



District Conference Registration Open

By Gordon Owens
We hope you are excited as we are to head to San Destin for District Conference April 29 - May 2. The focus of the weekend is for Rotarians from around District 6900 to get away and enjoy a long weekend reconnecting with friends. There will be a few sessions, a couple of planned parties and of course the hospitality suites, but there is also plenty ... [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	ANNUAL FUND	POLIO PLUS
	MEMBERSHIP		
I	Atlanta Brasil	Emory-Druid Hills	Brookhaven
II	Bremen	Jackson-Butts County	Muscogee-Columbus
III	North Atlanta Professional Alliance	Vinings Cumberland	Dougherty County (Albany)
IV	Dunwoody	Dunwoody	Marietta
V	Peachtree City	Alpharetta	Peachtree City

Key Dates

Thursday, October 15th, 2026	South Cobb Governor Visit
Monday, October 19th, 2026	Henry County Governor Visit
Tuesday, October 27th, 2026	Barnesville Governor Visit
Wednesday, October 28th, 2026	Griffin Daybreak Governor Visit
Thursday, October 29th, 2026	Griffin Governor Visit



From Our District
Governor

Here's to All the Opportunities!

By Kirk Driskell

What opportunities await us this coming year. As we look ahead to 2021 it is our choice to look past the obstacle to find the opportunity. Sometimes the opportunity is disguised as a 500-pound gorilla. My Dad always stops me when I start to complain about something. He simply says that I am viewing it wrong, because there is someone in this world that would love to have what I view as a problem.

It has been so encouraging to see Rotarians taking action and making a difference in our communities. I continuously receive emails and phone calls as it relates to the impact that you are having. While there are those sitting waiting for help, District 6900 Rotarians are on the move and serving our community. [more]



From Our
District
Chaplain
**Resolve
to
Consider
Others
and Let
Our
Hearts
Guide
Us**

By Gregory
Adams
As we come
into the New
Year of 2021, I
know that
some of you
will making
resolutions
that sound
good to you.
But as the
year goes by,
those
thoughts,
begin to be
obscure and
no longer in
reach,
because other
obstacles got
in the way. I
always say
that it is bad
to make a
promise to
yourself that
you can't
keep.
Therefore I will
simply make a
suggestion
that if a
resolution is
made, let it
be; that we
will consider
others as we
go through out
the day, and
let our hearts
be our guide.
Happy New
Year 2021!
[more]



District News
**Thomasville
Celebrates
District
6900's
Newest
Future
District
Governor
Selection**

By Michael Bixler
From Fulton County
to Thomasville
covering one third
of the state, the 71
Rotary Clubs in
Rotary District 6900
with nearly 4,300
members will be
represented by
Thomasville's own
Andre' Marria when
she assumes the
title of District
Governor for the
Rotary year
2023-2024. [more]



RYLA
**It's Time
to Start
Planning!**

By Jaclyn
Donovan
Club Presidents
check your
emails for more
Information.
Assistant
Governors
please remind
the presidents
to check their
emails.

Take The Plunge For Charity!



**Rotary Club of Alpharetta
Polar Bear Plunge
Feb. 6th, 2021**

From Facebook

Join Alpharetta for the Polar Plunge!

By Jackie Cuthbert
The **Alpharetta Rotary Club** is hosting the 3rd Annual Alpharetta Polar Bear Plunge on Feb. 8, 2020! We are challenging local non-profits, school clubs and churches to put a team together and raise money for the benefit of their choosing! Organizations such as NFCC, The Drake House, The Lionheart School, BrewAble Cafe, Stand Up for Kids, The Alpharetta Public Safety Foundation, Atlanta Dream Center, and more!! As Rotarians, we can join the plunge, create a team or support the causes already identified. Visit the **Alpharetta Rotary Polar Plunge website**.
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Our Foundation at Work

Paulding County Grant Funds Fishing and Mentoring Opportunities

By Roy Strickland
Rotary Club of Paulding County has had some amazing project successes of late making use of Rotary Foundation Grants.

Check this one out: Paulding County Rotarians are seen here making delivery of new jon boats that will engage more than 100 boys from our community, providing them and their adult male mentors with fishing and bonding opportunities in a safe environment on a 25-acre lake. The mentors invest their time and talents with fatherless boys and boys from single parent homes. The influence of a positive male role model helps equip, encourage and guide the boys to find a healthy and useful purpose. [more]



Sandy Springs Supports Distance Learning

By Todd Lawrimore
The **Rotary Club of Sandy Springs** celebrated the holiday season by giving back to the community. Living up to their motto of "Service Above Self", the club proudly donated \$1,920 to the Sandy Springs Charter Middle School to help distance learning during the COVID crisis. John Neill, SSRC President says that the club was incredibly pleased ...
[more]



Club News

Rotary Clubs of Stone Mountain and Tucker Collect Five Tons of E-Waste in Recent Recycling Event

By Lizbeth Dison
During the recent Electronics Recycling Day, sponsored by the **Rotary Clubs of Tucker and Stone Mountain**, volunteers collected over five tons of working and non-working electronics and home medical equipment (HME), as well as almost \$2,000 in cash donations. Proceeds benefited Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC), a non-profit organization providing recycled mobility equipment for children and adults during or after a health crisis. [more]



Club News **Douglas County Shares Shop with a Cop Photos**

By Samantha
Rosado
Sixty
deserving
elementary
and middle
school
students
were ready
with their
Christmas
lists and
picked up
lots of toys
and clothes
at Shop with
a Cop on
December
15.
Spearheaded
by the DCSS
Police
Department,
the joyful
event was a
collaboration
with other
law
enforcement
agencies,
including the
Douglas
County
Sheriff's
Office, the
Douglasville
Police
Department
and the
Georgia
State Patrol.
[more]



Club News

Lake Spivey/Clayton County Celebrates The Giving Side of Christmas

By Ron Swofford

Christmas came to the Kinship Care children Thursday evening of December 17 in an unconventional way. The Kinship Care Center provides assistance to grandparents and other family raising children in parent absent homes. Usually, people give presents to the children, but not so this time! The children actually got to shop for gifts for others. The idea was the brainchild of Tom Mertl, former President of the **Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton County**. He noticed the children were receiving gifts but did not have the opportunity of experiencing the joy of giving. He started the "Giving Side of Christmas" and the event has been a huge success and has been bringing joy for 13 years. It is an effective concept that simulates both the buying and the giving experience.

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ROSWELL ROTARY PRESENTS

ADOPT A PLATOON

TOGETHER,
WE WILL BE PACKING BOXES TO SEND OFF TO THE BRAVE
MEN AND WOMEN DEFENDING OUR FREEDOM.

**BRING ANY DONATIONS FROM THE FOLLOWING LIST TO
ROTARY MEETINGS IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER:**

QUICK PROTEIN, POWDERED DRINK MIX, CANDY, HAND SANITIZER,
SHAMPOO, WIPES, SOAP, TOOTHPASTE,
MAGAZINES, BATH BOMBS, BODY LOTION, FACE MASKS,
CROSSWORD PUZZLES, SUDOKU, WORD SEARCHES,
BOBBY PINS, HAIR TIES, ROBES, FUZZY SOCKS,
BODY SCRUB, FEMININE PRODUCTS, BEEF JERKY,
COFFEE, BATTERIES, DRIED PINEAPPLES, DRIED PAPAYAS,
DRIED PLANTAINS, SNACKS CONTAINING COCONUT, SUNGLASSES



Club News

Roswell Continues Adopt a Platoon Tradition

By Trummie Patrick
Founded in 2009
under the leadership
of **Roswell Rotary's**
President, Elwyn
Gaissert, "Adopt A
Platoon" is an
annual fundraiser to
support troops with
a Roswell
connection. The
name was settled on
because the first
year's recipient was
a platoon leader.
In honor of those
who served, for our
Veterans Day
Program, Roswell
Rotary identified 14
local sailors
deployed on the USS
Nimitz in the Persian
Gulf, the USS Dwight
D. Eisenhower in the
Red Sea and USS
Ronald Regan in the
South China
Sea. The Nimitz
operates and trains
alongside regional
and coalition
partners and
provides naval
aviation support to
Operation Inherent
Resolve. The Ronald
Regan conducts
maritime air defense
operations in
support of a free and
open Indo-Pacific.
The Dwight D.
Eisenhower provides
a wide range of
flexible mission
capabilities,
including maritime
security operations,
expeditionary power
projection, crisis
response,
counterterrorism,
and security
cooperation.
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Club News **Smyrna Spruces Up Campbell Middle School Courtyard**

By Narayan Sengupta
Smyrna's Campbell Middle School's expansive courtyard needed some leaves raked and TLC. It has a few trees, many bushes, a sidewalk with a nice little circle at center, etc.

Smyrna Rotary Club's Kevin Young, Jae Scarborough, Paul Powers, Patricia Huff and Narayan Sengupta got their rakes, leaf blower, pruners and more, organized leaves into large piles and got some trimming done too. Says Sengupta, "We had fun, wore masks, stayed socially distant, got the project done in a couple of hours, and it already looks a lot better. A big part of Rotary is community service projects. We're always looking for more." To get involved or to suggest a project, contact Sengupta at f25@nfiweb.com. [more]



Club News **Fayetteville Supports Shop with a Cop**

By Jackie Cuthbert
The **Rotary Club of Fayetteville** was happy to partner with the Fayetteville Police Department with a donation for their annual Shop With A Cop program!



From Facebook

Honoring Our Veterans and First Responders

By Jackie Cuthbert
In **Americus**, Rotarians honored veteran's this holiday season with Wreaths Across America, while **Buckhead and East Cobb** delivered food to firefighters, **Marietta Metro** recognized first responders with a lunch program honoring Hometown Heroes. In the meantime, **Peachtree City** prepared holiday food baskets for each fire station and hospital break room and **South Cobb** fed over 1500 hospital employees. Check out these Facebook pictures and stories. [more]

