

Welcome To Rotary

**Tuesday
October 7, 2014**

Today's Program

Today's Song: My Country 'Tis of Thee - Yossi Liebowitz

Today's Invocation: Kim Keith

Health & Happiness: John Perry

Today's Program: Israel - Trip Report and State of Affairs
- Byron McCane

Last Week's Program

Tom Ervin, candidate for Governor, shared his vision for South Carolina last week, with a major focus on fixing roads and bridges, getting good leaders and more case workers in the Department of Social Services and restoring faith and trust in State government. He is running as an Independent Republican in the upcoming election.



Upcoming Programs

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| Oct. 14 | Childrens Advocacy Center | - Mrs. Cole |
| Oct. 21 | TBA | |
| Oct. 28 | New Member Talks | |

FUN FACTS

Todd Stephens

I am the president-elect of the Rotary Club of Spartanburg. I was a charter member of the Rotary Club of the Vista Night (Columbia) and a member of North Spartanburg before joining Spartanburg in 2000. I am the County Librarian and have been with the Spartanburg County Public Libraries since 1997. I was hired by prior Club president, Dennis Bruce, to serve as the Libraries' coordinator of development. My family has been in Spartanburg County since the 1780's. I grew up throwing papers for the Herald-Journal - running routes in Converse Heights and Fernwood. I saved my paper route money to buy my first car, a 1966 Mustang that I foolishly sold. I moved to the Jacksonville Illinois for six years as my father was a college president at MacMurray. I attended MacMurray as it was the only college in the nation that would admit this reluctant and distracted learner. My view of studying changed when I met my future wife, Julie Goulden, a nursing major who studied ALL THE TIME! No lie...my GPA went up close to two points! I hold a Masters in Higher Education Administration and a Masters in Library and Information Science from the University of South Carolina.

Through the years I have had the opportunity to travel and my most memorable overseas trip was to Brazil in 1984. My brother, Adam, and I decided to hike from Pedra da Gavea into Rio. While following the coast north we walked (more like stumbled) onto a Brazilian military installation overlooking the south Atlantic. We were confronted by two armed soldiers. After a detainment, questioning, and escort to the gates of the base we eventually made our way into Rio. The public part of this story now ends. Julie and I have four children. Ben is 20 and is a biochemistry, chemistry and mathematics major at the College of Charleston, Harry is 18 and is at the Savannah College of Art and Design studying industrial design, Ella is 7 and a seconded grader at Pine Street, and Olivia is 5 and in kindergarten at Pine Street. Adoption is an amazing experience! I love to coach church league basketball for Trinity United Methodist. We have won the senior girls city championship the last two years, and I am looking forward tipoff later this year.



**Welcome New Member
Quincy Halliday**