Rotary District 6900

District Newsletter

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DG George doubled as photographer at PETS and Arnold was frequently at his side to promote our Green Acres district conference in SanDestin

From Our District Governor

Imagine Opportunities for Fellowship, Learning, Fun and Making a Difference!

By George Granade

We just finished an amazing weekend at PETS - President Elect Training - where DGE André, district leaders and next year's club presidents joined with their fellow leaders from Georgia's other two Rotary districts to brainstorm about how to take us successfully into the next Rotary year that will start in July. It was great to be there, and reminds us all that we are closer to the homestretch for this Rotary year. We have a lot to celebrate and a lot to accomplish - and I look to all of you to us make the rest of the year as good or better than what we have already enjoyed!

For starters, have you registered for **District Conference** to be held at the Sandestin Beach and Golf Resort from April 27-30? Your Green Acres team leaders - Cheryl, Kelly, LouAnn and I - are planning some fun times. Join us for a pig roast on Thursday night (don't worry we did not roast Arnold, he will be at the conference), a cornhole contest and a tug-a-war battle. Be sure your club has assembled a team for each of these events. We will have educational Rotary classes available as well as awards to be given out. We have two speakers who I believe will motivate and inspire you. And did I mention, you'll have some time to enjoy the beach! You can **register at the District website** - be sure to do that before March 21 when the registration fee goes up to $325.

Read on for more information about district awards, the upcoming district training assembly and a reminder about district grants. [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**

District Training

Register Now: District Training Assembly for All - March 25 in Columbus

By Stephanie Windham

Join District Governor Elect Andre at District Training Assembly on March 25, 2023 at the Historic Iron Works (Convention and Trade Center) in Columbus, Georgia. District Training Assembly is a chance for club officers, committee chairs and assistant governors to further develop leadership skills and refine strategies to achieve their goals. All Rotarians who accept key club leadership roles are encouraged to attend the District Training Assembly. And, the session is not just for club officers; it's where club officers, chairs, emerging leaders, and ALL Rotarians can learn more about what Rotary has to offer. [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

8 Years and 8 Paul Harris Fellows for the Rotary Community Corps of Peachtree City!

By Mandy Timmons

Peachtree City (PTC) Rotary Past President Joel Norris had an inspiration to do more and saw a special need for expanding opportunities for individuals who might otherwise not get a chance to participate in activities that would allow them to excel and gain self-esteem. Under Joel's leadership, the Rotary Community Corps (RCC) of Peachtree City held its first meeting in February 2015. Just like Rotary, the RCC changes officers each year, so there are eight past presidents. To celebrate these past presidents, the Rotary Club of Peachtree City and several members made generous donations to have each of the past presidents become Paul Harris Fellows through the Rotary Foundation. [more]



GRSP Update

GRSP Names Trio for Oslo Summer Scholarships

By Katheryne Fields

A trio of college students from Georgia will spend the summer studying at the International Summer School at the University of Oslo as part of a joint partnership with the university, Georgia Rotary Student Program and Rotarians in Oslo, Norway. Emma Mack will represent District 6900 and the Rotary Club of Alpharetta with the endorsement of Rotarian Shawn Allen. Valerie Goldman will represent District 6910 and the Rotary Club of Lake Chatuge with the endorsemwith the endorsement of Rotarian Shawn Allen. Valerie Goldman will represent District 6910 and the Rotary Club of Lake Chatuge with the endorsement of GRSP Trustee Gerry Gutenstein. Laura Williams will represent District 6920 and the Rotary Club of St. Simons Island with Rotarian recommendations from SSI President Tate Simpson, GRSP Chair Emeritus Bert Guy from the Rotary Club of Camden County plus Past Rotary International Director Robert Hall.

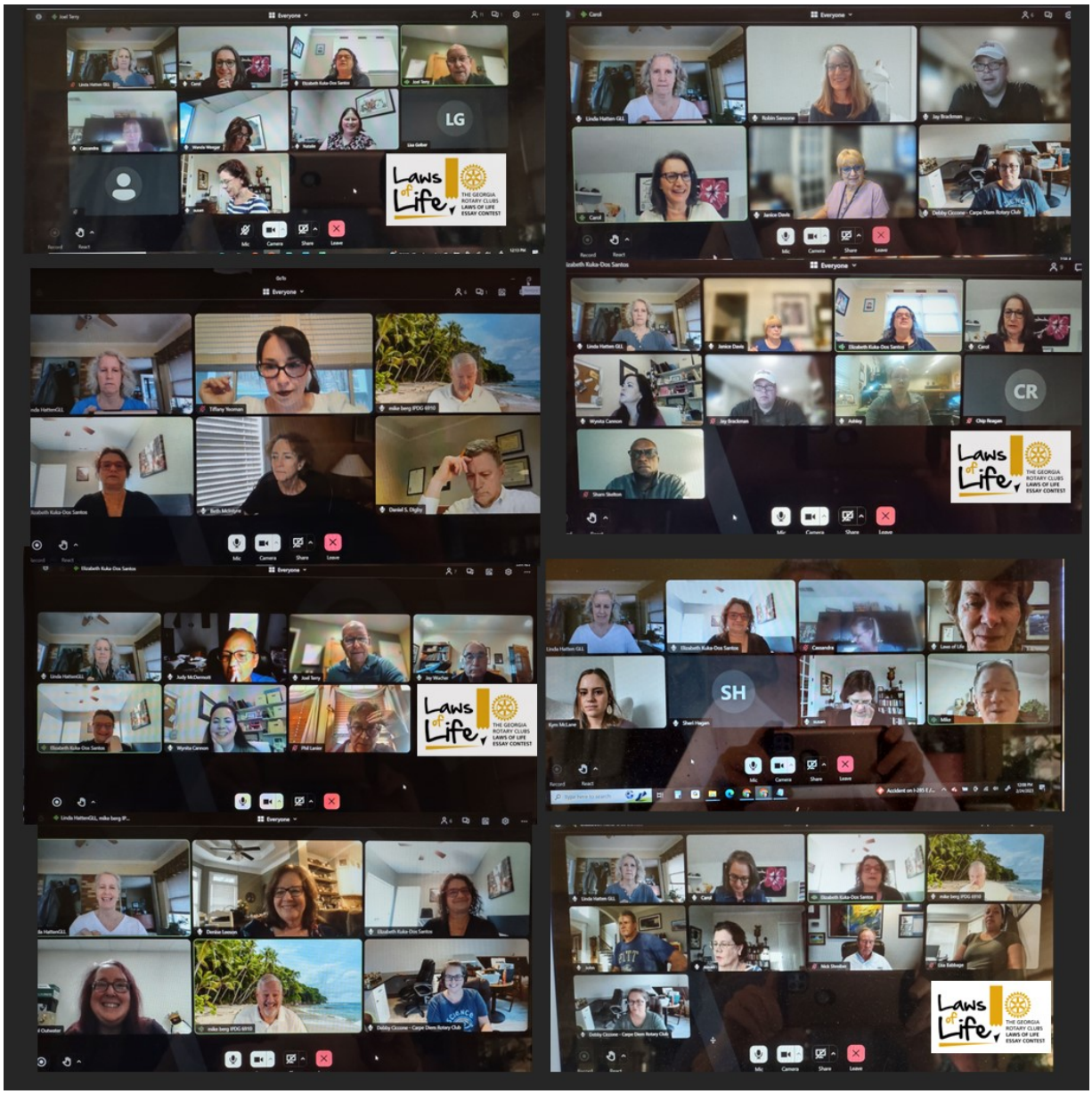
The scholarship for the six-week summer program from June 26 to August 4, 2023 includes air fares from Atlanta to Oslo and the return trip to Atlanta, room, board, 12-credit hours of undergraduate coursework, administrative fees at the International Summer School at the University of Oslo plus an outing with Norwegian Rotary host families. The recipients of the scholarships must pay their travel expense to and from the airport, plus provide their own personal spending money. [more]



GRSP

GRSP Students Pack Meals, Create Service Project Plans at Leadership Weekend

By Jackie Cuthbert
The Rotary Club of Dunwoody recently hosted the 20th GRSP Leadership weekend. The students packed more than 10,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger on Friday - and even helped with all the set-up this year - normally a Rotarian task! In Saturday workshops, they learned about courageous leadership and were challenged to think now about what they'd like their legacy to be and take action. And on Sunday, they awed us with service project plans in the Shark Tank workshop led by the Rotaract Club of Atlanta. We awarded a $1,000 grant for a project to encourage more recycling in Zimbabwe - created by a team from all over the world. Thanks to Rotarians from the **Rotary Clubs of Atlanta Metro, Gainesville, Gwinnett, Buckhead and Roswell**, and to the Rotaract Club of Atlanta for their support of this GRSP weekend. We hope the tradition continues for a long time to come. [more]



Laws of Life

Rotarians Judge Laws of Life Essays

By Linda Hatten

The Georgia Rotary Clubs Laws of Life Essay Contest doesn't happen without judges. And thanks to online judging through Submittable.com, our esteemed Rotarian judges participate from Rotary clubs in all corners of the Peach State.

At GLL, we're especially pleased to recognize winning writers at *both* the school and the state level. Over 40,000 students write a Laws of Life essay each year, and schools submit their best to the contest.

We expect to award nearly $20,000 in cash awards to students and teachers.

The judging continues through the month of March. School and grade winners will be announced on March 24. One week later, the Georgia Laws of Life state winners and runners-up will be announced on Friday, March 31. [more]