



From Our District Governor

Facing Challenges; Adapting to Change; Delivering Hope

By Kirk Driskell
As we welcome in 2021 with a renewed sense of hope, encouragement and goals it is with out question they will intersect with the challenges of COVID-19. I can honestly say that I was praying we would be in further along in restoring our “normal” lives. This pandemic is serious as it affects the health and lives of many with little known about it. Uncertainty is uncomfortable and is inconvenient as we have to adapt our plans. Uncertainty is a part of life and how we react to it will direct our paths. Our intentions do not determine our destination; our actions do. [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	Fayetteville	North Atlanta	Brookhaven
II	North Columbus	North Fulton	Vinings Cumberland
III	Marietta	Dunwoody	Carrollton-Dawn Breakers
IV	Roswell	Roswell	Peachtree City

Key Dates

2021 ROTARY CONVENTION NOW VIRTUAL

**2021 VIRTUAL
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION**

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RI Convention and District Conference 2021

Rotary International Convention Goes Virtual; District Conference Cancelled

By Jackie Cuthbert
Since our last communication with you, COVID conditions have continued to forecast difficulty with ensuring Rotary can safely hold large gatherings. [more]



The Rotary Foundation 2020-2021 District Grants Upcoming Deadline

By Gillian Leggett
The time to close out all District Grants for 2020-2021 is near. If you have an open District Grant ALL documentation is to be uploaded to the district website, reviewed, and ACCEPTED by the District Grants team no later than March 31, 2021. If you have a grant that is currently in overdue status, documentation is to be uploaded immediately. Thank you to those clubs that have already uploaded their spending documentation. [more]



Rotary Leadership Institute
**Our Own PDG
Margie Kersey
Named to New
RLI Board**

By Stephanie Windham
Under the direction of
Michael McGovern, Rotary
International Chair and Past
Rotary International Vice
President, Rotary
Leadership Institute (RLI)
International will seat its
inaugural board of directors
this month. The RLI Board
includes two Rotarians from
the RLI Sunshine Division
(covering Florida, Georgia,
Puerto Rico and the
Caribbean) including our
own PDG Margie Kersey
(pictured with husband Ron)
and PDG Timothy Schuler of
District 6950.
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GRSP Update

Celebrate 75 Years of GRSP This August in Thomasville

By Scott Rich

A tremendous project is underway in downtown Thomasville, Georgia to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Georgia Rotary Student Program.

To be located at the main entrance to a strikingly new downtown hotel, Rotary Districts 6900, 6910 and 6920 have the opportunity to name the main hotel entrance plaza and fountain in honor of the 75th GRSP anniversary year, 2021.

You can join in the celebration and see the fountain when the **Rotary Club of Thomasville** hosts the 75th

Anniversary GRSP Conclave in August 2021. The event is scheduled for August 20-21 ... mark your calendar now and watch for details. [more]



GRSP
**Katheryne
Fields
Named GRSP
Marketing
and
Development
Director**

By Jackie Cuthbert
Georgia Rotary
Student Program
(GRSP) Chair Bert Guy
recently announced
Katheryne A. Fields as
the inaugural
Marketing and
Development
Director. In her role at
GRSP, Fields will work
to strengthen the
program's strategic
initiatives, fundraise
and market the
student scholarship
program throughout
the state. In the role,
Fields will be working
... [more]



Club News

Vinings Down Hill 5K Run for the Kids Sets Records During Pandemic

By Ross
Henderson
On January 27,
2021, the
**Vinings
Cumberland
Rotary Club**
gathered
virtually to
celebrate its
donation of over
\$100,000 to 17
charities
specifically
targeting
children's
projects. All this
raised by a 66-
member Rotary
Club with
money during
the pandemic in
the August
2020 Vinings
Down Hill 5K
run for the Kids.
[more]



Club News

For Club's 100th Birthday, the Gift is Trees ... to the City

By Carol Jones

It's not every year that an

organization celebrates its centennial anniversary.

May 2021 will mark

the **Rotary Club of Thomasville's** 100th birthday -

and the club intends to celebrate all year long.

Rotary Past President Jeff Zoller (pictured with President

John Brown) summed up the core spirit of the club and its membership when he said, "Over the past 100 years, the Club and its members have made significant and diverse service contributions to the city, with innumerable members involved in service projects to youth and the community. Members have served in diverse leadership roles within the business, education, medical, and government spheres, including members who have served in city, county, and state governments."

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Serving During
the Pandemic
**District
Clubs Join
to
Distribute
Masks
and
Sanitizer**

By Jackie
Cuthbert
Our District was
approached to
help facilitate
getting
thousands of
masks and
bottles of
sanitizers
distributed to
non-profits and
others that our
Clubs support!
Thanks go to the
**Emory Clifton
Rotary Club**
and the Georgia
Center for non-
profits that
secured the
donation, and
Chris Brand and
FODAC for
helping
coordinate this
effort.
[more]

MANY THANKS
TO OUR
FRIENDS AT
THE
ROTARY CLUB
FOR PROVIDING
US WITH
LUNCH!



WE APPRECIATE
YOUR SUPPORT!

EMERGENCY
DEPARTMENT STAFF

St. Francis
EMORY HEALTHCARE



Serving During the Pandemic **Columbus Shares Lunches with Hospital Workers**

By Julie Bond
Even though the **Rotary Club of Columbus** isn't meeting in person, the great work of Rotary continues. Having both in person and virtual meetings for a few months, the Board decided that because with case counts and hospital occupancy rates are still much higher in January than where they were in December, the club would suspend the in person meetings. It was also decided to give the meals that we would have had at the Trade Center(where we would normally meet) to those in the Health Care community and frontline workers in our community battle against COVID-19. This step would also benefit the trade Center by providing work for their food services team, a win-win!
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Our Rotary
Foundation at
Work

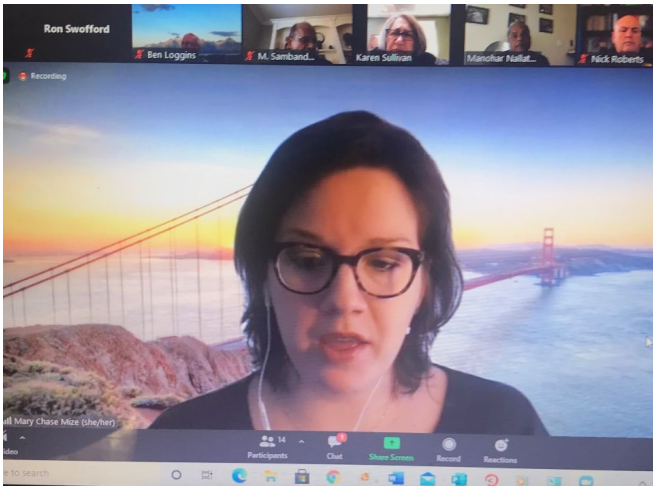
District Grant Supports Jacobs Ladder Taste of Love Kitchen

By Trummie
Patrick

Jacobs Ladder
offers tailored
services to
children of all
ages with
Autism, ADHD,
Brain Injury,
CP, Down
Syndrome,
Learning
Differences, or
any
developmental
syndrome.

Their
interpersonal
Whole Brain
Model of Care
is individually
customized
and daily
implemented
in loving
environments
to ensure
every child
and young
adult reaches
their full
potential, no
matter the
neurological or
behavioral
challenges
faced. The
District Grant
awarded to
**Roswell
Rotary** and
the **Rotary
Club of
Milton** funded
a much-
needed
commercial
oven for the
Taste of Love
kitchen.

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Club News

Graduate Student Focuses on Assisting Seniors; Preventing Suicides

By Ron Swofford
In January, members of the **Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton County** were

treated to a special presentation from Mary Chase Mize, a PhD candidate at Georgia State University (GSU). What made the program special? First, her description of a new way Rotarians can serve their communities. And second, her background - Ms. Mize received her undergraduate degree from Mississippi State University in 2013, with scholarship assistance provided by her hometown Rotary Club, the Rotary Club of Somerville Tennessee.
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Serving During the Pandemic **Americus Delivers Protective Equipment**

By Angela Smith
Thanks to Karen Beaver at the Georgia Center for Non-profits and Chris Brand with FODAC, the **Rotary Club of Americus** was able to distribute PPE to organizations and agencies experiencing a critical need during the post-holiday spike in COVID-19 cases. Americus Rotarians delivered 5,500 masks (including 4,000 KN95) and nearly 300 bottles of ... [more]



From Facebook **Making a Difference in Our Communities**

By Jackie Cuthbert
Our clubs have been busy in the community! **Milton and Alpharetta** supported a Meals on Wheels for Pets program for the local Senior Program, while **Buckhead Rotarians** were working with Livable Buckhead and Doc's Healing Hives to create a bee habitat. **Marietta Metro** participated in the Keep Cobb Beautiful tree chipper program, **Emory Druid Hills** sponsored a program on COVID-19, and **North Cobb** worked with the Ladies of KSU to collect coats, hats, gloves and scarves. See more about these projects. [more]



From Facebook
**Serving Up
Thanks to
First
Responders
and Health
Workers**

By Jackie Cuthbert
As we continue to work through the pandemic, here's how the **Rotary Clubs of Barnesville, Moutrie, Thomaston Upson and Thomasville** have served up their thank you's to first responders and health care workers.
[more]



From Facebook

Making a Difference in Our Education; Inspiring Youth for the Future

By Jackie Cuthbert
Our clubs continue to inspire youth and support education.

Peachtree City has been sponsoring new Interact Clubs, while **Paulding County** supports the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, **Cordele** participates in the Growing Garden program, **East Cobb** supports AVID at Wheeler High School, and **Carrollton** provides technology for special needs students. Be inspired by their ideas. Two of these clubs used District Grants from the Rotary Foundation to fund their projects. [more]

From Our GRSP Alumni

Open Letter to District 6900 Rotarians from GRSP Class of 1996-97

By Angela Smith

Carolina Mateus was Carl and Judy Tott's GRSP student in 1996 when Carl was Americus Rotary President. Carolina married their son Glenn a number of years later. In Carolina's text to Carl following a group chat with her GRSP class, she stated "After the situation in DC on Wednesday [January 6, 2021], the GRSP class of 1996-97 decided to write a letter to GRSP headquarters mentioning our love and deep belief in US democracy and thanking the program for shaping us to be ambassadors of peace as we moved into our adult lives. After sending the letter, many other GRSP classes joined in signing it and we have since received warm responses from Rotarians." Carolina shared the information and following letter with Carl.

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A Closing Thought From Our District Chaplain

It Starts with Thinking for Ourselves

...

By Gregory Adams

Shackles on our minds and bars around our hearts will imprison our souls. That's why it is so important not to allow any one person to control the way we think.

I remember when I was a child, my parents would often time tell me, Greg think for yourself. It's funny now, but I understand why they were telling me to do that. And I'm sure a ... [more]
