

**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	<b>Fayetteville</b>	<b>North Atlanta</b>	<b>Brookhaven</b>
II	<b>North Columbus</b>	<b>North Fulton</b>	<b>Vinings Cumberland</b>
III	<b>Marietta</b>	<b>Dunwoody</b>	<b>Carrollton-Dawn Breakers</b>
IV	<b>Roswell</b>	<b>Roswell</b>	<b>Peachtree City</b>

## Key Dates



From Our District  
Governor

## **Giving Thanks ... for Our Families, Our Foundation and the Difference We Make**

By Kirk Driskell  
As the holiday season approaches, I am excited like you to enjoy quality time with my family. I am also grateful for all that our Rotary family is able to do in our communities and around the world. And I am reminded of The Rotary Foundation and how it helps power the work we do. It seems appropriate that the month of Thanksgiving is also Rotary Foundation Month.

The Rotary Foundation's mission is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, good will and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty. Through the Foundation, our financial gifts are multiplied creating the catalyst that transforms our donations into service projects around the globe. Over the past 100 years, The Rotary Foundation has provided more than \$4 billion dollars on projects funded and executed by Rotarians just like you and me. We have the ability to come together and have a huge impact.  
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From Our District Chaplain

## Words of Inspiration

By Gregory Adams

I always like to give honor, to whom honor is due, first to God, my wife Jacqueline and District Governor Kirk Driskell and the Assistant Governors of Rotary, along with all the Presidents of Rotary especially my President Diane Adoma of South DeKalb Rotary. And honor to all whom honor is due that are in Rotary 6900 and Rotary International.

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District 6900  
**Rotary**  
Cordele Club

The Hunger Challenge

### Serving During the Pandemic **Rotary Partners in Farmers-to-Families Food Box Program**

By Angela Smith

*Editor's Note: See the picture collages below the story.*

Rotary District 6900, in partnership with Rotary District 6910, was given a huge opportunity to help alleviate food insecurity for counties with a designated Federal Opportunity Zone. In October, the USDA Farmers-to-Families Food Box project delivered an entire truckload of refrigerated food boxes to be distributed under the direction of a Rotary Club and food pantry at no cost, alleviating any financial burden to the food pantry. Each truckload included 1,156 boxes or the equivalent of 23,000 meals. The 30-pound boxes included over five pounds of meat, 12 pounds of produce, pounds of dairy and one gallon of milk. See how different clubs participated.

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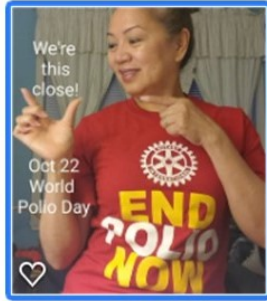
## The Rotary Foundation **Our Rotary Foundation ... Helping Us Make a Difference**

By Cheryl Greenway  
It is Rotary Foundation Month ... a time we can celebrate all the projects that The Rotary Foundation has helped us to do in our communities and around the world. And a great time to consider how we would like to invest in that Foundation, so that it can continue to help us make a difference! Read on to see giving totals for 2019-20 and learn about the financial impact the Foundation made on our ability to do good in the world last year. And check out the photos from World Polio Day in October ... thanks to Bob Hagan for collecting these pictures.  
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**Rotary Club of Moultrie**

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Great time at The Square tonight for our "Pints & Plates for Polio" event!! Thanks to everyone who m... See More



Past President Pia, RC of Emory Clifton



Above: PDG Bob Hagan at Roswell event; Below: Interactor at RC of Milton



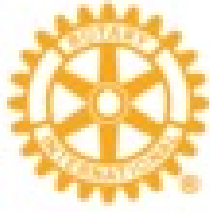
The City of Barnesville (left) acknowledged Rotary International and proclaimed World Polio Day in Barnesville! Pictured: Mayor Peter Banks, Club President Linda Olivier and Foundation Chair Kathy Davis Oxford.



Above: Carrollton Rotary extends Many, many thanks to the Central High School Interact Club for its donation to our End Polio Now campaign!



The  
**Rotary**  
Foundation



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## **Introducing a New Monthly Feature ... "Through Rotary's International Window"**

By Anne Glenn

We are beginning a  
brand new column for  
the District

Newsletter during  
Foundation Month.

With dual goals of  
showcasing District  
6900's International  
Service projects and  
helping every club  
become involved in  
this high impact

Avenue of Service,  
we are eager to show  
you Rotary's  
International Window.

Our Windows view  
includes:

- Global Grants, the ones in progress and the ones under development
- Global Grant Scholarships with past and present recipient activities
- International service projects undertaken by individuals and Clubs in our District not funded through the Foundations Grant Process.

This month, we are  
featuring two Global  
Grant opportunities.

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Our Rotary  
Foundation at  
Work ... From  
Facebook

## **District Grants Support Remote Learning and Our Veterans**

By Jackie  
Cuthbert  
The **Griffin  
Daybreak  
Rotary**

**Club** used its  
District Service  
Grant to  
donate 10  
educational  
tablets to the  
Fairmont  
Community  
Center  
computer lab.  
The  
presentation of  
the tablets  
took place  
during a  
Spalding  
County Board  
of  
Commissioners  
meeting.  
Daybreak  
Rotary  
President Janet  
Wilkerson with  
club Rotarians  
presented the  
tablets ...  
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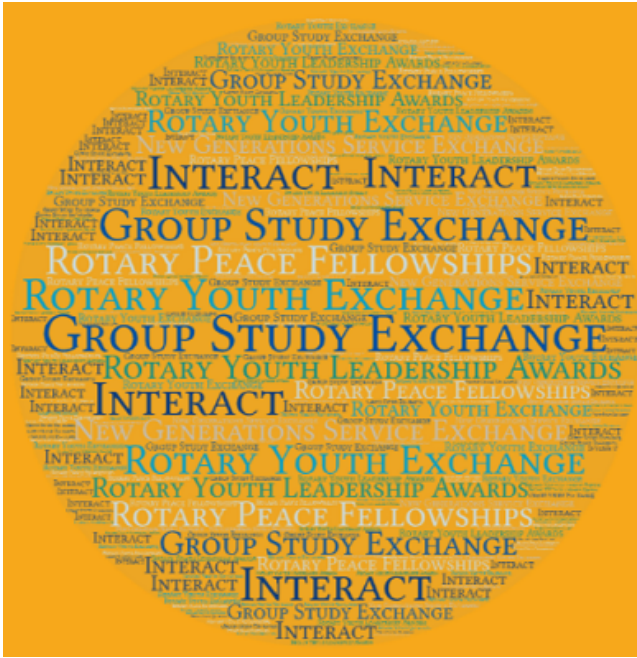
Global Grant  
Scholarship  
Alumnus

## **Jasmine Burton Named One of Georgia Tech's Top 40 under 40**

By Kathy  
Brandt

We are proud to report that Georgia Tech alumnus and former Global Grant Scholar Jasmine Burton was recently named one of the Top 40 Under 40 for 2020. Sponsored by District 6900 and the Rotary Club of Dunwoody, Jasmine now serves as CEO, Executive Director and Founder of Wish WASH. [\[more\]](#)

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Membership

## **RI Membership Minute - Engage Alumni to Strengthen Rotary**

By Jaclyn Donovan  
Each year, thousands of people become part of the family of Rotary by participating in Rotary programs, including Rotary Peace Fellowships, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), and New Generations Service Exchange. After a positive experience in these programs, Rotary alumni often wish to join a Rotary or Rotaract club.  
In a recent Membership ...  
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GRSP Update  
**Planning  
for  
2020-21**

By Ian Bond  
I know that Rotarians throughout the District miss having "GRSPs" in our Club meetings, at our socials, and engaged in our service projects.

Here's a picture of our most recent GRSP class (2019-2020) last summer at Georgia Southern University, just to remind us of these amazing young people! However, Clubs and host families and Trustees are in communication with our alumni around the world on a weekly, if not daily, basis. [more]

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Club News

## **Thomasville Dedicates Memorial to GRSP Founder**

By Michael Bixler  
Friday afternoon,  
October 16,  
members of the  
**Thomasville  
Rotary Club** and  
others toured the  
Marriott Courtyard  
Hotel under  
construction at the  
corner of Dawson  
and Remington  
streets in  
Thomasville,  
Georgia.

Developers of the  
new hotel are  
allowing Georgia  
Rotary to help  
design the entry  
plaza as a tribute to  
the Georgia Rotary  
Student Program  
(GRSP) and the  
fountain as a  
memorial to the  
GRSP founder.  
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Rotary  
Leadership  
Institute

**RLI  
Sunshine  
Training  
Sessions  
Are Now  
Live  
Online!**

By Stephanie  
Windham  
Leadership is  
critical for  
managing  
change.  
COVID-19 has  
presented an  
opportunity for  
all leaders to  
step up, and RLI  
Sunshine  
Division is  
meeting the  
challenge. The  
Sunshine  
Division is  
offering live  
online  
presentations  
with outstanding  
discussion  
leaders from all  
over Georgia,  
Florida and the  
Caribbean. As  
always, RLI is  
interactive  
discussion-based  
training. We are  
offering the  
same great  
content in a  
convenient,  
online format at  
the **RLI  
Sunshine  
Division  
website.**  
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# BECOME A BOOK BUDDY VOLUNTEER

## CHANGE A LIFE

Volunteers read with their book buddy via Zoom, 1-3 times a week for 30mins.

Contact (404) 480-3053 for more info.



### BENEFITS

- \*Increase a young readers' love for reading
- \*Help improve children's reading skills
- \*Be a positive role model in a young child's life

### REQUIREMENTS

- \*Volunteer for at least a two month period
- \*Available 1-3 evenings a week Mon-Thurs, between 4pm-6pm
- \*Must be at least 15yrs old

Immediate Service Opportunity

## Volunteer Opportunities with DeKalb County Students

By Jon Yaeger  
DeKalb County students are sequestered at home, taking lessons online. This is very challenging for the students and their families. Deprived of normal social contact, some children are experiencing isolation, depression, and impaired learning during critical development stages. You can help to make a positive impact in the lives of these children in our community by donating just a little of your time. Learn more about the Book Buddy Program and the Mercy Housing tutoring program - both from the South DeKalb Improvement Association Education (SDIAE).  
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## The VININGS Down Hill 5K Run for the Kids

In Memory of Charles Heinz

**VIRTUAL RACE: AUGUST 8 & 9, 2020**

Club News

### **Come One, Come All!! Come Virtually!**

By Jolene Northrop

On August 8 at 8 am, President Ray Gadd of the Vinings Cumberland Rotary Club sent an email blast to start the 2020 VIRTUAL 5K RACE - the 24th year of the Vinings Down Hill 5k - "Run for the Kids." By the time the virtual race ended at 11:59 pm on August 9, the club raised over \$100,000 for children's charities.

The virtual race drew 343 participants from 18 states and seven countries.

Those participants and the club's 21 committee members rose to support our Vinings Cumberland community where needs are exponentially higher this year.

The success of this race started with Charles Heinz, 24 years ago, Through hard work and constant tweaking of the race, the eventually became a Peachtree Road Race Qualifier and has carried on even after Charles died of cancer on March 3. As any good Rotarian knows, it is easy to fill the big shoes of a truly committed Rotarian with a vision. What? Wait a minute. It was NOT easy.

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# ANNUAL POLIO & HEALTH SYMPOSIUM

OVERCOMING THE  
CHALLENGES OF COVID-19  
TO ACHIEVE A  
GLOBAL HEALTH LEGACY

SEP 26  
8 AM EDT

REGISTER NOW AT [EMORYCLIFTONROTARY.COM](http://EMORYCLIFTONROTARY.COM)



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A. Harris



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Carol  
Pandak



Stephen  
L. Cochi



Britaney  
J. Bethia



Scott  
H. Kozin



Laurence  
S. Sperling



Lisa  
Eichelberger



Carlos  
del Rio



Ashley  
Blackmon



FREE ADMISSION

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint sponsorship of the Morehouse School of Medicine and the Rotary Club of Emory Clifton.

The Morehouse School of Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The Morehouse School of Medicine designates this activity for a maximum of up to 5.5 CME PBA Category 1 credit to™.



Serving During the  
Pandemic

## Emory Clifton Hosts Third Annual Health Symposium

By Alan Janssen

The Third Annual  
Polo and Health  
Symposium  
sponsored by the  
**Rotary Club of  
Emory Clifton**  
was held virtually  
on Saturday,  
September 26 with  
over 250

participants from  
Georgia, several  
other states and  
countries attending  
the event. The  
theme for this  
year's symposium  
was "Overcoming  
the Challenges of  
COVID-19 to  
Achieve a Global  
Health Legacy"

and focused on the  
challenges that  
Covid-19 presents  
to disease  
eradication efforts,

specifically the  
Global Polio  
Eradication  
Initiative. The  
program was co-  
sponsored by the  
Roswell Rotary  
Club, Rotary Club  
of North Atlanta,  
Morehouse School  
of Medicine, the  
Medical

Association of  
Georgia, The  
United Advance  
Practice Registered  
Nurses (UAPRN)  
and Shriners  
Children's  
Hospitals.

Continuing Medical  
Education and  
Continuing Nursing  
Education credit  
were offered to  
health professional  
attending sessions.  
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Serving During the  
Pandemic

## **Roswell Treats First Responders to Drive Thru Cookout**

By Trummie Patrick

**Roswell Rotary** served over 200 burgers and dogs at its first Drive Thru Cookout on September 19. Hosted at Fire Station #4 in Roswell, local law enforcement, fire and rescue, 911 dispatchers and first responders drove through in firetrucks and police cars to pick up packed meals that also included cookies courtesy of Rhodes Bakery and King of Pop Popsicles. Many stayed to visit. First responders also received a tee shirt with the Rotary Wheel and "Roswell Rotary has your back" printed on the back. It was a great day serving those who keep us safe.

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Club News  
**Atlanta  
Virtual  
Fundraising  
Brings in  
Over  
\$130,000  
for  
Honduras  
Schools**

By Bob Hope  
The Honduras Hope annual fundraising event and silent auction of the **Rotary Club of Atlanta** was held on the evening of September 15. The event was virtual for the first time this year and raised over \$130,000 to support the schools Rotarians have helped build in the rural Agalta Valley. The annual trip organized by Atlanta Rotary is ...  
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From Facebook  
**Together  
We Fight  
Hunger**

By Jackie Cuthbert  
See Rotarians from the **Rotary Clubs of North Cobb, Sandy Springs, Dunwoody, Marietta, Douglas County and Moultrie** in action as they partner with community resources to help make sure needy families have enough to eat.  
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Serving During the  
Pandemic

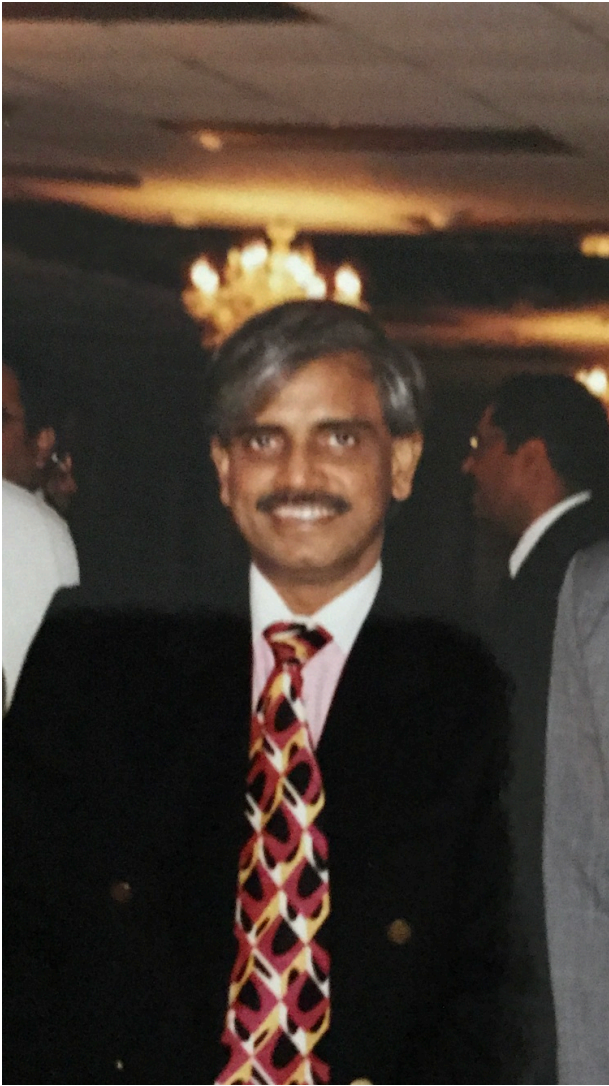
## **Douglas County Rotary Donates Technology Fees for 400 Students**

By Samantha  
Rosado

While members of  
the **Rotary Club  
of Douglas**

**County** were grateful that the school system had acquired enough Chromebooks and laptops to provide to every student for online learning in August, they recognized that some families might have trouble coming up with the required \$25 technology fee. To assist families in need and to support the education of students in Douglas County, the Rotary Club presented a check for \$10,000 to the Board of Education on November 2.  
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Celebrating Lives Lived  
**Dr. Palamalai  
Mahizhnan,  
Rotary Club of  
Lake  
Spivey/Clayton  
County**

By Ron Swofford

On June 25, 2020, when Palamalai Mahizhnan, MD died, the **Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton**

**County**, the region we serve, and the broader world of Rotary lost a respected citizen, a humble and generous friend, and a quietly effective leader. About eight years ago, PM, which we called him for ease of pronunciation, was diagnosed with a crippling illness for which there is no cure. PM accepted the

diagnosis with his usual positive attitude. An oncologist, he continued his medical practice until about a year and a half ago. He also continued his participation in Rotary until only a few months ago, including attending several of our virtual meetings on Zoom. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Ms. Karpagam Mahizhnan, and a daughter, Ms. Madhavi Mahizhnan, of Louisville, Kentucky.

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## Club News **Rotary Makes the Billboard!**

By Jaclyn  
Donovan  
There's a new  
digital billboard  
in town... and  
the **Rotary  
Club of  
Moultrie** is on  
it!! All made  
possible by a  
Rotary  
connection  
visiting from  
another club  
with the design  
idea borrowed  
from a Rotary  
connection in  
Australia. A  
great example  
of how Rotary  
truly does Open  
Opportunities!!



## From Facebook **Making a Difference in Our Communities ... From Arts and Health to Education, Fundraising and Teddy Bears**

By Jackie Cuthbert  
See how the **Rotary  
Clubs of Quitman,  
Atlanta Brasil,  
Paulding County,  
Johns Creek North  
Fulton and Fayette  
Daybreak** are  
touching lives in their  
communities. [more]



## Roswell Joins in Park Cleanup

By Trummie Patrick  
Roswell Rotary and Historic Roswell Beautification Project joined forces Saturday, Oct. 17 to landscape one of Roswell's most visible parks. Volunteers spread 100 bales of pine straw, pruned, removed dead shrubs, and restored the Heart of Roswell Park back to its natural beauty with their landscaping love.



Tucker Rotary welcomes two new members!  
Top: Nate Martin (CEO, NX2 Agency) sworn in by club Secretary Marc Lisenby (left) and President Johnathan Clark (right). Bottom: Jim Rodeghiero (Senior Account Manager, Priority1 POS).

Club News

## You are Invited to the Rotary Club of Atlanta ...

By Jackie Cuthbert

The **Rotary Club of Atlanta** has some great weekly programs planned and invites you to join in:

- 11/16: Burke Whitman, Ret. Major General, US Marine Corps "Veterans Day Inspirations"
- 11/23: Dr. Dwight D. Andrews, Senior Minister, 1st Congregational Church "Thanksgiving Jazz Homily"
- 11/30: George Azih, CEO, LeaseQuery "David Cummings Favorite Entrepreneur"

These virtual webinars (in lieu of weekly in-person meetings) take place every Monday from 12PM - 1PM; the link is included on the club's website. You can also view some past programs there under the News tab. If you have questions, contact Gina Simpson at [gsimpson@atlantarotary.org](mailto:gsimpson@atlantarotary.org).

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From Facebook

### Here's to Fellowship!

By Jackie Cuthbert  
ven in time of pandemic, Rotarians find ways to enjoy each other's company. Check out social activities for **North Atlanta, Columbus and East Cobb.**  
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From Facebook  
**Clubs  
Recognize  
Excellence**

By Jackie Cuthbert  
Join **Peachtree City** in congratulating its Rotaract Club's membership growth and **Marietta Metro** in celebrating Kim Gresh as the 2020 Association of Fundraising Professionals Volunteer Philanthropist of the year, and the **Rotary Club of Albany** in recognizing the late David Blitch for more than 45 years of perfect attendance. [more]



Club News  
**Honoring  
our  
Soldiers  
and First  
Responders**

By Jackie Cuthbert  
While **Alpharetta Rotary** provided a great barbecue lunch at the Atlanta Airport USO, **Buckhead Rotary** partnered with community groups to serve lunch for Atlanta firefighters. [more]