District Newsletter

NOVEMBER 4, 2022

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**



From Our District Governor

Rotary Foundation Month: Thanks for Helping Us Do Good

By George Granade
As we approach Thanksgiving, I am grateful and proud to be part of an organization with members who are very giving to their community and the world. Having visited over half the Rotary clubs in our district, I see the caring and concern that each club has for their community and fellow citizens as well as the world. One cannot imagine all the good the clubs are doing in their community regardless of their size. I have found that every club has a passion for something in their community. Clubs are using their District Grants or doing fund raisers to improve their community. This shows the generosity of our club members by giving to The Rotary Foundation and supporting their club's fundraisers. November is Rotary Foundation month. The Foundation provides the funds we need for our District Grants, Competitive Grants and Global Grants. About half of the money we give this Rotary year will be returned to the District in three years, providing the dollars to fund those grants. [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**



D6900 Rotarians Cut Ribbon for Warm Springs Polio Museum

By Mandy Timmons

What a great event leading up to Rotary's End Polio Now celebration ... the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Ann Johnson Polio Museum at the Warm Springs Historic Pools. Rotarians, friends and guests gathered to honor Ann! After a brief ceremony, attendees enjoyed lunch outside on a beautiful fall afternoon - and took time to browse the museum and visit Roosevelt's Little White House.

Thanks to PDG Steve Stansfield for continuing the job he started back in 2008! [more]

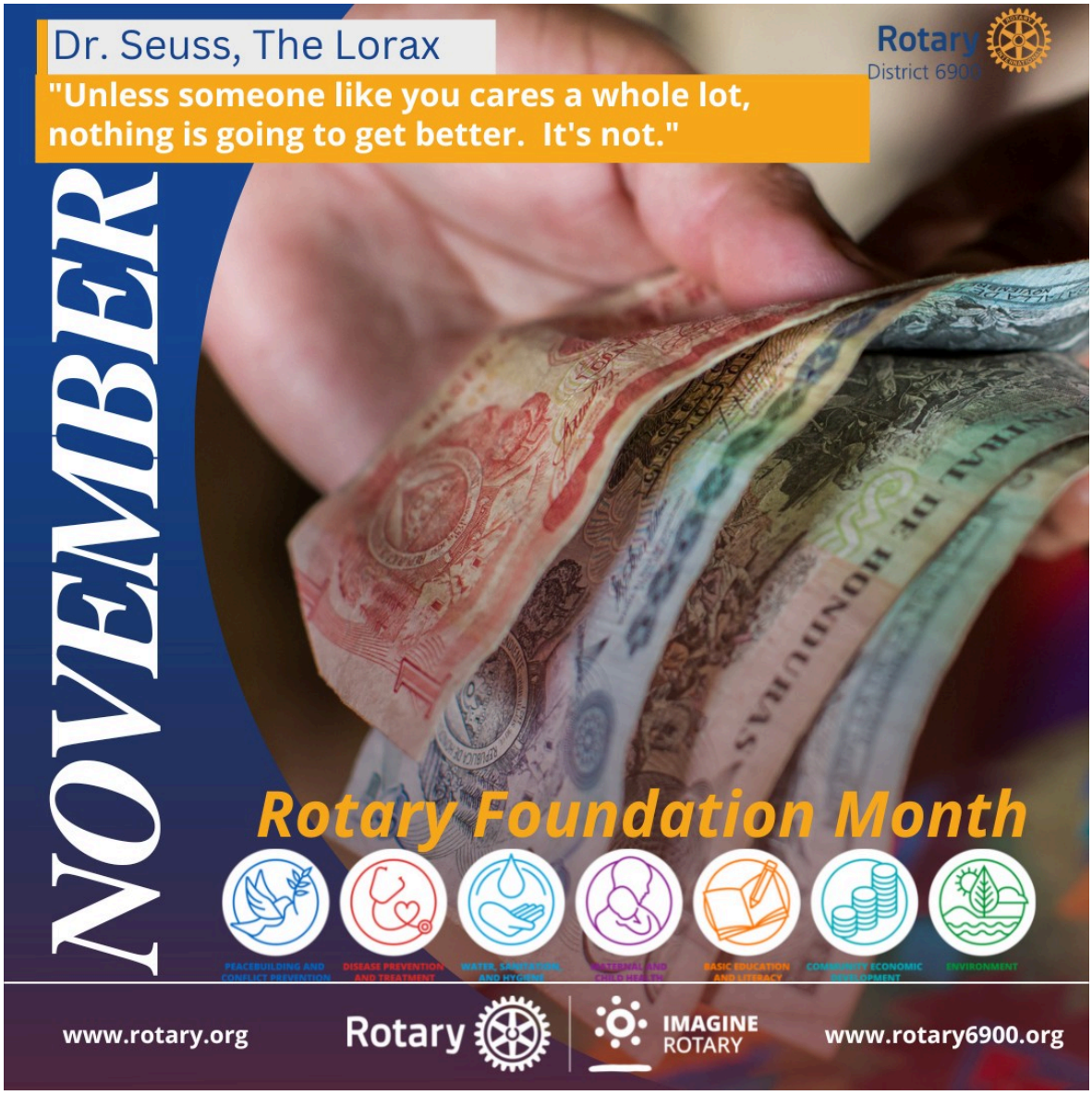


GRSP

GRSP Scholars Explore Savannah; Look Forward to Alpharetta

By Katheryne Fields

Georgia Rotary Student Program (GRSP) scholars spent time in Savannah and the surrounding area for the 16th Hue Thomas Jr., Weekend sponsored by Savannah-area Rotary Clubs in mid-October. A member of the Rotary Club of Savannah and PDG in District 6920, Hue Thomas guided GRSP through 35 years of growth from 1955 to 1989. Hue and his wife Alma enjoyed hosting students from various countries around the world. The weekend named in his memory featured a Low Country Boil along with a ghost tour and visits to the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum plus the Tybee Island Lighthouse. GRSP Chair Emeritus Jim Drake, a member of the Rotary Club of Savannah South, served as the weekend chair. [more]



The Rotary Foundation

Sharing Our Thankfulness

By Jackie Cuthbert

As we take time this November to think about all we have to be thankful for, I can't leave The Rotary Foundation out of my list. In my 15 years as District Newsletter Editor, I've had the privilege to see many stories come through my email - from global grants supporting everything from family health clinics in Africa to schools and water, to global scholars dedicated to making a difference when it comes to health or world peace, to projects in our own neighborhoods providing educational opportunities, turkeys for Thanksgiving baskets, and so much more! This is Rotary Foundation month - and our D6900 Foundation team has been hard at work evaluating global grant and global scholar opportunities already this month. The work the Foundation is able to do depends on our generosity - and District 6900 Rotarians have proved over and over again how generous we can be - so much so that we have a huge global reputation for our commitment to giving. [more]



Interact Update

District 6900 Interact Conference is a Success!

By Becky Stone

About 40 Interactors from around the District enjoyed the Nov. 5 Interact Conference at Global Impact Academy in Fairburn. With Amy Head as the featured speaker, the students learned transformative leadership skills through the “Be the Bean” program. C.J. Stewart (President of Atlanta West End Rotary) organized the eight discussion groups facilitated by Rose Caplan, Veronica Crenshaw, Francis Ellison-Dansby, Marilyn Jackson, Jemillatu Lewally, Carl Patten, Karen Patten, and Jermale Ransby. Becky Nelson (Roswell Rotary) and Regan Pierce (Roswell High School Interact Advisor) shared best practices for leading Interact Clubs with Interact Advisors and Rotarians. And that was just the start!

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Peachtree City Hosts 15th Annual Dragon Boat Festival

By Mandy Timmons

The Rotary Club of Peachtree City hosted its 15th Annual Dragon Boat Festival in September on beautiful Lake Peachtree/Drake Field. This year's event was the biggest fundraiser in its history with all proceeds going back into the community through grants for the Rotary year starting July 1, 2023. This year's chairperson was President-Elect Amy Benton who stated, "The event is a total team effort with all of our members participating in some way throughout the weekend and over the months leading up to the event. This is not only our club's signature fundraiser, but also a tremendous community event with over 4,000 people attending each year."

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Roswell Hosts Corn Hole Tournament to Raise Funds for Polio

By Michael Gould

Roswell Rotary raised over $1,100 for Polio Plus at its first annual World Polio Day Corn Hole Tournament! Over 75 members and guests took part in the single elimination tournament at Lucky's Burger & Brew last Monday night. Lucky's donated 10% of the proceeds from that event to the charity. Past President Jim Coyle and Bill Swank will be back next year to defend their title. [more]



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Douglas County Interact Clubs Pack Crisis Kits

By Nell Boggs

This year the **Rotary Club of Douglas County** is focusing on growing the Interact Clubs at schools in the community. Currently, there are six Interact Clubs in middle and high schools in Douglas County. In October, 15 Interact members along with three advisors and two Rotarians came together to assemble crisis kits to be used in 32 schools. The supplies and bookbags were donated by Rotary, and the items in the crisis kits will be used at the schools to assist students whenever a crisis occurs. After assembling the kits, students enjoyed pizza and conducted their Interact business.

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