



Save The Date
**Join Us for
District
Conference
... April 29
- May 2,
2021**

By Dave Schmit
We all missed seeing our Rotary friends and family at the beach in 2020 so let's make up for it in 2021! So mark your calendars April 29 through May 2 and plan on being in San Destin for the return of District Conference. Registration will open in January so be on the look out for more details soon.
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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	ANNUAL	POLIO PLUS
	MEMBERSHIP	FUND	
I	Fayetteville	North Atlanta	Brookhaven
II	North Columbus	North Fulton	Vinings Cumberland
III	Marietta	Dunwoody	Carrollton-Dawn Breakers
IV	Roswell	Roswell	Peachtree City

Key Dates



From Our District Governor

Celebrating Rotary's Commitment to a Healthier World

By Kirk Driskell
I hope that you all had a great Thanksgiving. It was great to gather with family and friends giving thanks. I had mixed emotions throughout the day as it was different than years past. While I could have focused on what and who was missing, I chose to focus on the opportunity that we had and who was there. As this year comes to an end, I have confidence that next Thanksgiving will look more like years past. In part that is because of Rotarians like you who are dedicated to fighting and preventing disease.
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From Our District Chaplain

Words of Inspiration This Holiday Season

By Gregory Adams

I always like to give honor to whom honor is due - and that includes my wife Jacqueline as well as District Governor Kirk Driskell, the Assistant Governors and all the Presidents of Rotary, especially Lawrence Short, the Interim President of South DeKalb Rotary. I call him a friend, and a true leader who considers others above himself. I'm reminded that to whom much is given, much is required. So with that being said, we expect nothing but greatness under the leadership of all of these people.

I'm also thankful that Rotary has been at the front of helping and providing for so many families during this Holiday season by giving so that others may have. This organization has helped so many people young and old, male and female, and of all nationalities, showing what brotherly and sisterly love is all about.

As we prepare for the New Year, we trust and hope that everyone stays safe and enjoys time with family and friends.

Thank you Rotarians and Happy Holidays!

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Rotary Leadership
Institute

Check Out Your RLI Learning Opportunities for December

By Jackie Cuthbert

RLI is now offering
courses in English and
Spanish. In December
alone, you can
participate in these
one-hour sessions:

- December 7, 10 am:
Session 1.2 of RLI
Online in Spanish -
Rotary Opportunities.
 - December 7, 8 pm:
RLI Online Session 1.3
in Spanish - Ethics &
Vocational Service.
 - December 8, 10 ...
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Perspectives

A **Traditional Russian New Year**

By Ian Bond

New Year is a big holiday in Russia. Families gather for a big feast and a celebration.

Christmas is celebrated on January 7, but usually it is just a quiet family evening. The celebration usually begins in the evening because

December 31 is not a holiday.

Families get together and around 9:00 pm when the feast begins. Many people believe that the tables must be

overloaded with food so that the New Year will be rich and fruitful. The main dishes on the table are salads, potatoes, meat, often red caviar, and champagne.

There is a belief that the better you “greet” the New Year, the better it will “treat” you. So, people dress up in their best outfits, throw away old and broken things, and try not to borrow or return money around the holidays.

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Our Rotary
Foundation at Work
**Thomasville
Rotary
Ignites A
Spark**

By Carol Jones
Many who know
Thomasville will
agree it is an
incredibly special
and beautiful
community. What
seems to set it
apart is a spirit of
commitment by its
citizenry to provide
opportunities in all
facets of life to
those who wish to
participate. One
important
contributor to this
commitment is the
**Rotary Club of
Thomasville.**

This year Rotary
Club President John
Brown has chosen
to direct the club's
\$1,500 District
Grant funds to do
good locally. John
tapped SPARK
Thomasville to
receive these funds
which will assist
budding minority
entrepreneurs to
launch their
businesses from a
solid foundation.
Also highly involved
in SPARK
Thomasville are
Rotary past
presidents Andre'
Marria and Teri
White, as well as a
host of other local
Rotarians who
serve the program
as mentors,
coaches and
judges.
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The Rotary
Foundation at
Work

Columbus Area Rotarians Finding Ways To Meet Today's Challenges

By Julie Bond
In September,
**Rotarians from
Columbus,
North
Columbus,
Muscogee and
Rotaract Clubs**
met

enthusiastically
and safely at the
Trade Center
Parking garage, to
carry out our
collaborative club
service project.

The venue
provided an ideal
open-air setting.
All club members
wore masks and
packaged boxes
for Hope Harbour,
the third largest
domestic violence
shelter in the
state of Georgia.
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Greetings from

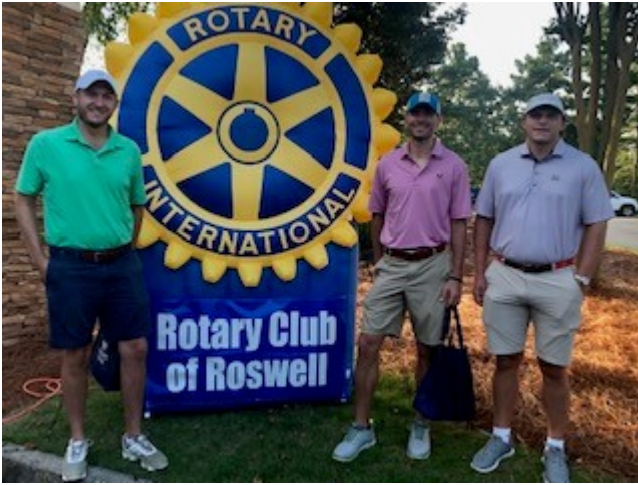
By Kathy Brandt
Global Grant
Scholar Jared
Hampson has
started his
studies for a
Masters degree
in Peace and
Security at
King's College
London. Jared is
sponsored by
District 6900,
recommended
by the **Rotary
Club of North
Columbus.**

Robbie Green,
Past President
and Past AG
from North
Columbus is the
District
Scholarship
Committee
member who
serves as
Rotary Mentor
for Jared. His
wife and son are
with him in
London. Check
out Jared's
progress here.
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Serving During
the Pandemic
**Fayette
Daybreak
Partners
with Real
Life
Center**

By Lee Dodds
These are challenging times for all of us, and like other Rotarians, our **Fayette Daybreak Club** has been looking for ways to serve our community while staying safe during the pandemic. In September, we held a food drive and all of our members took part. Some of us collected canned goods, others made online donations or donated gift cards. Some made donations through food drives at their churches, collected items from neighbors and friends, or checked with local schools about families in need. One of our newest members contacted her friends at Delta Cargo who donated \$500 plus several large boxes of non-perishable food items.
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Club News

Roswell Golf and Tennis Tournament Raises \$140,000

By Trummie Patrick

The 42nd Aubrey
Greenway Golf and
8th Hagan Cup
Tennis Classic

Tournament was
held this September
at Country Club of
Roswell; 130 golfers
and 100 tennis
players

participated. The
day also included an
auction and the
annual golf ball
drop. Roswell
Rotary raised
\$140,000 to support
local charities and
international
projects. This
tournament had its
start in 1978.

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Club News **Douglas County Helps Support Shop with a Cop**

By Samantha
Rosado

The **Rotary
Club of
Douglas
County**

donated
\$2,800 to the
first annual
Shop with a
Cop hosted
by the
Douglas
County
School
System
Police
Department.

The money
will sponsor
56 children
for the
holidays. We
look forward
to joining the
children,
police
officers and
others in the
community
later this
month to
help the
children shop
for Christmas
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