

# Welcome To Rotary

**Tuesday  
September 2, 2014**

## Today's Program

**Today's Song:** My Country tis of Thee - Charlie Boone

**Today's Invocation:** Yossi Liebowitz

**Health & Happiness:** Bert Barre

**Today's Program:** Songs from Hairspray (Play)  
- Deana Neibert

## Last Week's Program

Dr. Danny Varat provided an update on the status of the Common Core Standards in South Carolina. He explained that the standards for Math and English/Language Arts are being implemented this year, but the General Assembly has charged the Board of Education to "undo" Common Core and replace them with new standards.

## Upcoming Programs

Sept. 9      **NO MEETING - ROTARY SOCIAL**  
5:30 - 7:30 College Football Tailgating Party  
at the Piedmont Club. Come dressed as you would  
for a tailgate on game day. Wear Your Favorite Team  
Colors.  
Prospective Members/Spouses/Dates/Better-Halves invited

Sept. 16      TBA

Sept. 23      New Member Talks

## FUN FACTS

Ralph Hilsman

Really love to read-history, biographies and memoirs seem to be my go to categories + need some good suggestions so email me to share your favorites! ralph@whipp.me. Pretty active as have love of outdoor sports like mountain biking, snow skiing, scuba diving. Luckily had 2 boys (25 and 22) who are perfect playmates. Married 28 years to love of my life, Susan, an ER physician @ SRHS. Born in Barnwell SC-the 3rd of 4. Scariest thing: flying into Saba w/ a twin engine de havilland- set down on shortest commercial runway in world @1300 feet (shorter than an aircraft carrier)-stopped with 6 inches to spare from going into the drink. Unusual fun thing: diving with sea lions-they seem almost human with their playfulness and expressive eyes. Saddest thing: my mothers sudden and unexpected death. Happiest thing: the birth of my first son! Would have enjoyed the birth of 2nd but missed it -Susan had an emergency caesarean b/c of placental abruption- when blood started flowing, I passed out. When came to, they had gotten everything under control and all were fine. Probably counts more like being in the most elated category as everyone dodged a bullet!

Jerry Calvert

I have been a member of our club since 1987 and served as President in 2003-2004 . My friends in the club remind me often that my only accomplishment was the move of our meetings from the YMCA to The Piedmont Club during my year as President. A lifelong resident of Spartanburg, I am a graduate of Spartanburg High School, Spartanburg Methodist College, and Wofford College. I have worked in banking and finance for more than 35 years and am currently working as President of Core Capital Funding, a financial intermediary, that handles commercial loans for practically any purpose. I am also associated with Guild Mortgage Company to assist clients with their residential mortgage needs. Having served in the Marine Corps for almost 25 years ( the last 20 years in the reserves), including a tour in Vietnam, I retired as a Lt Colonel. All this was about 20 pounds ago. I am married to Robin and have 3 grown kids, Chip, Tim, and Casey.

## Welcome New Members

Allen Smith - Chamber of Commerce

Jay Sinsley - Coldwell Banker Caine