

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 FUND	ANNUAL FUND	POLIO PLUS
I	Fayetteville	North Atlanta	Brookhaven
II	North Columbus	North Fulton	Vinings Cumberland
III	Marietta	Dunwoody	Carrollton-Dawn Breakers
IV	North Atlanta Professional Alliance	Roswell	Peachtree City

Key Dates

- Saturday, June 6th, 2026 **Americus RYLA - DISTRICT 6900**
- Saturday, June 6th, 2026 **Americus 2026 Rotary Sheffield Gala**



Governor Steve makes the leap at Alpharetta's Polar Plunge fundraiser!

From Our District
Governor

Here's to Water, Service and Camaraderie!

By Steve Ivory
Happy Belated
Birthday, Rotarians!
Rotary just celebrated
its 121st birthday on
Feb 23! I want to
thank each of you for
making an impact in
the world. Your service
projects and
generosity to polio
plus are making
differences in so many
lives. In fact, our
district just exceeded
over \$906K total
giving and we are well
on our way to exceed
\$1M this year.

In this month's March
Rotarian Magazine,
President Francesco
Arrezzo discussed how
critical water is to
connect communities.
Rotary Foundation has
invested over \$230M
in projects on this area
of focus!

Speaking of water,
freezing water that
is, I participated in the
Alpharetta club's
annual Polar Bear
Plunge and helped
them raise over \$230K
in donations to help
them make a big
community impact.
Overall the event
raised over \$800K and
was a master class in
partnering up and
making an impact in
the community! I
highly recommend
other clubs look at this
as a fundraiser in your
area and "R&D" it
("Rip it off and
duplicate it!"*). Great
work!!

Read on for more
about how we're doing
on membership,
service projects, and
events set up for
camaraderie and
fellowship - including
our upcoming District
Conference at Lake
Lanier Island.
Thanks for all you are
doing! [more]



District Conference



April 16 - 19 2026



Lake Lanier Islands, GA

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

UNITE FOR GOOD

District Conference 2026

Come for Rotary; Stay for Fun!

By Lisa Carlisle
Looking for inspiration, connection and fun, your 2026 District Conference is designed to balance meaningful Rotary content with relaxation and fellowship. Join us April 16-19, 2026 at Lake Lanier Island for all this and more! You can **register now on the District 6900 website !** [more]



Rotary's Founders: Gustavus "Gus" Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram Shorey and Paul Harris

Our Rotary
Foundation
**A Lot to
Celebrate:
Alpharetta
Giving,
Rotary's
Birthday
and PELS!**

By Bob Hagan
It's always fun to trumpet out extremely good news. Therefore, with great pleasure, I want to congratulate The Rotary Club of Alpharetta on becoming a million-dollar club in Foundation giving. It is truly quite a feat! Achieving this in 43 years as a club is a tremendous achievement. They have made an outstanding difference as a club, for our district and Rotary International. A hearty and deserved congratulations!! As it would happen, I am writing this newsletter on February 23, 2026. A perfect date to do so as it is the anniversary of our founding. Happy 120th Birthday Rotary!!
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RYLA Update
LUCKY to have RYLA!
By Jaclyn Donovan
It's getting closer to RYLA time! With all the talk this month about "lucky" things and "being lucky" we thought we'd share why we think anyone who goes to RYLA is the luckiest of all for the many positives they gain from the experience - from personal development to teamwork, collaboration, meeting like-minded people and so much more! Take time to read the rest of the RYLA story - so that the students you care about are lucky enough to share in the RYLA experience this June 6-10. All the information about registering students and paying for their RYLA experience are in the rest of this story. [more]



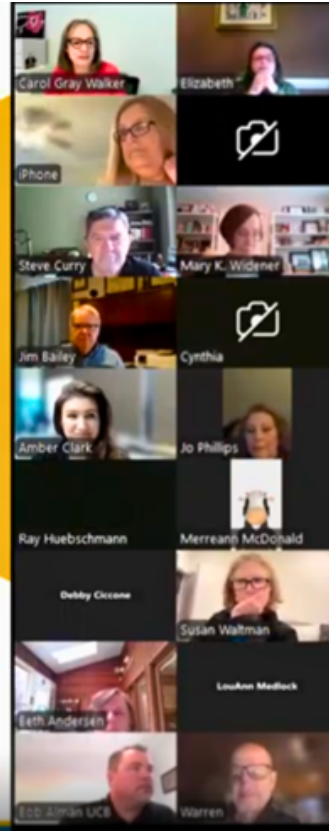
Our Rotary
Foundation
**Why We
Give:
Enduring
Impact,
Fellowship
at Work**

By Lee
Hollingsworth
As we consider
giving money to
The Rotary
Foundation, it's
important to
consider how that
money enables
us to do good in
the world and the
lasting
relationships and
friendships it
builds. Here's an
example of just
that ... In 2022,
the **Roswell
Rotary Club**
partnered with
the Rotary Club
of Panama
Nordeste on a
Global Grant
bringing clean
water to remote,
underserved
communities in
Panama. The
project delivered
lasting
impact—and
lasting
friendships.
Recently, we
were able to help
those friends
again.
Your
contributions to
The Rotary
Foundation can
make a difference
here at home
anywhere around
the world to
make lives better.
Think about how
you can help. And
be sure to read
the rest of this
story. [more]

*Together, we're building character — one essay,
one student, and one life lesson at a time.*

School-Level Essay Judge Kick-off Training

2025-2026



Laws of Life **Partnering with Kennesaw Capstone and Judging 2026 Essays**

By Carol Gray Walker
Georgia Laws of Life is proud to partner with Kennesaw State University's College of Computing and Software Engineering through its Capstone Program to analyze workflows and implement a new CRM system that will strengthen our management of school partnerships, Rotary engagement, and statewide growth. At the same time, we are on the road to selecting State Winners in this year's Laws of Life Essay Contest. Read on and stay tuned for late March/early April contest results. [more]



Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)

RLI Movement Continues to Grow

By Tracy Van Norman

2026 has continued to get off to a strong start for RLI, as 23 more members joined the District 6900 RLI movement in Marietta on February 21. There was a spirit of enthusiasm throughout the day despite the bad weather, as members learned, shared, and had fun. Members increased their Rotary knowledge while also increasing their leadership skills. Join us to enhance your facilitation skills, connect with peers, and enjoy a full day of learning and networking at the next onsite event, which will be announced soon.

Don't want to wait? You can access RLI online at RLIsunshine.org/course-information/course-schedule/ to secure your spot! [more]



Our Rotary Foundation
Paul Harris Society Welcomes New Member

By Lauri Young
Governor Steve welcomed **David Lighten of the Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton County** to the Paul Harris Society (PHS). Members of the PHS commit to making a \$1,000 annual contribution to The Rotary Foundation to further its work of changing lives every day.
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**ROTARY MEANS
BUSINESS
FELLOWSHIP**
District 6900

Fellowship Opportunity
Rotary Means Business

By Carter Stout
Rotary Means Business (RMB) is a global fellowship that encourages Rotarians to support one another's professional success through business referrals and mentoring. Watch the newsletter for upcoming events. If you want to get involved, please contact Carter Stout at 770.349.8201 or cstout@stoutkaiser.com



Membership
**Welcome
to the
New
Rotaract
Club of
Southern
Crescent!**

By Steve Ivory
We are pleased to announce that our district chartered a new Rotaract Club, **Rotaract Club of Southern Crescent**, sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Griffin!**

A heartfelt thank you to faculty sponsor Dr. Shannor Huff for his leadership and dedication to empowering these outstanding students. We were honored by the presence of Dr. Irving Clark, President of Southern Crescent Technical College, along with many proud parents and supporters who joined the celebration.
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Club News
**Alpharetta
Polar
Plunge
Raises Big
Money**

By Gail LaFleche
The **Alpharetta
Rotary Plunge**, held on February 7, raised \$230,000 for club community projects and almost \$800,000 for the 235 causes that participated in the plunge. The temperature was only in the mid 40's when scores of fundraisers, many in costumes, braved the cold by jumping into the Wills Park Pool. Organizations that benefited that day included the Lionheart Life Center, Meals by Grace, Jafuta Foundation, Champions Community Foundation and many more. The costumes included superhero outfits, penguins, and a Bavarian theme. More than 1,635 donors contributed that day.
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Brookhaven Rotarians joined other community groups for February's Arbor Day tree planting event cohosted by the Murphey Candler Park Conservancy and Brookhaven's Tree Canopy Preservation team

Club News
**Brookhaven
Accepting
Grant
Applications**

By Linda Hatten
The **Brookhaven Rotary Club** is excited to announce a new program designed to provide grants, through the Brookhaven Rotary Foundation, to local organizations that support the city of Brookhaven community. Club President Jennifer Yanulavich adds, "If you know of a Brookhaven non-profit organization that may have a need for financial support, you can be their Rotarian champion! Even if you're a Rotarian outside of Brookhaven." Please feel free to share this information with qualified organizations who may be interested. [more]



Club News
**North
Fulton
Brightens
Seniors'
Valentines
Day**

By Lisa Gelber
North Fulton Rotarians were thrilled to share our hearts and our hands at the Crabapple Senior Center in February. The morning kicked off with helping participants create beautiful individual floral arrangements to take home, followed by crafting Valentine-themed garland to decorate the center. These creative activities were not only fun, but also great for stimulating the brain.
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Club News
**Alpharetta
Celebrates
Annual
Golden
Gala**

By Gail LaFleche
The **Rotary Club
of Alpharetta**
held its second
Annual Golden
Gala on February
13 at the
American Legion;
it was a huge
success. Over
120 seniors
attended and
enjoyed music,
dancing, line
dance lessons,
refreshments,
raffles and more!
The guests wore
their favorite
party attire and
joined their
friends for this
free event that
included fun and
community. They
were honored at
this event
because Aging is
not something to
hide - it is
something to
celebrate!
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Club News
**Rotary
Club of
Columbus
Completes
Meaningful
Project in
Meeting**

By LeighAnn DiCesaris
The **Rotary Club of Columbus** recently transformed its regular gathering into a hands-on act of service, demonstrating what it truly means to live out Rotary's motto, Service Above Self. Most recently, Rotarians paused their usual weekly meeting agenda to work side-by-side filling hygiene bags for neighbors in need. The completed bags will benefit three local organizations making a direct impact in the community: Valley Rescue Mission, Stewart Community Home, and Home for Good. [more]



Club News

Atlanta West End Strengthens Youth Through School Snack Initiative

By Jared Evans
The **Rotary Club of Atlanta West End (AWER)** has launched and delivered multiple rounds of food support to students at Booker T. Washington High School, ensuring that students have access to nourishment during school breaks when resources might be stretched thin at home. This initiative puts Rotary's Youth Service Avenue into action in a very tangible way. Through the Booker T. Washington Snack Initiative, AWER members have already completed two major deliveries of food and gift cards this Rotary year, with a third delivery scheduled for Spring Break in April 2026 and another planned for the last day of school in May. [more]



Club News
**Roswell
Hosts
Conference
for
Emerging
High
School
Leaders**

By Becky Nelson
**Roswell Rotary
Club** hosted the annual Leadership 20/20 1-day conference this February with approximately 70 emerging student leaders from Roswell High School attending. Without a doubt, this over 30-year tradition was a quiet yet steady testament of collaboration between Roswell HS, Roswell HS PTSA and the Roswell Rotary Club.
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Club News
**Buckhead
Pairs
School
Kids and
Shelter
Dog
Projects**

By Shelley Hammell
The **Buckhead Rotary Club** brought two of its signature projects together in a Valentine's Day effort to benefit shelter dogs and children who have experienced homelessness themselves. Rotarians visited The Boyce L. Ansley School to make dog and cat toys with the students, grades K - 6 and write Valentine's Day messages for the animals at LifeLine Animal Project, and the club purchased more than 20 crates for the animals in the shelter. [more]



Club News
Dunwoody Rotarians Help Anchor Place Respite Celebrate Valentine's Day

By Jackie Cuthbert
 Anchor Place Respite Care in Dunwoody held a very special "Harmony and Hearts" community Valentine's Day celebration for caregivers and their family members living with memory issues - all with some help and support from **Dunwoody Rotarians**. Past President Louise Barden helped with event planning and Charlie and Anita Augello provided a tasty Italian lunch from the East 48th Street Market. [more]




Atlanta Southern Crescent Delivers Valentines

By Claudia Mertl
The **Rotary Club of Atlanta Southern Crescent** delivered 50 Valentines for the residents and staff of the Jonesboro Senior Assisted Living. President Mahli Lowder and Rotarian Dawn Hartman enjoyed delivering the valentines and loved seeing the joy they brought.

SPREADING VALENTINE'S DAY JOY!

The Rotary Club of Atlanta Southern Crescent delivered 50 valentines for the residents and staff of the **Jonesboro Senior Assisted Living** on Saturday, February 7th.

President, Mahli Lowder, and Rotarian, Dawn Hartman, enjoyed delivering the valentines and loved seeing the joy they brought. 



50 valentines delivered to residents & staff! 





SHELTERBOX IMPACT

2025
ROTARY IN FOCUS



Club News

Alpharetta Named as Shelter Box Hero

By Clark Savage
The **Rotary Club of Alpharetta** has been recognized as a *ShelterBox Hero Club* for its outstanding commitment to providing emergency shelter and essential supplies to families displaced by disaster and conflict worldwide. For more information about ShelterBox, its Rotary origins, and how Rotary Clubs can become Hero Clubs, visit <https://shelterboxusa.org/> [more]



Club News
**North
Cobb ...
From
McKenna
Farms to
Kennesaw
to
Women's
Extension**

By Jose Gonzalez
**North Cobb
Rotarians** have been on the move in February - refreshing a closet at McKenna Farms' therapeutic play area for children with special needs, serving dinner at the Women's Extension for its recovery program, partnering with Kennesaw State University Rotaract Club to package food for needy community families. And they still found time to enjoy fellowship at an International Potluck and attend Rotary Leadership Institute training in Marietta.
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Club News
**Griffin
Daybreak
Joins
Read
Across
America**

By Kathyrene Fields
**Griffin
Daybreak
Rotarians**
Kathyrene Fields, Cresta Barber and Nicki Gore jumped at a chance to share some of their favorite stories with new mini BFFs at Moreland Road Elementary, part of the club's partnership with Griffin Spalding Schools to participate in Read Across America. [more]



Club News **Columbus Installs Peace Pole**

By LeighAnn DiCesaris
The **Rotary Club of Columbus** hosted a Peace Pole Dedication Ceremony this February at the Columbus Public Library in Columbus, Georgia — a permanent symbol of our commitment to peace, goodwill, and understanding here at home and around the world. Inscribed with messages of peace in multiple languages, the Peace Pole reflects the shared values that define our community: inclusion, service, and unity. It stands as a reminder that while peace is a global mission, it begins right here in Columbus. This dedication reflects our continued commitment to building a stronger, more united Columbus for generations to come.
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FAMILY OF ROTARY

Our membership cares deeply about the needs and concerns of our members. We don't want to miss an opportunity to reach out in friendship when such concerns arise. The chairperson of this committee is Lynne Lindsey and all news should be directed to her at lynnehlindsay@outlook.com

Club News

Roswell's Family of Rotary Committee

By Becky Nelson
With a heart for service, **Roswell Rotary Club** has a heart for each other too. We are a strong club that gets inside and behind a message or a need with full vibrato. Walking in partnership with this sense of service to our community, our district and our world, is a sense of intense caring for each other. Past President Lynne Lindsay has been the point person for our Family of Rotary Committee for years.
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