Rotary District 6900

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District Newsletter

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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	**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

Enjoying the Fellowship of Rotary

By Kirk Driskell
Did you know that June is designated as Rotary Fellowship Month. I know that many of you are like me and have missed a lot of fellowship opportunities over the past year. The picture here was taken recently as the Rotary Club of Roswell was getting ready to celebrate its 70th anniversary - and I was able to enjoy an evening with Past RI Vice President Anne Matthews and Roswell Rotarians.
As we look towards the end of this Rotary year, I am excited to be able to gather with you in Sandestin in August. If you were not able to secure one of the tickets for dinner Saturday night do not worry. You are still invited and we want you to come an join in all the weekend fun. Be on the look out for an email with more information and - we hope - the ability to be able to open up more tickets for Saturday night dinner. Go ahead a reserve a room so you can come an enjoy all the fellowship. [more]



In Memoriam

Remembering Past District Governor Bill Mulkey

By Jackie Cuthbert

It is with sadness that we share with all of you the passing of our dearest friend, PDG Bill Mulkey, after a long illness. Bill was a Charter Member of the Rotary Club of Dunwoody, and has served the District in many roles since his year as District Governor. He leaves a legacy of leadership that will long serve to inspire us all.

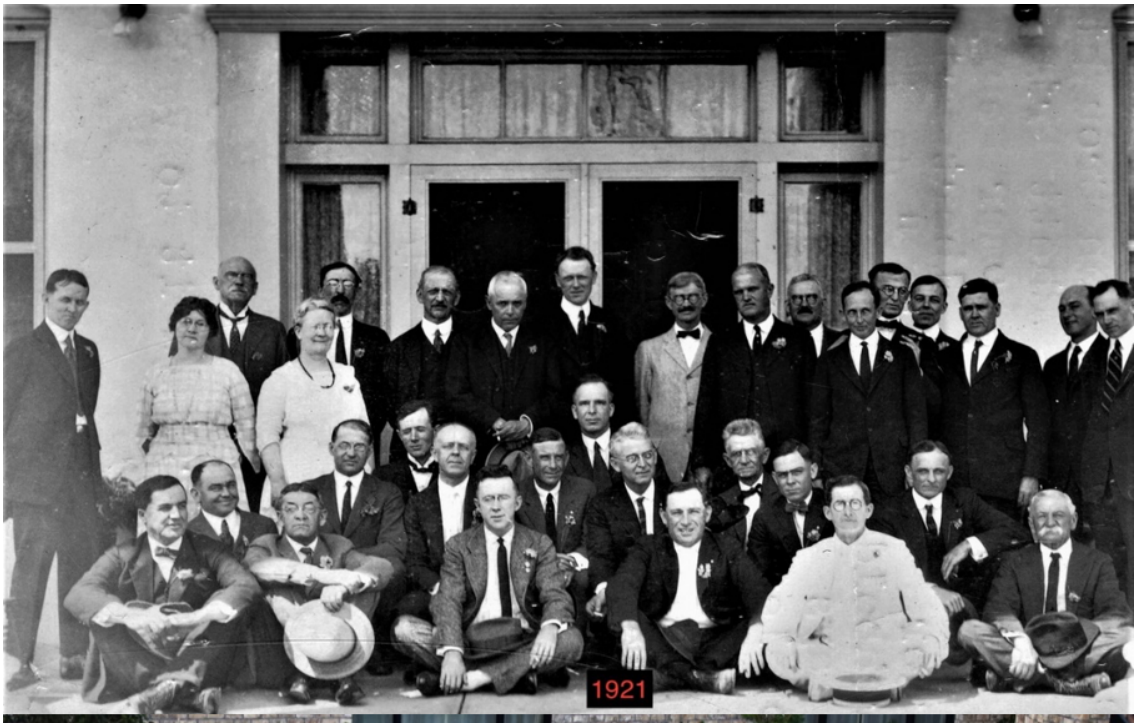
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RI Convention 2021

Rotary Opens Opportunities - Still Time to Register for 2021 Virtual Convention

By Mary Ligon
Registration continues for the 2021 Virtual Convention: Rotary Opens Opportunities which will take place from 12 through 16 June 2021. ! Don’t miss your chance to connect with Rotary members from around the world.
Unless you registered before May 7, the registration fee is $65. You can also join us early at a preconvention … [more]





Club News

Commemorating 100 Years of Service Above Self in Thomasville

By Michael Bixler

The **Rotary Club of Thomasville** was officially launched in the first week of May 1921. Exactly 100 years later, 82 members of the club gathered to commemorate the occasion; by far the club's largest turnout since the start of the pandemic. Among those who participated in the club's birthday celebration were two very special members: ... [more]



GRSP Update

Columbus Speakers Transcend Time and Travel Limitations

By Ian Bond
Transcending time zones and travel limitations, the **Rotary Club of Columbus's** May 12 meeting featured several special guests, including DGE Mary Ligon, our GRSP Trustee Ken Townsend. For our program we welcomed back three of our club's GRSP alumni via Zoom: Zsanett Havasi from Hungary (2007-2008), Catriona Patterson from Scotland (2009-2010), and Anna Skoglund from Sweden (2011-2012). Each shared an update about their lives after their time as GRSP students at Columbus State University.
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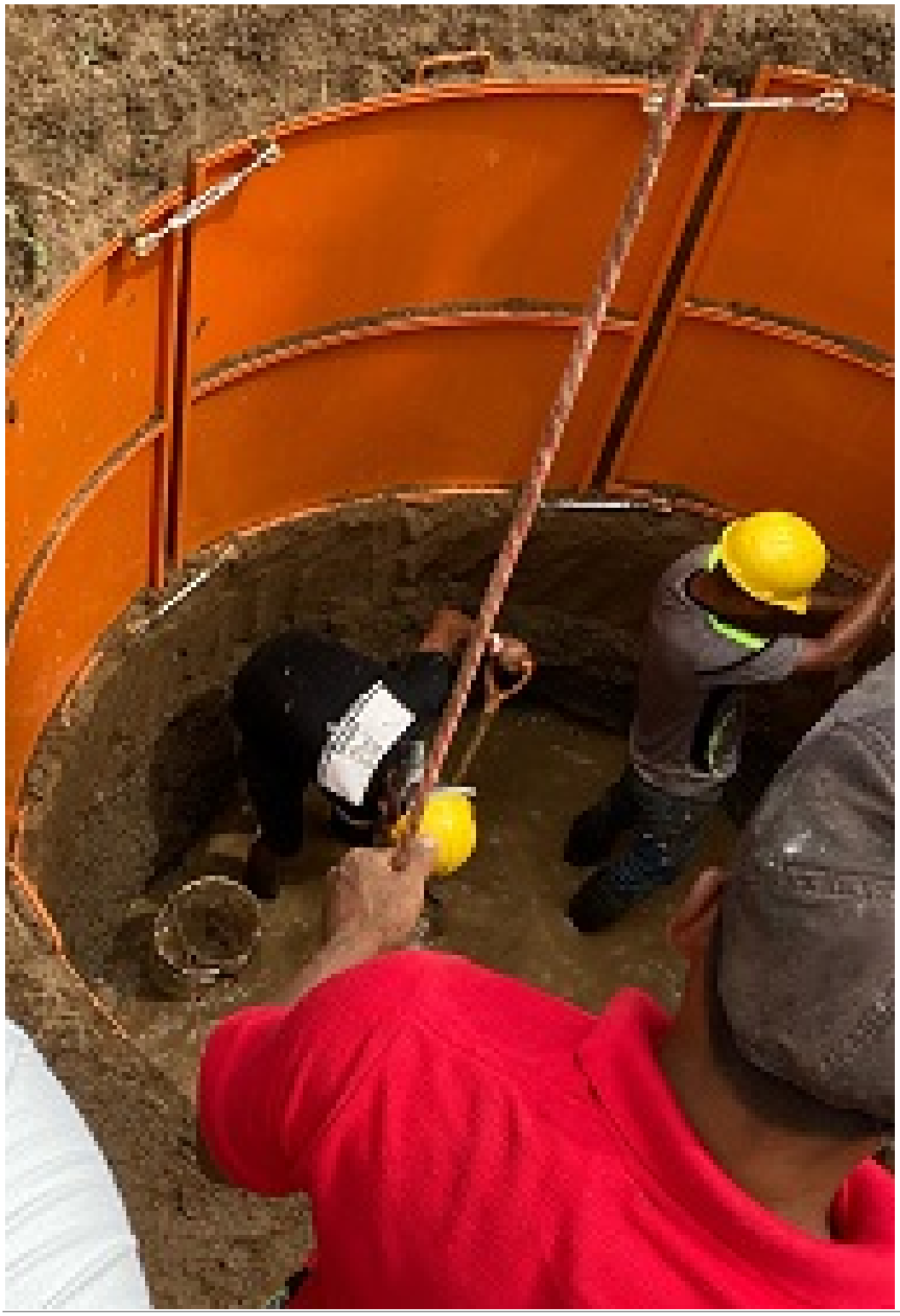


Speakers Kathy McAfee and Nancy Anton

Rotary Works Series

Networking Ahead for Career Success

Wednesday, June 9, 2021 from 12:30pm-1:30pm EDT
By Claudia Mertl
Everyone knows that networking is essential part of the job search process. In fact, studies continue to confirm that the lion share of professional positions and jobs are secured through networking, not job boards. But during the pandemic, job seekers have been limited in their ability to do in-person networking and interviewing. We've all had to learn new skills and to get more comfortable with virtual networking and interviewing. How can you leverage these new abilities in order to stand out and secure new work opportunities? In this special session of RotaryWorks you will hear tips and insights from two experts including a professional recruiter who interviews and hires people for a living, and an author and motivator who literally wrote the book on networking.
Join the session by Zoom at
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83951672511?pwd=UUJUYzNOYSt3WlIRRExPelVYbW5IUT09
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Our Rotary Foundation at Work

Roswell Partners to Build Wells in Panama

By Trummie Patrick

While investment has been made by the government to construct potable water systems in the indigenous communities of Panamá Este and Darién over the last 30 years, most communities persist without functional systems to provide the quantity and quality of water required for their basic needs. The result is a tremendous burden on the economy, health, and development potential.

The **Rotary Club of Roswell** is partnering with the Panama Nordeste Rotary Club, and the Alpharetta, Milton and Griffin Rotary Clubs on a TRF Global Grant to help fix that, The club joined indigenous community leadership to construct water and sanitation infrastructure in two communities for an approximated cost of $64,162 - achieving cost-effective, sustainable WASH development in the region.

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Sheffield Gala

Americus Honors 2019-20 Sheffield Award Winners

By Angela Smith

A large group of Rotarians from District 6900, including District leadership and Sheffield Leadership Award winners, gathered in downtown Americus, Georgia, to fellowship face-to-face and celebrate the six past presidents that made up the newest class of Sheffield winners.

It was a lovely evening to be back together in person to honor deserving Rotary presidents who served from 2019-20, As pictured:

• Gordon Owens (Roswell)
• Joy Manbeck (North Fulton)
• Ryan Swertfager (Carrollton Dawnbreakers)
• Kim Walden (Thomasville)
• Rene Smith (Americus)
• David Schwickerath (North Cobb)

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CONGRATULATIONS!
2020-2021 Teachers of Distinction
District 6900

Bainbridge High School	Heidi Chambers *
Martha Ellen Stilwell School of the Arts	Pamela White *
	Brigette Washington *
Alpharetta High School	Kimberly Green
Atlanta Classical Academy	Asha Kapelina-Thomas
Bremen High School	Jessica Allen
Carrollton High School	Stephanie Trumble
Carver STEAM Academy	Marie Ojofeitimi
Central High School (Carroll)	Megan Wooten
Colquitt County High School	Susan Passmore *
Deerfield-Windsor School	Irmgard Schopen-Davis
Forest Park High School	Shellie Taylor-Rogers
Greenville High School	Patissia Childs
Haralson County High School	Carol Fasick
Hardaway High	Laura Clack
Independence High	Linda Legros
Jackson High School	Christa K R Miller
Lovejoy High School	Ashea Goldson *
McIntosh High School	Scharlotte Bowles
North Cobb High School	Kathy Ezzell
North Springs High School	Andrew Boehnlein
Northside High School	Sonya Trepp-Fuller
Shaw High School	Parise Bailey
Thomas County Central High School	Kensey D'Souza
Thomasville High School	Rebecca Ramsey *
Thomson High School	Sarah Berdon
Woodland High School	Jim Oliver

Laws of Life

Georgia Laws of Life Essay Contest Announces Teachers of Distinction

By Carol Gray Walker
The Georgia Rotary Clubs Laws of Life Essay Contest today recognized the Teacher of Distinction for the 2020-2021 contest. A total of 26 teachers received the honor in Georgia Rotary District 6900. They received an honorarium of $100 for their efforts. More than 25,000 high school students across Georgia shared their personal values in their Law … [more]



Club News

Americus Recognizes Top Public Servants

By Angela Smith

It was a privilege for the **Rotary Club of Americus** to recognize four incredible servant leaders and award them the Rotary International "Service Above Self" National Medal of Honor. The club held a luncheon at Georgia Southwestern State University in the Private Dining Room of the Thomas O. Marshall Student Center on May 18 to honor the four ... [more]



Club News

Clubs Join Together to Distribute USDA Food Boxes

By John Neill

May 20 offers a great example of Rotarians from multiple clubs working together to "make good things happen in our communities." Many thanks to all the volunteers from the **Rotary Clubs of Sandy Springs, Dunwoody, Roswell and Alpharetta** for making this a successful joint service project. We had 20 Rotarians plus six volunteers ... [more]

Club News

Midtown Atlanta Rotary Takes Diversity, Equity & Inclusion to Heart

by William Parker & Renée Weese Co-chairs, MARC DE&I Team

By James Yost

Just over one year ago, the **Midtown Atlanta Rotary Club (MARC)** began a “self-reflection” study to take the pulse of the Club in hopes of gaining insight into how we might collectively determine our strategic direction. Through an initial survey of members, it was determined that, among other attributes, MARC’s diversity was highly appreciated. Shortly after the survey, George Floyd was killed, and our leadership asked the Self-Reflection Team to take DEI into consideration and recommend a course of action for MARC. This work was documented in the MARC Response on Bias and Racial Injustice, which included the establishment of a new MARC Board seat for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DE&I). The recommendation was adopted, and the MARC DE&I Team was born. President Rocky Ford and the Board created two new Board positions to ensure a permanent focus on DE&I.

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Serving During the Pandemic

Dunwoody Supports ROTEX India Drive to Buy Oxygen Concentrators

By Mike Parks

When ROTEX 3054 (Rotary Alumni of RYE Students) in India started a crowdfunding campaign to raise funds for Oxygen concentrators, the **Rotary Club of Dunwoody** was quick to respond. Between funds from the Dunwoody Rotary Charitable Fund and contributions from club members, we were able to wire $2,000 almost overnight.

Thanks to contributions … [more]

From Our District Chaplain

A Closing Thought …

By Gregory Adams

The sun gives light during the day, the moon gives light in the darkness of night and the stars twinkle in the sky above. This is what Rotarians do for individuals that need a burst of sunlight when darkness is all around them. We become the sun and the moon and our service to others, puts a twinkle, in their eyes, like the stars in the sky. Thank … [more]