



**District Conference Registration Open**

By Gordon Owens  
We hope you are excited as we are to head to San Destin for District Conference April 29 - May 2. The focus of the weekend is for Rotarians from around District 6900 to get away and enjoy a long weekend reconnecting with friends. There will be a few sessions, a couple of planned parties and of course the hospitality suites, but there is also plenty ... [more]

**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**



**Happy New Year  
Fellow Rotarians!**

From Our District  
Governor

## **Here's to All the Opportunities!**

By Kirk Driskell

What opportunities await us this coming year. As we look ahead to 2021 it is our choice to look past the obstacle to find the opportunity. Sometimes the opportunity is disguised as a 500-pound gorilla. My Dad always stops me when I start to complain about something. He simply says that I am viewing it wrong, because there is someone in this world that would love to have what I view as a problem.

It has been so encouraging to see Rotarians taking action and making a difference in our communities. I continuously receive emails and phone calls as it relates to the impact that you are having. While there are those sitting waiting for help, District 6900 Rotarians are on the move and serving our community. [more]

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From Our  
District  
Chaplain

## **Resolve to Consider Others and Let Our Hearts Guide Us**

By Gregory  
Adams

As we come into the New Year of 2021, I know that some of you will making resolutions that sound good to you. But as the year goes by, those thoughts, begin to be obscure and no longer in reach, because other obstacles got in the way. I always say that it is bad to make a promise to yourself that you can't keep.

Therefore I will simply make a suggestion that if a resolution is made, let it be; that we will consider others as we go through out the day, and let our hearts be our guide. Happy New Year 2021!  
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District News  
**Thomasville Celebrates District 6900's Newest Future District Governor Selection**

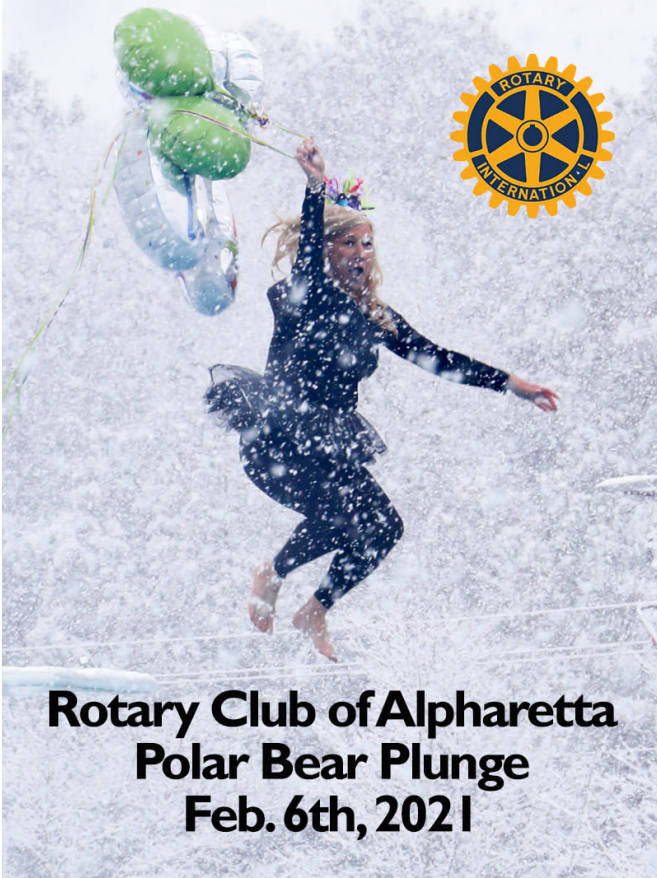
By Michael Bixler  
From Fulton County to Thomasville covering one third of the state, the 71 Rotary Clubs in Rotary District 6900 with nearly 4,300 members will be represented by Thomasville's own Andre' Marria when she assumes the title of District Governor for the Rotary year 2023-2024. [more]



RYLA  
**It's Time to Start Planning!**

By Jaclyn Donovan  
Club Presidents check your emails for more Information. Assistant Governors please remind the presidents to check their emails.

**Take The Plunge For Charity!**



**Rotary Club of Alpharetta  
Polar Bear Plunge  
Feb. 6th, 2021**

From Facebook

**Join  
Alpharetta  
for the  
Polar  
Plunge!**

By Jackie  
Cuthbert

The **Alpharetta  
Rotary Club** is  
hosting the 3rd  
Annual Alpharetta  
Polar Bear Plunge  
on Feb. 8, 2020!

We are  
challenging local  
non-profits,  
school clubs and  
churches to put a  
team together  
and raise money  
for the benefit of  
their choosing!  
Organizations  
such as NFCC,  
The Drake House,  
The Lionheart  
School, BrewAble  
Cafe, Stand Up  
for Kids, The  
Alpharetta Public  
Safety  
Foundation,  
Atlanta Dream  
Center, and  
more!!

As Rotarians, we  
can join the  
plunge, create a  
team or support  
the causes  
already  
identified. Visit  
the **Alpharetta  
Rotary Polar  
Plunge website.**  
[more]



Our Foundation at Work

## **Paulding County Grant Funds Fishing and Mentoring Opportunities**

By Roy Strickland  
**Rotary Club of Paulding County** has

had some amazing project successes of late making use of Rotary Foundation Grants.

Check this one out:

Paulding County Rotarians are seen here making delivery of new jon boats that will engage more than 100 boys from our community, providing them and their adult male mentors with fishing and bonding opportunities in a safe environment on a 25-acre lake. The mentors invest their time and talents with fatherless boys and boys from single parent homes. The influence of a positive male role model helps equip, encourage and guide the boys to find a healthy and useful purpose. [more]

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## Sandy Springs Supports Distance Learning

By Todd Lawrimore  
The **Rotary Club of Sandy Springs**

celebrated the holiday season by giving back to the community. Living up to their motto of "Service Above Self", the club proudly donated \$1,920 to the Sandy Springs Charter Middle School to help distance learning during the COVID crisis. John Neill, SSRC President says that the club was incredibly pleased ...  
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Club News

## **Rotary Clubs of Stone Mountain and Tucker Collect Five Tons of E-Waste in Recent Recycling Event**

By Lizbeth Dison

During the recent Electronics Recycling Day, sponsored by the **Rotary Clubs of Tucker and Stone Mountain**,

volunteers collected over five tons of working and non-working electronics and home medical equipment (HME), as well as almost \$2,000 in cash donations.

Proceeds benefited Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC), a non-profit organization providing recycled mobility equipment for children and adults during or after a health crisis. [more]

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## Club News **Douglas County Shares Shop with a Cop Photos**

By Samantha  
Rosado

Sixty  
deserving  
elementary  
and middle  
school  
students  
were ready  
with their  
Christmas  
lists and  
picked up  
lots of toys  
and clothes  
at Shop with  
a Cop on  
December  
15.

Spearheaded  
by the DCSS  
Police  
Department,  
the joyful  
event was a  
collaboration  
with other  
law  
enforcement  
agencies,  
including the  
Douglas  
County  
Sheriff's  
Office, the  
Douglasville  
Police  
Department  
and the  
Georgia  
State Patrol.  
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Club News

## Lake Spivey/Clayton County Celebrates The Giving Side of Christmas

By Ron Swofford

Christmas came to the Kinship Care children Thursday evening of December 17 in an unconventional way. The Kinship Care Center provides assistance to grandparents and other family raising children in parent absent homes. Usually, people give presents to the children, but not so this time! The children actually got to shop for gifts for others.

The idea was the brainchild of Tom Mertl, former President of the **Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton County**. He noticed the children were receiving gifts but did not have the opportunity of experiencing the joy of giving. He started the "Giving Side of Christmas" and the event has been a huge success and has been bringing joy for 13 years. It is an effective concept that simulates both the buying and the giving experience.

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ROSWELL ROTARY PRESENTS

# ADOPT A PLATOON



TOGETHER,

WE WILL BE PACKING BOXES TO SEND OFF TO THE BRAVE  
MEN AND WOMEN DEFENDING OUR FREEDOM.

BRING ANY DONATIONS FROM THE FOLLOWING LIST TO  
ROTARY MEETINGS IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER:

QUICK PROTEIN, POWDERED DRINK MIX, CANDY, HAND SANITIZER,  
SHAMPOO, WIPES, SOAP, TOOTHPASTE,  
MAGAZINES, BATH BOMBS, BODY LOTION, FACE MASKS,  
CROSSWORD PUZZLES, SUDOKU, WORD SEARCHES,  
BOBBY PINS, HAIR TIES, ROBES, FUZZY SOCKS,  
BODY SCRUB, FEMININE PRODUCTS, BEEF JERKY,  
COFFEE, BATTERIES, DRIED PINEAPPLES, DRIED PAPAYAS,  
DRIED PLANTAINS, SNACKS CONTAINING COCONUT, SUNGLASSES



Club News

## Roswell Continues Adopt a Platoon Tradition

By Trummie Patrick

Founded in 2009

under the

leadership of

**Roswell Rotary's**

President, Elwyn

Gaissert, "Adopt A

Platoon" is an

annual fundraiser

to support troops

with a Roswell

connection. The

name was settled

on because the

first year's

recipient was a

platoon leader.

In honor of those

who served, for our

Veterans Day

Program, Roswell

Rotary identified 14

local sailors

deployed on the

USS Nimitz in the

Persian Gulf, the

USS Dwight D.

Eisenhower in the

Red Sea and USS

Ronald Regan in

the South China

Sea. The Nimitz

operates and trains

alongside regional

and coalition

partners and

provides naval

aviation support to

Operation Inherent

Resolve. The

Ronald Regan

conducts maritime

air defense

operations in

support of a free

and open Indo-

Pacific. The Dwight

D. Eisenhower

provides a wide

range of flexible

mission

capabilities,

including maritime

security operations,

expeditionary

power projection,

crisis response,

counterterrorism,

and security

cooperation.

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Club News  
**Smyrna  
Spruces  
Up  
Campbell  
Middle  
School  
Courtyard**

By Narayan Sengupta  
Smyrna's Campbell Middle School's expansive courtyard needed some leaves raked and TLC. It has a few trees, many bushes, a sidewalk with a nice little circle at center, etc.

**Smyrna Rotary Club's** Kevin Young, Jae Scarborough, Paul Powers, Patricia Huff and Narayan Sengupta got their rakes, leaf blower, pruners and more, organized leaves into large piles and got some trimming done too. Says Sengupta, "We had fun, wore masks, stayed socially distant, got the project done in a couple of hours, and it already looks a lot better. A big part of Rotary is community service projects. We're always looking for more." To get involved or to suggest a project, contact Sengupta at [f25@nfiweb.com](mailto:f25@nfiweb.com).  
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Club News

## Fayetteville Supports Shop with a Cop

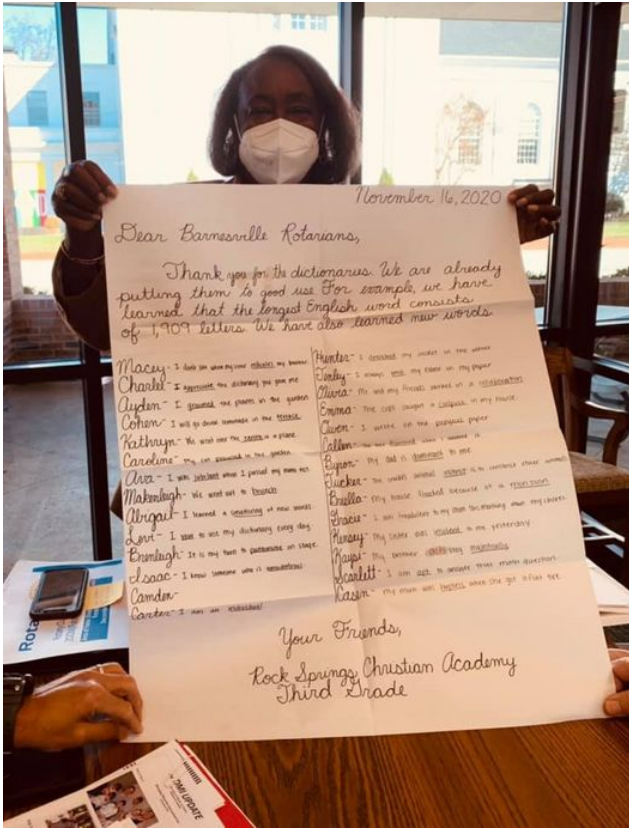
By Jackie Cuthbert  
The **Rotary Club of Fayetteville** was happy to partner with the Fayetteville Police Department with a donation for their annual Shop With A Cop program!



From Facebook

## Honoring Our Veterans and First Responders

By Jackie Cuthbert  
In **Americus**, Rotarians honored veteran's this holiday season with Wreaths Across America, while **Buckhead and East Cobb** delivered food to firefighters, **Marietta Metro** recognized first responders with a lunch program honoring Hometown Heroes. In the meantime, **Peachtree City** prepared holiday food baskets for each fire station and hospital break room and **South Cobb** fed over 1500 hospital employees. Check out these Facebook pictures and stories. [more]



From Facebook  
**Clubs  
 Making a  
 Difference in  
 Their  
 Communities**

By Jackie Cuthbert  
 The thank you note from Rock Springs Christian Academy third graders is just the beginning of this story. Check out the attached collection of pictures and stories to see the difference everything from dictionaries and Little Free Libraries to bell ringing, gifts and food for families can make in the communities we serve. Here we've captured Facebook stories from **Barnesville, Camilla, Quitman, Dougherty County, Milton, LaGrange, North Atlanta, Moultrie and Senoia.** [more]