



### From Our District Governor **Creating a Vibrant Game Plan**

By Mary Ligon  
We have had a great start to our new Rotary year! Many of you have embraced our Youth and Peace in Action initiative; there's still time for more of you to join in - see the article later in the newsletter. District Grant projects are underway in your local communities. And soon we will be in SanDestin, renewing friendships and celebrating all that we did in 2020-21 under Kirk's leadership - and all we can accomplish going forward. This month, Rotary focuses on Membership. RI President Shekhar Mehta has a special initiative called "Each One, Bring One" designed to expand our reach and ability to do good in the world. He says "Rotary is a vibrant organization that has spread to nearly 200 countries and geographical areas and has a rich legacy of fighting to end polio. Don't you think we could have a greater impact on the world if more people were practicing Service Above Self? Members like you are our greatest asset. But for the last 20 years, Rotary membership has remained stagnant. Through a program I am calling Each One, Bring One, I ask each of you to commit to welcoming one new person into Rotary or Rotaract in the next 12 months."  
[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	<b>North Atlanta Professional Alliance</b>	<b>North Atlanta</b>	<b>Brookhaven</b>
II	<b>North Columbus</b>	<b>North Fulton</b>	<b>Vinings Cumberland</b>
III	<b>Marietta</b>	<b>Dunwoody</b>	<b>Carrollton-Dawn Breakers</b>
IV	<b>Peachtree City</b>	<b>Roswell</b>	<b>Peachtree City</b>

### Key Dates

Thursday, July 9th, 2026	<b>North Atlanta Professional Alliance Governor Visit</b>
Tuesday, July 14th, 2026	<b>Paulding County Governor Visit</b>
Tuesday, July 28th, 2026	<b>Jackson-Butts County Governor Visit</b>



## Membership Membership Growth Starts with The Ask

By Jaclyn Donovan  
Membership Month!  
And believe it or not, Rotary is a Membership Organization - we just offer Service as our product. If you get Membership right, pretty much everything else takes care of itself. If you don't get membership right, everything else is a struggle for the whole year. So we encourage you to commit a little energy to being intentional and deliberate in seeking new members and getting your current members to help. Shout out the the following clubs for adding new members in the first month of this new Rotary year (pictured from top left clockwise):

- **Griffin** - Paul Sinor
- **Americus** - Roger Bivings and Ty Kinslow
- **Bremen** - Jerry Morris
- **Carrollton Dawnbreakers** - Ryan Sammon, Marla Turpin, Jeremy Moore, Kiley Thompson, Bo Haynes, Jasmine Hilton, Bryce Haney

Now read on for more thoughts about getting everyone on board with membership development!  
[more]



Youth and Peace in Action  
**Be on Board the  
Peace Train by  
September 10!**

By Becky Stone

Youth & Peace in Action – Rotary’s largest local youth peace education initiative ever kicks off with high schools and youth service clubs in Zone 33/34 on September 21- International Peace Day. If your school or youth service club has not registered for YPA, go NOW to the YPA website:

[www.youthpeaceaction.org](http://www.youthpeaceaction.org) and register by September 10. All are welcome!

Students will receive virtual peacebuilding training and certification and each organization will design and deliver a peace project using the tools the students learn. Youth & Peace in Action will culminate in Spring 2022 with presentations by the students of their peace projects and their impact. It’s not too late!! Jump on the Peace Train!

Have questions? Contact Becky Stone at 770-634-2717 or [Rebecca.stone@stonepc.net](mailto:Rebecca.stone@stonepc.net)!! [more]



**GRSP 75th ANNIVERSARY @ CONCLAVE | THOMASVILLE | AUG. 19-21, 2021**

**GOLF | GRSP PEACE PLAZA DEDICATION | STUDENT CABARET**

**CONCLAVE REGISTRATION OPEN**

**WWW.GRSP.ORG**

GRSP  
**GRSP:  
 Celebrating 75  
 Years and  
 Going Strong ...  
 Join the  
 Celebration**

By Kathyeryne Fields  
 From a humble beginning of just four students in 1946, Georgia Rotary Student Program (GRSP) has provided ambassadorial scholarships for more than 3,690 young men and women from 108 countries. During 2019-2020, the last year the program functioned, more than 40 students from around the world were involved.

The 2021-2022 school year is off to a great start with more than 40 international college students from South America, Africa, Asia, Australia, and Europe selected for the program. We will welcome most of those students at our annual Conclave - and celebrate 75 years of Building Peace through Understanding." Conclave will feature student introductions for the Class of 2021-22 plus Trustee and host families, a parade of flags, a student Cabaret talent show Saturday, plus food and fellowship - and dedication of the GRSP Peace Plaza and William A. Watt Memorial Fountain on Friday morning.. And, we will hold our inaugural Conclave Classic Golf Tournament on Thursday, August 19.

All Rotarians are invited to join us for this celebration - August 19-21 in Thomasville, Georgia - home of GRSP Founder William A. Watt, PDG, PP, RC of Thomasville. You can learn more about the conclave and register now at

**[www.grsp.org/conclave](http://www.grsp.org/conclave)**.  
 [more]

---

# The Rotary Foundation



Our Rotary  
Foundation

## **Good News About Doing Good!**

By Cheryl  
Greenway  
We will be  
giving you a  
full update  
on 2020-21  
contributions  
to The  
Rotary  
Foundation  
(TRF) in next  
month's  
newsletter,  
but for now  
we have a  
few  
highlights -  
about the  
clubs who  
led the way  
in 2020-21  
giving, our  
District  
Grant  
projects, and  
our inbound  
Global Grant  
Scholar.  
[more]

---



Our Rotary Foundation at Work

## Competitive District Grants Support Children and Seniors

By Anne Glenn

Thanks to the generosity of District 6900 Rotarians, we have awarded three competitive \$10,000 grants - to the Rotary Clubs of **Buckhead, Columbus** and **Meriwether County**. Each focuses on the needs of children and seniors in their communities. We will feature one in each of the next three newsletters - starting with Buckhead. Agape's young people and senior citizens currently have only indoor spaces to gather for activities and games after school and during the day. Their building is located in an industrial area of NW Atlanta. The Rotary Club of Buckhead will help Agape create an outdoor activity space with a turf field with their D6900 \$10,000 Competitive Grant. *Agape is a charitable organization dedicated to empowering and supporting underserved families within its community by encouraging each individual to discover, embrace, and achieve their full potential.* [more]



## The Youth Exchange Scholarship provided by your local Rotary Club



Valued at over \$24,000: Room, board, tuition,  
and monthly stipend for a high school year abroad.

### HAVE YOU ALWAYS DREAMED OF...

- ▶ TRAVELING THE WORLD?
- ▶ LIVING IN ANOTHER COUNTRY?
- ▶ BEING FLUENT IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE?

## Study Abroad for a Year!

## Rotary Youth Exchange **Applications Now Open for Rotary Youth Exchange Study Abroad Scholarships for Georgia Teenagers**

By Mike Parks  
Do you know a talented high school student in District 6900 who may be interested in a study abroad scholarship? The Rotary Youth Exchange scholarship program is recruiting now for high school students, ages 14 - 17, who would like to learn more about the program and scholarship opportunities for the 2022 - 2023 school year. The scholarship is valued at more than \$24,000 and includes tuition, room and board, language and cultural training, and a monthly stipend for a high school year overseas. Students and Rotarians can learn more about the program by reviewing our website at [RYESE.org](http://RYESE.org) and attending one of our local informational sessions. See the schedule and think about how to be involved.  
[more]



# Rotary Opens Opportunities

District Awards for 2020-21

## **Congratulations to 2020-21 Award Winners!**

By Court Dowis, Jr.



Congratulations to all our District 6900 clubs for their work to make a difference during the 2020-21 Rotary year! We will be announcing some awards during our celebration in SanDestin this month, including:

- Rotarian of the Year
- Year Follow Me Award recognizing top Assistant Governor
- Sheffield Leadership Award (all 5 categories)
- Club of the Year (all 5 categories) and Runner-up Club of the Year (all 5 categories)

Additional awards were mailed out in July and we'd like to recognize those award winners here!

[more]

---



Laws of Life

## **Laws of Life Kicks Off Its New Year**

By Lakisha Taylor  
As the new school year begins, we have 23 Schools Registered! And it's time to **register your club as a sponsor** for the Georgia Rotary Clubs Laws of Life Essay Contest. Join us on September 10 at the annual Teacher & Rotarian Workshop Luncheon at Emory Conference Center. Two guests from each sponsoring club or registered school are invited to attend for free. You'll hear first-hand as students and teachers share how the contest impacts their lives. For those unable to attend in person, online event viewing access will be provided. For more information about the Georgia Laws of Life Essay Contest, watch **Beth McIntyre, GLL Board Chair**, as she provides an overview of sponsorship options. [more]



Club News  
**Alpharetta  
Rotary  
Seeks  
Partners  
for Brazil  
Project**

By Bob Koncerak  
**Alpharetta  
Rotarian** Bob  
Koncerak recently  
returned from his  
third trip to  
Brazil, during  
which he met  
with members of  
Rotary Oeste  
(D4680) to  
discuss a  
proposed project  
to equip a Down  
center facility in  
Pelotas, Rio  
Grande de Sul.  
The project is  
progressing  
quickly: city  
officials have  
granted a 1.25  
acre parcel of  
land ... [more]



Club News  
**Alive in  
Roswell  
Returns!**

By Becky  
Nelson  
**Roswell  
Rotarians**  
showed up in  
force as a  
flash mob on  
Canton Street  
dancing to  
"Celebration"  
by Kool and  
the Gang.  
Thanks to RRC  
member  
Nancy  
Alterman for  
organizing this  
great time  
and to all the  
Rotarians who  
put on their  
dancing  
shoes.  
Rotarians also  
enjoyed live  
music by  
Savannah  
Hughes at our  
Rotary Tent at  
the Hagen  
Center where  
we ... [more]