Rotary District 6900

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District Newsletter

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From Our District Governor

Practicing Positive Peace Together; Voting to Make a Difference

By Kirk Driskell

For those of you who missed the Facebook Live broadcast of Georgia Rotarians Stand for Peace & Unity, there were several wonderful messages about peace from former U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young and others. The broadcast runs about 30 minutes; you can watch a replay at **https://www.facebook.com/670821386614232/videos/3365014743565225**

At the end of the broadcast, all Georgia Rotarians were challenged to participate in Rotary Positive Peace Academy! - **https://rotarypositivepeace.org/**. It's a four-module online tutorial with a short quiz at the end of each module that teaches the difference between Negative Peace and Positive Peace and inspires you how to practice Positive Peace in our District, our Rotary Club, our families, and our lives. It only takes about 90 minutes total and does not have to be completed in one sitting. Let's practice Positive Peace together!

It's also an important time in our nation, our state and our communities - as we approach the November 3 election. I urge all of you to take the time to be informed and to cast your ballets as you see best for yourself, your community, our state and our nation. And for those of you who are business owners, I hope that you will encourage your work colleagues to vote and provide them with the time they need to do so. It's an important responsibility we have as citizens - and another way we can make a difference as Rotarians.

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End Polio Now

World Polio Day - October 24

By Bob Hagan

World Polio Day is a time for Rotarians from all over the world to come together, recognize our progress in our fight to end polio, and talk about the action we need to take in order to end polio for good. This is a great opportunity for clubs to host their own events (virtual or otherwise). We want to see as many Rotary clubs as possible holding World Polio Day events around the world. Let us know how your club is recognizing World Polio Day. You can go to endpolio.org/world-polio-day for ideas on events and resources - and you can register your event on **endpolio.org/register-your-event**.

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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**	**Muscogee-Columbus**	**Muscogee-Columbus**
III	**North Atlanta Professional Alliance**	**Vinings Cumberland**	**Vinings Cumberland**
IV	**Dunwoody**	**Dunwoody**	**Marietta**
V	**Peachtree City**	**Alpharetta**	**North Cobb County**

Key Dates

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**
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**



Membership

Let My Rotary Help You Grow

by Jaclyn Donovan, District Membership Chair

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Now more than ever it's important for Rotary clubs to continue demonstrating their value by staying connected to members and responding to changing needs in the community. If you are in need of resources to help you in this endeavor, check out the membership page in **My Rotary**. There are numerous resources to help you add value to your club. Learn more ... [more]

Wednesday, November 18th, 2026	**Emory-Druid Hills Governor Visit**
Thursday, November 19th, 2026	**Roswell Governor Visit**
Thursday, November 19th, 2026	**Atlanta Ascent GOVERNOR VISIT**



GRSP Update

Keeping Up with GRSP's Impact; Planning for 2020-21

by Ian Bond, District GRSP Chair

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Even though we are unable to host a Georgia Rotary Student Program class of 2020-2021, the GRSP Trustees and Clubs throughout the District continue to be engaged with many of the over 3,600 GRSP alumni around the world as well as planning for the class of 2021-2022. Read on to learn more about what we're hearing from some of the alumni. [more]



Our Rotary Foundation

New Global Grant Scholar Begins Journey

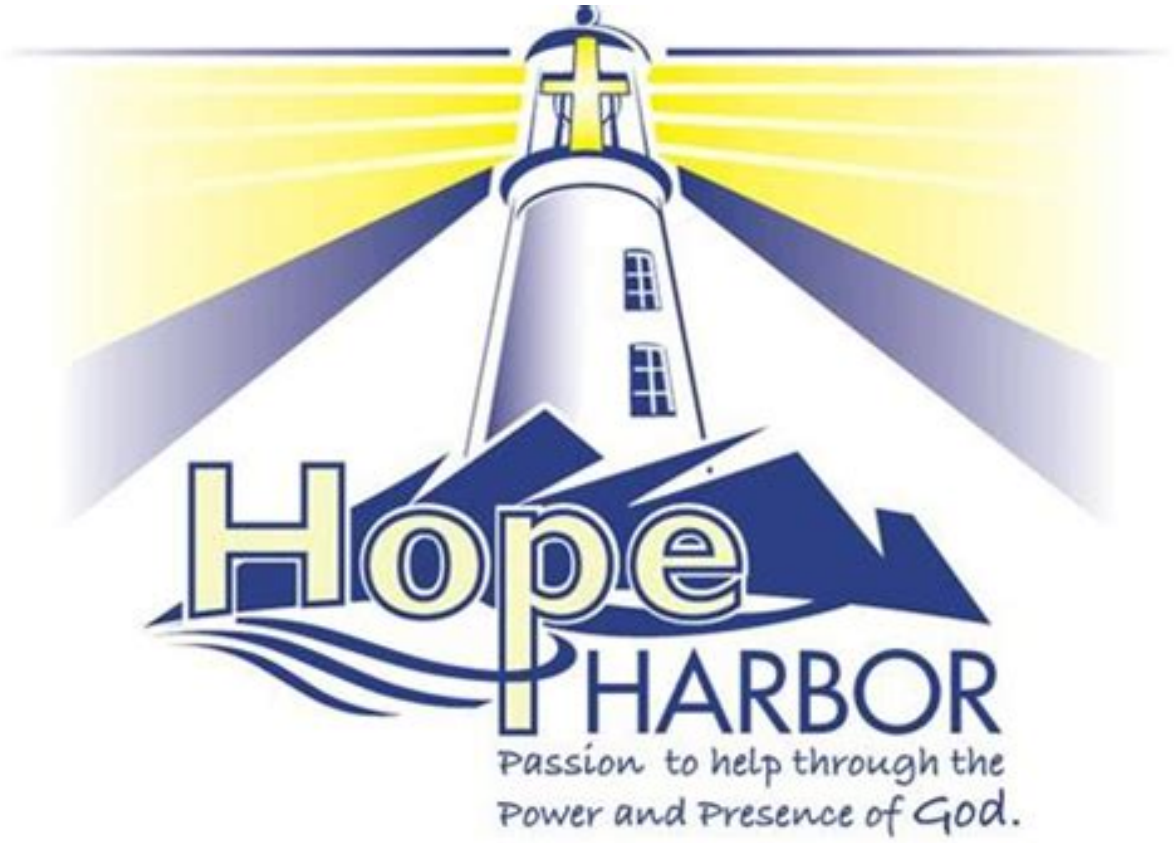
From Kathy Brandt, our District Scholarship Chair

By Kathy Brandt

Even in the face of COVID-19 challenges, our latest District 6900 Global Grant Scholar and family are off to London! Jared Hampson will be studying at King's College London for a Masters degree in Peace and Security. This is the first time that District 6900 will support a scholar with family on such a scholarship. (We have supported 12 such Global Grant Scholars since 2010 - all through money we receive back from The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund based on our district's donations three years earlier).

I recently talked with Jared, who described his family's journey to their London flat. After early morning arrival in London on a red-eye flight, he proceeded to bounce all over London to obtain the keys to their 2 room flat, arriving nearly 24 hours after US departure. All of this with an eight-month old and a mandated 14-day quarantine. Read on to see more of what he had to share...

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Our Rotary Foundation ... From Facebook

Multi-Club District Grant Helps Victims of Domestic Violence

By Jackie Cuthbert
Three Rotary Clubs - Columbus, Muscogee-Columbus and North Columbus - joined together with Rotaract in a great multi-club district grant project benefiting Hope Harbour Shelter in Columbus. The organization serves victims of abuses and domestic violence. The Clubs purchased and assembled packages with household items. Take a minute to **watch the video on Facebook** and see the Family of Rotary at work to make lives better in Columbus.
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Our Rotary Foundation

District Grant Teaches Local Students About Rotary

By Jaclyn Donovan

Signage is up for the **Rotary Club of Moultrie's** Rotary District 6900 Grant Project at the Stringfellow Elementary School gazebo. All around the ceiling is the Four Way Test and Rotary's Areas of Focus are around the railings - giving the students a chance to learn more about Rotary. Thanks to WHATAGRAPHIC for putting in the work to make our ideas look awesome! Click more to see the rest of the photos! [more]



Club News

Thomasville Teaches That Character Counts

By Michael Bixler

Thomasville Rotarians have long resolved to improve the educational outcomes of students in local schools. Faced with dismal local graduation rates, the club used a multi-pronged approach to tackle the problem. From mentoring to reading programs to underscoring character growth, Rotarians have fanned out across the community ... [more]







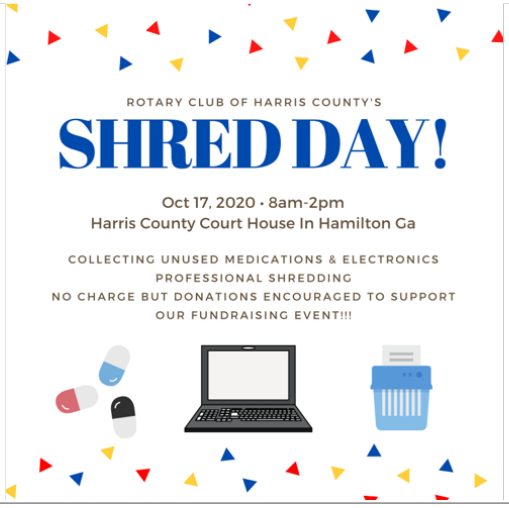
Club News

Douglas County Delivers Book Bags to A Gift of Love

By Samantha Rosado

On September 23rd, **Douglas County Rotarian** Joe Williams delivered 495 bookbags to A Gift of Love. A Gift of Love has a Book Bag Food Program that serves over 30 elementary, middle and high schools in Douglas County, which feeds approximately 556 children every week! Through their hard work and dedication to making sure no child is left hungry, their volunteers make sure local children are sent home with a bag of food for every day they are out of school. Our donation was a true sentiment to our service above self-motto and we were grateful to have the resources to make such a donation. [more]









From Facebook

The Fundraisers May Be Virtual; the Money and Causes are Real

By Jackie Cuthbert
Several clubs are on the "virtual fundraising" front this year, including **Bremen, East Cobb, Fayette Daybreak, and Harris County.** And **Peachtree City** held an in-person outside walk for Alzheimer's. Check out their stories.
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From Facebook

Alpharetta Adds to School's Educational Garden

By Jackie Cuthbert

Alpharetta Rotarians in Action recently installed Lionheart Garden's chicken coop. Thank you, President Kile Lewis, Dan Merkel, Paul Ray, Casey Robinson, Heather Wagner, and the Lionheart Crew! The Lionheart Gardens is an organic farm tended by faculty, staff, and students of The Lionheart School and volunteers ... [more]



From Facebook

Making a Difference in Local Communities

By Jackie Cuthbert

All over the district, clubs are making a difference in their communities. Read on to learn about what the **Rotary Clubs of Atlanta Metro, Dallas Paulding County, Douglas County, Dunwoody, Griffin Daybreak, North Cobb, Buckhead** and **Carrollton** are doing ... and see rest of the photos we have. [more]



From Facebook

In Support of Peace ... What Two Clubs Are Doing

By Jackie Cuthbert

Both the **Rotary Clubs of Americus** (pictured here) and **Johns Creek North Fulton** recently took part in community events. Read on ... [more]



From Facebook

A Shout-Out to Our Partners who are Making a Difference

By Jackie Cuthbert

From Newnan to Atlanta West End, Carrollton and Meriwether County, here's what Rotarians had to say about their partners and speakers. [more]

Join the District on LinkedIn

By Jackie Cuthbert

Did you know that Rotary District D6900 has a LinkedIn group? Just click **https://www.linkedin.com/groups/1874579/**. We'd love to have you. We hope to make it a more vibrant place to share project ideas, information about projects seeking partners, success stories ... [more]



More From Facebook

On the Road with DG Kirk

By Jackie Cuthbert DG Kirk made a quick stop at the Rotary Landmark “Titan I Missile” installed by **Cordele Rotary Club** in 1969. And he traveled to the **Rotary Club of Senioa** ... [more]