



## Pizza, Beer and Rotary Hanging With President Stephanie

By Gordon  
Owens

One of the things I love about serving with RI President Stephanie is that she is so down to earth. Like me, she would rather be in jeans and a t-shirt engaged in service with fellow Rotarians than all dressed up at a meeting. In fact, her favorite kind of meeting is what she calls a PBR meeting. And by PBR, she means Pizza, Beer & Rotary. After an inspiring week of Building Bridges in Pittsburgh at our Zone 33/34 Summit, RI President invited members of our district to her home for a PBR meeting and it was great! She showed off her basement where she cheers on the Steelers and treated us to some local beer & pizza. She reminded us that Rotary doesn't have to be expensive or complicated to join and it should absolutely be fun.  
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### 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>Atlanta Brasil</b>                      | <b>Emory-Druid Hills</b>    | <b>Brookhaven</b>                |
| II       | <b>Bremen</b>                              | <b>Jackson-Butts County</b> | <b>Sandy Springs</b>             |
| III      | <b>North Atlanta Professional Alliance</b> | <b>Vinings Cumberland</b>   | <b>Dougherty County (Albany)</b> |
| IV       | <b>Dunwoody</b>                            | <b>Dunwoody</b>             | <b>Carrollton-Dawn Breakers</b>  |
| V        | <b>Peachtree City</b>                      | <b>Alpharetta</b>           | <b>Peachtree City</b>            |

### Key Dates

|                                      |                                                    |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Tuesday,<br>September<br>1st, 2026   | <b>Americus<br/>Governor Visit</b>                 |
| Wednesday,<br>September<br>2nd, 2026 | <b>Cordele<br/>Governor Visit</b>                  |
| Wednesday,<br>September<br>2nd, 2026 | <b>On The Flint,<br/>Albany Governor<br/>Visit</b> |
| Thursday,<br>September<br>3rd, 2026  | <b>Albany Governor<br/>Visit</b>                   |
| Tuesday,<br>September<br>8th, 2026   | <b>Bainbridge<br/>Governor Visit</b>               |
| Wednesday,<br>September<br>9th, 2026 | <b>Cairo Governor<br/>Visit</b>                    |
| Tuesday,<br>September<br>15th, 2026  | <b>Stone Mountain<br/>Governor Visit</b>           |
| Monday,<br>September<br>21st, 2026   | <b>Senoia Governor<br/>Visit</b>                   |



## Disaster Relief Helping Our Neighbors In Augusta

By Chris Brand  
From  
Wednesday, October 30  
through  
Saturday, November 2 we  
had Rotary  
volunteers  
supporting  
families in need  
in the Augusta,  
GA area. When  
we set out, there  
were 200+  
requests for  
assistance from  
families without  
the resources to  
pay someone to  
remove trees &  
debris from their  
yards. We are  
proud to report  
there are a few  
less in need as a  
result of our time  
in Augusta, but  
this is far from  
over. People will  
need help in this  
area for months  
to come. If you  
would like to join  
our next work  
trip, **fill out this  
quick form**. We  
are also talking  
with our friends  
in D6910 on  
providing a  
community  
Thanksgiving  
dinner on  
November 23 in  
this area.  
[more]

Tuesday,  
September  
22nd, 2026

**Meriwether  
County Governor  
Visit**

Thursday,  
September  
24th, 2026

**Peachtree City  
Governor Visit**

Saturday,  
September  
26th, 2026

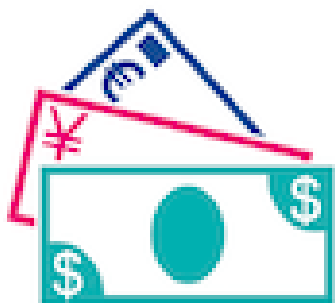
**Atlanta Brasil  
Governor Visit**

Wednesday,  
September  
30th, 2026

**District  
Payments Due**

Wednesday,  
September  
30th, 2026

**Lake  
Spivey/Clayton  
County Governor  
Visit**



# Donation to Annual Fund **SHARE**

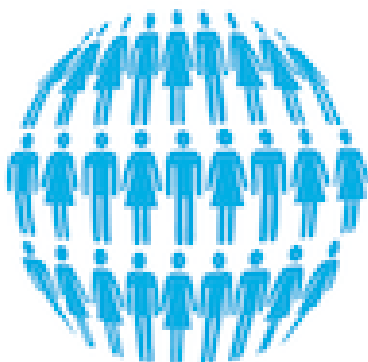
Donation is invested for  
3 years; growth supports  
Foundation operations.



## SPENDING DECISIONS SHARED

### World Fund

(Trustee discretion)



GLOBAL  
GRANTS AND  
PROGRAMS\*

### District Designated Funds (DDF)

(District discretion)



DISTRICT  
GRANTS    GLOBAL  
GRANTS

## Foundation Month **Your Giving Drives Our Impact**

By Bob Hagan  
November is  
Foundation Month and  
provides a great  
opportunity to focus on  
the impact The Rotary  
Foundation has in our  
district. Giving to the  
Annual Fund is used for  
community or  
competitive grants  
locally and global  
grants internationally.  
Without the immense  
generosity of the  
members of district  
6900 we would not  
have well over  
\$300,000 to use this  
year for projects in our  
communities and  
beyond. We had a  
record high 56 out of  
67 clubs take  
advantage of  
community grant  
funding and we have  
more requests for  
global grants than we  
can fund this year. If  
we give more, we can  
do more in the future,  
please consider  
a **donation to the  
annual fund** and  
support the great work  
of Rotarians across our  
district.  
[more]



## World Polio Day **690,000 Lives Saved From Polio**

By Bob Hagan  
In honor of World Polio Day, our district committed \$69,000 to Polio Plus. This contribution gets matched by the TRF World Fund before it then gets the standard 2-1 match from the Gates Foundation. This donation from our district will provide 690,000 children with the polio vaccine around the world as we keep our promise to eradicate polio from the face of the earth. To help us celebrate the impact of this generosity many of our district leaders participated in an End Polio Now walk through Pittsburgh at our Zone Summit. If you missed it on social media, **check out the fun video** DG Gordon and I did to announce our gift at the summit.  
[more]



Next MAP Webinar

# INTERACTIVE ONBOARDING THE KEY TO KEEPING NEW MEMBERS

MONDAY | NOVEMBER 11TH

5:30 PM EDT

REGISTER ON DACdb



Webinar: November 11, 2024 at 5:30 pm

## Key To Keeping New Members

By Dave Schwickerath  
Effective onboarding is essential to improving member retention, as it helps new members gain a deeper understanding of Rotary, feel more engaged in our mission, and strengthens their commitment to staying involved. Don't miss our upcoming MAP Webinar: 'Interactive Onboarding: The Key to Keeping New Members!' Mark your calendars for November 11th and [join the webinar](#) at 5:30 pm ET as we discuss strategies to onboard new members! If you missed our October webinar, 'Attraction Action: Build Your Club With Innovative and Traditional Solutions', the replay is online and available for viewing at [RIZones33-34.org](https://RIZones33-34.org). [Use this link](#) to access it and all past recordings. [\[more\]](#)



RYLA Update

## Thankful for RYLA

By Jaclyn Donovan

RYLA is not just a summer camp – it is a whole experience. A wonderful, joyful, sometimes tiring, but absolutely life-changing experience for all involved. As we look forward to RYLA 2025 and all of the amazing students and moments it will bring us, we took a moment to reflect on what we are thankful for when it comes to RYLA:

1. Watching students grow and learn
  2. Seeing teams bond
  3. Rotary clubs that make the investment to send students to RYLA
  4. Watching students step outside their comfort zones and have their teams cheer them on
  5. Energy and passion that the staff puts into camp
  6. My RYLA Family
  7. Hearing past students talk about what they learned and how they used what they learned
  8. Working with staff who care deeply about the betterment of others
  9. Cool breezes on hot June days
  10. District 6900 being so supportive of the RYLA program
- (Editor's Note: Keep reading ... there are so many more reasons to be thankful for RYLA .... as well as simple steps to be part of RYLA 2025. [more])



Rotary Means  
Business  
**Join Us  
for  
Rotary  
Means  
Business**

By Carter  
Stout  
Join us at  
Rotary Means  
Business on  
Tuesday,  
November 26  
for fellowship  
and  
networking.  
We'll be at  
Politan Row at  
Ashford Lane ,  
4550 Olde  
Perimeter Way  
in Dunwoody  
from 6-8 pm.  
See you there!



2025 Polar Bear Plunge

# FREEZIN' FOR A REASON

SATURDAY,  
FEBRUARY 1, 2025

10 AM - 2 PM • WILLS PARK POOL

ENJOY FOOD, MUSIC  
& TONS OF FUN



RAISE THE FUNDS  
and TAKE THE PLUNGE  
for your favorite cause!  
Scan the QR code  
and register today.



Visit [www.AlpharettaPolarBearPlunge.com](http://www.AlpharettaPolarBearPlunge.com) for more information.

Raise Money For Your Club Or Cause

## Join The Alpharetta Polar Plunge

By Paul Ray

Does your Rotary Club or other organization you support need to raise money? On February 1st, 2025 the Rotary Club of Alpharetta will host a ready-made fundraiser just for you! We are **Freezin' for a Reason!** Our 8th annual Polar Bear Plunge lets you create your own team, raise funds, take the "plunge", and get a check! Last year the average team earned around \$5000.00! The sky is the limit for you, so start a team today! You do not need to come to Alpharetta to participate. You can plunge in whatever body of water near you. Last year we had teams in Utah and Brazil.

Visit [AlpharettaPolarBearPlunge.com](http://AlpharettaPolarBearPlunge.com) to get started.

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GRSP News  
**What's  
All the  
Buzz  
About?**

by  
*Katheryne  
Fields, GRSP  
Executive  
Director*

By  
Katheryne  
Fields  
For the first  
time in  
nearly 20  
years, there  
is "buzz" in  
the air  
about  
Georgia  
Tech for the  
Georgia  
Rotary  
Student  
Program.  
GRSP has  
worked  
directly with  
Rotary Clubs  
and Tech to  
offer  
scholarships  
to  
international  
students,  
including  
Atharva  
Lele, 19 of  
India and  
Seraphine  
"Sheena"  
Gunawan,  
19 of  
Indonesia.  
[more]



Club News

## **Marietta Rotary Honors First Responders with BBQ Luncheon**

By Jacob Southerland  
In September, the **Rotary Club of Marietta** treated Marietta first responders to a barbecue lunch in recognition of their work on the front lines. The club's Public Service Appreciation Luncheon was held behind the Marietta Fire Department. The annual event aims to acknowledge, honor and thank all Marietta public safety heroes, according to club President Don Barbour. "Thank you for what you do every day, and it's our pleasure to sponsor this luncheon and to serve you today," Barbour said to the officers and firefighters. [more]

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Club News

## **Meriwether County Participates in High School Report Card Conference**

By Kay Williamson  
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October, **Meriwether County Rotary Club** members participated in one-on-one report card conferences with students from Manchester High School and Greenville High School. Rotarian members and other community leaders met with each student during the conferences to review their report card grades, provide career advice and support, and discuss their personal and school interests. This event aimed to offer students positive feedback and encouragement to excel academically. [more]

# Roswell Rotary Club Award from Fulton County Citizen's Commission on the Environment



## Club News **Roswell Recognized by Fulton County Citizens Commission on Environment**

By Kathryn Igou  
Established by the Board of Commissioners in 1995, the Fulton County Citizens Commission on the Environment (FCCCE) advises on development projects and collaborates with community organizations and citizens to promote and encourage environmentally sound practices. Since 2003, the commission has awarded "Environmental Awards" every year to recognize exemplary environmental efforts and best practices that serve to inspire others. This year, the **Roswell Rotary Club** - under the leadership of our champion of the environment, **Dutch Earle**, were recognized for our efforts. Dutche is a Roswell Rotarian with a passion for the rivers and creeks, the wildlife, and so many of the recreational opportunities our Roswell area provides including trout fishing and kayaking. [more]



Rotary Foundation  
Opportunity  
**Vinings  
Cumberland  
Helps Bring  
Water to  
Paraguay  
Schools**

By Brant Campbell  
In June, members of the Vinings

Cumberland Rotary Club embarked on a life-changing trip to Paraguay, where they were hosted for a week by the Rotary Club of Luque, Paraguay.

During their stay, the visiting members were warmly welcomed into the homes of local Rotary families, fostering a deeper connection between the clubs.

This visit marked a significant milestone in the ongoing Agua Fresca project, a collaboration between the two clubs to provide fresh, potable water to schools in Paraguay. The project, which began in 2018, has positively impacted countless students by providing access to safe, chilled drinking water.

The club is currently pursuing a Global Grant to fund additional fountains in Nueva Italia. If your club would like to participate in the Global Grant or if you would like to join a future trip to Paraguay, please contact

International Service  
Chair Brant  
Campbell at  
brantc@us.ibm.com.  
[more]



*Angeli Abrol Duggal, Rotary Club of Clifton-Emory (RCCE) and CDC Deputy Chief; Dr. Zubair Wadood, Medical Officer, WHO Geneva; Past District Governor Claudia Mertl; Dr. Hemant Shukla, Medical Officer, WHO EMRO.*

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End Polio Now  
**Atlanta  
Southern  
Crescent and  
Clifton-Emory  
Sponsor  
Polio Day  
Dinner**

By Claudia Mertl  
In honor of World Polio Day, the **Rotary Clubs of Atlanta Southern Crescent/Clifton Emory** held a dinner at Chai Pani in honor of polio champions who have dedicated their lives to eradicating polio as part of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI). The Club was humbled and honored to be in the presence of several global polio champions who were in town for high level strategy meetings, including Dr. Hemant Shukla and Dr. Mufti Zubair Wadood. They shared their experiences on the frontlines of polio eradication in the most remote parts of the world and the immense efforts and dedication that polio workers share globally towards a polio-free world. [more]

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Club News

## Lake Spivey Clayton County Gathers Supplies for Hurricane Victims

By Trina Kolawole  
The Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton County once again demonstrated the power of community service and outreach. In response to the devastation caused by Hurricane Helene in North Carolina, the Rotary Club organized a donation drive, collecting essential supplies for the victims of the storm. Rotary clubs around the world are known for their motto of "Service Above Self," and the Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton County lived up to that ideal. Leading the efforts to collect critical supplies was Assistant Treasurer Tracee Lee (on the right), pictured with President Judith Bennett. Tracee's dedication ensured that the collection process ran smoothly and efficiently. [more]



Club News

## **Bourbon & Bow Ties / Pinot & Pearls FUNdraiser Raises Over \$75,000 for Community Grants and Service Projects**

By Mandy Timmons

The **Rotary Club of Peachtree City** hosted the 2nd Annual Bourbon & Bow Ties / Pinot & Pearls FUNdraiser at the stunning Central Plaza in the Town of Trilith. Thanks to the generosity and enthusiasm of our attendees, sponsors, and donors, the event raised over \$75,000, which will be reinvested directly into the ... [more]

