

DISTRICT 6900 NEWS FOR DECEMBER, 2017



From the District Governor  
**Membership**  
 By Alan Dingeldey  
 With all organizations, Rotary clubs can expect to lose 10% to 15% of their members each year. If we are to achieve our mission, each club needs an organized process for attracting leaders to Rotary. **This year the District will pay half the cost of club attraction events up to \$4000.** [more]



Rotary People in Action  
**Backboard Rotarian Katie Cyphers and Education Cures**  
 By Jason Cullen  
 When Katie Cyphers voluntarily ran Backboard Rotarian while teaching a Right in Paris, France she had no idea that he would be a gateway to her finding true purpose in life. This month we are honoring Backboard Rotarian Katie Cyphers as our Rotary Person of Action for her work with the nonprofit she founded - Education Cures [more]



The Rotary Foundation  
**Super Heroes Walk Among Us**  
 By Ken Crowell  
 It's our moment of giving thanks for our blessings. And, for saying thanks for the life we enjoy as Rotarians. This month, I thank you - Rotarians of District 6900 - for caring deeply about the future of our world's mothers and children. Your generosity teaches people who are unknown. It is unlikely you will ever meet any of them personally. ... [more]

The Rotary Foundation  
**Looking for a Global Grant Project?**  
 By Ken Crowell  
 If your Club has some participation in a Global Grant Project, or if you have a whole vision you did, please consider financial support for another District 6900 Rotary Club on projects they are preparing to start this year. Right now, there are two Global Grant Projects that welcome your help. [more]



The Rotary Foundation  
**Jacqueline Burton Completes Her Year as a Rotary Scholar in London**  
 By Ken Crowell  
 Time really does fly when you're having fun! Jacqueline Burton has just completed her year as a Rotary Scholar - sponsored by Rotary District 6900! She is an awesome young lady! Here are some of her thoughts and pictures from the year. [more]

Youth  
**Does Your Club Have a Youth Protection Officer and Policy?**  
 By Ken Crowell

Now clubs in District 6900 participate in service projects involving youth. This year District 6900 is asking clubs to designate a Youth Protection Officer and to adopt a policy that follows steps recommended by the Rotary International Youth Protection policy. You can contact our District Youth Protection Officer, Ken Crowell, for more information. [more]



Club Leaders  
**Include GRSP Students in Your Holiday Plans ... and Consider 2018 Opportunities**  
 By Ken Crowell  
 Some clubs are planning to include your GRSP student in your holidays - more info on the Thomas Duesen Award and the Olds Scholarships. [more]



District Conference 2018 Update  
**Rotacon You - Learning about Rotary's Most Exciting Programs**  
 By Ken Crowell  
 This year's district conference has several major new elements, one of which is the introduction of educational breakout sessions on the afternoon of Friday, April 27. The objective in planning these sessions is to highlight impactful Rotary programs, leadership opportunities, and creative ways to engage Rotary. Join us at Rotacon You. [more]



Rotary International Convention 2018  
**Join District 6900 and Rotarians from Around the World in Toronto Next June**  
 By Jason Cullen  
 It's a great time to register for the 2018 Rotary International Convention in Toronto! Register online by December 15 and the registration fee is \$235. After that, it goes up by \$75/person. [more]



Club News  
**Dunwoody Police Chief Danes to Stop Domestic Violence**  
 By Ken Crowell  
 When the (Duluth County) Suburban General, Donna Coleman-Bridging, asked Dunwoody Police Chief (and Dunwoody Rotarian) Billy Grogan to consider being one of the "Titans" in its first ever Dinning With the Duluth Stars event, he eagerly agreed. The event raised funds and awareness about Domestic Violence. [more]



Club News  
**Marietta Reads! Celebrates 12 Years of Promoting Literacy**  
 By Ken Crowell  
 Thirty Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Marietta visited all seven elementary schools in the Marietta City School system recently to read a book to all 37 second-grade classes as part of a 12-year Club partnership with the MCS Marietta Reads! program. [more]



Club News  
**North Fulton Adds Trees Near Its Rotary Reflection Garden**  
 By Ken Crowell  
 On Friday, May 18 volunteers from the Rotary Club of North Fulton (7 Rotarians and 11 family and friends) gathered to plant 10 trees in honor of Rotary International President Ian Barber. The Club's newest Rotarian, Tim Salda, worked with the City of Alpharetta Urban Forestry Program Manager Will Elworthy to ... [more]



Club News  
**Alpharetta Celebrates Holidays with Care Packages to Military**  
 By Ken Crowell  
 For 14 years the Rotary Club of Alpharetta has been purchasing, packaging and shipping goods to men and women serving our country. The club collects an assortment of everyday items like food staples, hygiene products, cosmetics and games. This Holiday Season, the club is sending two sets of care packages. [more]



Club News  
**Russell Basketball Invitational Raises over \$7,000 for Honor Air flights**  
 By Ken Crowell  
 Russell Rotary and Russell High School raised over \$7,000 during the inaugural "Russell High School and Russell Rotary Honor Air Invitational" basketball tournament in November at the school's J. Tom Zachary Court in the "Therest's Nest". All proceeds from ticket sales were donated towards funding next year's Honor Air flight, the birth of the club's history. [more]



Club News  
**Vietnam Veterans Help Griffin Remember Veterans Day**  
 By Ken Crowell  
 Griffin Rotarians Jim King and Philip Smith, two highly decorated U.S. Army veterans of the Vietnam War era, presented a Veteran's Day program honoring the more than 30 veterans in the Rotary Club of Griffin. Each veteran had proudly served and, after being discharged, returned to civilian life, lived away the horrors and ... [more]



Club News  
**Dunwoody Donates Operating Table to Haiti**  
 By Ken Crowell  
 The Rotary Club of Dunwoody recently supplied funding to provide a much needed operating table to the Medical Clinic of Hope in Terre Haïtienne, Haiti. [more]

## Upcoming Key Dates

Thursday, December 7th, 2017  
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 Saturday, December 9th, 2017  
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 Monday, December 11th, 2017  
 Thursday, December 12th, 2017  
 Wednesday, December 20th, 2017

Rotary Youth Exchange Dinner Weekend  
 Peachtree City Board Meeting  
 Peachtree City Governor Visit  
 District Nominating Committee Meeting  
 Planning & Advisory Meeting  
 Fayetteville Governor Visit  
 Fayetteville Board Governor Visit  
 Shaw Mountain Bear's Head Feast