District Newsletter

MAY 9, 2021

LEADERBOARD Check out the full district scoreboard

Here are the clubs that are leading the way in our district for membership, annual fund and polio plus.

Category	NET MEMBERSHIP	ANNUAL FUND	POLIO PLUS
I	**Atlanta Brasil**	**Emory-Druid Hills**	**Brookhaven**
II	**Sandy Springs**	**Jackson-Butts County**	**Muscogee-Columbus**
III	**North Atlanta Professional Alliance**	**Vinings Cumberland**	**Dougherty County (Albany)**
IV	**Dunwoody**	**Dunwoody**	**Marietta**
V	**Peachtree City**	**Alpharetta**	**Peachtree City**

Key Dates

Tuesday, October 27th, 2026	**Barnesville Governor Visit**
Wednesday, October 28th, 2026	**Griffin Daybreak Governor Visit**
Thursday, October 29th, 2026	**Griffin Governor Visit**
Thursday, November 5th, 2026	**Rotary Means Business with the Decatur Rotary Club**
Monday, November 9th, 2026	**Douglas County Governor Visit**
Tuesday, November 10th, 2026	**Carrollton Governor Visit**
Wednesday, November 11th, 2026	**Carrollton-Dawn Breakers Governor Visit**
Thursday, November 12th, 2026	**Bremen Governor Visit**
Friday, November 13th, 2026	**Alpharetta Governor Visit**

From Our District Governor

Celebrating April ... and Looking Forward to August

By Kirk Driskell

For many, April is just another month. That said, it has some special significance for District 6900 Rotarians and for me. I'd like to take a minute to revisit that. This April:

• We didn't have a District Conference ... but for this year only, August is the new April! We are all set for a year-end celebration in SanDestin from August 12-15, 2021 and hope you and your family can join us for fun at the beach!

• I took time to remember where I was in April 1995 and how grateful for where I am today. Many of you have heard my story and know that I am in long term recovery. I could not be where I am today if it was not for the willingness of others to help.

• We were honored to celebrate the charter ceremony for our newest D6900 Rotary Club - the Restoration Rotary Club - a cause-based club focusing not only on addiction and mental health needs, but the causes of these epidemics too. Read a bit more about why all of this has significance - and how you can join us in SanDestin. Thanks for all you do! [more]

Monday, November 16th, 2026	**Sandy Springs Governor Visit**
Tuesday, November 17th, 2026	**Forsyth-Monroe County Governor Visit**
Tuesday, November 17th, 2026	**Discover Rotary - Columbus Area**
Wednesday, November 18th, 2026	**Emory-Druid Hills Governor Visit**
Thursday, November 19th, 2026	**Roswell Governor Visit**
Thursday, November 19th, 2026	**Atlanta Ascent GOVERNOR VISIT**

From Our District Governor Elect

Get Onboard the Peace Train … Sign Up for May 11-13 YPA Informational Sessions

By Mary Ligon

The "Youth and Peace in Action (YPA)" Peace Train is moving and you want to get your club, schools, and student organization on board! “Ticket” info can be found at **www.youthpeaceaction.org**. You'll also get great info here for your club members, school officials and student club advisors.

We have added more information sessions specific to our district. Connect today with your contacts in schools to let them know of these special info sessions. They can get questions answered and be ready to apply.

• Tues, May 11, 5pm – 6pm ET – **Click here to register**

• Wed, May 12, 7pm – 8pm – **Click here to register**

• Thurs, May 13, 4pm – 5pm – **Click here to register**

Youth and Peace In Action is the largest local peace initiative in Rotary International history and you do not want to miss this train! [more]

The Rotary Foundation

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May 15 Deadline for District Grant Applications Fast Approaching

By Gillian Leggett

First, a huge THANK YOU to all Rotarians that joined the two Zoom meetings on District Grants at the District Training Virtual Assembly. It was wonderful to see so many Rotarians learning about District Grants at the same time.

Based on those sessions, I wanted to send a reminder that the May 15, 2021 deadline for the 2021-2022 Rotary … [more]

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Attention: District 6900 Global Grants Meeting

Wednesday, May 26 at 6:00 pm

By Anne Glenn

The District 6900 Foundation Team will conduct a one-hour Zoom session on Wednesday, May 26 at 6:00 pm for all District 6900 Clubs who are planning, or even considering applying for a Rotary Foundation Global Grant (GG) in during Year 2021-2022. It is **mandatory** that one person from each club that plans to apply next year, or any club who has submitted a GG application this year that has not yet been approved, attend this meeting. Your club can only be qualified to apply for Global Grants if someone attends. [more]

Rotary Leadership Institute

Learn More About Rotary … Online or in Person

By Stephanie Windham
The RLI Philosophy states “Having leadership skills does not alone assure good Rotary leadership. An effective Rotary leader must ALSO have Rotary knowledge, perspective about where Rotary has been, where it is now going, and a vision of what Rotary can be.” The program is open to all Rotarians.
Did you know that the Rotary Leadership Institute transitioned to an online curriculum in 2020? Are you ready to get back to in-person sessions to learn about Rotary and exchange ideas? Read on to learn more about our online programs and the first live RLI event since January 2020 - scheduled for June 12 in Peachtree City.
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GRSP 75th Anniversary

Planning Underway for GRSP 75th Anniversary Celebration

By Michael Bixler

Planning for the 75th anniversary of the Georgia Rotary Student Program Conclave (GRSP) and the dedication of the GRSP Peace Plaza and Will Watt Fountain began in **Thomasville** recently when the 75TH Anniversary Committee began to lay plans for the three-day student conclave this coming August 20-22. There will also be a GRSP Golf Tournament on Thursday, August 19.

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Rotary Districts 6900, 6910, 6920

GRSP GEORGIA ROTARY STUDENT PROGRAM

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ALUMNI - HOST FAMILY INFORMATION NEEDED

Please help us update valuable information you may have on our former GRSP students:

Alumni Name (Maiden/Married Name, if known)
GRSP Class Year/Home Country
Host Family/Host Club
Current Country of Residence
Email and/or Phone Number
Social Media Platform and Name on Social Media

Please email ANY information to grsp@grsp.org with Alumni Info in subject line. Thank you!

GRSP Update

Calling All Former Host Families, Trustees

By Ian Bond

Have you ever served as a host family, trustee or friend of Georgia Rotary Student Program? Do you maintain contact with any GRSP alumni? If so, we need your help. We are trying to build out our GRSP alumni data base and would like to get any information you can share.

Many students have relocated and even changed names since spending their pivotal year in Georgia. Some students participated more than 20 years ago and continue to contact their host family or a GRSP Trustee who impacted their stay. Thank you for your help as we would like to stay in touch with GRSP Alumni, and share our GRSP newsletters, events, and opportunities. We especially want to be sure that they know about our 75th anniversary celebration this August in Thomasville.

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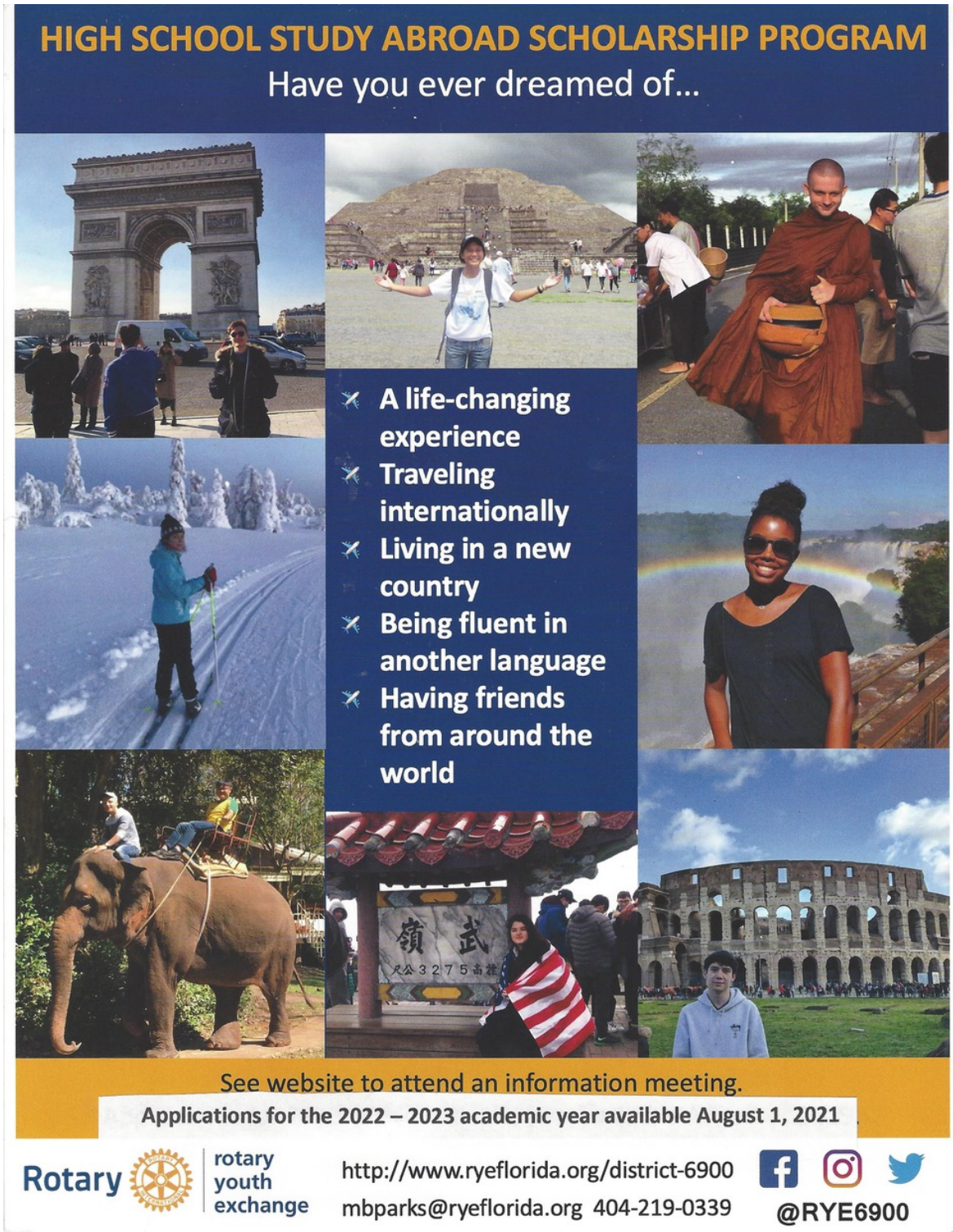

Rotary Youth Exchange

Recruiting for 2022-23 Students Begins Soon

By Mike Parks

The Rotary Youth Exchange scholarship program provides the opportunity for Georgia high school students to spend a school year overseas, attending a local high school and living with carefully selected host families while learning a new culture and language, and living Rotary values every day. The program is open to all young people in District 6900 who are 14–17 years old at the time of their application. Children and grandchildren of Rotarians are welcome to apply for the scholarships as well. We will begin promoting the program at Georgia high schools and via social media later this spring – our promotions encourage young people to contact their local Rotary club for more information on the scholarship. Rotarians can learn more about the program on our District website at **Rotary6900.org/RYE**. [more]

Club News

Join Roswell Remembers Memorial Day on YouTube

By Trummie Patrick

For 22 consecutive years, thousands of people from Roswell and around the State have joined the **Rotary Club of Roswell** and the City of Roswell to honor the men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of our Country. Each year, the event is held on the green at Roswell City Hall near the Vietnam Memorial.

As in 2020, the City of Roswell has cancelled the 2021 Memorial Day Ceremony. To continue the remembrance, Roswell Rotary has produced a video utilizing “best of the best” past Ceremony moments that will be live streamed on YouTube on Memorial Day, May 31st at 11:00 AM. You may join us on YouTube by clicking this link: **2021 Roswell Remembers Memorial Day - YouTube**

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Serving During the Pandemic

Americus Rotarians Serve at Vaccination Site

By Angela Smith

Just a call for help was all the **Americus Rotary Club** had to hear before alerting members of a new community need. This time, it was to volunteer at the local vaccination center which was moved from Phoebe Sumter Medical Center to the site of the National Guard Armory, a facility better suited to handle the growing population of residents seeking the COVID-19 vaccine. As the vaccination rollouts continued to expand, so did the demand for the vaccine, which placed a strain on the site which leaned heavily on volunteers to assist. Past President Reda Rowell was one of the first Rotarians on site to help with greeting and directing individuals arriving at the facility and helping get them registered.

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Lake Spivey/Clayton County Delivers Meals with a Serving of Gratitude

By Ron Swofford

On Sunday, April 11, Rotarians from the **Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton County** had the honor of partnering with the Feed the Heroes Foundation and the Jonesboro American Legion Post 258 to feed 628 Clayton County first responders. Along with those meals, we provided much deserved gratitude for the service of the Clayton County Police Department, Clayton County Fire Department, Clayton County Sheriff's Office, the city of Jonesboro Police Department, the Lake City Police Department, the city of Forest Park Police and Fire Departments and 911 center, the city of Morrow Police and Fire Departments, the City of Lovejoy Police Department, the city of Riverdale Police and Fire Departments and the Clayton County 911 center.

The photo shows Rotarian Dr. Tonya Smalls delivering sacks of prepared meals to the Riverdale Fire Station and to the Clayton County Fire Department.

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Club News

Moultrie Hosts First Annual "Salute to Service"

By Jaclyn Donovan

The Rotary Club of Moultrie held its First Annual “Salute to Service” honoring local high school seniors who have chosen to enter military service after graduation, as the club felt that such an incredible example of "Service Above Self" deserved to be honored. Working with the staff at Colquitt County High School and local recruiters, it was determined that 16 students have committed to military careers after high school. Six of Moultrie's veterans provided words of encouragement and PDG Raymond Ray helped President Jaclyn Donovan hand out specially designed challenge coins.

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Americus and GSW Students Pack 10,000 Meals

By Angela Smith

Over 100 volunteers came out on a beautiful South Georgia day to ensure that the Spring Into Action and Rise Against Hunger event was a success. The event was coordinated and funded by the Rotary Club of Americus as a joint service project with the Student Engagement Team of Georgia Southwestern State University and was held in the GSW Student Success Center. Volunteers from ages 18 to 85 packed 10,152 meals in just two hours! GSW student athletes, who rank third in the nation in community service hours, helped with set-up and break down of the assembly site on campus. [more]

Club News

Alpharetta Honors Hometown Heroes

By Clark Savage

The **Rotary Club of Alpharetta** honored three of the City's top public safety officers last month with the Rotary Hometown Hero Award on Friday, April 16. The awards were based on service above and beyond the call of duty and exceptional bravery. Ms. Robin Barton was awarded the Rotary 911 Dispatcher of the Year. Officer Michael Esposito was awarded Rotary Police Officer of the Year. Officer Esposito was previously awarded the Police Medal of Valor. Lieutenant Matthew Bozer was awarded the Rotary Firefighter of the Year. All three were already employees of the year from each department. [more]

Club News

Moultrie Feeds Local Community

By Jaclyn Donovan

The **Rotary Club of Moultrie** participated in the USDA “Farmers to Families” program to provide meals to Moultrie citizens. Partnering with the United Way and Trinity Baptist Church, a food box distribution event was planned for April 10.

As the day arrived, so did the threat of severe thunderstorms in the area. Thankfully, the … [more]