

# Welcome To Rotary

**Tuesday  
August 19, 2014**

## Today's Program

**Today's Song:** This is My Country - Mike Kohler

**Today's Invocation:** Colleen Keith

**Health & Happiness:** Tom Evans

**Today's Program:** Update on SC State Senate  
- Sen. Shane Martin

## Last Week's Program

John Montgomery presented the program on the Drayton Mill Redevelopment project by Pacolet Milliken Enterprises. According to the plan, the 111-year-old mill's massive spinning and weaving facilities, which have sat vacant for nearly two decades, will be restored and converted into 288 luxury apartments. Other buildings, including the former mill's distinctive company store, will be renovated and used for event, restaurant, retail and office space, as well as a community center.

## Upcoming Programs

- Aug. 26 Update on Common Core in SC  
- Dr. Danny Varat
- Sept. 2 Songs from Hairspray (Play) - Deana Neibert
- Sept. 9 **NO MEETING - ROTARY SOCIAL**  
5:30 - 7:30 College Football Tailgating Party

## FUN FACTS

Guess Who??? (hint: d o n )

- Who placed "First in Show" in the Professional Category at the Eastern United States Bonsai Invitational?
- Who has lived eight of their nine lives
- Who has been bitten by a cotton mouth moccasin?
- Who has been on Wild Kingdom twice?
- Who lived in 498,000 acres for three years with only his wife?
- Who actually built and delivered Rotary water purification equipment in the Amazon Jungle?
- Who has an elephant skull in his garage?
- Who was a member of the FIRE HOT SHOT crew who flew first into America's worst wildfire in Yellowstone National Park?
- Who has climbed four of the highest peaks on four different continents?

Charles H. Gnerlich

Attended JB Speed College of Engineering at the University of Louisville, L'ville KY. Member of NROTC and U of L rifle & pistol teams. Ranked sixth in national NROTC pistol competition.  
Active duty Navy for 28 years.  
Naval Staff Duty Pentagon, Washington, DC for three years. I can explain in great detail why the Pentagon is round! Great outdoor snack bar in the center. Best job ever as Commanding Officer, USS Coontz (DDG 40). We sailed in the Caribbean Sea, Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf. My crew helped save the USS Stark after she was hit by two Iranian Exocet missiles.  
Initial Director of Operations and Plans, Joint Task Force 4 (now 4<sup>th</sup> Fleet). We caught drug smugglers who were using air craft, boats, and semi submersible boats. Called at home by the Chief of Naval Operations to become the first Commanding Officer Naval Station New York City. Built a Navy Base including piers, housing, barracks, etc. on Staten Island. Politically, I was "The worm in the Core of the Big Apple". Hosted the start of three NY Marathons on my base. Retired from the Navy June 1994

**Welcome New Member**

**Kristi Caradori**

**Spartanburg Regional Foundation**

