Rotary District 6900

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District Newsletter

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From The District Governor

End Polio Now.

By Alec Smythe

Last week I made a personal gift of $5,000 to Polio Plus so I can tell my children and grandchildren that I helped eradicate polio. I encourage each club to give at least 5% of all the money they raise to Polio Plus this year ... and every year until the job is done. [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**

Alpharetta Rotarian Kirk Driskell (left) as the club makes a 2016 donation to CAAG

Rotary People in Action

Alpharetta's Kirk Driskell Strives to Make a Difference in the Lives of Recovering Addicts

By Jackie Cuthbert

This month, District 6900 salutes **Alpharetta Rotarian Kirk Driskell** as a Person of Action. Today, we want to share the story of his personal commitment to making a difference in the fight against addiction and overdose in the community surrounding Alpharetta. [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**

Membership

August is Membership Month - Bring a Friend

By Charlie Morris

Membership is the lifeblood of Rotary and August is Membership Month. For District 6900, let’s make it **Bring a Friend Month**. Our neighboring districts have had a lot of success with this program and we have some **money in the District budget** this year to help get these events organized. [more]

RYLA

RYLA Camp Helps Young Leaders Grow

By Jaclyn Donovan

If it's summertime in District 6900, that means it’s time for the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards! RYLA is designed for young adults with proven leadership ability and a commitment to community service. Hosted by the **Rotary Club of Americus,** District 6900 RYLA camp was held in late June and boasted record attendance of 132 students sponsored by 50 different clubs. More than 70 Rotarians volunteered in support of RYLA. [more]

left side – front row: N A Rotaractor Gilbert Vazquez, NA Rotary vol Gary Bush and Rotarian Kathy Monacelli and FODAC Pres & Stone Mtn. PP Chris Brand; left side – back row: Tucker President Ed Warner, FODAC staff Lloyd Ames; right side: Emory Druid Hills Rotarians Pravun Kakadiya and Pres Ravi Singh, and NA Rotarian Joan McGowan shown here with one of the many trailer loads full of donations for FODAC

In The Clubs

DeKalb Rotary Council Clubs Support FODAC

By Barbara Bush

North Atlanta Rotary coordinated a community-wide collection day in July - with support from all of the clubs in the DeKalb Rotary Council and the North Atlanta Rotaract Club. The event benefitted FODAC (Friends of Disabled Adults and Children) and it was a smashing success! The value of all items collected is estimated at over $250,000, plus a generous $200 donation for repairs. [more]

In The Clubs

20th Anniversary of Roswell Memorial Day Celebration

By Lynne Lindsay

Roswell Remembers, hosted by **Roswell Rotary**, the City of Roswell, and Roswell Recreation, Parks, Historic and Cultural Affairs marked 2017 as its 20th year. Started in 1997 by 12 patriotic individuals, this has become the largest Memorial Day Ceremony in Georgia. It is a non-political, non-commercial ceremony honoring veterans and the sacrifices they made in protecting our freedom [more]

In The Clubs

Tucker Supports Crutches for Africa

By Rusty Warner, Jr.

The **Rotary Club of Tucker** has entered its third year of working with Crutches 4 Africa. This Rotary year, they have already shipped 12 pallets to the warehouse. [more]

In The Clubs

Sandy Springs Awards Scholarships

By Sally McLaughlin

The **Rotary Club of Sandy Springs** recently honored the 2017 Recipients of its Dan Keels Scholarship Awards. Each of the four 2017 winners will receive $2,000 tuition scholarship. [more]

Rotary Foundation

Giving or Getting?

By Margie Kersey

Many of you have heard me say that there are only two parts to The Rotary Foundation – Giving and Getting. Ideally, your club should be participating in both! See this month's update on both. [more]

Picking up our GRSP student Tino from Zimbabwe at the airport. She will start classes at University of West GA in the fall.

GRSP

Welcoming a New Year of GRSP Experiences

By Lynn Clarke

Our district will be hosting 20 students through the Georgia Rotary Student Program this year - supported by 37 clubs in the district. We look forward to the opportunity to get to know our students and the rest of the GRSP class - in total 45 students, with 31 females and 14 males - from Australia, Brazil, Columbia, Denmark, El Salvador, England, France, Germany, Hungary, Scotland, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Wales and Zimbabwe. [more]

GRSP

Our Goal Is World Peace

No, it’s not a scholarship program

By Alec Smythe

GRSP is a peace program, not an academic scholarship. The goal of the GRSP program is to identify talented, ambitious kids from all over the world, bring them to Georgia for a transformative year at a critical time in their lives, where they learn about other cultures and establish life long friendships with other talented and ambitious young people. Our hope is that when these young people return to their home countries they will grow to become leaders in their professions and never forget the lessons learned on Georgia’s campuses and Rotary clubs. GRSP is a bet on the leadership of the world. [more]

2018 District Conference

Celebrating the Year's Successes - 2018 District Conference Update

By Ryan Clements
One of Rotary's most enjoyable traditions is celebrating each Rotary year's successes and achievements at district conference. Often this is the one time of the year when many Rotarians get to share a weekend of fellowship with their own club members as well as friends from other clubs around the district. On April 26-29, 2018, we will return to Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort! [more]

Innovation

Rotary International Shares Stone Mountain's Story of Becoming a Hybrid Club

By Margie Kersey
In January, **Stone Mountain Rotarians** voted to approve a new vision of what a Rotary club could be. The club became a Hybrid – it meets weekly in person during lunch and the meeting is live streamed every week. giving members the option of attending in person or online, whatever is most convenient for them that week. [more]

The Council on Legislation

You Can Make A Difference

By Margie Kersey
Every three years, Rotary International convenes a Council on Legislation (COL). The next Council will meet in Chicago in April 2019. During this meeting the representatives will review, debate and vote on proposed changes (Proposals) to the legislation that governs Rotary – the Rotary Constitution, Rotary Bylaws, and the recommended Club Constitution … [more]

District Newsletter

September Issue Deadline Is August 25

By Jackie Cuthbert

Please send your articles and pictures to **Jackie Cuthbert, District Newsletter Editor, at cuthbert@mindspring.com**. We want to hear about your clubs and Rotarians making a difference in their communities, your fundraising and membership ideas. Share your photos of arriving GRSP students. You can send your stories as a Word document … [more]