Rotary District 6900

District Newsletter

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ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

2017/2018 Theme — Rotary: Making A Difference

From The District Governor

Welcome To 2017/2018

By Alec Smythe

July always brings a new Rotary year and a new Rotary leadership team from top to bottom. As your new District Governor I promise to do my best to help you make 2017/2018 as impactful (and painless!) a Rotary year as possible. I'm really looking forward to visiting each club, meeting more great Rotarians, and learning more about the many communities in our district. Read the full story for some of my thoughts on what we need to concentrate on in 2017/2018 ... and feel free to comment! [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**

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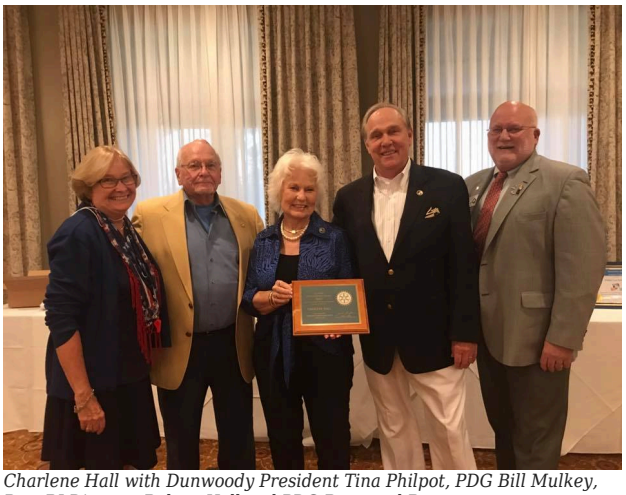
Get Ready to Share Your Stories

By Jackie Cuthbert

The newsletter has a new look this year - we are integrating the stories into the district website blog and will be publishing a short summary of all the month's news that should make it easier to get a quick sense of what's going on around District 6900. And, if you want more information, you'll just need to click the [more] link to go to the full story. You will also notice a Manage Email Preferences / Unsubscribe link at the bottom of this email. If you would prefer not to get the district newsletter each month, you can use that link to opt out.

In addition to sharing District and Rotary International news, we want your stories - what your clubs and individual Rotarians are doing to make a difference in the world. Send your articles and pictures to District Newsletter Editor Jackie Cuthbert at cuthbert@mindspring.com by the 25th of each month for the next month's publication. [more]



Charlene Hall with Dunwoody President Tina Philpot, PDG Bill Mulkey, Past RI Director Robert Hall and PDG Raymond Ray

Congratulations Charlene Hall!

By Jackie Cuthbert

At the **Rotary Club of Dunwoody's** Awards and Installation Banquet, PDG Bill Mulkey and DG Raymond Ray were honored to present Charlene Hall with the Rotary International Rotarian Spouse Partner Service Award! Everyone who knows Charlene has experienced her graciousness and her commitment to Rotary and its causes. This includes her ... [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**

On the Friday before RI Convention, the three Georgia Rotary Districts (6900, 6910 and 6920) hosted a Million Dollar Dinner for The Rotary Foundation and presented RI President John Germ with a check for more than $3,000,000 from Georgia Rotarians

Happy New Year from The Rotary Foundation!

By Margie Kersey

The Rotary Foundation is 101 years old this year. This is the first year of a new century of Doing Good in the World. It is a great time to make Foundation giving and grants a vital part of your club! Meet your D6900 Foundation team and learn more about what we're working on as we start this Rotary year! [more]

Serbian class working with computers

Thomasville Project Gives Serbian Orphans Marketable Skills

By Mark Anderson

Thanks to the **Thomasville Rotary Club,** teenage orphan and foster youth in Serbia are learning computer skills that will give them a better chance at self-supporting lives. The club donated $7,500 to the project, which was matched by a district grant of $7,500 and a Rotary Global Grant that brought the total to $30,000. The … [more]

East Cobb Recognizes Local Citizen for Courage and Perservance

By Blake Joiner

In June, the **Rotary Club of East Cobb** presented Susan Jenkins with the David Butts Award. The David Butts' Award is named for East Cobb Rotarian, Dr. David Butts, and honors an individual in the community at large who has demonstrated courage and perseverance in the face of a personal challenge. Nominations are voted on by club membership and the award includes a $1,000 donation to the charity of the recipient's choice. [more]

2017 Alpharetta Mayor's Corporate Challenge 5K Run / Walk

Join in on August 24, 2017

By Janet Rodgers

2017 marks the 34th anniversary of the **Rotary Club of Alpharetta** and the 21st annual Mayor's Corporate Challenge. "Alpharetta Rotarians are excited to be a part of another great year with the Mayor's Corporate Challenge. "We appreciate the sponsors that have stepped up to support this race and it is because of them that we can continue to do good works in the community throughout the year," said Scott Doll. [more]

GRSP Alumnni gathered at the Fox Theater's Egyptian Ballroom as part of the first all-class reunion for this 71-year old Georgia program.

GRSP Alumni Gathered in Atlanta and Helped to Welcome the World … and Now We Prepare to Welcome the Class of 2017-18

By Lynn Clarke

In June, more than 100 GRSP alumni - from as far back as the 1960s, gathered in Atlanta during RI Convention week for the first ever GRSP all class reunion. They enjoyed fellowship at two special reunion events and helped to bring in the flags at the Opening Ceremonies of the RI Convention. Now, we are getting ready to welcome the next class of students. See more about the reunion and a checklist to help you prepare for welcoming your 2017-18 student. [more]

After nearly one full year of preparation, Georgia's very first class of Future Outbound Candidates graduated today to receive the official, prestigious, title of Rotary Youth Exchange Students. These 10 amazing Georgia high school students will represent Georgia's Rotary District 6900 for one academic year in another country. Pictured here are Granger-France, Kate-Mexico, Ellie-Sweden, Henry-Thailand, Olivia-Finland, Kennedy-Brazil, Yasmeen-Taiwan, Alex-Japan, and Nikki-Bosnia. Not pictured, Pessi-Thailand.

Georgia’s Rotary Youth Exchange Scholarship Recipients Are Ready To Go!

By Mike Parks

District 6900’s first class of Rotary Youth Exchange Scholarship students have spent the last eight months preparing for the experience of a lifetime. In the next few weeks, these extraordinary high school students from the greater Atlanta area will depart for an academic year abroad, living with local families selected by Rotary, and attending local high schools, while becoming fluent in a new language, and living Rotary values every day. [more]

Local Rotarians Welcome the World at Home Hospitality Events

By Jackie Cuthbert
On Monday night at the Rotary International Convention, Rotarians from around the world had the opportunity to enjoy one of many Home Hospitality events - hosted by local Rotarians from around metro Atlanta. [more]

Check Out the Global Grant Scholarship Opportunities - Applications Due October 16

By Kathy Brandt
District 6900 is offering two competitive $30,000 scholarships for graduate study starting the fall of 2018. Applications are due Monday, October 16 at 12:00 noon. [more]

Give Yourself the Gift of RLI

By Elwyn Gaissert, II
Congratulations to all the clubs who have new Rotarians in leadership positions! It is an exciting time as well as a bit overwhelming. Rotary Leadership Institute can help you plan for your year as well as educate new members into the world of Rotary.
At RLI, we teach LEADERS about ROTARY. As Rotarians, you are all leaders, some in your ... [more]

Children benefiting from Alpharetta's summer lunch program

More News from the Clubs

By Jackie Cuthbert

Find out about ... **RC Alpharetta's** summer lunch program, RC **North Altanta's** support for IOH, Fourth of July celebrations in **LeGrange** and **Dunwoody**, and how snakes took over a recent **RC Griffin** meeting. [more]