Ashley Boulware	(Great Falls)	Charleston Southern University
2009	Kyle Young	(Chester)	Clemson University
	Jamie Hinson	(Great Falls)	U.S.C. Lancaster
	Allison Groner	(Lewisville)	University of South Carolina
2010	Jonathan Kelly	(Chester)	Johnson C. Smith University
	Bailee Benfield	(Great Falls)	Spartanburg Methodist College
	Telashia DeNae Means	(Lewisville)	Winthrop University
2011	Joseph Feaster	(Chester)	Winthrop University
	Jordan Hinson	(Great Falls)	U.S.C. Lancaster
	Joseph B. ("Joby") Moss	(Lewisville)	Erskine College
2012	Edith Dunlap	(Chester)	Clemson University
	Heather Gage	(Great Falls)	Charleston Southern University
	Ashley Truax	(Lewisville)	Charleston Southern University
2013	Derrion Woods	(Chester)	University of South Carolina
	Kenneth "Clark" Schofield	(Great Falls)	Clemson University
	Jamie Butler	(Lewisville)	College of Charleston
2014	Britany Blakeney	(Chester)	Winthrop University
	Gill Wilson	(Lewisville)	Clemson University
	Breanna Howze	(Great Falls)	USC Upstate
2015	Temaris Dixon	(Chester)	Coker College
	Bryanna Gordon	(Lewisville)	Columbia College
	Thomas Mills	(Great Falls)	Clemson University
2016	Calee Parsons	(Chester)	Winthrop University
	Pierce Funderburk	(Great Falls)	Pheiffer College
	Lamonica Hampton	(Lewisville)	Columbia College
2017	La'Terrica Springs	(Chester)	Lander University
	Clayce Reid	(Great Falls)	Clemson University
	Kassy Kirby	(Lewisville)	University of South Carolina
2018	Rhett Cox	(Lewisville)	Clemson University
	Creighton Price	(Chester)	University of South Carolina
	Lydia L. Mills	(Great Falls)	U.S.C. Lancaster
2019	KaNya McCree	(Chester)	College of Charleston
	Skylar Bogan	(Lewisville)	Anderson University
	Tanadje Price	(Great Falls)	Presbyterian College
2020	Rachel Knox	(Lewisville)	Norfolk State University
	Chantel Alexander	(Chester)	Presbyterian College
	Jakayla Lynn	(Great Falls)	U.S.C. Lancaaster
2021	Matthew Wood	(Lewisville)	Clemson University
	Gia Crank	(Chester)	Winthrop University

2022	McKenzie Camp Jaila Graham Madison Rogers Sydney Bailey	(Great Falls) (Chester) (Lewisville) (Great Falls)	Lander University N.C. State University Charleston Southern University University of South Carolina
2023	Ariel Moyd Sha/Laiyah Robinson Jordan Holmes	(Chester) (Lewisville) (Great Falls)	USC Upstate University of South Carolina North Carolina A&T
2024	Kenneth McClinton Wade Alley Jackson Kennington Nick Fairfax	(Chester) (Chester) (Great Falls) (Lewisville)	University of South Carolina Clemson University Anderson University Furman University
2025	Saul Vazquez-Villatoro Kinsley Price Mari Strong	(Lewisville) (Great Falls) (Chester)	York Technical College Anderson University University of South Carolina

Recipients of the York Tech \$1000 scholarship are as follows:

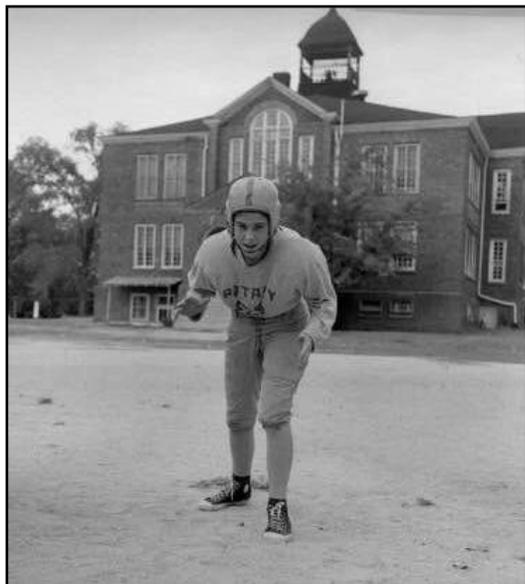
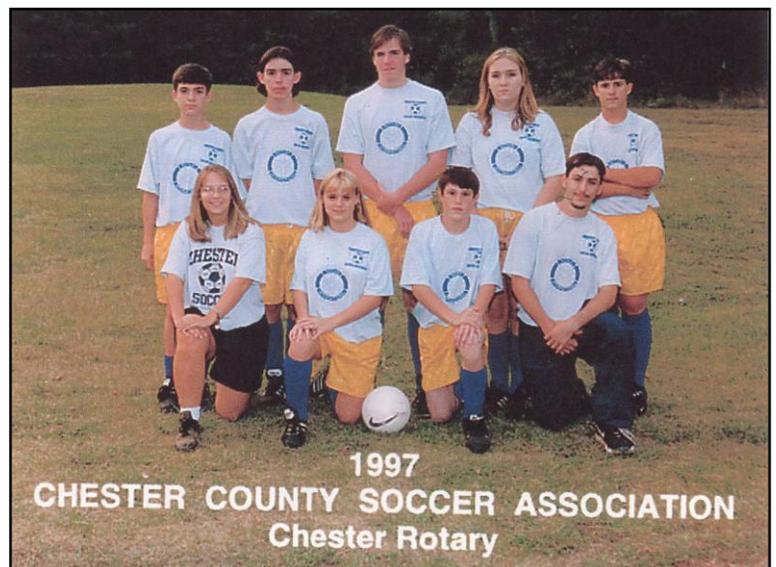
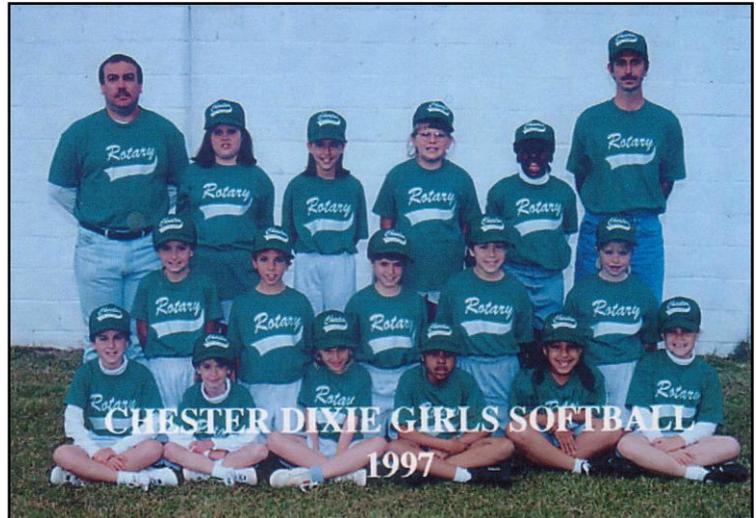
2007	Lisa White	(Great Falls)
2008	Terry McCloud	(Continuing Education for Career Change)
2009	Will Inman	(Chester)
2010	Walter Turner	
2011	Ralph E. ("Tripp") Lunsford, III	(Continuing Education for Career Change)



Left: The 2004 Rotary Scholarship winners, left to right: Madison Lucas of Great Falls High School, Jacqueline Green of Chester High School, Dwayne Pursley of Lewisville High School, and Jessica Guidry, Student of the Month Scholarship recipient from Lewisville High School. Right: 2007 Rotary Scholarship winners, Keely Lewis, Student of the Month Scholarship winner and Jenna Darby, Chester High School Scholarship winner.

Local youth sports have also long been projects of our club. For many years, the Club entertained the Chester High School Red Cyclone football team with a banquet each December. Win or lose, at the end of the season the team, coaches, and cheerleaders were given a royal reception by the club. At this time, letter jackets were given and outstanding players recognized. This began in the 1930's and continued through the mid 1960's.

As early as 1930, the club began sponsoring a little league baseball team. This sponsorship continues to the present day, one of the longest in existence in Chester. As the years have gone by, additional youth sports teams have also been added. We have also sponsored a girls' softball team, a youth soccer team, and a youth basketball team, in addition to the little league baseball team. Our Rotary soccer team won the league play-offs in 1998.



Top: Chester Dixie Girls Softball Rotary Team, 1997 Middle: Chester County Soccer Association Rotary Team, 1997 Bottom: Chester Dixie Baseball 2023 Rotary Team. Bottom left: R. Wayne Raines, 2020-2021 Chester Rotary President on the Rotary Midget Football Team, 1953



The Chester club has also, for many years participated in the program that used to be known as S4TL (Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders) and is now known as RYLA or Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. This Rotary District program takes promising high school juniors and seniors and provides a week-long retreat at Erskine College concentrating on developing leadership skills and free enterprise. Each year, we send two or three Chester County high school students to this program.

Above: Arnedra Simpson and Tabitha Hodges, 2001 Chester Rotary delegates to RYLA.
Below: Chester Rotary 2003 RYLA delegates Ashley Fisher (left) and Jessica Guidry (right) at Erskine College



Recent RYLA Delegates have been:

- | | | |
|------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 2001 | Arnedra Simpson | (Great Falls) |
| | Tabitha Hodges | (Lewisville) |
| 2002 | Jessica McGuire | (Great Falls) |
| | Caroline Delleney | (Westminster-Catawba) |
| | Christina Jackson | (Lewisville) |
| 2003 | Ashley Fisher | (Great Falls) |
| | Jessica Guidry | (Lewisville) |
| 2004 | Sally Morris | (Chester) |
| 2005 | Jonathan Roof | (Lewisville) |
| | Jay Guidry | (Lewisville) |
| 2006 | John Wilson Jordan | (Lewisville) |
| | Jenna Darby | (Chester) |
| 2007 | Timothy Raines | (Richard Winn) |
| | Ashley Tucker | (Lewisville) |

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| 2008 | Ashley Dye | (Chester) |
| | Katie Rischebarger | (Westminster-Catawba) |
| 2009 | Ashlyn Bassett | (home-schooled) |
| | Siobhan McLaughlin | (SC Governors School) |
| 2010 | Victoria Roof | (Lewisville) |
| | Marty Shea McLaughlin | (home-schooled) |
| 2011 | Cierra Williams | (Chester) |
| | Mikayla Lancaster | (Chester) |
| 2012 | Margo Lawson | (Chester) |
| | Callie Murphy | (Lewisville) |
| 2013 | Kailee Bassett | (Lewisville) |
| | Thomas Wells | (Chester) |
| 2014 | Bryanna Gordon | (Lewisville) |
| | Samuel Kelly | (Chester) |
| 2015 | Jack Counterman | (Chester) |
| | Samantha Lovern | (Lewisville) |
| 2016 | Creighlyn Price | (Chester) |
| | DeAllen Boulware | (Lewisville) |
| 2017 | Maria Lalli | (Lewisville) |
| | Jasmine Moyd | (Chester) |
| 2018 | Skylar Nicole Bogan | |
| | Ny Jenna Allison | |

Since 1998, our club has partnered with the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary for the Palmetto Girls' and Boys' State program. This organization sends promising high school students to a week-long program with other students from across the state. This program, long sponsored by the American Legion is now held at Presbyterian College for the girls and Anderson University for the boys. It teaches about government and encourages friendship as well as participation in local, state and national government and elections. We presently underwrite the cost for two young men and two young women to attend this program. Recent Chester Rotary representatives are:

Boys' State

- 2003: Jason Stout & Louis Rosborough
- 2006: John Wilson Jordan
- 2007: Mark Robinson & Jamarius A. Robinson
- 2008: William Hoskins & Padraic Hampton
- 2009: Bryson Pope, Marshall Whitesides & Jacob Wood
- 2010: Lucius Rice, IV, Jacob Noah, & Tevin Worthy
- 2011: Zack Roberts & Nathan Walker
- 2012: Justin Cooper & Kenndric Wherry
- 2013: Quint Crocker & John Gore
- 2014 Daniel McClurkin & Cody Montgomery
- 2015 Brandon Christopher & Pierce Funderburk
- 2016 Garrison Hyatt & Mason Sanders
- 2017 Devin Banks & Brittain Williford
- 2018 Langton Digh & Wyatt Tunall
- 2019 Jourdan Simpson & Jackson Tate
- 2020 Cancelled
- 2021 Jordan Bowser & Gavin Morrison
- 2022 Jai'Den Stringfellow & Nathan Johnson

- 2023 Darby Lee Clack & John David ("Trey") Wilson
- 2024. Victor DeEarl Floyd & Ezekiel Baqui-Naki
- 2025 De'Imari Day'Veon Cockrell & Israel Mann Gladden

Girls' State

- Courtney Boyd & Sarah Marion

- Brittany Chisholm & Mary Beth Gantt
- Harriet Kelsey & Rebekah Kerr
- Cheryl McKenzie & Elizabeth Anderson
- Jasmine Howze & Tatiyona Feaster
- Krista Ethers & Ashley Truax
- Staci Hernandez & Elizabeth Howe
- Mahogany Foster & Melvinie Jackson
- Hayden Hawkins & StaKeria Sanders
- Anja Minninger & Megan Simpson
- Alexis Montgomery & Asia Turner
- Olivia Caldwell & Isabella Davis
- Savannah Jacobs & Sarah Lane Taylor
- Alexus Brown & Sara Grace Hyatt
- Cancelled
- Keyanna Williams & Sydney Bailey (held virtually)
- Kristana Boyd (elected governor) & Yasmin Williams

- Kelly McKinney & Kenley Henson
- Josie Lancaster & LaMariya McCree
- Lola Katherine Heckman & Margaret Brooke Morrison



Left: The 2009 Chester County Palmetto Boys State Delegation: Rotary Sponsored Delegates: Back Row, 2nd from left, Marshall Whitesides, back row 4th from left, Jacob Wood, far right, Bryson Pope. Right: The 2008 Chester County Girls' State Delegation: left to right, Harriet Kelsey, Ashley Enoch, Rebekah Kerr and Laura Marion.

After a presentation by Chad Catledge, former president of the Lancaster Breakfast Rotary Club in 2023, the Chester Club decided to use the funds raised from the Downhill Derby to purchase an adaptive tandem bicycle for the Chester School District. Funds raised by the club were matched with a District Grant and the bike was ordered at a cost over \$3900. This bicycle will be used by children with mobility constraints for building muscle strength, coordination and fun. In October and November 2024 several presentations were held. The first was at half time of a Chester High Football Game. Next a ceremony was held for the school board. Finally, on November 6, a student at Chester Park Elementary School demonstrated the bicycle for the Rotarians present along with physical and occupational therapists. We hope to continue this project and be able to provide a bike to each school in the district.



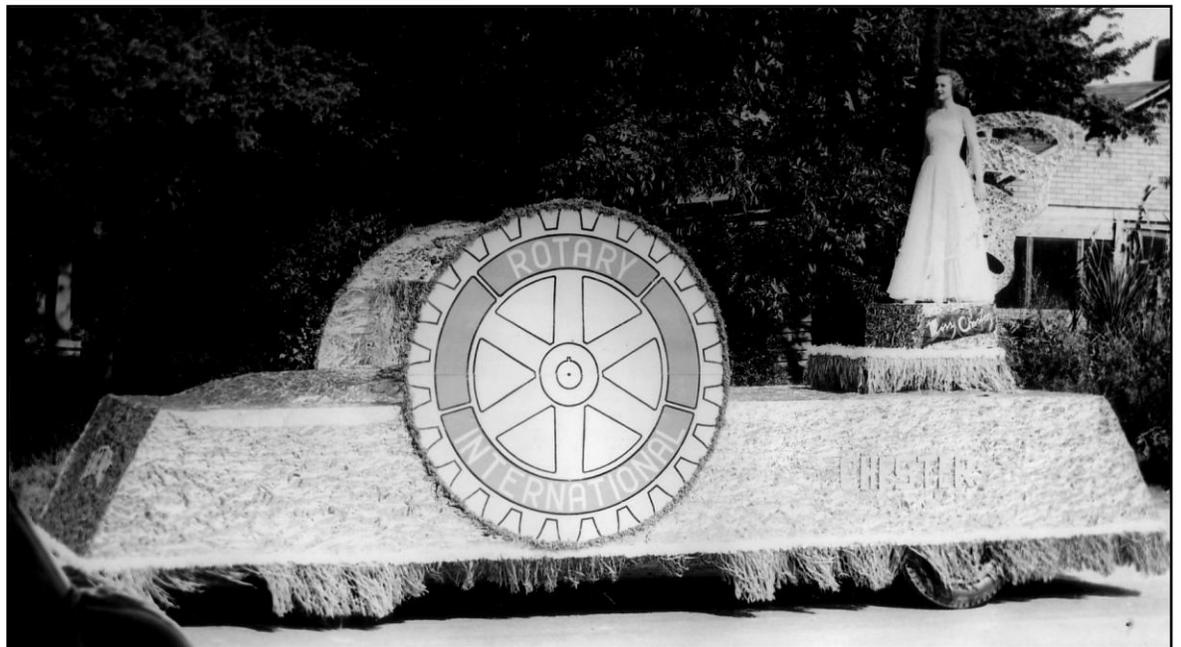


The club has also been interested in the general betterment of our local community.

For many years, we sponsored a float in the September Guernsey parade. Arthur Gaston reports that as a child, he and Jimmy Hamilton rode on the Rotary float, turning the giant Rotary wheel as the float made its way around the streets of Chester.

We continue to sponsor a float in Chester's annual Christmas parade. In 1957, our Chester Christmas parade entry was Marilyn Van Derbur, Miss America 1958. Much fanfare went along with her visit to the Rotary Club meeting, Chester, and the parade.

Above: Faye Roddey (McCarley Skipper) in the 1955 or 1956 Christmas Parade representing the Rotary Club. She is driven by George "Crokie" Fleming. Middle: Miss Chester, Joyce Nichols (Welborn Gardner,) represents the Chester Rotary Club on a float in the 1948 Guernsey Parade. Below: The 2008 Chester Christmas parade Rotary entry. On board are Lauren Medlin, Mike Eland, Betty Dietrich, and president David Tavernier. Below right: The 2023 Rotary entry in the Chester Christmas Parade, Trey Counterman, Brianna & Cyrus Corbett, Kathy Davis and Brenda Raines





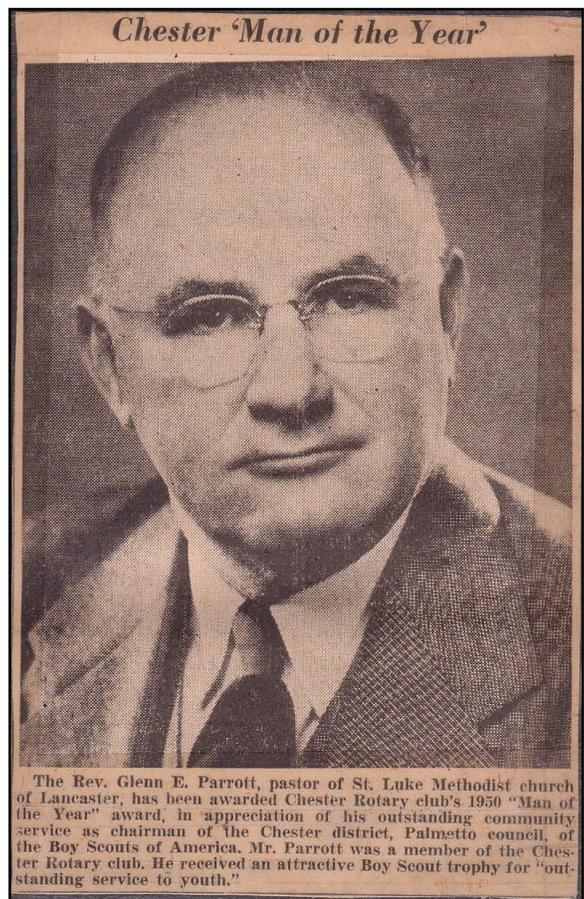
Above: Rotarians Richard Hall and Doug Marion donate blood at the Rotary sponsored Red Cross blood drive located at the Chester YMCA in March 2007. Right: Jennifer Edwards hosts the 2006 United Way Kickoff at the Summit restaurant. President Brian Singleton looks on.



For many years, our club has served as host to the kickoff for the Chester Area United Way campaign. We invite all the workers and local board to attend a meeting, share a meal, and accept the pacesetter contributions to begin the yearly campaign. We also make a monetary contribution to this vital fund-raising effort in our community.

The Rotary Club of Chester has partnered with the Red Cross to sponsor blood drives. Rotarians have volunteered their time to work at the blood drive center, as well as signing up to donate blood. This much-needed service to our community has helped to insure that adequate whole blood and blood component supplies are available to accident victims, cancer patients and those undergoing surgery.

Our club awarded a "Man of the Year" award as early as 1950. That year, Rev. Glenn Parrott, a former Chester Rotarian, who had moved to Lancaster, S.C., was honored for his service to the community and to the local boy scouts.



In 2009, the Chester Rotary Club began to honor one local member with its Rotarian of the Year Award. The first recipient was Robin Currence. Robin has headed the education committee of our club for many years and has been active in numerous service projects since joining the club in 1998. The club continues to give this award annually. In 2010, two long-serving members were honored as co-Rotarians of the Year. Dwight Pearson, who served as club secretary for twenty seven years and Anne Campbell, who served as treasurer for thirteen years were chosen for this honor.



In 2024, President Kathy Davis re-instituted several club service awards. The Rotarian of the year award was named the Arthur L. Gaston, II Award to honor Mr. Gaston and his 61 years of service to our club. Two new awards were added, The Bessie Poulos Vastis award was given to the new Rotarian of the Year in honor of Mrs. Vastis, a dedicated Rotary and community servant who embodied “Service Above Self.” The President’s Award was also given to a Rotarian who embodied the ideals of Rotary.



Arthur Gaston Rotarian of the Year Awards

- 2009 Robin Currence
- 2010 Anne Campbell & Dwight Pearson
- 2011 Walt Whitman
- 2012 Tim Sharpe
- 2013 Jim Mayhugh & Bill Marion
- 2024 John E. Davis
- 2025 Valerie Taylor

Top: Robin Currence, 2009 Rotarian of the Year with President Elect Tim Sharpe and President David Tavernier Middle: 2011 Rotarian of the Year, Walt Whitman with President Elect Jim Mayhugh and President Debbie Parsons. Bottom: 2024 Chester New Rotarian of the Year, Stacy Scott with District Governor Rysheeka Bush and President Kathy Davis

Bessie Vastis New Rotarian of the Year Award

- 2024 Stacy Scott

President’s Award

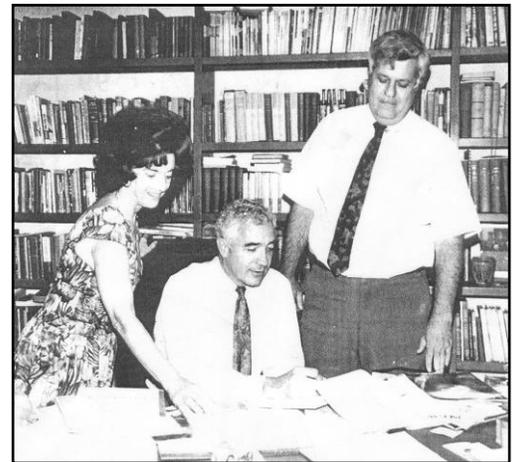
- 2024 Trey Counterman
- 2025 Brooke Clinton



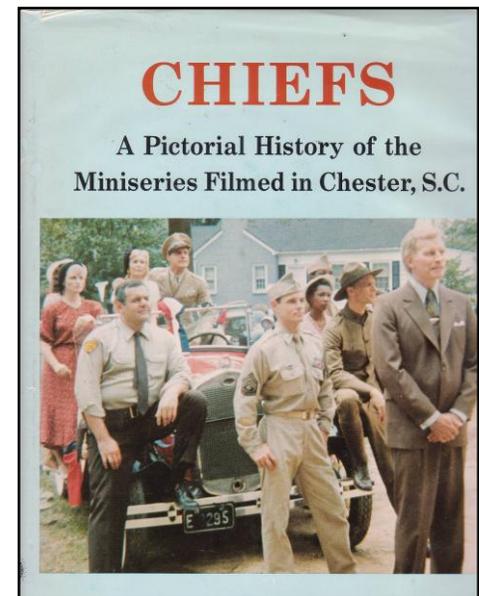
In 2006, the club gave its first Vocational Service Award. One of the four avenues of service in Rotary International is Vocational. The award is given to a non-Rotarian who exhibits exceptional achievement in his field, strives to make the Chester area a better place and meets the requirements of the four way test in his profession. The award was presented to Raymond Douglas, Public Works Director for the City of Chester in recognition of his selfless service to our community. In 2007, the club presented the award to Mr. Buddy Pearson, Maintenance Supervisor for Chester County for over 20 years. The 2008 recipient was Jeff Wilson of Lowrys, who is a farmer and owner of Cotton Hills Farm. In 2011, the award was presented to Terry Hunter, owner of Hunter's Creative Florist. The 2012 Vocational Service Award was presented to Travis Jenkins of the Chester News and Reporter.



But how have we raised the funds to pay for all of these worthwhile projects? Over the years, fund-raising has changed to meet the times and the needs of our various projects. An early project that provided an excellent source of revenue was the "Rotary Radio Day." Each year, on a Saturday, the management of, first W.G.C.D. and later, W.C.M.J. radio stations allowed our club to become amateur radio operators. Our club provided the announcements, advertisements, and talk on these shows, keeping a portion of the proceeds from the advertisements that we sold to fund our projects. Many of us remember spending a day with Carlisle Roddey, and having our families listening to us as we became "stars" on the radio. This project was re-instituted in 2006 with W.R.B.K. radio and raised over \$1,600.



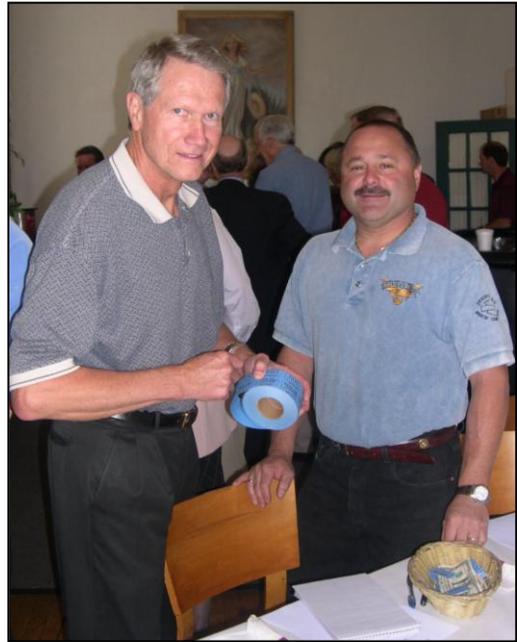
Another successful and popular fund-raiser for many years was for the club to sell barbecue plates. Carlisle Roddey and his Rescue Squad helpers would prepare barbecue, slaw and all the fixings. Each Rotarian would sell plates or pounds and then club members would deliver the meals. Many local businesses and industries were known to feed lunch to all of their employees, thus making this a very successful way of funding our projects.



In 1983, an interesting fund-raiser related to the filming of the television miniseries, "Chiefs" in our community. At that time, Chester was promoted as the "Hollywood of the South." Locals got to know such T.V. and movie stars as Charlton Heston, Brad Davis, Billie D. Williams, and Steven Collins. The club gathered photographs taken by local citizens and published a Pictorial History of the Miniseries in a hard-covered book with both color and black and white photographs. Many citizens still treasure this volume and the memories that it brings of our hometown's stardom.

Top: Raymond Douglas accepts the 2006 Vocational Service Award from Rotarian Doug Marion. Above: Rotarians Bessie Vastis, Dwight Pearson and Ladson Stringfellow prepare for Rotary Radio Day in 1993. Below: The Pictorial History of the Miniseries "Chiefs" published in 1983.

Since 1990, we have held a raffle at the weekly meetings that helps fund our projects. Each member and guest is given the opportunity to buy one or more raffle tickets for \$1.00 each or three for \$2.00. At the end of the meeting, a number is drawn, and half of "the pot" goes to the lucky winner, with the other half adding to our project account.



Above left: Rotarians Frank Armstrong, Frank Sinicrope, Mitch Foster, David Shinn and Don Murray load bales of pine straw for delivery at Oliphant's warehouse in 2000. Above Right: Dr. John Sherer and Troy Lalli, Rotarians purchase raffle tickets at a November 2006 meeting. Right: The springtime load of Vidalia Onions in May 1997. Preparing for delivery are Ed Driggers, Bill Nash, Ray Peterson, Brian Gibbons, Walt Whitman, Sam Stone, Russ White and Bill Marion. In front is Tony Pope, Chairman of the project.

Beginning in 1994, our club sponsored a pine-straw sale. In the spring and fall, Rotarians pre-sold bales of pine straw to the community. On a chosen Saturday, a tractor-trailer load of over one thousand bales arrived and volunteers worked together to load, deliver, and collect for the straw. Around \$1,000.00 was made each time we participated in this project. However, this project was abandoned, when we were no longer able to buy the bales for less than local retailers were selling them.

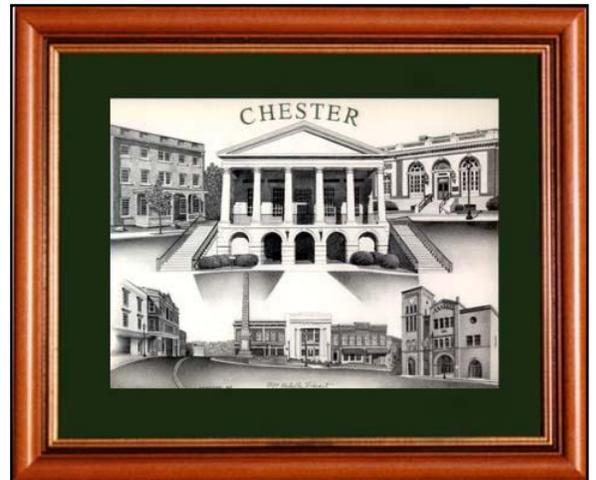
Another project that has funded our community service was the springtime sale of Vidalia sweet onions. Again, we pre-sold and ordered 10 and 25 lb. bags of this gourmet treat from Georgia. On a given Saturday in May, these delicacies arrived and were distributed through the hard work of our Rotary volunteers. This fund-raiser netted over \$2000.00 per year towards our community projects.

In 1997, the club undertook a unique fund-raiser. We purchased signed, numbered prints of a pen and ink collage of downtown Chester scenes from an artist and sold them to the community. These were available unframed, or double-matted and framed. Members took orders, and later gathered to assemble the mats, glass, backing, and frames, to keep the cost low. Proceeds from this venture also went to fund the many projects that we sponsor. In addition, the citizens of Chester and others who had a hometown connection, but no longer lived here, have a cherished memory of our town.

Our club began sponsoring a golf tournament in the spring of 1999. Teams are sought from both the club and the community at large. Some Rotarians sponsor a hole with a monetary donation and others volunteer to feed and provide refreshments to the participants. This tournament has grown year by year and presently nets around \$2,000.00 each year.

Beginning in 2001, our club has held an oyster roast as a fund-raiser. We began at the old V.F.W. building on West End, but quickly outgrew this site. In 2003, the oyster roast was moved to the National Guard Amory, providing ample space for the meal. The event was held at Anna's Arbor in 2005 and at the Springs Recreation Complex in 2006. In 2004, over 200 tickets were sold for a feast of steamed oysters; Beaufort Stew with shrimp, sausage and corn; and chicken bog. In 2006 a live and silent auction were added to the evening's entertainment. Members and community members donated items for the auction such as weeks at their vacation homes and products and services from their businesses. This has proved to be an excellent source of funds for the club as well as a great time of fellowship for the club and the entire community. In 2006, the oyster roast and auction netted over \$10,000 towards our service projects.

Thanks to the generosity of the L&C Railroad, our club had a unique fundraiser in 2010. We raffled off a four-day trip to Washington, D.C. aboard the J.P. Henderson, a private railway car owned by the railway. This fundraiser added \$12,000 to our project fund that year, since the complete cost of the trip was donated to us by the railway.



Below: Rotarian Willis Crain prepares steamed oysters for the annual oyster roast in February 2004; Rotarian Randy Ligon assisted by some lovely ladies, auctions off Christmas figurines at the 2006 oyster roast.



Other recent fund-raisers have included a 2010 Christmastime and 2013 Valentine's Day dances, featuring the band "Heart 'N Soul." Tickets sold to the public and to club members helped to raise money for the club's many projects and provided the community with an evening of dancing, good food and fellowship.



In 2014, the club sponsored a spaghetti supper and bingo night as a fund-raiser. Tickets sold included a spaghetti and meatball supper, complete with salad and garlic bread. Afterwards, a bingo night was held with prizes donated by the members and the community. This event raised over \$1500 towards the community service projects sponsored by the club.



Top: Rotarians and friends shake a leg to the music of "Heart 'N Soul" at the 2010 Christmas Fund-Raiser Dance. Middle: "Heart 'N Soul" provides music at the 2013 Valentine's Day Dance. Bottom: Rotarians Doug and Susan Marion and Ruth and Walt Whitman at the Valentine's Dance.

In 2017, the Rotary Club of Chester partnered with the Chester School District for a combined service project and fund-raiser. The school had previously paid an outside vendor to sell tickets to the home football games for Chester High School. The club offered to



provide this service at a discounted rate to the school district. This allowed the district to save money while allowing the club to raise about \$5000 towards our service projects. Members sell tickets and take up tickets at the entrances to both the home and away team sides while displaying Rotary emblems, providing income and positive public relations for the club. In 2017, a portion of the money raised was donated back to the school to purchase equipment for the weight room for Chester High School.

A new fund-raiser was begun in 2022 by President Cyrus Corbett. The Rotary Downhill Derby, based on the Soapbox Derby competition was begun. Various people and organizations sponsored or built cars which raced down Gadsden Street to determine the fastest car. Brackets for youth, cars made by the club and cars specially made were held. The club members volunteered to register, release and record times. In the first year, the club made over \$1000 for the club's community projects. In 2024 the projected netted over \$7000.





Above Right: Chester Rotary President Frank Sinicrope looks on as Rotarian Ray Peterson accepts the 1998 Outstanding Adopt-A-Highway award from Chester County Code Enforcement Officer, Clyde McKee Below: Rotarians Brian Singleton, Ray Peterson, Edie Cantrell, John Sherer, Richard Hall, Willis Crain, Arthur Gaston and Jack Cornwell prepare to clean Highway 9 in 2005

Other community service projects do not require a monetary contribution, but are, nonetheless important avenues of service to our area. One such project has been the "Adopt-A-Highway" program. Our club was originally assigned the two-mile stretch of highway #9 beginning at the railroad overpass on Pinckney Street and ending at Liberty Road in 1994. In 2005 our location changed to highway 9, between Beltline Road and Dr. John Sherer's home. Twice a year faithful volunteers gather to clean the highway and adjoining shoulder of litter and trash. Each time, dozens of large bags of unsightly litter are hauled to the dump thanks to the efforts of members of the club.



Left: Rotarians Bill Bundy and Bill Marion present dictionaries to Mrs. Vance-Ingram's 3rd grade class at Chester's School for the Arts, September 5, 2006.



In 2006, we began a new avenue of community service. We partnered with the Dictionary Project, a non-profit organization, begun in Savannah, Georgia in 1992, which has provided over 3 million dictionaries to elementary school children. Our club provides a student dictionary to every 3rd grader in Chester County each year. Rotarians personally deliver these books to classrooms in the county, stressing the importance of reading, writing and thinking. We also emphasize virtues consistent with the goals of Rotary International.

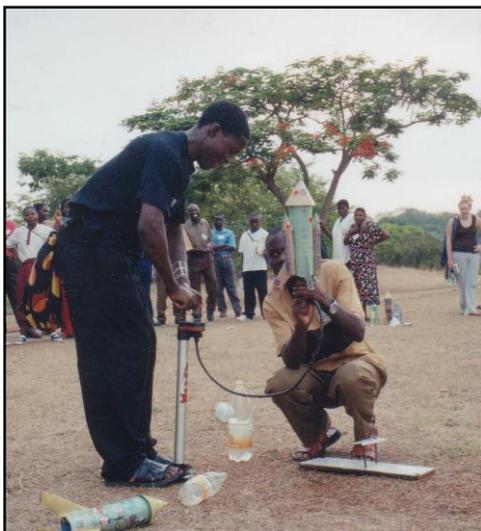
But, our club has not been exclusively concerned for the welfare of our local community. We have been a part of many district, as well as international projects. We have participated financially in district projects to buy textbooks for students in Nicaragua, provide solar ovens for people in Africa, collect used eyeglasses for the needy in Mexico, and send exchange students to foreign countries in the name of Rotary. One local student, Richard ("Rick") Fudge, from the Edgemoor area, was able to study opera and voice as a result of a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship through the Rotary Foundation. Rick, a graduate of Furman University, and with a Masters from the University of Illinois, studied the German language at Passau, Germany and voice at the Hochschule for Musik and Theater in Hanover, Germany in 1981 and 1982.

A local high-school student, Ross Hare, from Chester, took advantage of a Rotary sponsored youth exchange program. Ross spent six months in Lagena, Brazil, living with a South American family, learning the culture and language of that country.

Right: Participants in the Peace Corps enrichment summer school in Malawi, Africa, December 2005. Peace Corps volunteer, Annie Frazer is on the third row, second from the left in the hot pink shirt. Below: Annie Frazer demonstrates principals of rocket science to the students in the program. Far below: Students prepare their rockets for launch.



Our club helped sponsor an international project with a local connection in December 2005. Annie Frazer, from Chester, was then serving in the Peace Corps in Malawi, Africa. Annie, a graduate in aerospace engineering from M.I.T., is volunteered as a math and science teacher. The Peace Corps sponsored a two week-long summer school program for outstanding students and teachers called G.A.R.Y. (Guiding Active and Responsible Youth), but required that funds be raised by participants, which were then matched by the organization. Our club made a \$1000 donation to this project, which, when matched, allowed 20 participants to attend this outstanding educational opportunity. The Chester Rotary contribution made up over 10 percent of the total funding of the program. Annie's background in aerospace prepared her to teach these students a course in rocket science.



In 2008, the Rotary Club of Chester partnered with three area Rotary clubs, the Fort Mill Club, the Lancaster Club, and the Lancaster Breakfast Club on another international project. The Fort Mill Club, under the leadership of Al Steele, began a project in 2004 to provide clean drinking water to a village in Honduras. As time went by, they recruited other area clubs to participate. They secured both district and foundation matching grants to assist in their projects. As a result, for every dollar spent by our clubs, there is a 3 to 1 matching grant from Rotary. Our \$6000 contribution to this project over a two year period, along with the matching money provided \$25,000 dollars towards this project. This allowed our club to sponsor two small villages in Honduras, Quince de Mayo and Nuevo Generation, to provide clean, affordable drinking water. A pipeline was run from a mountain spring over 5 km to these twin villages. As a result, 510 people in 85 homes have running water for the first time. Local citizens who will benefit from this project are required to help to lay the pipeline. Chester Rotarian Debbie Parsons, who spearheaded this project, traveled to Honduras in February 2009 to volunteer in building houses in the Copan district and to see the progress of our clean water project in the Marcala district. She and other Rotarians on the mission trip also met with civic leaders in La Paz, Honduras to lay the groundwork for establishing a new Rotary Club there.



Above: Rotarians at the dedication of the new water system in September 2009 include District Governor George Fletcher, far left and Debbie Parsons (red shirt) Note the sign with Chester Rotary Club and Fort Mill Club's names. Below: Rotarian Debbie Parsons presents a Chester Rotary banner to Don Fernando of Nuevo Generation and Diana Felix of the Marcala Rotary Club in Honduras. Far below: The villagers of the twin cities pose with Rotarians Debbie Parsons and Al Steele.



An endowment fund, set up by Rotarians in 1917 "for doing good in the world," became a not-for-profit organization known as The Rotary Foundation in 1928. A memorable and ongoing project of the Foundation is the eradication of polio from the face of the earth through the "Polio Plus" program. Our club met and exceeded the district's goal for contributions to this vital program in 1987.

In 2008, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation donated \$100 million to the Rotary Foundation as a matching grant to finish the PolioPlus initiative and eradicate polio from the face of the earth. Each club was given an individual challenge over three years to match this donation. Our goal for 2008-2010 was \$3000. Our club hosted "Patsy's Party," a fund-raiser honoring Patsy Gladden, one of Chester's last known survivors of infectious polio, on October 14, 2008. At this meeting, a presentation on the PolioPlus program and a slide show remembering Patsy were given by Foundation Chairman, Edie Cantrell. Over \$4,100 was donated at this one event, far exceeding the club's three year goal in just one hour's time.

An excellent way of helping with the humanitarian work of the Foundation is for a member to become a Paul Harris Fellow. Presently, through this program, a Rotarian is recognized for a gift of \$1000.00 to the Rotary Foundation. Many of our members have achieved this honor. Since 1994, several "pools" have been established through which our members have committed to donating to the foundation together over a period of years. In that way, one Rotarian from the pool is recognized each year until all have achieved this honor. Over \$49,000.00 has been contributed to the Rotary Foundation from our club through the Paul Harris Fellows program.

Brian Singleton and Edie Cantrell receive Paul Harris Fellows Award from Doug Marion in June 2007



Above: President David Tavernier and Foundation Chairman, Edie Cantrell are joined by Annie Frazer, daughter of Patsy Gladden and Carole Burdette, District Governor of District 7750 at "Patsy's Party," a 2008 fund-raiser for Polio Plus.





Rotarians from our club who have achieved
Rotarians From the Rotary Club of Chester, S.C. who have achieved The
Paul Harris Fellowship Honor are listed below:



Coy F. Stroud	1976	J. Kenneth Ackerman	2013
Vivian P. Patterson, M.D.	1977	William H. Bundy (multiple PHF x3)	2013
James D. Leitner	1982	Brenda T. McBrayer	2013
John E. McKeown	1982	David L. McCain	2013
Charles M. Bell	1988	Ann Davidson Marion	2013
Jessie L. Thompson	1985	Malcolm L. Marion Jr (posthumous)	2013
Joseph M. McElwee	1986	W. Timothy Sharpe	2013
Joel P. Johnston, D.M.D.	1988	Page Vaughan	2013
E. Jacy Fowler	1988	Ruth J. Whitman (multiple PHF x2)	2013
Dwight L. Pearson, D.D.	1986	Nancy C. Anderson	2013
Louis Warmoth	1988	J. Glenn Anderson	2015
Eugenia H. Barron	1989	John E. ("Jack") Cornwell	2015
William C. Keels	1989	James W. Fuller	2015
James L. Jackson	bef 1989	Richard A. Hall	2015
Mary Smoak Johnston, D.M.D.	1993	T. Randolph Ligon	2015
David W. Shinn	1994	Valerie M. Taylor	2015
Claude S. Coleman	1995	George Vastis	2015
Tony E. Pope	1995	William L.D. Marion (multiple PHFx2)	2015
Russell B. White	1996	William H. Bundy (multiple PHF x4)	2015
Edgar M. Alexander	1996	Ricky Cremeans, D.D.S.	2016
Edward H. Dawson	1996	Nancy F. Forlaw	2017
James M. Caldwell	1996	Ruth J. Whitman (multiple PHF x3)	2017
N. Linn Gresham	1996	LaTanya Williams	2017
William L.D. Marion	1996	William H. Bundy (multiple PHF x 5)	2017
J.B. McDowell	1996	Todd J. Andrews	2018
Erwin R. Robinson	1996	Debbie Parsons (multiple PHF x2)	2018
John D. Sherer, D.M.D.	1996	John D. Sherer, DDS (multiple PHFx3)	2018
Gerald B. Wyatt	1996	Brenda Raines	2018
John I. Barron	1996	Kathy Davis	2018
Nancy G. Coleman	1997	Richard A. Hall (multiple PHF x2)	2018
W. Clay Young	1997	Ruth J. Whitman (multiple PHF x4)	2018
Ray W. Peterson	1998	W. Timothy Sharpe (multiple PHF x2)	2019
C. Page Dyer, D.V.M.	1998	William H. Bundy (multiple PHF x6)	2019
Walter R. Whitman	1999	Ruth J. Whitman (multiple PHF x4)	2019
Alise Howard	1999	Angela H. Bain	2019
Brian M. Gibbons	2000	William L.D. Marion (multiple x3)	2019
Bessie P. Vastis	2000	A. Douglas Marion (multiple PHF x3)	2019
Yale Zamore	2000	William L.D. Marion (multiple PHFx3)	2020
Judith C. Gaskin	2001	Brenda Raines (multiple PHF x2)	2020
William H. Bundy	2001	Brenda Raines (multiple PHF x3)	2021
Anne M. Campbell	2002	Kathy Davis (multiple PHF x2)	2021
Mitchell B. Foster	2002	Brenda T. McBrayer (multiple PHF x2)	2021
Arthur L. Gaston	2002	Brenda Raines (multiple PHF x4)	2021
A. Douglas Marion, M.D.	2002	J. Brian Singleton (multiple PHF x3)	2021
Troy F. Lalli	2002	Ruth J. Whitman (multiple PHF x7)	2021
R. Alex Oliphant	2002	William H. Bundy (multiple PHF x7)	2021
J. Brian Singleton	2005	T. Randolph Ligon (multiple PHF x2)	2022
Eddie A. Cantrell	2007	Brenda Raines (multiple PHF x5)	2022
David M. Tavernier (multiple PHF)	2008	William H. Bundy (multiple PHF x8)	2023
Betty A. Dietrich	2008	Ruth J. Whitman (multiple PHF x8)	2023
Robin L. Currence	2009	Debbie Parsons (multiple PHF x3)	2023
Eddie A. Cantrell (multiple PHF x2)	2010	Brenda Raines (multiple PHF x6)	2023
William H. Bundy (multiple PHF x2)	2010	W. Timothy Sharpe (multiple PHF x3)	2024
Richard L. Smith	2010	Brenda Raines (multiple PHF x6)	2024
Jim Mayhugh	2010	Valerie Taylor (multiple PHF x2)	2025
Robert Long	2010	A. Douglas Marion (multiple PHF x4)	2025
Ruth J. Whitman	2011	William L.D. Marion (multiple PHF x4)	2025
Harry Gindhart	2011	Brenda Raines (multiple PHF x8)	2025
Dorothy P. Melton	2011	Kathy Davis (multiple PHF x3)	2025
John D. Sherer, D.M.D. (multiple x2)	2012	William H. Bundy (multiple PHF x9)	2025
Debbie Parsons	2013	W. Timothy Sharpe (multiple PHF x4)	2025
A. Douglas Marion, M.D.(multiple x2)	2013	Valerie M. Taylor (multiple PHF x3)	2025
Scott Brown	2013	Brenda Raines (multiple PHF x9)	2025



Top: The Rotary Club of Chester's Paul Harris Fellows, February 2010. Front Row, left to right: David Tavernier, Edie Cantrell, Bessie Vastis, and Betty Dietrich. Back Row: Ray Peterson, Troy Lalli, John Sherer, Doug Marion, Arthur Gaston, and Bill Bundy. Absent: Dwight Pearson, David Shinn, Tony Pope, Bill Marion, Walt Whitman, Anne Campbell, Yale Zamore, Brian Singleton and Robin Currence.

Bottom: 2008 Chester Rotary Club Foundation Benefactors: Left to Right: Edie Cantrell, John Sherer, Dorothy Melton, Walt Whitman and David Tavernier. (absent: Randy Ligon & Richard Smith)



A Benefactor to the Rotary Foundation is a person who adds a codicil to his will, bequeathing at least \$1000 to the Rotary Foundation at his death. Our club has the following foundation benefactors:

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| Edith A. Cantrell | 2008 |
| T. Randolph Ligon | 2008 |
| Dorothy Melton | 2008 |
| John D. Sherer, DMD | 2008 |
| Richard Smith | 2008 |
| David M. Tavernier | 2008 |
| Walter R. Whitman | 2008 |
| Ruth J. Whitman | 2014 |

On April 21, 2009, the Rotary Club of Chester hosted members of a Group Study Exchange from Korea. G.S.E. is a program of the foundation in which young professional, non-Rotarians from two countries visit each other's respective countries and Rotary districts for four weeks. They learn the language and culture of another country in an effort to promote world peace. Our district, 7750, partnered with district 3720 from South Korea. Five South Koreans spent a day in Chester County. In the morning, they visited Cotton Hills Farm in Lowrys to learn about agriculture. They then came to our lunch meeting where they dined on pimento cheese burgers and home-made chips and presented a D.V.D. on their country. The afternoon was spent touring Historic Brattonsville. That night Bill Marion and Edie Cantrell prepared a typical southern meal including shrimp and grits and Louisiana grillades for their supper. This was topped off with stickies and pound cake with fresh strawberries. We hope that our visitors got a good taste of southern hospitality from our club members.



Above: South Korean Group Study Exchange participants at the April 21, 2009 meeting of the Rotary Club of Chester. Left to right: Hyunmin Kim, teacher; SeongOok Hur, police officer, Samche Cho, Group Leader and retired navy officer, HeeZJeong Park, teacher, and Baejoon Seo, banker. Below: The Korean G.S.E. delegation with Indian Land and Chester Rotarians after dinner at Bill Marion's house. Front row: Doug Marion, Baejoon Seo, Hyunmin Kim, Hee Jeong Park, SeongOok Hur, and Camche Cho. Second Row: Edie Cantrell, Foundation Chairman, Bill Marion, Jack Radcliffe, Indian Land Rotarian, David Tavernier, Chester Rotary President, Debbie Parsons, International Service Chairman, B.J. Radcliffe, Babbette Sabia and Donald Sabia, Rotarians from the Indian Land, S.C. Club.



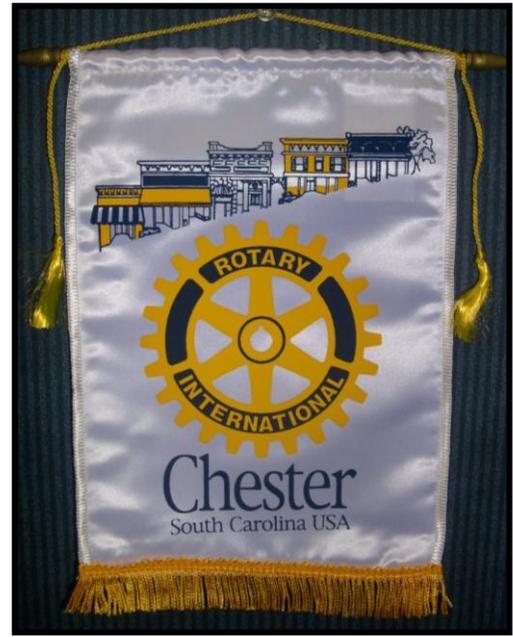


2011 Group Study Exchange team from Yokahama, Japan who visited with the club on May 3, 2011. Front row: Tsugumi Kashima, pharmacist, and Noriko Takanashi, team leader and real estate property manager Back Row: Ryoko Nakagawara, medical doctor, Yuko Fukushima, elementary school teacher and Aina Yoshida, registered dietitian

Our club has also helped to the spread the Rotary movement in our state. In 1938, the Rotary Club of Chester sponsored the formation of a club in Winnsboro, S.C. Again, in 1940, our club sponsored a new club, this time in Lancaster, S.C. Each of these clubs has, in turn, sponsored other clubs, multiplying the efforts and goals of our organization.

In summary, the Rotary Club of Chester, South Carolina has proved to be a vital part of our community for over 80 years.

It has provided an outlet for fellowship between business and professional men and women. It has striven to do good for our youth, our city, our county, our nation and in the world. For over three-quarters of a century, this club has been a true "point of light" in a world where evil and tragedy are the events which most often make the headlines. The Rotary Club of Chester has accomplished many good deeds in many small ways. These continue to build together to better the world in which we live.



Members of the Rotary Club of Chester, SC - June 28, 2011. Front Row, Bill Marion, Edie Cantrell, Walt Whitman, Doug Marion, and Tim Sharpe. 2nd Row: Bill Bundy, Dorothy Melton, Tammy Houston, Jim Mayhugh, Ruth Whitman, David McCain, Randy Chapman, and Debbie Parsons. 3rd Row: Brian Singleton, Jack Cornwell, Ray Peterson, Dickie Hall, Centuria Watson, Betty Dietrich, Ann Hayes and Terrell Blackmon. Back Row: Ken Ackerman, Jim Fuller, John Sherer, Glenn Anderson, Arthur Baston, Brian Grier and Christi Buffington. Absent: Buddy Altman, Sam Austin, Beth Blackwell, Scott Brown, Bill Bundy, Robin Currence, Clint Davis, Chris Gaddy, Harry Gindhart, Troy Lalli, Randy Ligon, Brenda McBrayer, Mike Medlin, Tony Pope, Al Reid, Richard Smith, Will Smith, Wallace Thompson, Blair Turner, Bessie Vastis, Joanie Winters and Mark Woodier.



Rotary Club of Chester, S.C. Membership



Aaron, T.B.	Plumbing	1932-1933	Blackwell, Terry W.	Auto Parts, Retail	1990-1992
Abell, Frank E.	Furniture, Retail	1945-1976	Boyd, Angela W.	Magistrate	2019-pres
Abell, Robert E, MD	Physician, Surgeon	1926-1931	Boyd, W. Wallace ("Buck")	Credit Service - Ret	1982-2009
Abell, Thomas G., MD	Physician	-1969	Bozard, John	Banking	1999-2003
Abernathy, W. Less	Farm Exper Sup	1947-1948	Bradford, William G. Jr. ("Mick")	Dentistry	1970-1972
Adkins, William W, Jr. ("Bill")	Commercial Banking	1980-1984	Bradley, Robert L. , M.D.	Physician Int Med	2007-2010
Ackerman, James K. ("Ken")	Credit Services	2006-2015	Bragg, Steven Michel ("Mike")	Bank Manager	1990-1991
Aiken, Augustus M. ("Gus")	Cotton Buyer	1928-1940	Bratton, T.J.	Education, Public	
Alexander, Edgar M.	Savings & Loan S Act	1979-2001		Education, College	1973-1981
Allen, Augustus T. ("Gus")	Cotton Warehousing	1948-1982	Breazeale, Roscoe	Chemical Prod Sales	1963-1991
Allen, Julie	Commerce & Devel	1997-1999	Brice, J. William	Insurance, Fire	1947-1958
Ancrum, Thomas		1926-1930	Bridges, George	Bedding, Distributing	1948-1949
Anderson, J. Glenn	Savings & Loan	2007-2018	Bridges, Walker M.	Furniture, Retail	1982-1984
Anderson, W.E.	Dentist	1930-1932	Broach, Marion ("Sonny")	Electric Utility	1993-1995
Andrews, Todd J.	Metal Works	2017-pres	Brock, Mark	Public Rel - Hospital	1991-1993
Angle, Joanna	Technical Education	2000-2006	Brockman, James	Poultry	1950-1952
Appelhans, Richard C.	Tax Prep Franchise	2016-2017	Brockman, Myron E.	Education Superinten.	1926-1958
Armstrong, Frank	Cheese Distributing	1958-1965	Brooks, H. Phelps, Jr.	Commercial Banking	1944-1982
	Food Processing	1976-2004	Brooks, H. Phelps, III ("Buddy")	Commercial Banking	1970-1981
Armstrong, William H.	Surveyor - Engineer	1984-	Brookshire, John V.	Electrical Industry	1926-1933
Atkinson, Nikki B.	Credit Union	2013-2015		Honorary	1952-1952
Atkinson, Stephen D.	Insurance Comm.	2011-2021	Brown, Frederick W., M.D.	Physician, Ortho	1983-1987
Aultman, William J. ("Buddy")	Newspaper Pub	1995-1998	Brown, Jeff D.	Education, Principal	1984-1988
		2004-2012	Brown, John	Retail Dept Store	1984-1984
Austin, Samuel Brice ("Sam")	Outdoor Equipment	2008-2018	Brown, Scott	YMCA Director	2007-2013
Bagby, Rev. Harry A.,	Minister, Baptist	1940-1941	Bruce, Jim	Consulting	2000-2002
Bagley, Jarrett L.	Realtor	2019-2022		Advertising	2003-2007
Bailey, Michael A.	Chemical Mfg	1972-1976	Bundy, William H. ("Bill")	Hospital Pharmacist	1975-1975
Bain, Angela H.	School Superintend.	2016-2020		Hospital Admin.	1996-2004
Baker, Bruce C		1944-1946		Healthcare Found	2004-pres
Baker, John O. ("Jack")	Furniture Retail	2016-2018	Burgess, Ross		1958-1959
Baker, Richard F. ("Dick")	Chamber of Com.	1984-1985	Burke, Rev. George W.	Minister	1940-1941
Baker, William H.W.	Ladies Ready to Wear	1939-1948	Bussie, William Hoil, Jr.	Healthcare-Hospice	2014-2016
Ballard, V.A.		1952-1959	Butler, Fred W., III	Chamber of Com.	1986-1988
Bankhead, J. Boyce	Automobiles, Retail	1926-1978	Cabrey, John ("Jack")	Chemical Production	1993-1997
Banks, Peggy	Banking	2003-2004	Caldwell, Harold G.	Mfg Ctn Soft Goods	-1968
Bannister, M. Lamar	Minister, Baptist	1931-1936	Caldwell, James M.	Hosp Business Mgr	1959-2002
Barber, John Crawford	Diary Products	1950-1952	Camp, Ronald F. ("Ron")	Restaurant	2006-2009
Barbour, Clayton S. (Clay)	Credit Union Mang.	2018-2019	Campbell, Anne M.	C.P.A.	1991-2011
Barron, John I.	Telephone Engineer	1982-1998	Campbell, Barry	Education Superinten.	2001-2006
Barton, Frank		1948-1949	Campbell, Mike	Downtown Devel	1996-1997
Bates, Maria T.	Drug & Alco. Recov.	2013-2023	Campbell, TaTanish	Health Services	2022-2023
Bauknight, Rev. Pinckney L.	Minister, Methodist	1940-1941	Cann, John M.	Minister, Baptist	1971-1977
Beach, Rev. Fritz C.	Minister, Methodist	1947-1949	Cantrell, Edith A. ("Edie")	Advertising/Market.	1999-2013
Beam, J. Ellis	Graphics & Signs	2013-pres	Carpenter, Patrick G.	Food Processing	1971-1976
Beaty, David L.	Chemical Mfg.	1982-1987	Carroll, Gilbert	Education, Athletic	1988-1989
Bedford, Ethan	Dairy Farm	2024-pres	Carroll, Joe A.	Automobiles, Retail	1960-1965
Bell, Catherine	Victim's Advocate	2002-2003	Carter, Conway S.	Insurance Executive	1974-
Bell, Charles M.	Telephone Comm	1934-1990	Carter, S. Clyde	Real Estate	1930-1941
Bell, John M.	Telephone Comm.	1933-1947	Castles, Fred W., III	Water Dist. Exec	2016-pres
Benson, Robert H.	Law Enforcement	1999-2000	Caswell, Harry	Rayon Mfg.	1951-1952
Berry, Thomas C.	Elec Lt & Power Dist	1963-1966	Caughman, Gerald W. Forester,	Canal Wood	1983-1991
Betts, James A.	Garage & Gas	1950-1950	Cave, Julian A., Jr.	Minister, Baptist	1965-1968
Betts, William T.	Service Station, Retail		Chapman, Randall A. ("Randy")	Small Business Tax	
	Farmer, Guernsey	1926-1970		Real Estate	1988-2016
Betts, William T., Jr.	Auto Tires Sales & Ser	-1972	Chastain, Paul		1947-1948
Bindewald, Eric S., MD	Physician, Internist	1983-1983	Christian, Glynda	Librarian	2000-2002
Bishop, Steve	Prot Minister, Baptist	2001-2007	Clark, M.R.	Household Furniture	1930-1931
Black, Christopher, D.C.	Chiropractor	2003-2009	Clarkson, Taylor	Commercial Banking	1982-1983
Black, Kenneth L.	Drugs, Retailing	1944-1963	Clinton, Brooke W.	Chamber of Com	2016-pres
Black, Stanley A.		1940-1941	Cobb, James		1950-1950
Blackburn, Sharon	Chamber of Com	1999-2007	Cok, Bryan	SpecCont, Painting	1999-2001
Blackmon, E Terrell	City Housing Auth.	2008-2012	Coleman, Claude S.	Prosecuting Attorney	1977-1997

Coleman, Glinda Price	Downtown Devel	1998-2002	Faldwell, James W.	Plumbing	1930-1930
Coleman, Richard	Water Distribution	1976-1989	Fanning, James		1948-1949
Coleman, Robert W.	Beverage Bottling	1939-1962	Feltz, Donald	Food Manufacturing	1987-1993
Coleman, Robert W., Jr.	Beverage Bottling	1960-1969	Fennell, Curtis A.	Probation & Parole	
Coleman, Robert W., III	C.P.A.	1995-1995		Court Reporter	1955-1983
Collins, Anne Holladay	Education - Ret.	2000-2005	Ferguson, James	Rayon Manufacturing	1948-1949
Collins, Christian	Contract Services	1990-1992	Fitzgerald, George H.	Minister, Presbyterian	1985-1998
Collins, Joe W.	Real Estate	1959-1976	Fleming, James H., Jr.	Highway Engineer	
Coogler, P. Lamar	Ref. Oil Distributor	1970-1982	Forlaw, David	Wood Industry	1977-1995
Corbett, W. Cyrus	Attorney	2018-pres	Forlaw, Nancy F.	Chamber of Comm.	2015-2022
Corey, Mark	C.P.A.	1985-1987		Planning & Zoning	
Corkill, William A.	Investment Banking	1929-1967	Foster, Charles E. ("Chuck")	Video Sales & Rental	
Cornwell, John E. ("Jack")	Transportation - Ret	2002-2021		Jewelry, Retail	1987-1991
Counterman, April Porter	Attorney at Law	2001-2009	Foster, Mitchell B.	Commercial Cleaning	1977-2005
Counterman, S. Lee. ("Trey")	Juvenile Justice	2022-pres	Fougerousse, Joseph J.	Gen. Msde Dist.	1966-1976
Craig, Alex B.	Fertilizer, Retail	1939-1946	Fouse, Clarence D.	Minister, Presbyterian	1970-1971
Craig, William L.	Novelty Furn. Man.	1930-1962	Fowler, Edward "Jacy"	Accounting	1947-
Crain, Monroe C.	County Ext Agent	1944-1946		Savings & Loan	1958-1996
Crain, Willis W.	Insurance, Farm Bur	1994-2009	Foxworth, Thomas E., Jr.	Industrial Chemicals	1979-1982
Crawford, Jesse T.		1931-1932	Frahn, Kim	U.S. Census Bureau	1997-1998
Cremeans, Ricky L, III, DDS	Dentist	2012-pres	Frazer, Robert	General Msde.	1926-1949
Crosby, Claude D.	Machine & Lumber	1926-1927		Honorary	1952-1963
Crosby, Claude D., Jr.	Architecture	1948-1950	Frazer, Samuel M, III	Builders' Hardware	1977-1998
Crosby, David	Builders, Construction	1948-1949	Frazier, James T. ("Jim")		1960-1963
Crowder, Milo	US Conservation	1948-	Frick, William "Avery"	County Manager	2006-2007
Cruse, Kenneth	Hospital Admin	1986-1991	Frierson, Jim	Community Develop	1985-1986
Cummings, Faye S.	Retail Ladies' Cloth.	1996-1999	Frye, Edward R., Jr.	Hospital Admin.	1977-1981
Currence, Robin L.	Extension Service	1998-2016	Fuller, James W. ("Jim")	Chamber of Com Ret.	2007-pres
Cushman, James E.		1958-1959	Gaddy, Chris	Insurance	2002-2012
Darby, Beth	Technical Education	2007-2014	Gaddy, Curtis I.	Health & Acc Ins.	1983-1985
Davidson, Zeb Vance	Fraternal Organiz	1929-1930	Gaddy, Dean	Auto & Home Ins	1972-1992
Davis, Clint H.	Minister, A.R.P.	2004-pres	Gage, Robert	Finance, General	1926-1949
Davis, Katherine H. ("Kathy")	Savings & Loan	2014-pres	Gaines, F.C.		1959-1968
Dawson, Edward H.	Hardware, Wholesale	1945-1998	Gale, Stanhope		1939-1941
Dawson, Robert L.	Whsle Toy Dist	1977-1982	Gardner, Nolan	Textiles	1967-1968
	Life Insurance	1984-1985	Garris, Ralph	Utilities, Nat Gas	1985-1987
Delleney, F. Gregory (honorary)	State Representative	2001-2008	Gaskin, Judith C.	Extension Service	1992-2001
DeMott, Gary, D.C.	Chiropractor	2002-2002	Gasper, Ted H., Jr.	Education Career	1981-1984
Dickenson, Mark V.	Security Consulting	2003-2004	Gaston, Arthur L.	General Law,	
Dietrich, Betty A.	Employment Services	1999-2000		Judiciary, State	1926-1951
		2005-2012	Gaston, Arthur L, II	Attorney General Law	1963-2024
Diggs, Darrell J.	Mgmt Consultant	2022-pres	Gaston, David A.	General Law	1929-1985
Distl, Ron	Hospital Admi (CFO)	1985-1988	Gaston, H. Neely	Minister, A.R.P.	2023-pres
Dobbins, Rev. Robert ("Bob")	Minister, Presbyterian	1963-1969	Gaston, John Neely	Minister of Music	2015-2016
Douglas, Marvin	Retail Appliance Sales	1997-1999	Gaston, John Newton, MD	Physician, General	1939-1941
Driggers, Edward R.	Mfg. Truck Parts		Gaston, Megan M.	Attorney	2014-2018
	City Government	1990-2000	Gayle, Walter		1960-1961
		1938-1941	Gibbons, Brian M.	Attorney at Law	1994-2005
Dubard, Fred F.	Education, Career Ctr	1992-1995	Gibbons, M. Logan, MD	Physician, Pediatrics	2000-2008
Dudley, Deborah		1939-1941	Gillespie, Jim	Mfg Buffing Pads	1980-1986
Dunn, R.B.	Veterinarian	1996-2008	Giltner, Joseph D., Jr.	Computer Service	1985-1998
Dyer, C. Page DVM	Commercial Cleaning	2001-2004	Giltner, Samuel C.	Tire Sales, Retail	1983-1989
Eddins, Stephen	Insurance, General		Gindhart, Harry K., Jr.	Minister, UMC	2011-2012
Edwards, C.C.	Retail Marble & Gran	1930-1933	Gladden, C. Banks	Hardware, Retail	1948-1961
	Grocery, Retail	1957-1958	Glenn, J. Lyles	Judiciary	1930-1931
Eidson, A.O.	Consultant - Ret.	2007-2011	Goodnight, Kristel (Shannon)	Banking	2021-2023
Eland, Michael D. ("Mike")	Minister, Presbyterian	1978-1983	Goodyear, S. Wayne	Accounting	1973-1977
Elliot, Charles D, DD	Food, Meat	1931-1933			1990-1997
Elliot, J.A.	Minister, Presbyterian	1960-1960	Gonzales, Angela Sims	Roofing Mfg.	2022-2015
Engle, Rev. Raleigh M.	Utilities, Natural Gas	1990-1993	Gough, James W.	Wholesale Oil & Gas	1987-1989
Enoch, Michael	Cotton Goods Mfg.	1977-1977	Gould, H.Clint	Horticulture, Whsle	1944-1949
Epps, Steven	Textile Apparel	1981-1990	Graham, Sam		1950-1950
	Physician, Cardiology	2007-2009	Graham, Terry	Election Commission	2017-2018
Epps, William B., M.D.	Taxidermist	1985-	Grant, Buddy	Screen Printing	1995-
Erlich, Frederick T. ("Terry")	Physician, OB/Gyn	1993-1997	Graves, Tom	Public School Sup.	2010-2011
Estes, T. Horace, MD	Law Enf Hwy Patrol	1958-1968	Grazier, John W.		1957-1959
Eubanks, Richard M.	City Rec Director	1975-1976	Gregory, John G.	Industrial Cleaning	2014-2016
Eubanks, Tim	Physician, Family	1984-1985		Security	2018-2020
Evans, Corey H, M.D.	Minister, Methodist	1978-1978	Green, Fred L.	Truck Sales & Ser	-1970
Evatt, Thomas F.		1947-1948		Utilities, Telephone	1989-1997
Ezell, Ernest					

Gresham, N. Linn	Telecommunications	1974-1987	Hunter, E.O.	Manufact. Waste	1930-1932
Grier, Brian T.	Attorney	1989-1997	Hunter, Edwin J.	Shirt Manufacturing	1958-1963
Grier, J. L.	Fellowship Member	2008-pres	Huskey, Chris P.	YMCA Director	2013-2016
Griffin, Johnnie	Convenience Store	1940-1941	Ipock, David R.	Farm Credit	1981-1983
Gunther, Edward E.	Mfg Metal Bldgs	1990-1993	Irwin, William J.	Newspaper Pub	1930-1946
Guy, Grady F., Jr.	Radio Broadcasting	1975-1976	Jackson, Rev. James L.	Minister, Baptist	1985-1991
Guza, Sam	Past Service	1978-1979	Jacobs, Phillip B., OD	Optometrist	1983-1989
Hafner, R.R.	Cotton Farmer	2003-2003	Jenkins, Alan	Newspaper Reporter	2003-2004
Hall, E.A.	Cotton Gds, Spinning	1930-1933	Jenkins, Chalmers R. ("Bud")	Cable Mfg.	1984-1985
Hall, H. Everette, Sr.	Auto Trucks, Retail	1930-1930	Jenkins, Travis	Newspaper Editor	2012-pres
Hall, Julie Gamberg	Attorney	1947-1949	Jennings, Buddy	Coach-Athletic Dir.	1979-1980
Hall, Richard A. ("Dickie")	Real Estate	1995-1995	Jessen Robert F.	Cotton Goods Finish	
Hamilton, Herman P.	Stocks & Bonds	1973-2021	Jett, Rev. J.L.	Minister	1940-1941
Hamilton, Milton E.	Attorney	1934-1984	Johnson, Carl E.	Dist. Foods, Meats	1932-1941
Hamrick, Ed A.	Ref Oil Pdts Dist	2000-2003	Johnston, Joel P, DMD	Dentistry	1982-2002
Hamrick, R. Edmund ("Eddie")	Bldg Materials, Retail	1930-1931	Johnston, R. Hilton	Minster, Methodist	1999-2001
Hardin, Glenn, DC	Chiropractor	1966-1977	Jolley, Belinda	Senior Adult Services	1998-1999
Hardin, James I.	Dry Goods Retailing	2002-2003	Jones, Crandell	County Admin	2003-2004
Hardin, Col Joe S.	U.S. Army Ret. Col.	1939-1965	Jones, Robert E., Jr.	Men's Clothing	1962-1952
Hardin, Malcolm	Funeral Director	1944-1952	Jones, Robert G.	Mfg. Men's Shirts	1970-1973
Hare, William R.	Prosecuting Attorney	1947-1995	Jordan, M. Lynn	Bank Manager	2018-2021
	Family Court Judge	1971-1978	Josey, Charles W. ("Bill")	Retail Sales Clothing	1989-1991
	Veterinary Medicine	1979-1979	Kalvakota, Sharat, MD	Physician, Urologist	1979-1980
Harper, W.R.	Installment Loans	1952-1952	Keaton, Charles H.	Hospital Admin	1972-1975
Harris, James C., Jr.	Agricultural Edu Ext	1975-1977	Keels, William C.	County Attorney	1984-2000
Harris, William M.	City Administration	1950-1958	Keely, David F., MD	Physician, Gen Clinic	1981-1985
Hawes, Russell B.	Education Public Sch	2001-2003	Kennick, Mark	Cattle Raising	1947-1949
Hawkins, W. Charles	Credit Union	1963-1966	Kerber, Kenneth W.	Savings & Loan	1991-1991
Hayes, Ann	Restaurant -Comm	2007-2014	Kerr, Jeffery Austin ("Jeff")	Municipal Gov. City	2009-2011
Hayes, William R. ("Bill")	Banking	1986-1991	Kinnett, Rev. W.R	Minister, Methodist	1967-1969
Haynes, C. Larry	Casualty Insurance	1992-1999	King, Robert H.	Ctn Mfg Soft Goods	1959-1966
Hayworth, Homer	Auto Sales, Retail	1955-1955	Knox, James "Blair"	Bridge Bldg Trans.	1972-
Head, B. Allen	Manufacture Blankets	1945-1948	Lalli, Fred	Aluminum Fab. Mfg.	
Hearn, John	Superintendent of Ed	1989-1990	Lalli, Troy F.	Alcoholic Bev Retail	1972-1990
Heath, Gilbert B.	Construction	1932-1933	Landerman, Nancy	Auto. Repair & Paint	1998-pres
Heath, Larry B.	Printer	2007-2009	Lathan, James M.	Salvation Army	2019-2021
Hedgpath, Elisa Maria	Printer	2022-pres	Laughinghouse, Edward	Wholesale Groceries	1930-1933
Hedgpath, W. Thomas, Jr.	Minister, Presbyterian	1947-1948	Lawson, Wendy	Education, Superint.	1981-1989
	Radio Broadcasting	1959-1962	Lee, Tyre D.	Communications	2022-pres
	Radio Broadcasting	2012-2013	Leitner, James D.	Public Defender	1979-1993
Hegar, Marvin W. ("Trey")	Radio Broadcasting	1975-1976		Concrete Construction	
Heinlein, Robert L.	Owner/Master Mech	1939-1944		Building Construction	1947-1951
Hellman, Abe J.	Attorney	2015-2016	Lesslie, Robert G.	Motel Management	1970-1999
Helms, Larry W.	Research Chemist	2011-2012			1965-1971
Henderson, Wesley	Elementary Education	1983-1985	Levister, Kira	Credit Union	1979-1991
Hendrix, William	Physician, Pathology	1998-2006	Lewis, B.A.	Water District	2019-pres
Hensley, Pat McCrorey	Physician, Pathology	1980-	Lifsey, Michael	Public Defender	1968-1977
Hentz, Edwin C., MD	County Admin	1995-2000	Ligon, Thomas R. ("Randy")	Farmer	1995-1998
	Physician, General	2023-pres	Lindsay, Joseph	Insurance	1994-pres
Hester, Brian W.	Credit Union	1965-1965		Honorary	1926-1949
Hicklin, Cloud, MD	Physician, Co. Health	2013-2013	Lombardo, Vincenzo	Sales Convenience St	2001-2007
Hicklin, David J.	Wood Products	1944-1948	Long, Robert D.	Economic Develop	2021-pres
Hicks, Robert D., MD	Attorney	2025-pres	Lourigan, George H.	Textile & Paper Chem	1976-1976
Hindshaw, Hunter	Food Mfg. Borden's	2005-pres	Lowder, William A.	Utilities, Electricity	1990-1991
Hinson, Nathan B.	Chamber of Com	2000-2002	Lucas, E.R.	Cotton Gds, Spinning	1929-1931
Hoffman, Paul	Construction Hwy	2009-2015	Lyle, John W., Jr.	Public Health	1960-1970
Hogue, Christi	Women's Clothing	1983-2001	Lynn, James G.	Light & Power Dist.	1945-1964
Holladay, Charles	Metal Fabrication	1947-1952	Lynn, Robert B.	Purchasng Wood Prod	1982-1992
Hollis, Julian S.	Extension Service	1976-1976	Mabrey, Cherie	Arts Council	2000-2002
Hollis, Julian S.	County Government	1994-1999		Grants Writer	2005-2005
Holmes, Ben	Groceries Dist, Whsle	1949-1959	Mackey, Dan B.	Commerce & Devel	-1966
Hord, Cindy	Groceries Dist, Whsle	1979-1984	Mann, J.O.	Minister, Presbyterian	1930-1930
	Wholesale Foods	1931-1968	Manning, Louis W.	Electrical Eng Consult	1986-1991
Horner, James H.	Banking (BB&T)	2008-2013	Marion, A. Douglas, MD	Physician, Ophthal.	1986-pres
	Xmas Ornament Mfg.	1998-2002	Marion, Malcolm L., Jr. MD	Physician, General	1949-1964
Horner, Lawson C.	Attorney-General Law	1977-1980			1981-1994
Houston, Tammy F.	Ind Medicine	-1968	Marion, Malcolm L., III MD	Physician, Family	1982-1993
Howard, Alise	Industrial Engineer	-1970	Marion, William LD ("Bill")	Attorney at Law	1980-pres
Howson, Arthur L.	Attorney	2021-pres	Martin, A. Farris	Utilities, Electric	1940-1944
Hughes, James L., MD					
Hummel, Donald H.					
Hunter, J. C. Croom					

Mason, Marc	Prot Minister, Presby	2001-2004	Pavese, Frank R., OD	Optometry	1957-1981
Mathis, Tim	Fiberglass Mfg	1999-2001	Pearson, Dwight L.. DD	Prot. Minister, ARP	1966-1968
Mayhugh, Jim	American Red Cross	2007-2025			1979-2010
McAlister, Carl		1945-1946	Peele, Rev. Clarence Edward	Minister, Methodist	1944-1945
McAlister, Keith A.	High School Ed	1998-1998	Pegram, William Ward	Newspaper Editor	1927-1930
McBrayer, Brenda T.	Banking	1999-pres	Perdue, Austin M.	Dentist	2026-pres
McCain, David L.	Credit Service	1998-2021	Perkins, Jacob (Jake) T.	Printer, Publisher	1931-1949
McCaskill, John C.	U.S. Army Ret.	1983-1993		Honorary	1952-1952
McChord, Hood	Cotton Textiles	1950-1952	Perkins, T.K. (?P.K.)		1961-1964
McCleave, James C. ("J.C.")	Life Insurance	1942-1979	Perry, Francis	Ice Manufacturing	1958-1966
McCollum, Robert	Prot Minister, Luth	1985-1989	Peterson, Ray W.	Forester	1991-2018
McDill, Nick M.	Loans	1931- 1933	Phillips, Michael B.	City Administration	2004-2006
McDowell, J.B.	Water Service Munic.		Phillips, Raymond L.	Minister, Protestant	1970-
	County Gov. - Ret.	1944-2005	Pincelli, Albert	Cable Mfg.	1971-
McElwee, Joseph M. ("Joe")	Telephone Service	1968-2008	Pincelli, Lisa	Consultant, Library	2008-2011
McGee, Terrance M.	Savings & Loan	1989-1990	Plexico, Rev. J. Clyde, Jr.	Minister, Presbyterian	1977-1980
McIntosh, Wayne	Coach Ath Director	1980- 1987	Pollard, Rocky	Funeral Home Dir.	2008-2010
McKeown, Dewey	Ret Army Officer	1960-1966	Pope, Tony E.	Savings & Loan	1994-2006
McKeown, John	Employment Security	1958-1959		Banking	2006-pres
McKeown, John E.	Food Groceries Retail	1974-1993	Powell, Fred J., Sr.	Motion Picture	1939-1968
McKoy, William	Civil Engineer & Surv	1947-1948	Powell, Fred J., Jr.	Minister, Presbyterian	1985-
McMurray, James D.	Alum Die Cast Dist.	1961-1975	Prager, Benjamin	Dry Goods, Retail	1968-1972
McSween, John DD	Minister, Presbyterian	1937-1942	Pratt, Marion G.	Education, Public	1952-1962
Meador, Guy A., Jr.	Prod Cntl Cable Mfg		Price, Lenard	Employment Services	2000-2001
	Chemical Products	1971- 1977	Pruitt, Lee E.	Ret. Automobile	2017-pres.
Medlin, W. Michael ("Mike")	Public Utilities Water	1990-1996	Pundt, Grover C.	Bakery, Wholesale	1947-1949
		2001-pres	Pundt, Van	Food Caterer	1974-1975
Melton, Dorothy	Chamber of Com.	2005-2012	Quinn, Cheryl	Public Service – Mun.	2006-2010
Mercer, Henry B.	Personnel Manager	1976-1977	Quinn, Chester		1945-1946
Miller, E.N., III ("Eck")	Mfg NonDairy Cream	1996-1996	Quinton, Cody	Jewelry Retail	1950-1951
Miller, Richard M.	Health Care Mgmt.	2007-2008	Rachels, Fred Eugene ("Gene")	Auto Sales, Retail	1975-1994
Millis, L.A.	Oil Prod Retailing	1969-1971	Raines, Brenda H.	Ret. Nurse	2017-pres
Mitchell, Henry	Farm Loans	1967-1971	Raines, R. Stephen	Elect Coop	2019-pres
Mobley, James F. ("Frankie")	Telephone Co.	1991-1993	Raines, R. Wayne	Textiles Ret.	2017-pres
Monson, Robert C.	Minister, Methodist	1983-1987	Ramey, Eric S.	Telecommunications	2017-2022
Moody, John W.	Alum Die Casting Mfg	1971	Raut, Prenanand S., MD	Physician, Surgeon	1974-2003
Moore, Dianne H.	Magistrate	1995-2006	Rawlings, Janceen	Exec Dir Nursing	2023-2024
Moore, J. Spratt	Cotton Broker	1948- 1951	Reed, Donald	Hardware, Retail	1987-1990
Moore, Ronald B.	Fiberglass Mfg.	1979-1983	Reid, Al	Fiberglass Prod.	2010-2011
Morgan, Varnie B.		1944-1944	Reid, Rodgers M.	General Farming	1974-1979
Morris, Don M. ("Rocky")	Banking	1991-1992	Robb, Carl	Mfg. Men's Shirts	1957-1959
Morris, Terry B.	Jewelry Retail	1985-1996	Robbins, Lisa		1995-1995
Morris, William E.	Chemical Mfg	1975-1975	Roberts, Alexa	Downtown Develop	2000-2001
Morrow, Frances C.	Wood Industry	1991-1998	Roberts, Joe A.	Minister, Baptist	-1971
Mower, George	Bed & Breakfast	2002-2003	Roberts, Troy	Commercial Cleaning	2000-2003
Murray, Donald B.	Lumber Yard, Retail	1950-2002	Robertson, Jerry T.	Men's Clothing Retail	1982-1991
Mussar, E. Glenn	Librarian	1971-	Robeson, Edward R.	Mfg Buffing Parts	1969-1980
Nanney, Butler	Textile, Sheeting	1979- 1981	Robinson, Erwin R. ("Ergie")	Shoe Repair	1948-1992
Nash, William	Electric Utility	1996-2001	Robinson, Marvin E.	Banking	2005-2005
Neil, Paul E., Jr.	Hospital Admin	1975-1977	Robinson, William S.	Lumber, Wholesale	1932- 1949
Nelson, Clyde L., Jr.	Public Education	1984-1992	Rochow, Frank		1962-1964
Nichols, G. Conrad, DMD	Dentistry	1939-1969	Roddey, Ann McElwee	Pharmacist	1999-2001
Nichols, Lucius T.	Operating Railway	1930-1941	Roddey, Charles	City Recreation	2002-2002
Nicholson, Chas	Building Inspector	1995-1997	Roddey, R. Carlisle	County Manager	1975-1991
Nunnery, E.W.	Education Superiint.	1967-1968	Rogers, Arthur M., DD	Minister, ARP	1952-1965
Oliphant, Albert D.	Fertilizer Mfg.	1966-1968	Roof, Carla	City Administration	2001-2003
Oliphant, Albert D, III	Construction, Res.	1985-	Roper, Gene	Industrial Recreation	1979-1980
Oliphant, R. Alex	Chem Ind, Fertilizer	1926- 1933	Royal, Edgar L.	Jeweler, Retail	1930-1933
Oliphant, R. Alex, IV	Warehousing	1994-2004	Rucker, Tumiko	City Finance	2001-2004
		2021-pres	Ruh, Frank	Ind Auto Supp Mfg	1987-1993
Orr, Jeff	Photographer	2003-2005	Runyan, Wilbur C.	Jewelry, Retail	1952-1978
Owens, Joe	Industrial Recreation	1976-1979	Rushing, Lyn	Pharmacist	1981- 1985
Parkman, Glenda	State Employ. Agency	2008-2009	Russell, Malcolm O.	Insurance	2022-pres
Parrott, Rev. Glenn E.	Minister, Methodist	1950-1950	Ryan, John, M.D.	Physician, Family	1999-2003
Parsons, Debbie	Career Education	1999-pres	Sanders, C. Keyes		1931-1932
Patel, Vi, MD	Physician, Cardiology	1999-2000	Sanders, John J.	Savings Banking	1972-1974
Patrick, Mike T.	Nghbhd. Youth Corps	1969-1987	Sandifer, Myron G.	Farm Machine, Whsl	1939-1952
Patrick, Tom M., Jr.	Utilities, Consultant	1982-1989	Satcher, Anthony D. ("Tony")	Telecommunications	1999-2002
Patterson, John		1965-1965	Savage, Sam	Insecticides, Seeds	1948- 1952
Patterson, V.P., MD	Physician, Surgeon	1940-1978	Sawyer, Carlton	Catalog Sales	1974-1975

Sawyer, Wayne	Radio Advertising	1965-1969	Stroud, Coy F.	Tire Distribution	1969-1986
Schrieber, Louis	Textile Engraving	1965-1975	Stroud, William P.	Laundering & Dyeing	1926- 1933
Scott, Stacy J.	Technical College	2024-pres	Stuart, Shane	County Supervisor	2016-2021
Sesson, Leon		ca 1947-1949	Stubbs, Everett B., III	Attorney	2014-pres
Seward, Dave	Behavioral Science	2009-2010	Strulson, Leon		1960-1963
Shaffer, Michael P. ("Mike")	Funeral Home Dir.	2011-2019	Swaim, Carl Steven	Elect Utility Mgmt	1989-1991
			Swaney, Ryan S.	Attorney	2023-pres
Shannon, Robert J.	Savings & Loan		Sweetman, Robert J.	Fast Food Retail	1983-1991
	Home Insurance	1976-1993	Tate, Joseph W. ("Joe")	Funeral Home Dir.	2016-2018
Shannon, William	Dept of Trans - Ret	2003-2003	Tevarnier, David M.	Marketing/Public Rel	2005-2010
Sharp, Laurel B.	Librarian	2018-pres	Tavarnier, Patrice L.	Hospital Admin.	2005-2010
Sharpe, W. Timothy	Financial Advisor	2000-pres	Taylor, Daryl	Clinic Admin.	2007-2009
Shearin, Robert L.	Recreation	1975-	Taylor, T. Durant	Auto Trucks Retail	1944-1952
Sherer, John D., DMD	Dentist	1974-2021	Taylor, Thomas D., Jr.	Real Est & Insurance	1979-1997
Shinn, David W.	Department Store	1988-1994		Retired	2014-pres
	Foundry Supplies	1998-2010	Taylor, Valerie M.	Librarian Ret.	2014-pres
Shockley, Joel E.	Electronics Sales	1978-1980	Taylor, William H.	Laundry	1947-1949
Short, Linda H. (honorary)	State Senator	1997-2008	Tharrington, H.M.		1939-1939
Short, Paul E.	County Attorney		Thomas, Brantley, III	Business Mgr Schools	1983- 1985
	Judicial	1980-1991	Thomas, Susan Wyatt	Insurance	1999-2001
Simmons, Donna	Career Education	1995-2002	Thompson, Jessie L.	Electric Utilities	1966-1990
Simpson, Brown	YMCA Management	2000 2004	Thompson, Major Lee, Jr.	Div. Per. Mgr.	-1975
Simpson, Diane	Utilities, Electric	1990-1995	Thompson, W. Wallace	Public Ed, C.I.S.	2008-2014
Simpson, D. Thomas	Pharmacist	1989-1993	Thompson-King, Phillip A,	Exec. Sewer Dist.	2016-pres
Simpson, Rev. Don	Prot. Minister Presby	2006-2008	Thrower, Stewart	Broadcasting Service	1981-1981
Singleton, Curtis M.	Police Chief	2023-2023	Tibson, A. O.	Grocery Store Mgr.	1955-
Singleton, J. Brian	Telecommunications	2005-2022	Tidmore, Curtis	Downtown Devel	2003-2005
Sinicrope, Frank J.	Hospital Admin, CFO	1994-2004	Tillman, A.R. ("Dick")	Forestry Prod Mfg	1979-1983
Skidmore, Grayson	Forest Products	2024-2025	Tindall, James F.	Editor	1947-1948
Skidmore, Teresa	Forest Products	2021-pres	Triplett, Frederick A., Sr.	Bridge Building	1939-1940
Slayman, Agnes	Superint. Schools	2012-2015	Triplett, Frederick A., III	Bridge Contractor	1985-1997
Sledge, Ray Darryl	Computer Sales	2003-2003	Triplett, James T. ("Tom")	Bridge Construction	1975-1975
Smith, Jim	Dept of Social Service	2001-2001	Tucker, Charles R. ("Chet")	YMCA Director	2016-2021
Smith, Richard L.	Police Chief/Sheriff	2005-2012	Turbeville, R. Wright	Minister, Methodist	1970-1972
	Insurance	2015-2018	Turner, Blair M.	Public Education	2008-2013
Smith, T. Quincy	Education Admin	1992-1999	Turner, Derek	Textile Screen Eng.	1986-1987
Smith, Thomas	Hospice Director	2006-2006	Turner, James H.	Judicial Magistrate	1990-1996
Smith, Timothy Q.	Music Director		Tyler, Julian "Lewis"	Loan Appraiser	1971-
	Church Organist	1983-1989			1973-1975
Smith, Tracey Houston	Phtographer	2018-2020			1975-
Smith, Walter P.	Memorial Gard Cem	1958-1960	Underwood, M. E. ("Gene")	Info Systems Mgmt	1999-2008
Smith, William A. ("Will")	Insurance	2009-2023	VanBuskirk, William G	Natural Gas Dist	1962-1968
Smithwick, Joel M.	Fed Agri. Ext. Serv	1943-1982	Van Dyke, Harold	Mfg Buffing Pads	1989-1990
Sneed, Henry L., Jr.	Education Admin Ret	1981- 1986	Vantine, Frank E.	Rayon Dist	1929-1941
Snyder, Charles	Truck Parts Mfg	1987-1991	Vastis, Bessie P.	Retail Gifts	1991-2021
Southworth, Wendy	Banking	2006-2007	Vaughan, Arthur E.	Milk Products	1940- 1968
	Realtor	2008-2009	Vaughan, Page	Hospital Admin	2011-2018
	Honorary	1952-1952	Vigand, Igor	Textile Engraving	1976-1976
Springs, Col. Elliott	Agriculture Edu Ext	1947-1948	Wade, D. Keith	Security	2024-pres
Stallworth, Thomas A.	Legal Support Field	2007-2010	Waggoner, James B.	Auto Access. & Parts	1947-1949
Starnes, Roger D. ("Chuck")	Mfg. Plastic Jars	1988-	Walker, Craig	Hosp. Admin.	2009-2011
Steele, Allen		1995-1996	Walsh, W.J.	Chemical Prod Mfg	1972-
			Waldrep, S. Marvin	Insurance- Auto	1989-1991
Stephens, David D.	Clothing Distribution	1979-1991	Waldrep, Becky	Specialty Advertising	1999-2000
Stevenson, W.B.	US Conservation Serv	1947-1948	Wall, Ben	Wood Industry	1964-1982
Stewart, Jason	Natural Gas	2022-pres	Wallace, William R. MD	Physician, General	1926-1976
Still, Conway L.	Textile Mfg.	1947-1952	Ward, Yates		1952-1953
Stillwell, Jessica	Nursing	2025-pres	Warmoth, Louis	Soft Drink Sales	1979-1990
Stokes, W.W. ("Bill")	Coin Coll. & Sales	1971-1980	Waters, Bob	Hospital Admin	1997-1998
Stone, John M.	Commercial Banking	1984-1987	Waters, Thomas L.		1939-1940
	Credit Services	2000-2005	Waters, William ("Bill")	Truck Parts Mfg	1987-1988
Stone, Samuel R., MD	Physician, Family	1984- 1987	Watson, Centuria	Education- Pre-school	2010-2023
		1994-1995			2025-pres
		2001-2004			
Stone, W. Cornwell	Insurance Bonding	1981-1993	Watson, Malcolm D.	Radio Broadcasting	1982-1984
Stoudenmire, Charles D.	Educ. High School	1980-1983	Weir, John D., Jr.	Car Rental & Sales	1985-1991
Strickland, Jake F.	Weight Loss Control	1988-1993	Wells, Dr. E.D.		1944-1944
Stringfellow, Ladson F.	Banking		West, J. Edwin	Commerce & Devel	1991-1996
	Savings & Loan	1981-1996	Whitaker, S. Malik	City Admin	2023-pres
Stringfellow, W.Kirk, Sr.	Textile Management	1965-1975	White, Edward M.		1940- 1941
Stringfellow, W. Kirk, Jr.	Funeral Director	1971-1991	White, Harvey S.	Insurance Exec.	1965-1985

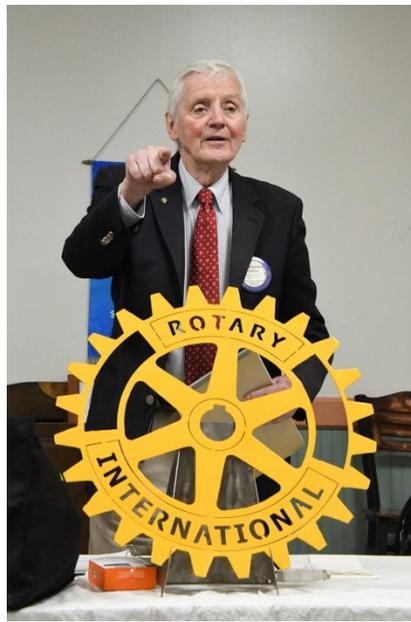
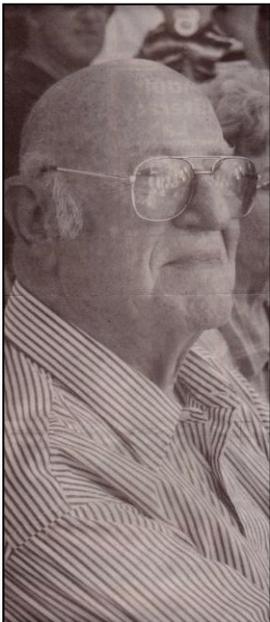
White, Hugh W.	Editor	1952-1952	Willis, Desire' D.	Communications	2022-pres
White, Jessie A.	Beef Cattle Farming	1966-1975	Wilson, Reginald D.	Mfg Concrete Prods	1958-1970
White, Russell B.	Office Supplies	1992-2000	Winburn, J.D., Jr.	Voc-Agri. Ext Teach	1952
White, Thomas H.	Loans	1929-1933	Winfield, John	City/County Rec	1981-1982
White, William C., Jr.	Answering Service	1995-1998	Winters, Joan E. ("Joanie")	Attorney at Law	2003-2012
White, Wylie	Safes, Auto Financing	1947-1952	Woodier, Mark	Bed & Breakfast	2010-2011
Whitesides, G. Patrick	Rental Uniforms	1984-1996-2000	Woods, H. Robert, Sr.	Pharmacist, Dist.	1939-1968
			Woods, H. Robert, Jr.	Pharmacist, Dist.	1947-1967
Whitesides, Marshall	Dry Cleaning	1955-1959			1975-1977
Whitesides, R. Fred	Auto Parts, Retailing	1957-1970	Wooten, Sam	Education, Superint	1988-1992
Whitesides, Royce N.	Laundry & Dry Clean	1984-1990-2000	Worthy, Sandra F. ("Sandi")	City Administration	2014-2016
			Wright, George M.	Mfg. Rayon	
Whitehead, Tommy C.	Com. Insurance	1974-1976		Mfg. Silk	1930-1941
Whitman, Ruth J.	Banking	2007-2023	Wyatt, Gerald	Banking	1983- 1987
Whitman, Walter R.	Metal Buildings Sales	1985-2021		Banking	1992-1998
Whittemore, D. Bruce	Banking	1989-1990		Banking	2002-2004
Wike, Emmett	Motor Freight Trans	1975-1976	Wylie, D.C., Jr. ("Pete")	County Farm Agent	1970-1980
Wilbanks, Gary		1989-1992	Young, Glenn	Ref Oil Prod Dist	1957-1969
Wilburn, David ("Chuck")	Apparel Fabrication	1983-1990	Young, John P., MD	Physician, EENT	1926-1945
Wilkes, Carl C.	Postal Service	1952-1970	Young, Sonia M.	Tech College Adm	2018-2020
Wilkes, Paul H.	Postmaster	1947-1949			2022-pres
Wilkinson, Robert M. ("Bob")	Telecommunications	1997-2017	Young, W. Clay	City Administration	1994-1998
Willard, Dorothy	Real Estate	2001-2003		County Admin	
		2003-2005	Zamore, Yale	Public Defender	1999-2010
Williams, Ed E.	Cotton Mfg Sft Goods	1961-1964		Magistrate	
Williams, Harry M., Sr.	Pharmacist	1926-1930			
Williams, LaTanya	Women's Help	2015-2022			
		2025-pres			
Williford, Marie	Adult Daycare	2002-2008			
Williford, Charles B.	Textile Personnel Mgr	1973-1974			
Williford, William S., Jr.	Accounting Services	1971-1984			

Members of Rotary Club of Chester
With Five or More Years of Service – 2025
(Current members' names in bold)

Arthur L. Gaston, II	1963-2024	61 years	James I. Hardin	1939-1965	> 26 years
J.B. McDowell	1944-2005	61 years	Wilbur C. Runyan	1952-1978	> 26 years
Charles M. Bell	1934-1990	56 years		2014-present	
David A. Gaston	1929-1985	56 years	Brenda McBrayer	1999-present	26 years
Edward H. Dawson	1945-1998	53 years	Debbie Parsons	1999-present	26 years
J. Boyce Bankhead	1926-1978	52 years	Arthur L. Gaston, Sr.	1926-1951	25 years
Donald B. Murray	1950-2002	52 years	Tim Sharpe	2000-present	25 years
Herman P. Hamilton	1934-1984	50 years	Joseph Lindsay	1926- 1949	
William R. Wallace, M.D.	1926-1976	50 years		(honorary)1952-1952	> 24 years
Malcolm Hardin	1947-1995	48 years	Jessie L. Thompson	1966-1990	24 years
Richard A. Hall	1973-2021	48 years	Robert Gage	1926- 1949	>23 years
John D. Sherer, DMD	1974-2020	46 years	Robert W. Coleman	1939-1962	23 years
W.T. ("Goat") Betts	1926-1970	45 years	David L. McCain	1998-2021	23 years
William L.D. Marion	1980-present	45 years	Edgar M. Alexander	1979-2001	22 years
Erwin ("Ergie") Robinson	1948-1992	44 years	Robert H. Woods, Sr.	1939-1968	
James M. Caldwell	1959-2002	43 years		1975-1977	22 years
Joseph M. McElwee	1968-2008	40 years	N. Linn Gresham	1974- 1987	
A. Douglas Marion, M.D.	1986-present	39 years		1989-1997	> 21 years
Joel M. Smithwick	1943-1982	39 years	Clint H. Davis	2004-present	21 years
E. Jacy Fowler	1947-		Samuel M. Frazer, III	1977-1998	21 years
	1958-1996	> 38 years	Anne M. Campbell	1991-2011	20 years
H. Phelps Brooks, Jr.	1944-1982	38 years	Claude M. Coleman	1977-1997	20 years
William A. Corkill	1929-1967	38 years	Dean Gaddy	1972-1992	20 years
Vivian P. Patterson, MD	1940-1978	38 years	Joel P. Johnston, D.M.D.	1982-2002	20 years
Robert Frazer	1926-1963	37 years	W. Kirkwood Stringfellow, Jr.	1971-1991	20 years
Lawson C. Horner	1931-1968	37 years	Harvey S. White	1965-1985	20 years
J.C. McCleave	1942-1979	37 years	Robert M. Wilkinson	1997-2017	20 years
Walter R. Whitman	1985-2021	36 years	James G. Lynn	1945-1964	> 19 years
Frank M. Armstrong	1958-1965		Jacob T. Perkins	1931- 1949	
	1976-2004	35 years		1952-1952	> 19 years
Augustus T. ("Gus") Allen	1948-1982	34 years	John E. McKeown	1974-1993	19 years
James D. Leitner	1947-1951	> 33 years	Gene Rachels	1975-1994	19 years
	1970-1999		John P. Young, M.D.	1926-1945	19 years
Dwight L. Pearson, D.D.	1966-1968		Kenneth Black	1945-1963	> 18 years
	1979-2010	32 years	John E. ("Jack") Cornwell	2002-2020	18 years
William L. Craig	1930-1962	> 32 years	Robin L. Currence	1998-2016	18 years
Myron E. Brockman	1926-1958	32 years	Carl C. Wilkes	1952-1970	> 18 years
Frank E. Abell	1945-1976	31 years	David Forlaw	1977-1995	18 years
William H. Bundy	1975-1975		James W. Fuller	2007-present	18 years
	1996-present	31 years	Fred Lalli	1972-1990	18 years
T. Randolph Ligon	1994-present	31 years	Robert G. Lesslie	1965-1971	
Tony E. Pope	1994-present	31 years		1979-1991	18 years
Conrad G. Nichols, DMD	1939-1969	> 30 years	James Mayhugh	2007-present	18 years
Mike Medlin	1990-1996		Mike T. Patrick	1969-1987	18 years
	2001-present	30 years	Thomas D. Taylor, Jr.	1979-1997	18 years
Bessie P. Vastis	1991-2021	30 years	Ben Wall	1964-1982	18 years
Fred J. Powell, Sr.	1939-1968	> 29 years	William S. Robinson	1932- 1949	> 17 years
Robert H. Woods, Sr.	1939-1968	> 29 years	David W. Shinn	1988-1994	
Prenanand S. Raut, M.D.	1974-2003	29 years		1998-2009	> 17 years
Arthur E. Vaughn	1940- 1968	> 28 years	Joe W. Collins	1959-1976	17 years
Roscoe Breazeale	1963-1991	28 years	Charles Holladay	1983-2001	17 years
Curtis A. Fennell	1955-1983	28 years	Robert J. Shannon	1976-1993	17 years
Mitchell B. Foster	1977-2005	28 years	J. Brian Singleton	2005-2022	17 years
Malcolm L. Marion, Jr., MD	1949-1964		Coy F. Stroud	1969-1986	17 years
	1981-1994	28 years	William J. Irwin	1930-1946	> 16 years
Frank R. Pavese, O.D.	1957-1981	28 years	John I. Barron	1982-1998	16 years
W. Wallace Boyd	1982-2009	27 years	George H. Fitzgerald	1985-1998	16 years
Randall A. Chapman	1989-2016	27 years	Brian Grier	2008-present	16 years
Thomas D. Taylor, Jr.	1979-1997	27 years	William C. Keels	1984-2000	16 years
Troy F. Lalli	1998-present	27 years	R. Carlisle Roddey	1975-1991	16 years

Ruth J. Whitman	2007-2023	15 years	W. Kirkwood Stringfellow, Sr.	1965-1975	10 years
Ladson F. Stringfellow	1981-1996	15 years	D. C. ("Pete") Wylie	1970-1980	10 years
Willis W. Crain	1994-2009	15 years	William H.W. Baker	1939-1948	> 9 years
John M. Bell	1933-1947	14 years	F. C. Gaines	1959-1968	> 9 years
Travis Jenkins	2012-present	14 years	Todd J. Andrews	2017-pres	9 years
Tyre D. Lee	1979-1993	14 years	Fred W. Castles, III	2016-pres	9 years
James D. McMurray	1961-1975	14 years	Brooke W. Clinton	2016-pres	9 years
William A. Smith	2009-2023	14 years	Robert W. Coleman, Jr.	1960-1969	9 years
R. Alexander Oliphant, IV	1994-2004		Betty A. Dietrich	1999-2000	
	2021-pres	14 years		2005-2013	9 years
Eddie Cantrell	1999-2013	13 years	Judith C. Gaskin	1992-2001	9 years
Myron G. Sandifer	1939-1952	> 13 years	B.A. Lewis	1968-1977	9 years
R. Fred Whitesides	1957-1970	> 13 years	Jerry T. Robertson	1982-1991	9 years
Richard Coleman	1976-1989	13 years	Michael P. Shaffer	2011-2019	9 years
Ricky L. Cremeans, III, DDS	2012-present	13 years	W.W. ("Bill") Stokes	1971-1980	9 years
Joseph D. Giltner, Jr.	1985-1998	13 years	Phillip A. Thompson-King	2016-pres	9 years
C. Banks Gladden	1948-1961	13 years	Morrie E. ("Gene") Underwood	1999-2008	9 years
William S. Williford, Jr.	1971-1984	13 years	Jessie A. White	1966-1975	9 years
Gerald M. Wyatt	1983-1987		Richard M. Eubanks	1960-1968	> 8 years
	1992-1998		William M. Harris	1950-1958	> 8 years
	2002-2004	> 12 years	Francis Perry	1958-1966	> 8 years
Glenn Young	1957-1969	> 12 years	Maria Bates	2013-pres	8 years
Ellis Beam	2013-pres	12 years	Sharon Blackburn	1999-2007	8 years
P. Lamar Coogler	1970-1982	12 years	T. J. Bratton	1973-1981	8 years
C. Page Dyer, D.V.M.	1996-2008	12 years	Gerald W. Caughman	1983-1991	8 years
David D. Stephens	1979-1991	12 years	April Porter Counterman	2001-2009	8 years
W. Cornwell Stone	1981-1993	12 years	M. Logan Gibbons, M.D.	2000-2008	8 years
Fredrick A. Triplett, III	1985-1997	12 years	William R. Hare	1971-1978	
Centuria Watson	2010-2022	12 years		1979-1979	8 years
Joan E. Winters	2003-2014	12 years	Pat McCrorey Hensley	1998-2006	8 years
J. William Brice	1947-1958	> 11 years	Charles Holladay	1983-2001	8 years
S. Clyde Carter	1930-1941	> 11 years	Fred Lalli	1972-1990	8 years
S. Wayne Goodyear	1973-1977		Edward Laughinghouse	1981-1989	8 years
	1990-1997	> 11 years	Clyde L. Nelson, Jr.	1984-1992	8 years
Lucius T. Nichols	1930-1941	> 11 years	Pruitt, Lee E.	2017-pres	8 years
Frank E. Vantine	1930-1941	> 11 years	Brenda H. Raines	2017-pres	8 years
Royce N. Whitesides	1984-1984		R. Wayne Raines	2017-pres	
	1990-2000	> 11 years	years		
George M. Wright	1930-1941	> 11 years	Eric S. Ramey	2017-pres	8 years
William J. ("Buddy") Aultman	1995-1998		Anthony D. ("Tony") Satcher	1999-2007	8 years
	2004-2012	11 years	John M. Stone	1984-1987	
H. Phelps Brooks, III	1970-1981	11 years		2000-2005	8 years
Katherine H. ("Kathy") Davis	2014-present.	11 years	Robert J. Sweetman	1983-1991	8 years
Brian M. Gibbons	1994-2005	11 years	Russell B. White	1992-2000	8 years
R. Edmund Hamrick	1966-1977	11 years	V.A. Ballard	1952-1959	> 7 years
Malcolm L. Marion, III, M.D.	1982-1993	11 years	John V. Brookshire	1926-1933	
Diane H. Moore	1995-2006	11 years		1952-1952	> 7 years
Terry B. Morris	1985-1996	11 years	Alex B. Craig	1939-1946	> 7 years
Edward R. Robeson	1969-1980	11 years	Col. Joe S. Hardin	1945-1952	> 7 years
Linda H. Short (honorary)	1997-2008	11 years	Wayne McIntosh	1980-1987	> 7 years
Paul E. Short	1980-1991	11 years	R. Alex Oliphant, Jr.	1926-1933	> 7 years
Everett C. Stubbs	2014-present.	11 years	Samuel R. Stone, M.D.	1984-1987	
Valerie M. Taylor	2014-present	11 years		1994-1995	
Louis Warmoth	1979-1990	11 years		2001-2004	> 7 years
Yale Zamore	1999-2010	11 years	William P. Stroud	1926-1933	> 7 years
Steven Epps	1977-1977		T. Durant Taylor	1945-1952	> 7 years
	1981-1990	> 10 years	Kenneth Ackerman	2006-2013	7 years
Joseph Fougerousse	1966-1976	> 10 years	W. Cyrus Corbett	2018-pres	7 years
Marion G. Pratt	1952-1962	> 10 years	Beth D. Darby	2007-2014	7 years
Reginald D. Wilson	1960-1970	> 10 years	Greg Delleney (honorary)	2001-2008.	7 years
			Nancy F. Forlaw	2015-2022	7 years
Stephen Atkinson	2011-2021	10 years	Ann Hayes	2007-2014	7 years
Samuel B. Austin	2008-2019	10 years	Larry C. Haynes	1992-1999	7 years
Edward R. Driggers	1990-2000	10 years	Robert H. King	1959-1966	7 years
Chris Gaddy	2002 2012	10 years	Dorothy Melton	2005-2012	7 years
John W. Lyle, Jr.	1960-1970	10 years	Frances Morrow	1991-1998	7 years
Robert B. Lynn	1982-1992	10 years	Tom M. Patrick, Jr.	1982-1989	7 years
John C. McCaskill	1983-1993	10 years	Laurel B. Sharp	2018-pres	7 years
Louis Schrieber	1965-1975	10 years	Donna Simmons	1995-2002	7 years
Frank J. Sinicrope	1994-2004	10 years	Richard L. Smith	2005-2012	7 years

T. Quincy Smith	1992-1999	7 years			1979-1984	> 5 years
Vaughan, Page	2011-2018	7 years		John McSween, DD	1937-1942	> 5 years
David ("Chuck") Wilburn	1983-1990	7 years		Henry L. Sneed	1981-1986	> 5 years
LaTanya Williams	2015-2022	7 years		Conway L. Still	1947-1952	> 5 years
Jim Gillespie	1980-1986	> 6 years		Wylie White	1947-1952	> 5 years
Dewey McKeown	1960-1966	> 6 years		G. Patrick Whitesides	1984-	
Guy A. Meador, Jr.	1971-1977	> 6 years			1996-2000	> 5 years
Joanna Angle	2000-2006	6 years		Robert E. Abell, M.D.	1926-1931	5 years
Rev. Steve Bishop	2001-2007	6 years		Rev. M. Lamar Bannister	1931-1936	5 years
Angela Boyd	2019-pres	6 years		David L. Beaty	1982-1987	5 years
Scott Brown	2007-2013	6 years		Barry Campbell	2001-2006	5 years
Christopher Black, D.C.	2003-2009	6 years		Patrick G. Carpenter	1971-1976	5 years
Jim Bruce	2000-2002			Joe A. Carroll	1960-1965	5 years
	2003-2007	6 years		Anne Holladay Collins	2000-2005	5 years
John M. Cann	1971-1977	6 years		Kenneth Cruse	1986-1991	5 years
Robert L. Dawson	1977-1982			Charles D. Elliott, DD	1978-1983	5 years
	1984-1985	6 years		John Gregory	2014-2016	
Rev. Robert L. Dobbins	1963-1969	6 years			2018-2021	5 years
Samuel C. Giltner	1983-1989	6 years		William R. ("Bill") Hayes	1986-1991	5 years
Rev. James L. Jackson	1985-1991	6 years		Christie Hogue	2009-2014	5 years
William C. Keels	1984-2000	6 years		Cindy Hord	1994-1999	5 years
Kira Levister	2019-pres	6 years		Tammy F. Houston	2008-2013	5 years
Vincenzo Lombardo	2001-2007	6 years		Edwin J. Hunter	1958-1963	5 years
R. Stephen Raines	2019-pres	6 years		Louis W. Manning	1986-1991	5 years
Frank Ruh	1987-1993	6 years		William Nash	1996-2001	5 years
Timothy Q. Smith	1983-1989	6 years		Lee E. Pruitt	2017-pres	5 years
W. Wallace Thompson	2008-2014	6 years		Dianne Simpson	1990- ca 1995	5 years
William G. VanBuskirk	1962-1968	6 years		Jake F. Strickland	1988-1993	5 years
John D. Weir, Jr.	1985-1991	6 years		David Tavernier	2005-2010	5 years
Marie Williford	2002-2008	6 years		Patrice Tavernier	2005-2010	5 years
				Blair Turner	2008-2013	5 years
				J. Edwin West	1991-1996	5 years
Edwin C. ("Ted") Hentz, M.D.	1980- ?			Sonia M. Young	2018-2020	
	1995-2000	> 5 years			2022-pres	5 years
Julian S. Hollis	1947-1952	> 5 years				
James H. Horner	1949- ?					



Left: J.B. McDowell, Middle: Arthur L. Gaston, II - The Chester Rotary Club's longest serving members; McDowell, 1944-2005, and Gaston 1963-2024; both, 61 years. Right: Rotarian Tim Sharpe accepts his 8 year service pin from Debbie Parsons, program chairman at the 2008 Guest Night at Anna's Arbor.

Every effort has been made to confirm membership names and dates. Because membership rosters are not available for every year, data has been taken from old bulletins, dates of club offices held, etc. Dates listed in bold represent confirmed membership dates. The individual is confirmed to be a member in that year. However, he or she may have also been a member of the club before the first date listed, if listed in bold type, or after the last date, if listed in bold type.

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