Members of the West Florence High School Interact Club held a Flag Dedication Ceremony Monday morning as part of their 2026 Flag Project, a moving display of 250 flags that will be present on the school grounds between Election Day and Veterans Day. The flags were purchased by members of the community and will stand in honor of those currently serving in the military or as a first responder, and in memory of those who have served and protected our nation and local communities.

During the ceremony, Interact Club officers shared remarks, and there was a presentation of colors by the West Florence JROTC. Porter Stewart, president of Rotary West, provided closing comments.

The West Florence Interact Club is a service-oriented organization for high school students, sponsored by the Florence West Rotary Club. In its inaugural year, WF's club joins students in clubs in more than 140 countries aiming to develop leadership skills and a sense of community and service.

The West Florence Interact Club's president is Thomas Wells; vice president is Laura Grace Hardee.

Club faculty advisor Dr. Cathy Lee said that it has been rewarding to help students launch the new club and get their first project started.

"It is a privilege to work with these young people," Lee said. "It has been a great opportunity to participate in a project that was collaboratively carried out with Florence West Rotary. They are learning leadership skills; they are learning how to delegate and take responsibility and share responsibility, even as very busy young men and women. Being part of helping them grow and develop has been the best part of this project for me."

The Flag Project is a fundraiser for the Interact Club. Limited flags are still available for sponsorship. Learn more about the club or sponsor a flag for a loved one by visiting **westflorence.f1s.org/interact-club**. Students who are interested in joining the club may email Dr. Lee at clee@fsd1.org.