

From Our District Governor

Thanks for All You Do!

By Jim Squires

Dennis and I have been enjoying the whirlwind that is part of being your District Governor for the world is amazing, and this newsletter offers a good taste of all that is happening throughout the district.

In the last few weeks, our District Polio News efforts were highlighted in the Health Symposium organized and hosted by the **RIE of Emory-Clayton**, supported by a grant tournament hosted by **Lake Superior-Clayton County** as well as a great night of football at the Atlanta Braves game - where the Braves lost but Rotary won - with a \$2500 contribution from the Braves toward ending polio that multiplies to \$75000 for the Gates Foundation (see event). We have an opportunity to focus on this important effort and all events for this event are included in this newsletter, so please read it.

Training in the use of cell phone health monitoring technology

Join Vinings Cumberland on October 25

Global Grants Making a Difference in Health for Kenyan Mothers and Infants

By Wally Horlacher

In 2015, the **Kenya** **Club of Vinings Cumberland** embarked upon the latest in a series of Global Grants to improve health conditions for mothers and infants in rural Kenya. The latest is focused on the Elgeyo Marakwet region and seeks to assist 2500 mothers and their children. Efforts were supported by several District 6000 clubs. (more)

Dunwoody Hosts Free Community Informational Event About Human Trafficking

You're invited

By Jackie Colburn

The **Rotary Club of Dunwoody** is hosting a free, informative event addressing the issue of human trafficking on Wednesday, October 23 at 6:30 P.M. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Atlanta Perimeter at Ravenna, 4355 Ashford Dunwoody Road, Atlanta. Complimentary admission and onsite self parking is available. The event includes:

- A private showing of the movie, "9 Days," telling the story of one 16-year girl's life in trafficking and how her family and community got her back.
- A candid discussion with representatives from local, state and federal law enforcement will offer insight, insight and resources to shed light on the nature and scope of the issue in our communities.

Seating is limited.

Membership
Keep On Growing!
 By Jocelyn Downham
Take the LEAD and Run with IT! We have new membership leads coming into the District each day from Rotary International.
Get Social! Did you know that 20 Jan Square wants help your club have a party? It's true! In an effort to promote fellowship and membership growth, District 6900 will provide Matching Funds up to \$250 in clubs for the express purpose of hosting a club membership social. [more]

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Join Us in Beautiful Honolulu, Hawaii
 RI Convention 2020
 Take time now to register for the 2020 Rotary International Convention. RI Convention is an amazing experience on its own - with opportunities to:

- network with Rotarians from around the world
- learn about our local and global work to make a positive difference in people's lives
- hear from world leaders on how we can...

Disaster Relief
How You Can Help the Victims of Hurricane Dorian
 By Jackie Colthbert
 Last month, we spotlighted an opportunity to donate money to Disaster Relief; now we are highlighting an opportunity to donate supplies for the Bahamas. The **Rotary Club of Roswell** is collecting those supplies on Saturday, October 19 from 9 am to noon at the Roswell United Methodist Church - in the church's corner parking lot on Mimosa Blvd. Click more for a list of the items

The Rotary Foundation at Work
Let the Adventures Begin!
By Kathy Rivest

FIRST, HOW DID WE GET HERE?
My journey to becoming a Rotary Global Grant Scholar started many years ago. After graduating West Point in 2013, it was a matter of biding my time until I could take a year to complete a Master's program abroad.

GRSP Update
New Websites, Scholarship Opportunities, Columbus Weekend
By Lynn Cichie
Our Vision: To develop leaders who promote understanding and peace around the world.
New GRSP Website Unveiled at Conclave: First Class of 2019-20 Newsletter is Out
The new website provides a fresh new look at what it means to be involved with GRSP. Every week new content is added to the website, so please be sure to check it out at www.grsp.org. And don't miss the first newsletter created by the first class of GRSP students, published at the GRSP Conclave.

GRSP Scholar Updates

GRSP: An Experience of a Lifetime

By Lynn Clarke

I had never been abroad for a long period of time before. Despite that, I did not hesitate when I, almost a year ago, found out that I had been offered the Georgia Rotary Student Program scholarship. I was not completely sure what I was expecting from my year far away from home. I was certain I was going to miss my family, but I was also sure that this would be a one in a lifetime experience for me. I feared I would not be able to adjust to the new culture, but I was determined to give it a try. I was not alone in this journey, as I had many friends and family members who were also going to be part of the GRSP experience. We were all excited and nervous, but we were also determined to make the most of this opportunity. I was not alone in this journey, as I had many friends and family members who were also going to be part of the GRSP experience. We were all excited and nervous, but we were also determined to make the most of this opportunity.

District Conference 2020
Jekyll Island is Waiting!
 By Lauren Young
 Planning is well underway for next April's District Conference on beautiful Jekyll Island - scheduled from April 30 to May 3. Join us for:
 - Thursday night - "Taste of the District," featuring the best seasonal specialties of many of the DMO's clubs. Is there a recipe your club or town is known for? Get the recipe and send it to ljyoung285@earthlink.net. We'll gather the best ones to kick off the weekend.
 - Friday night - Jimm's Fish Camp, featuring Coastal Georgia native DMO's local seafood selection
 - Saturday night - Kentucky Derby celebration and welcome for 2020-21 Governor Kirk Driskell
 You can register for more to the District 6800 website and [affiliates the www.kajl.org](https://www.kajl.org) website. District 2020 conference button at the top. (more)

Chaplain's Corner

Affirming the Power of Rotary's Reach!

By Mark Bartholow

Let's review: The call for all good and VIBRANT Rotarians is the call to be vigorously dedicated to **take action to create lasting change** across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves! So, our objective is to be **Relational**. Opportunity oriented, and yes, VIBRantly Transformational! Hereby, thereby, and whereby promoting our **Relational** objective to connect with folks around us intentionally by our encouraged activities and what we do, so that we can be **Relational** and **VIBRant** in our communities, and in ourselves!

Club News
Vinings Cumberland Rotary's "Run for the Kids" 5K Downhill Race
 By Donna Drakes
 In August, the **Vinings Cumberland Rotary Club** hosted its 23rd annual "Run for the Kids" 5K Downhill Race. This race has become one of the most popular in the city, as it is a Peachtree Road Race qualifier, and boasts an array of "fun factor" attributes, including a 1K Kids' Race, Doggie Dash, Best Dog Costume Contest, Children's Play Area (featuring hula hoops this year), various vendors, giveaways, and a 1.0 to 1.5 mile pleasant drive.

Save the Date for 2020!
by Jaclyn Davidson
RYLA & 2020 is on the calendar for June 20-24, and we are already getting excited! Application materials will be updated on the website - www.ryla2020.com - and sent out to clubs by January 1. So start making plans now to sponsor a student or two. Or 10. We'll take them all! (more)

Club News

Moultrie Gives Face Lift to Local School

By Jaclyn Donovan

The **Rotary Club of Moultrie** recently completed a beautification project at the main entrance of Cox Elementary School. One of ten elementary schools in Colquett County, and on the lower income scale compared to the rest, Cox Elementary had a frant entrance with a less-than-desirable appearance. Since first impressions are extremely important, the faculty and staff desired a better, more formal look to give visitors the impression that the school was a quality facility.

Club News
Roswell Rotary Golf and Tennis Tournament Raises Over \$150,000 for 30 Local Charities!
 By Jane Grady
 The 41st Annual Ashen Greenway Golf Tournament and 30th Annual Hagan Fun Classic Tennis Tournament on September 8th at the Country Club of Roswell drew over 500 enthusiastic golfers, tennis players, sponsors and volunteers to raise funds for local organizations that are making a difference in our communities. (more)

Club News

Dr. Jim Herron Recognized as a Pillar of Service and Beloved Rotarian

By Angela Smith

At the end of his September weekly meeting, Rotary Club of American President, Dr. Jim Herron with the District Governor's Golden Jubilee Commendation, in honor of Dr. Herron's 50 years of service above self as a Rotarian. The award was given on behalf of DGI Jim Squire and District 6900 – to an individual who has remained active in Rotary even in his golden years of retirement.

Dr. Jim and his wife Thelma responded, two long-standing American Rotarians, in his special note to the club. The second – Rotarier Willoughby, has been a Rotarian for nearly 65 years (see biography) [more]

Club News

Lake Spivey/Clayton County Golf Tournament Supports Ending Polio

By Ron Swerdloff

In September, the Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton County holds a Polio Awareness Golf Tournament at the Lake Spivey Golf Club in Jonesboro. Seventeen golf teams and dozens of sponsors and volunteers came forward to support the event. The tournament has been one of the club's annual events for several years - designed to raise funds to support service projects in our community. This year, however, the club's efforts focus on the International effort to

Club News
Marietta Reads!
 by Dale Covington
 The Rotary Club of Marietta joined in the mid-September **Marietta Reads!** kick-off for the 2019-20 school year. This Marietta City Schools citywide effort is celebrating its 17th anniversary—fostering reading and literacy in the community. The kick-off celebration offered a variety of literacy activities including school performances, free books, literacy based activities, balloon races, live music, a musical raffle, and more. The event was a great success and was enjoyed by all. We encourage all students to join in the fun and read!

Club News
Rotary Reads in Cuthbert, Georgia
 By Heather Melton
 The **Cuthbert Rotary Club** had its first Rotary Reads at Randolph County Elementary School!!!. It was such a blessing to read to the kids!!! They were great!!!

Club News
Rotary and Rotaract Join Forces to Support Atlanta Race
 By Hadil Maasouf
 The **Rotary Club of Atlanta Metro** and the **Rotaract Club of Atlanta** collaborated with the Adult Disability Medical Healthcare (ADMH) in the run that they held this September. This run helps adults with disabilities and took place at the Duweedy campus of the Georgia State University. It was a phenomenal day filled... [more]

Upcoming Key Dates