Rotary District 6900

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District Newsletter

AUGUST 5, 2022



From Our District Governor

Let's Grow Our Membership!

By George Granade

August is Rotary International's Membership and New Club Development Month - what better time for each of us to imagine how we can make our clubs stronger, tell our stories better, and introduce new people to our world of fellowship and community service. One of RI President Jennifer Jones requests is for districts to grow membership by increasing the number of club members and by creating two new club models - like the satellite clubs we have in place in Stone Mountain and Roswell, for example. She also would like to see women represent 30% of our total membership by Rotary year end; here in District 6900 we are already at 29.1%! There are several avenues for assistance on finding new members. [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**	**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**



D6900 Finish Line Celebration Coming Soon!

By Mandy Timmons

If you've registered, we look forward to seeing you at our Finish Line celebration lunch at Atlanta Motor Speedway on August 20. We will be recognizing clubs for their achievements during the 2021-2022 Rotary year and provide an annual report for the district. Registration is open and thrill seekers can sign up for a hot lap around the AMS track in a pace car! In addition, incoming District Membership Chair Dave Schwickerath is offering a membership summit on the same day which is a perfect time to hear the latest in ideas and resources to help you with your membership plans. [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**

Our Rotary Foundation

District 6900 “Doing Good at Home and around the World”

by Anne Glenn, District Rotary Foundation Chair, 2022-25

By Anne Glenn

Thank you to every Rotarian who made last year so special for our Rotary Foundation. Your generous donations and passionate concern for people you know in your community as well as people you will never meet, or see, continues to display decency and “good” in a world growing poor and needy. As your newest District Rotary Foundation Director, I remain humbled by your commitment to Rotary and The Rotary Foundation. I look forward to helping you achieve your goals. And as a starter -

NEWSFLASH - all District Grant and Special District Grant checks are in the mail to all of you! [more]

Our Rotary Foundation at Work

Where Did the Money Go in 2021-22?

By Anne Glenn

We encourage you to keep donating to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) - and we share information along the way about some of our projects - but we wanted to give you access to reports show what TRF allowed us to do in 2021-22 in our communities - and what we did and continue to do on the five Global Grant projects approved in 2021-22. Click either of these links to get some specifics

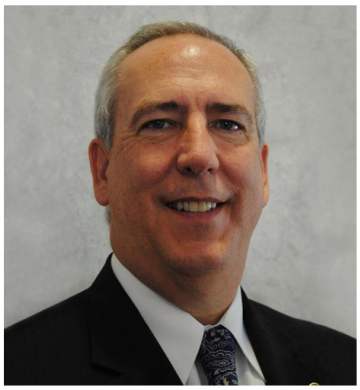
Some simple facts about how we got the money for 2021-22 ... [more]

GRSP Update

Welcome 2022-23 Leaders and Students

By Katheryne Fields

We are pleased to announce the Georgia Rotary Student Program's new slate of officers for 2022-23 - elected at GRSP's Summer Trustee Meeting earlier this month. J. Michael (Mike) Sweigart of the Rotary Club of Duluth **(D6910)** moves up to serve as Chair and Ian Bond of the Rotary Club of Columbus has been elected to serve as Vice Chair. Both Mike and Ian have served as host families and trustees. Mike most recently served as Treasurer then Vice Chair while Ian served the last several years as District 6900 Chair. Secretary Lorri Christopher and Assistant Secretary Jackie Cuthbert, both from the Rotary Club of Dunwoody, and Assistant Treasurer Steve Harrold of the Rotary Club of Athens (D6910) were also thanked for their contributions to the program and re-elected for another year. [more]



J. MICHAEL SWEIGART, CHAIR
Rotary Club of Duluth

GRSP GEORGIA ROTARY STUDENT PROGRAM

Rotary Districts 6900, 6910, 6920

GRSP OFFICERS 2022-2023



IAN BOND, VICE CHAIR
Rotary Club of Columbus



LORRI CHRISTOPHER, SECRETARY
Rotary Club of Dunwoody



JACKIE CUTHBERT, ASST. SEC.
Rotary Club of Dunwoody



STEVE HARROLD, ASST. TREASURER
Rotary Club of Athens



Rotary Leadership Institute

Top 10 Reasons to Consider Attending RLI

By Stephanie Windham

Did you know you could register for live online sessions and in-person events to complete your Rotary Leadership Institute experience? Just visit **rlitraining.org**. In-person events are currently scheduled for AUGUST 13, 2022 in Columbus, NOVEMBER 19, 2022 in Kennesaw, and JANUARY 14, 2023 in Thomasville. So what are the 10 top reasons to participate in RLI? [more]





RYLA Update

2022 RYLA Was a Blast!

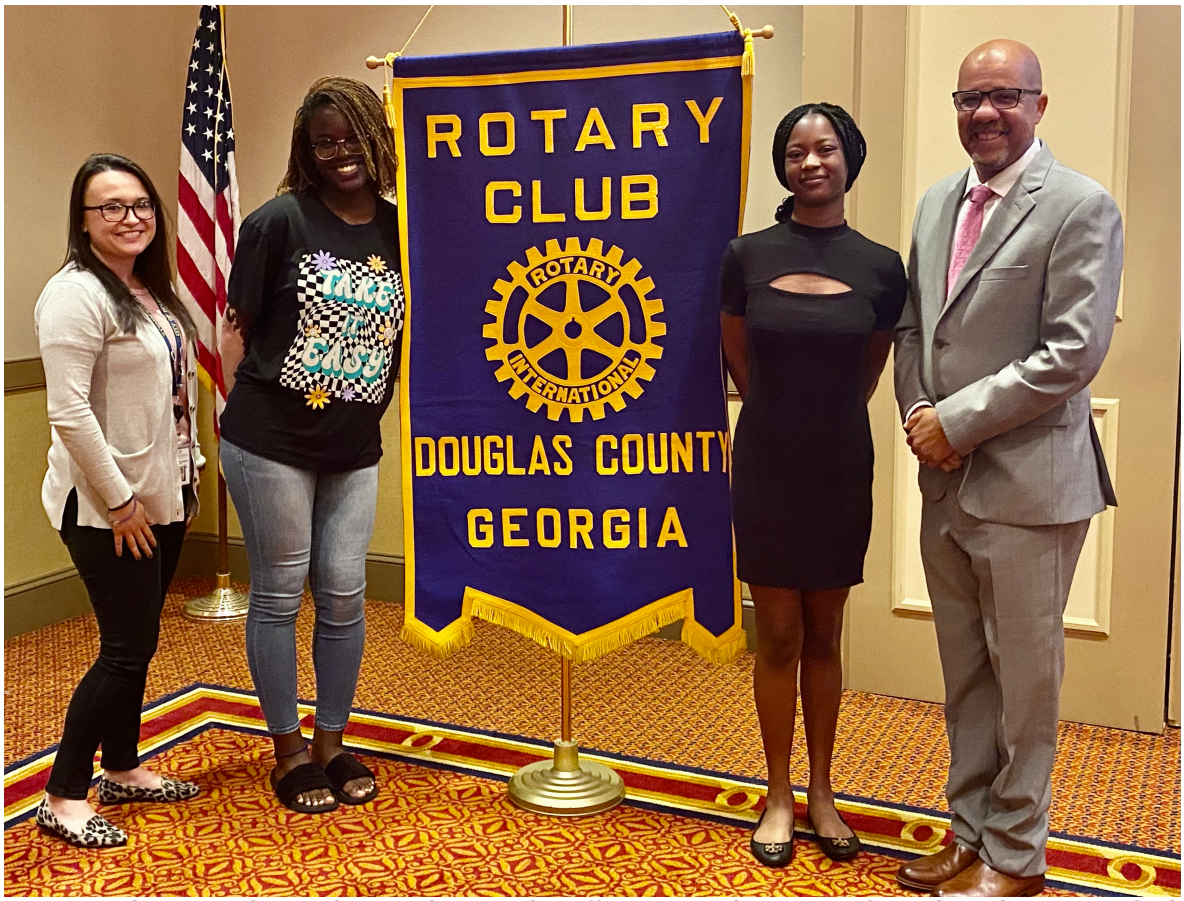
By Jaclyn Donovan

Summertime in District 6900 mean it's time for the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, better known as RYLA!! RYLA is designed for young adults with proven leadership ability and a commitment to community service. The District 6900 RYLA camp was hosted by the Rotary Club of Americus and held June 18-22 on the campus of Georgia Southwestern State University and included 82 students sponsored by over 30 clubs. This year was also the first RYLA gathering since 2019, so the RYLA Family of counselors had a great reunion! [more]


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Rotary President Samantha Rosado, Hannah Byssainthe, Tiffany Grier, and Rotary Member and Douglas County School Superintendent Trent North.

Club News

RYLA Students Speak at Douglas County

By Nell Boggs

The **Rotary Club of Douglas County** recently enjoyed hearing from students who attended RYLA - an intensive leadership experience organized by Rotary where young people can develop leadership skills while having fun and making connections. This year, the club sponsored four students to attend RYLA in June on the campus of Georgia Southwestern State University in Americus Three of the students attend Douglas County High School: Hannah Byssainthe, Amelia Hasan, and Ronzell Mullen. Tiffany Grier attends Lithia Springs High School. Hannah and Tiffany attended the meeting and answered questions about their experience. Hannah enjoyed it so much she plans to volunteer as a counselor at RYLA in the future! [more]



Our Rotary Foundation at Work

Year-end Brazil Trip Planned to Visit Global Grant Project Funded by D6900 Clubs

By Bob Koncerak

Bom Dia! Six clubs are supporting a project that is doing amazing good the world! The Rotary Clubs of Stone Mountain, Dunwoody, Peachtree City, Atlanta Brazil, Roswell and Alpharetta have successfully funded Down Syndrome Education Global Grant 2231616—and a year-end trip is planned to visit this impressive project. *This is your invitation to travel with Rotarians to southern Brazil -* a truly beautiful place in the world. [more]







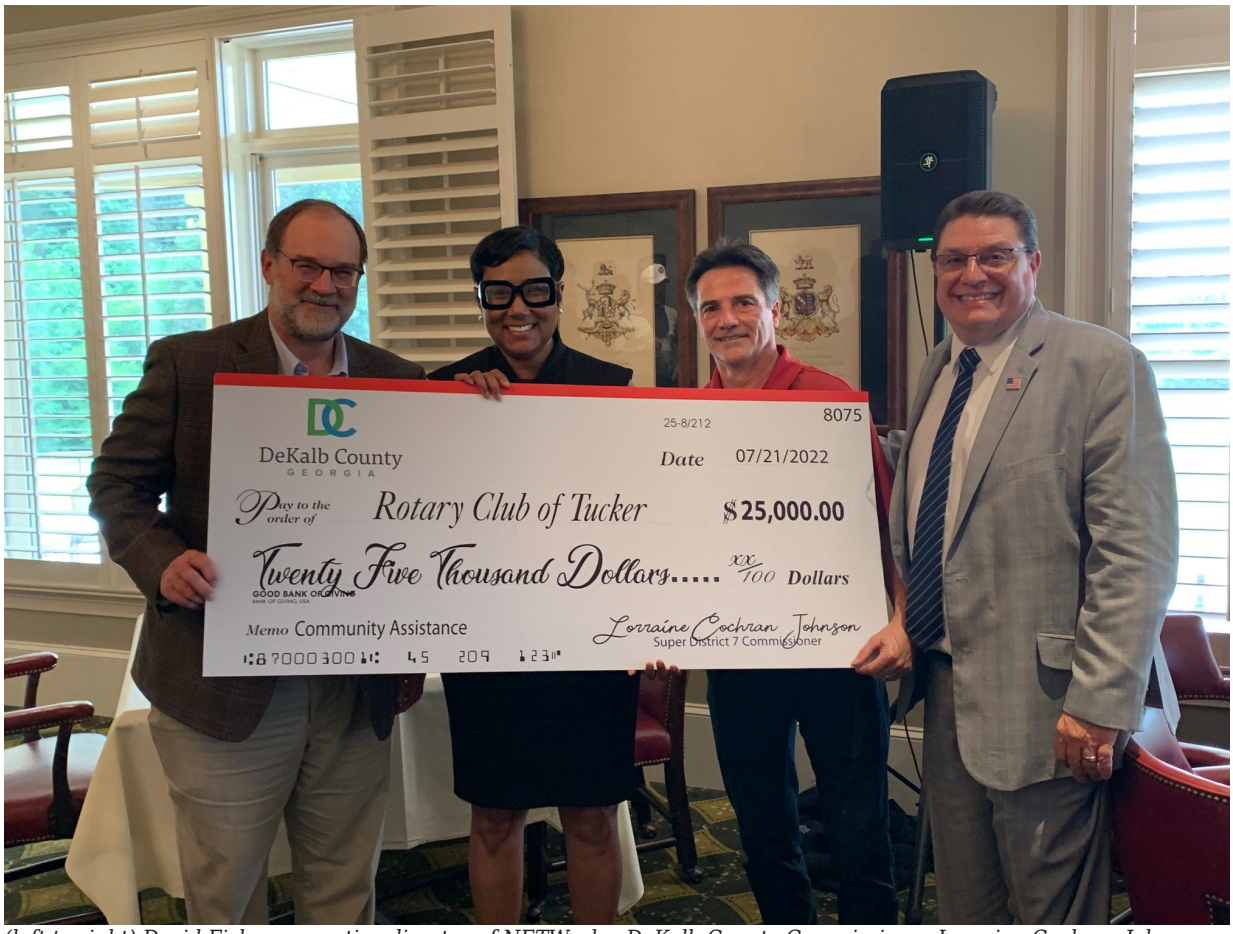


Club News

Dunwoody Fundraising Efforts Net Almost $40,000 for Our Charitable Endeavors

By Bob O'Brien

The **Rotary Club of Dunwoody** had a great year in service projects with two new fund-raising efforts. The club held its first Whiskey & Cigar Raffle in October, November and December of last year and raised more than $6,500 for our Dunwoody Rotary Charitable Fund, and uts inaugural charity golf tournament called FORE! the Memories at St. Marlo Country Club on May - providing $20,000 to Alzheimer's of Georgia and $13,000 to our Dunwoody Charitable Fund. [more]



(left to right) David Fisher, executive director of NETWorks; DeKalb County Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson; Jim Rodeghiero, special events coordinator, and Kirk Fordham, director of community services, Rotary Club of Tucker, accepting the check.

Club News

Tucker and DeKalb County Help Families Impacted by COVID

By Lizbeth Dison

DeKalb County has approved in $25,000 Super District 7 American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding appropriation from Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson for the **Rotary Club of Tucker** to support mortgage and rent assistance and purchase and distribute school supplies to eligible residents of … [more]