

End Polio Now

Closing the Gap to End Polio!

From Our District Foundation Chair

By Bob Hagan

I personally LOVE the photo used with this month's article on Polio! I know what you are saying, "Of course you do Bob it's a photo of you"! Okay, I'll accept the good-natured ribbing you are most likely giving me over it. Yes, this one is me doing the pose you have seen many times of the much more famous one of Bill Gates doing the pose of making the point that we are "This Close" to ending Polio. The pose is a little more farfetched than what the reality is, however, closing that gap and actually eradicating the disease is perhaps closer than what you might think and really does need to be explained a bit better than perhaps you have heard it in the past. [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**



RYLA Update

Give the Gift of RYLA

By Jaclyn Donovan

'Tis the season to be jolly and joyful and merry and to enjoy all the fun things that come with the holidays. And if you are in the gift-giving mood and can't decide what to get for that future leader teenager in your life… give the gift of RYLA!! RYLA 2027 will be held June 5-9 on the campus of Georgia Southwestern State University. [more]



Club News

Bridging the Gap Sends 250 Families Home with Two Weeks of Food

By Nicholas Ramey

Families who pulled into Bridging the Gap's drive-through line on Wednesday, November 18, went home with twice the usual food. The Newnan nonprofit won't hold a food distribution the week of Thanksgiving. So each family got one big box, the size of two regular ones, packed to last two weeks. By the end of the day, Bridging the Gap had filled and handed out 250 of them. About 15 members of the **Rotary Club of Newnan** helped with the first 100. [more]



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Blakely Rotarian Leads Efforts to Improve Rural Education

By Mac Gordon

Dr. Bronwyn Ragan-Martin, a member of the **Rotary Club of Blakely**, addresses her club in November about the State Department of Education's Rural Initiative program which she directs from Atlanta. Dr. Ragan-Martin was named five years ago to head the new state K-12 program designed to improve rural education in Georgia. [more]