Rotary District 6900

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District Newsletter

MAY 17, 2024

From Our District Governor

Update on the State of the District: a small view as we...Finish Strong!

By André Marria

As we approach the end of the Rotary year, I want to thank you for the work you have done. We have focused on membership and the Rotary Foundation for the last months and here is just a snapshot on where we stand. Next month I hope to give a more comprehensive look at all of the things we have accomplished as we celebrate an awesome year!

Membership (let's hold and not lose if we can): Our district continues to thrive with 3,916 members. Special congratulations to our club presidents for their leadership - starting with **Peachtree City** President Amy Benton (number 1 in the district). Peachtree City's remarkable growth symbolizes the collective potential within our clubs when we work together toward common goals! PTC is followed by:

• North Cobb President: Nancy Prochaska
• North Fulton President: Lisa Gelber
• Brookhaven President: Elishia Thompson
• Meriwether County President: Dawn Woodward
• Cuthbert Rotary Club: Patricia Goodman
• On The Flint President (new club): President Walter Kelly

Foundation Giving - Demonstrating Our Commitment (funds are still coming in): Your commitment remains strong with our Foundation Contributions with total contributions to date of **$788,280.** [more]

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**

Our Rotary Foundation at Work

2024-2025 District Community Grant Applications Due By May 15, 2024

By Kay Williamson

Did you know there are District 6900 Grant Funds available for projects that begin during the 2024-2025 Rotary year? Each club can be eligible for up to $2,000 to support a compelling project that will:

• fall within Rotary's seven areas of focus, and
• involve the active participation of Rotarians, and
• meet an identified need in a community.

The District must receive the Community Grant application by May 15, 2024. [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**

Room Block Opens May 1

Join us in Jekyll Island next April

By Gordon Owens

You won't want to miss the first ever multi-district conference on Jekyll Island from April 24-27, 2025. We are expecting 1000-1500 Rotarians to join us, so get your rooms booked before the sell out. We have blocks at every hotel and at a variety of price points, but these rooms will fill up quickly. Visit **GeorgiaUnitedDC.com** to register and link to all the available room blocks. We can't wake to turn Jekyll into Rotary Island next spring!

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Recognizing Mental Health Awareness Month

By André Marria

As we move through the month of May, let us be reminded that it is Mental Health Awareness Month. It's a time to recognize the difference we've made this year, as we worked on projects that focused on Alzheimer's and dementia, for example, and had amazing conversations with mental health professionals at our District Conference. And it's time to … [more]

RYLA Update

Can You Give Us One Day in June?

By Jaclyn Donovan

Hey Rotary District 6900 members!! Can you give us just *One Day* of your summer? We need a little extra help to make our fabulous event fly, and you are perfect for the job! Chaperones help us keep things running smoothly each night and each morning, but have no assigned duties during the day. If you are willing and able - even just for 1 day out of the 4 - to give us #OneDayforRYLA we would love to have you! Please reach out directly to Jaclyn Donovan or Susan Ruckman for more details and we'll sign you up! [more]

RLI Update

Save the Date (June 8) for Our Next RLI Event

By Tracy Van Norman
Registration is open for the next RLI Event on June 8, 2024, at Cooper Lighting Solutions, 1121 Hwy 74 S, Peachtree City, Georgia. Curriculum includes Parts 1, 2, & 3, PLUS a graduate course on Public Speaking! Go to rlitraining.org to register. If you have any questions or issues, please contact me at tracy.vannorman@gmail.com.Look forward to seeing you there!!! [more]

May 13 | 6PM

Attention Club Membership Chairs

Join the next MAP webinar
By Dave Schwickerath
Let's start the 2024-2025 Rotary year with a plan for membership success! Club membership teams are encouraged to join these MAP Bite sized Informational Webinars to help them make a plan and grow their clubs! This ever growing group of dedicated Rotarians uses the information in these webinars to grow the Magic of Rotary in their community. **Register for the next webinar**. [more]

GRSP Update

Students Confirm Joy of Having a Host Family

by Katheryne Fields, GRSP Executive Director

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Having a host Rotarian who welcomes you into their family simply sweetens the experience for Georgia Rotary Student Program scholars. Just ask the pair studying at Kennesaw State University this year - Tinashe "Tina" Mukuro of Zimbabwe (sponsored by the **RC of Paulding County and the RC of East Cobb**) and Roosa "Julia" Toytari of Finland (sponsored by the **Roswell RC**).

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Rotary Means Business

Join Us May 21 for Fellowship! Special Meeting Day

By Carter Stout

Rotary Means Business ("RMB") is a fellowship of Rotary International. District 6900 has a local RMB Chapter. Rotarians are embracing the original foundation of what Rotary was based on as we adhere to the Four Way Test. The RMB Fellowship provide an opportunity for all Rotarians to network on a local and global basis to enhance their businesses.

The District 6900 RMB regularly meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month for networking and socializing. HOWEVER DUE TO MEMORIAL DAY AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION WE ARE MEETING ON THE THIRD TUESDAY IN MAY. The next meeting is May 21 from 6:00PM to 8:00PM at Politan Row at Ashford Lane (near Perimeter Mall) (https://ashfordlane.politanrow.com/). There is plenty of free parking in the parking deck behind the building. **Register now!** [more]

Rotary Women of Impact Awards Gala a Huge Success!

By Syd Padala

The Rotary Women of Impact (RWI) Awards and Fundraiser was a resounding successful sold-out event, exceeding all expectations. The event aimed to celebrate the achievements and contributions of women in various fields while raising funds for charitable causes supported by Rotary International. The awards ceremony honored outstanding women who have made significant impacts in their communities, whether through leadership, innovation, philanthropy, or advocacy. These women were recognized for their dedication and commitment to creating positive change. The RWI team nominated 33 women leaders such as CTOs, VPs, SVP, Founders, Doctors from Fortune 100 companies who not only were at the pinnacle of their careers but are also giving back to the society. Out of the 33 nominees, 11 women won awards for different categories and 3 women were awarded with Lifetime achievement award. [more]

Americus Rotarian Named to Join International Rotary Positive Peace Activator Program

By Michelle Parker

Laura Bauer McConatha, Board Member of the Americus Rotary Club, has been chosen for the next cohort in Rotary International's Positive Peace Activator Program. Created in 2020, the p Program is the most comprehensive training and educational program hosted jointly by Rotary International and its strategic partner the Institute for Economics & Peace.

The Activator Training Program includes a competitive application process and a multi-day intensive training that is curated for each region. After the training, Activators agree to a two-year service commitment, providing presentations, leading trainings, and supporting projects with Rotary clubs, districts, and other stakeholders. Activators are considered representatives of the Rotary-IEP Partnership.

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Rotarians and Interact Rise Against Hunger

By Lisa Gelber
Rotary Club of North Fulton members recently partnered with Cambridge High School Interact Club to pack over 12,000 meals with Rise Against Hunger. These meals will be sent to an area experiencing food insecurity, whether it be from natural disasters, political instability, or ongoing poverty. Rotarians enjoyed getting to know the students while working for a worthy cause. In addition, we had the help of Milton, GA firefighters to round out our work crew! [more]

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Douglas County Joins Earth Day Festivities

By Nell Boggs

The **Rotary Club of Douglas County** joined in the Earth Day event at Douglasville's new Town Green! Kids young and old had fun making bead bracelets … [more]

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Join Roswell Fun Any Third Thursday - Now through September

By Becky Nelson

Roswell, Georgia hosts a street party the third Thursday of each month between April and September. Boasting 3,000-5,000 in attendance, neighbors greet neighbors, locals meet visitors and Roswell Rotarians enjoy it all from the Hagan Center Corner. We have our tents, someone is grilling the hamburgers and hot dogs, drinks are self-serve, and everyone is chatting. It is not only a great time for fellowship but also for marketing our club to the greater community. Roswell Rotarian Alan Greensmith and team set up the spread with all the fun of a neighborhood cook-out with a few thousand of your nearest and dearest friends. Long-term member and PDG Bob Hagan owns the parking lot and allows our tent to be set up where cars are not allowed to park. Please let this serve as your invitation to join us should you be in the area! Just walk right on up!

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Blue Jeans and Blueprints Festival Supports Habitat for Humanity

By Judith Fuller

Brookhaven Rotarians helped out at the first ever Habitat for Humanity Dekalb Chapter's BBQ, Blue Jeans, and Blueprints festival. Rotarians greeted guests at the Tucker, Georgia festival where there was live music, building competitions, and great food. All money raised went to support rehabilitating homes for Dekalb County … [more]

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Henry County Celebrates National Arbor Day

By Amy Lemelin

Henry County Rotary partnership with Girl Scouts and the UGA Extension of Henry County to celebrate Arbor Day. Did you know trees provide social, communal, environmental, and economic benefits? Tim Daly from the UGA Extension shared his knowledge and experience with us to help us learn more about trees including the best kinds to grow based on where we live, how and when to plant trees, as well as how to care for them. Renfroe Valley Tree Farm kindly donated 55 trees to give to each of our participants to take home and plant. We encourage you to plant a tree and improve the air around you. Happy planting! [more]

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Marietta Metro Enjoys the Sun, Makes a Difference

By Sally Platt

How do you spend a sunny, springtime Saturday? If you're a Marietta Metro Rotarian, you might spend it as some of our club members did, building benches for the garden in the outdoor classroom at Hayes Elementary School. The following weekend, they were back at the school, planting flowers in the garden. Outdoor classrooms allow children to learn about the world around them and enhances creativity and imagination. The project spans the Rotary theme for April, the Environment, and June's Youth Service theme. [more]

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Griffin Downtown Council Manager Visits Daybreak Club

By Debby Daniel-Bryant

Heather Robinson, District Manager of the Griffin Downtown Council, is pictured here with Griffin Daybreak Rotary President Katheryne Fields. Ms. Robinson recently met with the Club and informed them of the Summer Concert Series beginning in May and continuing through October. She shared about businesses coming to Griffin, including a boutique hotel and breweries, as well as recent activities and future enhancements to the downtown area.

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