Rotary District 6900

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District Newsletter

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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 MEMBERSHIP	ANNUAL FUND	POLIO PLUS
I	**Atlanta Brasil**	**Emory-Druid Hills**	**Brookhaven**
II	**Bremen**	**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

Tuesday, December 1st, 2026	**Fayetteville Governor Visit**
Wednesday, December 2nd, 2026	**Tyrone Governor Visit**
Tuesday, December 8th, 2026	**Atlanta Metro Governor Visit**
Thursday, December 10th, 2026	**South DeKalb County 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]



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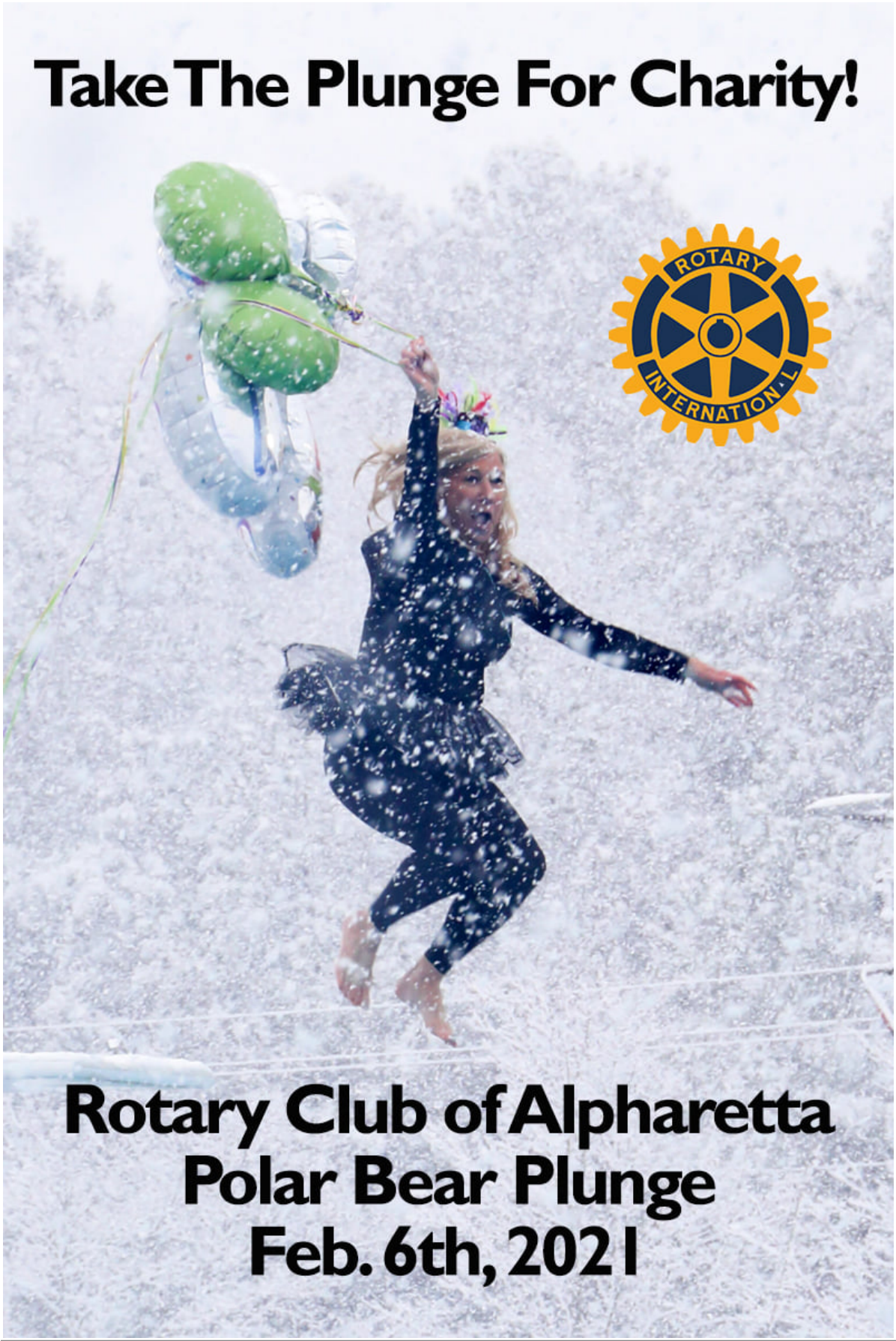
It's Time to Start Planning!

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



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**. [more]



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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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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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!

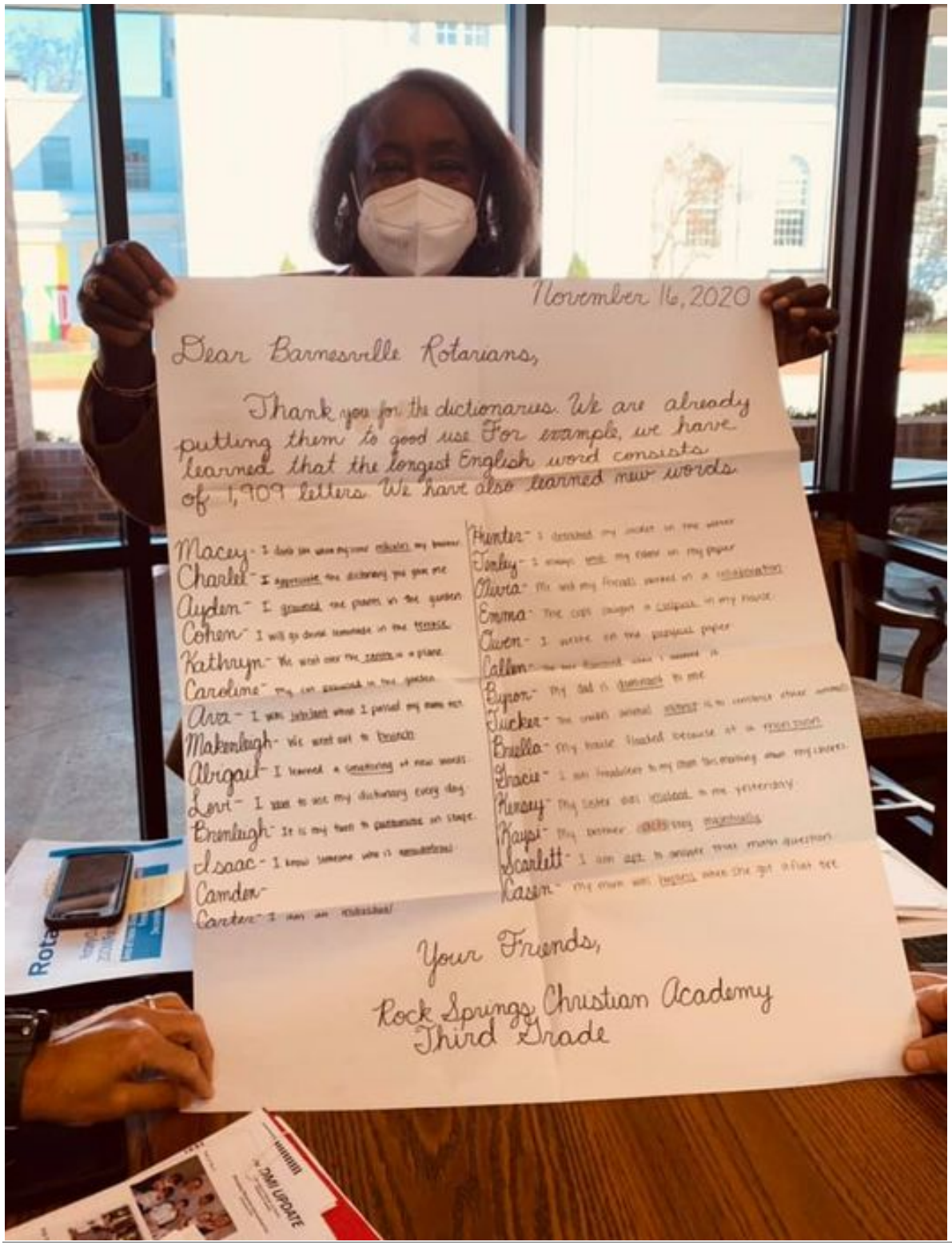


From Facebook

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]



From Facebook

Clubs Making a Difference in Their Communities

By Jackie Cuthbert

The thank you note from Rock Springs Christian Academy third graders is just the beginning of this story. Check out the attached collection of pictures and stories to see the difference everything from dictionaries and Little Free Libraries to bell ringing, gifts and food for families can make in the communities we serve. Here we've captured Facebook stories from **Barnesville, Camilla, Quitman, Dougherty County, Milton, LaGrange, North Atlanta, Moultrie and Senoia.** [more]