Rotary District 6900

District Newsletter

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From Our District Governor

You Still Have Time

"Reach your Membership Goal."

By André Marria

We have three months to go and we're almost there! Make Club Membership top Priority! I need your help! let's make it happen with action, attitude, and a little extra effort!

When I was in Middle School, I received the prefect poem which helped me in developing a positive mindset. As we draw closer to our finish line, I am sharing it with you in hopes that you never stop believing you can achieve anything.

The Man Who Thinks He Can ... by Walter D. Wintl

If you think you are beaten, you are
If you think you dare not, you don't,
If you like to win, but you think you can't
It is almost certain you won't.
If you think you'll lose, you're lost
For out of the world we find,
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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**

DG Andre with Amy Benton, Nancy Prochaska, Matt Jarrard, Lisa Gelber and the President of the Americus Club, sponsor of the Sheffield Awards

Congrulations Sheffield and Club of the Year Award Recipients!

By Jackie Cuthbert

Congratulations to these individuals and clubs for having the best year you could imagine:

Sheffield Award Recipients

• Category 1: Lisa Gelber (North Fulton)
• Category 2: Matt Jarrard (Vinings Cumberland)
• Category 3: Nancy Prochaska (North Cobb)
• Category 4: Amy Benton (Peachtree City)

Club of the Year Awards

• Category 1: Best - North Fulton; Runner-Up - Meriwether County (Warm Springs)
• Category 2: Best – Vinings Cumberland, Runner-Up – Atlanta West End
• Category 3: Best - North Cobb, Runner-Up - Marietta
• Category 4: Best – Peachtree City, Runner-Up - Alpharetta

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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**

District Awards

Teri White, Rotarian of the Year

By Jackie Cuthbert

Congratulations to Teri White of the Rotary Club of Thomasville, who was selected by this year's District Governor to be Rotarian of the Year. Teri is our District Treasurer, serves on the GRSP Foundation Board, and has worked on numerous assignments in support of Rotary and the District. She became a Frank Bentley Fellow in GRSP this year, with accumulated contributions of $25,000, and was the successful bidder on a special Rotary tie at District Conference, with proceeds going to End Polio Now. [more]

DGND Cynthia Edwards, Follow Me award winner Buck Buchanan and DG Andre Marria

District Awards

Assistant Governors Honored for Their Work

By Jackie Cuthbert

Carlton “Buck” Buchanan (RC of Marietta Metro) was honored with the Follow Me Award. Presented by the RC of Stone Mountain, this award is presented to the best assistant governor of the year, in honor of PDG Al Lipphardt. Buck has served in that role for the RC of Marietta, North Cobb, Paulding County, Polk County and South Cobb.

DG Andre Marria also honored these Assistant Governors who are completing their service in that role: Rene Smith (RC of Americus), Ryan Swertfager (RC of Carollton Dawnbreakers), Tyler Townsend (RC of Columbus), Wynita Cannon (RC of Dougherty County), Susan Ferguson (RC of LaGrange), and Steve Ivory (RC of Peachtree City). [more]

GRSP News

GRSP Recognizes Students and Supporters

By Katheryne Fields

Georgia Rotary Student Program (GRSP) honored multiple recipients at the District 6900 Conference. **Will Pridgeon** of the United Kingdom, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Americus, received the **Will Watt Award** presented by the Rotary Club of Thomasville and selected by the Rotary Club of Pelham as emulating the ideals of GRSP, while Rotary Club of Roswell named **Peace Cyebukayire** of Rwanda as the **Donald and Barbara Thomas Peace Award** recipient for exhibiting the spirit of the GRSP.

The Rotary Club of Sandy Springs presented a District Level Award in honor of Frank E. Bentley, Sr. GRSP Leadership Award to Debbie Goodman of the Rotary Club of Thomasville for her leadership in promoting GRSP. And the Rotary Club of Griffin honored the clubs with the highest cumulative contributions to the GRSP Foundation in categories 1 to 4. The honor is named in memory of GRSP Fellow Jake Cheatham, a former member of the Rotary Club of Griffin who faithfully served GRSP in leadership as secretary and treasurer for more than 30 years. Winners included Category 1 (1-30 Members) Muscogee-Columbus, Category 2 (31-59 Members) Camilla, Category 3 (60-99 Members) Carrollton and Category 4 (100+ Members) Thomasville. [more]

From District Conference

I See You Awards

By André Marria

DG André created the "I See You" award to provide special recognition for individuals who had worked hard to amplify Rotary over the course of this year. They included:

Recipient	Rotary Club
Gideon Ticha	Tyrone
Jon Hughes	Senoia
Tracy Van Norman	Columbus North
Lisa Carlisle	Roswell
Shanna Derby	Thomasville
Linda Olivier	Barnesville
Adrian Burns	Thomasville
Ryan Clement	Rotary Club of Columbus
Carol Colon	Fayetteville
Nathaniel Tyler	Thomasville
Stephanie Windham	Griffin
Angela Williamson	Thomasville
Kia Chambers	Rotary Club of Columbus
Fran Milberg	Thomasville
Lorraine Williams	Thomasville

Rotary Means Business

Join Rotary Means Business April 23

By Carter Stout

Rotary Means Business District 6900 will hold its monthly networking meeting on April 23, 2024 from 6-8PM at the new Politan Row at Ashford Lane in the Perimeter Center area. This month's sponsor is the Rotary Club of Roswell. Everyone that registers no later than April 22, 2024 (6PM) will get a free beer or wine.

To register, go to https://lnkd.in/eCPVyJd5. The pre-registration will also enable up to distribute a list of attendees at the event. [more]

Thank You District Choir!

Laws of Life

Celebrating Success: Georgia Laws of Life School Winners Shine Bright!

By Linda Hatten

We are thrilled to announce and celebrate the exceptional achievements of the students named as Georgia Laws of Life School Winners! Their dedication and eloquence in expressing their personal narratives through the Laws of Life essay have left us inspired and deeply moved. Check out the announcement video on our **GLL YouTubechannel**. Each of these remarkable students has demonstrated incredible courage in sharing their invaluable lessons from the past and their aspirations for the future. Their essays serve as testament to their resilience, wisdom, and unwavering spirit. [more]