Rotary District 6900

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District Newsletter

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DG George at Johns Creek North Fulton Rotary last week

From Our District Governor

Celebrating the Family of Rotary ... More Important Than We Can Imagine

By George Granade

We have all heard about the family of Rotary. I want you to know that our District is truly a family of Rotary. Recently, as you are aware, my older sister passed unexpectedly. You may not know how much it has helped and meant receiving sympathy cards, emails, texts and words of encouragement from fellow Rotarians all across ... [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**



DGE André Marria Honored as a Rotary Person of Action: Champion of Inclusion

By Jackie Cuthbert
Our District Governor Elect, André Marria of Thomasville, is one of six Rotary members from around the world to be honored as a Rotary People of Action: Champion of Inclusion for her work to build a culture of inclusion as an advocate and mentor for women and people of color in southern Georgia, U.S.
Rotary members throughout the world are taking action to strengthen and empower historically marginalized and underrepresented communities by improving access to health services, education, economic opportunities, and civic participation.
Since 2005, Marria has worked to bridge cultural divides in her community by bringing those from different backgrounds together to learn about and work together as well as to improve the lives of those in need, including by supporting aspiring entrepreneurs from underserved communities. [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**
Tuesday, December 1st, 2026	**Fayetteville Governor Visit**

Our Rotary Foundation

Upcoming Deadline for Closeout of 2022-2023 District (Community) Grants

By Gillian Leggett
If you haven't completed your District (Community) Grant-funded service project, now is the time to gather and upload your spending documentation for review. Per District 6900 guidelines, spending documentation must be uploaded to rotary6900.org within 30 days of spending all funds or by March 31, 2023, whichever is earlier.
If you have a grant that is currently in overdue status, documentation is to be uploaded immediately and submitted for review. Thank you to those clubs that have already uploaded their spending documentation. [more]

REMINDERS

*** Club Commitment Forms Due Now ***

Email to susanruckman@att.net

Fax to 229-924-7617

*** Student Registration Payments Due March 3rd ***

Mail to: Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

c/o Susan Ruckman

P.O. Box 1547

Americus, GA 31709

*** Club Officers & RYLA Chairs should have all Info & Forms in their Email Inboxes dated January 10th…**

But please contact Jaclyn Donovan (jaclyn.k.donovan@gmail.com) if you have questions or need info sent to a different club member. *



Our Rotary Foundation at Work

TRF Establishes Two Temporary Relief Funds for Pakistan and Ukraine

from Anne Glenn, District Chair, The Rotary Foundation

By Anne Glenn

As a global humanitarian organization, Rotary continually takes action to help communities in need. In that spirit, The Rotary Foundation has established two temporary funds to support immediate relief efforts in Pakistan and Ukraine. In Pakistan, a severe monsoon season has caused devastating floods and affected millions of people. In Ukraine, the ongoing war has led to a continued humanitarian crisis.

The Pakistan Flood Response Fund will help communities recover from the disaster that displaced people and destroyed crops. It will accept contributions, including District Designated Funds, until 31 December 2023 and distribute grants until 30 June 2024 or until the funds are spent. Any unused money will be transferred to the general Disaster Response Fund.

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GRSP and Rotary Working Together

GRSP Fosters Peace through International Scholars

By Katheryne Fields

Georgia Rotary Student Program commemorates the Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month through education and public awareness as our one-of-a-kind program has been bringing nations together since 1946. GRSP's purpose for the last 77 years has been to develop potential global leaders who promote understanding and peace around the world.

We believe that peace is possible as we extend one-year ambassadorial scholarships to international college students who spend one year in Georgia colleges and universities learning about the American way of life, receive mentorship from sponsoring Rotary Clubs and build lasting relationships with Rotarians as well as classmates from various countries.

Just ask one of our 3,731 alumni from more than 109 countries around the world. That's exactly what our one-of-a-kind Rotary program has done. And by the way, did you know that one of our alumni is now a GRSP Trustee in District 6910, and one of last year's alumni, Wade Gunning, has just become a Rotarian in the Atlanta Metro Rotary Club? Emilio Ochoa Botero of Colombia, an engineering student, will finish his major when he returns to Colombia this summer. [more]

Our Rotary Foundation

Could You Be An Area Community Grant Chair?

By Gillian Leggett

Do you believe strongly in The Rotary Foundation? Do you have experience working with the District/Community Grants section of the District Website? Are you interested in helping clubs if they have questions about The Rotary Foundation and the District/Community Grants process? If so, GIVE ME A CALL! Your District Foundation Committee is hoping to create "Area Community Grant Chairs" by geographic location. Each Area Chair will serve as the liaison between the clubs and the D6900 Community Grants Chair. This will be an opportunity to work with the committee at the District level and to increase ones knowledge and passion for The Rotary Foundation. [more]



Club News

East Cobb Honored for Supporting Wheeler High's AVID Program

By Aaron Strimban
The East Cobb Rotary Club was honored to be awarded the Community Leader MLK Humanitarian Award by Wheeler High School on January 13. The club was one of four recipients of this year's award and very excited to be recognized for its involvement for the past seven years in Wheeler High School's AVID program. AVID (short for Advancement Via Individual Achievement) is a special program designed to increase the number of students who enroll and succeed in higher education and beyond. Through this partnership, hundreds of students have been taught life and study skills that have paved the way for college and life success.
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Rotary Youth Exchange

Congratulations Next Class of Rotary Youth Exchange!

By Mike Parks

Congrats to our new outbound candidates for Rotary Youth Exchange. They are headed to Thailand, Sweden and Denmark next school year. Good luck learning the language!



Club and GRSP News

Working Together to Change the World

By Jackie Cuthbert

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said “Not everybody can be famous but everyone can be great because greatness is determined by service; you only need a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love.” Two Georgia Rotary Student Program scholars spent a week in January serving others in Guatemala. Laury Petit and Camilla Dokkedahl, who attend Columbus State University, joined CSU students along with the Rotary Club of Columbus to teach art and English at the Foncoli school as well as help build smokeless stoves in the area. Columbus Rotarians have been working with the Rotary Club of Antigua as well as other Rotary and NGO partners since 2019 on several projects including Global Grants to bring long term sustainable improvements to a rural community.

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Club News

North Atlanta Goes Global

By Jon Yaeger

Some 300,000 children / year worldwide die or are maimed because of a lack of a simple and cheap vitamin (vitamin B9 or folic acid) in their mothers' diets, which can cause fatal or devastating birth defects such as spina bifida. An estimated 75% of these tragedies could be prevented simply by ensuring that women of childbearing age get the vitamin through food fortification or supplements. Thus, approx. 225,000 babies can be saved each year if this initiative is fully adopted.

The R**otary Club of North Atlanta** is working to make a difference, on both the club and International levels. On the club level, the club is partnering with a club in Addis Ababa through a five-year global grant project to provide folic acid to women at high risk. Rotary clubs from other districts are participating partners. [more]



Club News

Dunwoody and Alzheimer's Partner for Golf Tournament

By Bob O'Brien

On May 15, 2023, golfers will tee off at St. Marlo Country Club in the second annual FORE the Memories golf tournament - benefiting the Alzheimer's Association and the Rotary Club of Dunwoody Charitable Fund. The club is busy working on sponsors for the event. If you are interested in joining us on May 15 - or in sponsorship opportunities, please visit the club's FORE the Memories website or contact Bob O'Brien, fundraising chair, or any Dunwoody Rotarian. [more]