

## THIS IS MY COUNTRY

This is my country! Land of my birth!  
This is my country! Grandest on earth!  
I pledge thee my allegiance, America, the bold,  
For this is my country to have and to hold.

What diff'rence if I hail from North or South  
Or from the East or West?  
My heart is filled with love for all of these.  
I only know I swell with pride and deep within my breast  
I thrill to see Old Glory paint the breeze.

With hand upon heart I thank the Lord For this my native land,  
For all I love is here within her gates.  
My soul is rooted deeply in the soil on which I stand,  
For these are mine own United States.

This is my country! Land of my choice!  
This is my country! Hear my proud voice!  
I pledge thee my allegiance, America, the bold,  
For this is my country! To have and to hold.

### 2009-10 Club Officers

President: Sue Poss  
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### The Four-Way Test

Is it the truth?  
Is it fair to all concerned?  
Will it build goodwill and better friendships?  
Will it be beneficial to all concerned



ROTARY CLUB OF  
**greenville east**

Dec. 14, 2009

## Today: Jeremy Master, Temple of Israel

Jeremy Master, rabbi at Temple of Israel, was born and reared on Long Island. He graduated with a BA in religion from the College of Social Sciences from Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT.

After college, he attended the Hebrew Union College and was ordained in 2004. After being ordained, he worked for two years as assistant rabbi at Temple B'nai Shalom in East Brunswick, NJ, and he served as Hillel director at Swarthmore College.

Before coming to Temple of Israel, Jeremy served as assistant rabbi at Congregation Beth Chaim in Princeton, NJ.

While in his first year in Rabbinical School in Jerusalem, Jeremy met his wife, Alana Wasserman, also a rabbi. They are the parents of Peri Rose.

### Today's agenda

The purple team is in charge today

Presiding: Doug Lowery

Invocation and Pledge: Doug Van Scoy

Program: Jeremy Master

Membership Minute: Walter Jacobs

Foundation Minute: Gary Davis

Health and Happiness: Sue Poss

Team meetings and reports

Adjourn with the Four-Way Test

Sgt at Arms: Doug Van Scoy

Greeter: Bill Hartzell

### TEAMS

**Purple: Bill, Doug V, Doug L, Walter, Sue, Eddie. Presiding in December.**

**Green: Kemper, Vernon, Jim, Tom, Renee. Presiding in January.**

**Red: Janice, Stephen, Bob, Travis. Presiding in February.**

**Blue: Gary, David, Gerald, Steve H., Clay. Presiding in March.**

Mondays  
12:30-1:30 p.m.  
City Range Grill  
615 Haywood Road  
Greenville, SC

## Rotary's financial report: From General Secretary Ed Futa

I am happy to report continuing improvement in the financial picture for Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation since my last communication on 8 September. Positive market performance this fiscal year through September resulted in investment earnings of US\$11 million for Rotary International and \$58 million for The Rotary Foundation. We are continuing to see further improvement this quarter, though the markets remain volatile.

Many Rotarians have expressed concern over the magnitude of last year's investment losses. Last year was truly extraordinary in that global financial markets suffered their greatest losses since the Great Depression. Nearly all asset classes (stocks, bonds, real estate, etc.), including those in which the Foundation's assets are invested, experienced losses. The Foundation's investment losses were very similar to those experienced by other major endowments and foundations.

RI's reserve fund remains above mandated levels. The Foundation reserve has increased by approximately \$34 million since 30 June 2009, though it stands at a negative \$8 million, well below the target reserve level. Rotary's cash flows remain positive, and we have not had to liquidate securities to operate or fund program spending this fiscal year.

Contributions to the Foundation's Annual Programs Fund dipped in the first quarter of this year, a situation that can be attributed in part to Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge, which has already passed the halfway mark. The Trustees

realize that conducting multiple major fundraising initiatives simultaneously can generate donor fatigue. Yet all are extremely important efforts that cannot be delayed. Rotary must fulfill its promise of a polio-free world, but at the same time, we need to continue, and expand when possible, our worldwide educational and humanitarian efforts that are supported by the Annual Programs Fund. Fortunately, many Rotarians realize the great needs that both of these initiatives are meeting and remain generous donors to our Foundation.

Investment returns, reserve funds, and contributions are only part of our financial picture. Controlling costs remains a top priority for Rotary senior leaders and the Secretariat staff. Currently, operating expenses and staffing levels remain under our tight 2009-10 budgets for both RI and the Foundation. Expenses related to travel have been cut substantially. Many committee meetings are via teleconference and webinars, and staff travel has been reduced considerably. Your Secretariat staff and Rotary senior leaders continue to monitor spending and explore ways to further cut costs without significantly reducing service.

I invite you to view the 2008-09 audited financial statements for both RI and The Rotary Foundation, which have been fully completed with unqualified opinions from our independent auditors and approved by both boards.

Sincerely,  
Ed Futa, General Secretary

## Today's Invocation:

At the center of the universe is a loving heart that continues to beat and wants the best for every person.

Anything we can do to help foster the intellect and spirit and emotional growth of our fellow human beings, that is our job.

Those of us who have the particular vision must continue against all odds. Life is for service.

Amen.

*(From Rotary Invocations)*

## GREENVILLE EAST CALENDAR

Tue Dec 8: Bill Hartzell Birthday

Fri Dec 11: Jim McManus Birthday

Sat Dec 12: Stephen Yacobi Birthday

Mon Dec 14: Jeremy Master, Temple of Israel

Mon Dec 21: Austin McCurry

Mon Dec 21: Club Meeting

Wed Dec 23: Doug and Sally Lowery Anniversary

Fri Dec 25: Vernon and Peggy McCurry Anniversary

**Mon Jan 4: Van Broad, Fountain Inn Economic Development**

**Mon Jan 11: Club Meeting**

Fri Jan 15: Linda and Lori Lowery Birthday

Sat Jan 16, 2010: Will Kenan (2000), Kemper's son's birthday

**Mon Jan 18: NO meeting. Martin Luther King Day**

Fri Jan 22: Anna Kenan (1971) - Kemper's wife's birthday

Sun Jan 24: Doug Lowery Birthday

**Mon Jan 25: Congressman Bob Inglis**

**WE DO NOT MEET ON THE MONDAY BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S, DEC. 28.**