Rotary District 6900

District Newsletter

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From Our District Governor

Keeping an Eye on Our Goals

By Mary Ligon

It has been a great summer to travel through Georgia and visit all of you and your great clubs. I particularly enjoyed all the great ideas and fellowship we shared at our District 6900 celebration in Sandestin and being on hand in Sandy Springs when Will MacArthur was honored for his Rotary Foundation giving as an Arch Klumph Society member. I'd also like to congratulate Mary Reid of the Rotary Club of Columbus for her 100th birthday - celebrated in style by the club! Congratulations to both Mary and Will for these significant achievements - and thanks to both for their dedication to Rotary. And congratulations to the clubs and individuals honored in Sandestin.

As we move forward into fall, Rotary International focuses on Basic Education and Literacy in September. Many of you have been working on projects to benefit education and youth - you can read about some of them in this newsletter. We are about to kickoff a major education initiative called Youth & Peace in Action (YPA)

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The Gig Economy ... Learn More September 8 at 1 pm ... Register Now

By Claudia Mertl

As the name suggests, our “gig economy” occurs when companies lean towards hiring independent contractors and freelancers instead of onboarding full-time employees. People are entering the gig economy in virtually every industry. By 2027 more than half of the U.S. workforce is projected to be performing freelance or “gig” work. Please join us on September 8 at 1 pm to find out how you can thrive in this fast-growing economy.

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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**	**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	**Rotary Means Business with the Tucker Rotary Club**
Thursday, October 15th, 2026	**Discover Rotary - Southwest Georgia**
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**
Thursday, November 5th, 2026	**Rotary Means Business with the Decatur Rotary Club**
Monday, November 9th, 2026	**Douglas County Governor Visit**



Youth and Peace in Action

Jump on the Youth & Peace in Action Train Today!

By Becky Stone

Youth & Peace in Action – Rotary's largest local youth peace education initiative ever kicks off with high schools and youth service clubs in Zone 33/34 on September 21-International Peace Day. If your school or youth service club has not registered for YPA, go NOW to the YPA website: **www.youthpeaceaction.org** and register by September 10. All are welcome!

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Laws of Life

Are You Signed Up for the Essay Contest?

By Suzi McIntyre

To date, 55 high schools have registered for the Georgia Rotary Clubs Laws of Life Essay Contest. We expect at least another 20 schools to participate in this year's contest.

This year, GLL has welcomed seven new participating schools among the 55 schools who have registered. Of the 33 registered clubs, we welcome several new Rotary club ...

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Tuesday, November 10th, 2026	**Carrollton Governor Visit**
Wednesday, November 11th, 2026	**Carrollton-Dawn Breakers Governor Visit**
Thursday, November 12th, 2026	**Bremen Governor Visit**
Friday, November 13th, 2026	**Alpharetta Governor Visit**

Opportunity to Help

Haiti Earthquake Victims Need Our Help

By Mary Ligon

On August 14, 2021 Haiti was rocked by a massive 7.2 Magnitude Earthquake and not long after, Tropical Storm Grace brought heavy rains to the region that affected search and rescue efforts. Many of you have asked how you can help - there are two immediate possibilities: you may contribute to the District 7020 Haiti Earthquake Disaster Recovery Fund or to ShelterBox, a long time Rotary International partner. [more]



The Rotary Foundation at Work

Are You Ready for World Polio Day in October?

By Reda Rowell

Polio has for many years been a primary focus of Rotary around the world, and District 6900 has played an important role. We have accomplished so much, but we can't stop until we cross the finish line and polio no longer exists. Coronavirus has, in many ways, overshadowed thoughts of polio. However just this past June four polio workers were killed by gunmen in Afghanistan. For polio to be completely eradicated we, as Rotarians, need to stay focused and continue our awareness and fundraising campaigns. Look for announcements about District 6900 plans for World Polio Day on October 24 and look for ideas for your club at **endpolio.org**. [more]



Congratulations!

Chris Brand Receives Follow Me Award

By Jackie Cuthbert

DG Kirk named Assistant Governor Chris Brand as the Follow Me Award Winner. Created by the Rotary Club of Stone Mountain to honor PDG Al Lipphardt, the Follow Me Award recognizes an outstanding Assistant Governor for the year. Chris was honored for that and all the he does for District 6900 and the community as head of Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC) - getting supplies and medical equipment to where it is needed all over the world. During the pandemic, this included coordinating distribution of masks and hand sanitizer to first responders in District 6900. Chris is a member of the Rotary Club of Stone Mountain. [more]



Service Opportunities

Take a Look at How Your Club Can Help

By Neill Ferrill

Welcome to **Rotary District 6900 SPOTLIGHT on SERVICE**, a resource to assist you and your Club in continuing to have impactful service projects in your community! This month's spotlight is on Rotary's **Feed 10 Million Initiative**. Last year, Rotarians in Zones 33 and 34 provided 6,448,000 meals to those in need. This year ... [more]



Congratulations!

Lorri Christopher Honored as District 6900 Rotarian of the Year

By Jackie Cuthbert
DG Kirk named Lorri Christopher of the Rotary Club of Dunwoody as District Rotarian of the Year. He commented that Lorri was willing to take on any task that needed doing - and that all her efforts "helped me and the District look good." Lorri helped with the planning for Kirk's year, stepped in for a fourth year as an Assistant Governor when there was an unexpected opening, all while serving as Secretary for the Georgia Rotary Student Program and contributing in many other ways. Congratulations Lorri for an honor well-deserved! And thanks for all you do!
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Congratulations!

Sheffield and Club of the Year Awards for 2021-22

By Jackie Cuthbert

Each year, the **Rotary Club of Americus** presents the Sheffield Leadership Awards to outstanding leaders in each club category, honoring the three Sheffields from Americus who served as District Governor.

The recipients for Kirk's year as our DG include:

• Category 1 - Torrie Sunstrom, Henry County

• Category 2 - Angela Smith, Americus (pictured)

• Category 3 - Steve Ivory, Peachtree City (pictured)

Category

• 4: Lynn Lindsay, Roswell

Kirk also presented the Club of the Year awards for 2021-22.

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Congratulations!

PDG Fran Milberg Honored with The Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award

By Jackie Cuthbert

In Sandestin, PDG Fran Milberg received the Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award. This award is The Rotary Foundation's highest service recognition. Presented to a Rotarian whose outstanding record of service to The Rotary Foundation is on a much broader basis and spreads beyond the district level and continues over an extended period … [more]

Rotary Means Business

Consider a Great Networking Opportunity

By Johnathan Clark

Looking for an informal social setting to meet new people, share ideas, network and learn from fellow Rotarians who are leaders in their field? Consider the Rotary Means Business Fellowship. We meet the third Tuesday of each month from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. . Each month we have a special topic to build skills and support attendees/Rotarians. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 21.

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The Rotary Foundation

Will MacArthur Joins Arch Klumph Society

By Jackie Cuthbert

At an August meeting of the **Rotary Club of Sandy Springs,** District Governor Mary Ligon was on hand to recognize Will MacArthur as the District's newest Arch Klumph Society member and for his impactful contribution of time and money to The Rotary Foundation. Will is a Past President of the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs, has served on our District TRF committee for several years and is currently an Assistant Governor. [more]



The Rotary Foundation at Work

Columbus Starting Midnight Basketball

By Anne Glenn

Last month, we started sharing the story of the three competitive $10,000 grants awarded this year to the Rotary Clubs of **Buckhead, Columbus and Meriwether County**. Each focuses on the needs of children and seniors in their communities. We will feature one in each of the next three newsletters - starting with Buckhead. This month we'd like to share how the Rotary Club of Columbus is using its grant to help local youth.

Columbus, Georgia is experiencing higher incidences of homicide and assault involving youth due to lack of resources and activities engaging them in more positive behavior. With help from The Columbus Rotary Club's D6900 competitive Grant for $10,000, Cure Violence Columbus, Ga is reviving a program begun in the 90's, Midnight Basketball League.

The Basketball program will provide a safe, positive environment for youth (ages 13-25). Midnight Basketball uses local coaches and mentors from 10:00 pm until 3:00 - times when most youth criminal activities occur. This is also an effort to reduce violent crimes in marginalized communities.

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From Facebook

Way to Grow! Keep It Going ...

By Jackie Cuthbert

Last month, Rotary International focused on Membership growth and retention. In District 6900, we welcome several new Rotarians. We've included names and pictures of those from **Bremen, Camilla, Meriwether County, Moultrie, Newnan and Johns Creek North Fulton**. All these clubs used Facebook to welcome these members. [more]





Club News

Join Roswell for Golf or Tennis on September 13

By Becky Nelson
Time to pay to play! The 43rd Annual Golf Tournament and the 9th Annual Tennis Tournament will be on Sept 13 at the Brookfield Country Club in Roswell. You know we will find room for you!
Club President Terry Taylor says, “The Roswell Rotary golf and tennis tournament is our only official fundraiser which is organized and run with 100 ... [more]



Club News

Billboard Campaign Supports Sandy Springs Police

By John Neill

The **Rotary Club of Sandy Springs** has started a billboard campaign as part of its three step service project to support the Sandy Spring's Police Department and First Responders. The initial two-week phase of the billboard campaign began August 16 with the following message appearing on the Lamar outdoor digital billboard on ... [more]



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East Cobb Takes to Streets for 16th Annual Dog Day Run

By Fred Hanna

On August 7, the **East Cobb Rotary Club** held its annual Dog-Days Run - a 5K race. Back in person this year, the race raised over $75,000 for local Cobb charities. This Dog Days Run honors the heat and humidity of summer. Over the years, the club has donated more than $500,000 from race proceeds to local and international service projects. This 16th year celebrated the special treat of being back in person. [more]



Club News

Carrollton Dawnbreakers Partners with Hope for Justice to Spot Signs of Human Trafficking

By Emily Wilkins

To help better identify modern day slavery and spot the signs of human trafficking, the Carrollton Dawnbreakers Rotary Club recently partnered with Hope for Justice to provide training for its members. Hope for Justice exists to change lives and end modern slavery. US Team Leader Dr. Richard Schoeberl joined the club for a virtual session to share insights, facts and warning signs on human trafficking.

“At Hope for Justice, we’re a global organization located on five continents,” said Schoeberl. “We exist to prevent exploitation from happening to start with, but also to rescue victims, restore lives and reform society.”

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Club News

Smyrna Partners to Equip Nepal Hospital

By Narayan Sengupta

The **Rotary Club of Smyrna** is partnering with Rotary Clubs in Branchburg Township, New Jersey, Singapore and Balaju, Nepal on a Dhulikhel Rotary Club $40,000 international global grant project to purchase hospital equipment for Dhulikhel, Nepal's Scheer Memorial Hospital. The project is now fully funded and approved by The Rotary Foundation. [more]



From Facebook

Promoting Literacy

By Jackie Cuthbert

See how **Marietta Metro** and **Quitman** are supporting community schools and students. [more]



From Facebook

Serving Our Communities

By Jackie Cuthbert

What are the Rotary Clubs of **Senoia, Milton, North Fulton, North Cobb, North Atlanta, Dunwoody, Emory Druid Hills and Buckhead** doing to make a difference? Check it out ... [more]