



From Our District Governor

## **Joining Together ... for Action and for Reflection**

By Kirk Driskell

It's hard to believe it is April already - and but for COVID-19, we would all be gathering for District Conference in SanDestin to celebrate another year of fellowship and making a difference in our communities and the world. We will look to celebrating in SanDestin in August, but until then it's important to continue with the actions we've been involved in all year, and to reflect on our purpose and impact. That said, I'd like to focus on two important events - one calling us to action, the other to reflection.

As you have no doubt heard and can read below, on March 26, an EF4 Tornado came through the historic residential district of Newnan, Georgia - with winds reaching as high as 170 mph that caused catastrophic damage, .5 mile wide and 1.7 miles long. The storm damaged about 1800 homes - 300 of those were left uninhabitable. The city's low to moderate income residential area received major damage, as did two local schools.

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Tornado Relief  
Request

## **Newnan Needs Assistance after Catastrophic Tornado**

By Garnet Reynolds

At 12:10 AM on Friday morning, March 26, 2021, an EF4 Tornado came through the historic residential district of Newnan, Georgia.

The tornado reached winds as high as 170 mph and the path covered seven miles, causing catastrophic damage. The **Rotary Club of Newnan** is

seeking to provide assistance needed over the long journey to recover from a storm that damaged 1800 homes (300 deemed

uninhabitable), left 6,500 of 10,000

Newnan Utilities customers without power (now mostly restored) and did severe damage to Atkinson Elementary and Newnan High School (picture #1).

Read more about the damage and how Rotarians and their clubs can help.

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Club News  
**North  
Fulton  
Invites  
You to  
Virtual  
National  
Day of  
Prayer ...  
May 6,  
2021**

By Steve Siders  
Please save May 6, 2021 and join the **Rotary Club of North Fulton** online for its 19th annual celebration of the National Day of Prayer. The service will take place from 7:45 am to 9:00 am. You may join on the **club's [Facebook page](#)** or the **club's [website](#)** for a time of celebration and reflection. The featured keynote speaker will be Janine Maxwell, Co-Founder and COO of Heart for Africa, as well as author of three books, including her soon to be published book Hope Lives Here. Together Janine and her husband Ian run a faith-based organization focusing on Hunger, Orphans, Poverty and Education in Eswatini, Africa, [more]

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## Two Ways to Participate:

✓ **STANDARD SELECTION**    ✓ **DIRECT COLLEGE SELECTION**

Funds are sent directly to the institution and designated and applied to the student's account.  
Rotarians serve as host families.

✓ **ALL GRSP Scholars Must:**

Be between 18 and 25 Years of Age  
Not Have Previously Studied in the U.S. for Longer than 4 months.  
Not be Married, or Engaged to be Married.  
Not Hold Dual U.S. Citizenship.



GRSP Update

## New Direct College Selection Program

By Ian Bond  
In the Georgia  
Rotary Student  
Program

workshops our  
focus of  
discussion was  
sharing a  
whole new way  
of enabling  
Clubs to  
partner with  
their local  
college or  
university,  
select students  
and increase  
diversity in  
future GRSP  
classes - all in  
an affordable  
way. We call  
this the Direct  
College  
Selection  
program. Let  
me take a few  
moments to  
summarize and  
with contrast  
the new option  
with the  
Standard  
Selection  
program what  
Clubs are  
familiar with  
and remains as  
an option going  
forward).  
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## CONGRATULATIONS! District 6900 2020-2021 School Winners

Alpharetta High School	Austin White
Atlanta Classical Academy	Elizabeth Richter
Bainbridge High School	Corbin Austin
Bremen High School	Wiley Elias Garner
Carrollton High School	Gregory Slappey
Carver STEAM Academy	KeAsia Chandler
Central High School (Carroll)	Stephen Moyer
Colquitt County High School	Lily Griner
Deerfield-Windsor School	Arwa Kheda
Dunwoody High School	Julia Strickland
Forest Park High School	Monica Trejo-Gonzalez
Greenville High School	Andrey Ferrell
Haralson County High School	Kathleen Robinson
Hardaway High School	Zyon Whitten
Independence High	Felix Fisch
Jackson High School	Summer Statham
Lovejoy High School	Eriyel Fisher
Martha Ellen Stilwell School of the Arts	Jamea Harris
McIntosh High School	Reagan Vetter
North Cobb High School	Abigail Kratzer
North Springs High School	Jacob Mirsky
Northside High School (Columbus)	Kelsey Amon
Shaw High School	Qunasha Daniel
Thomas County Central High School	Laura Hiers
Thomasville High School	Christopher O'Neal

## Laws of Life Georgia Laws of Life Essay Contest Announces School Winners

By Jackie Cuthbert  
The Georgia  
Rotary Clubs Laws  
of Life Essay  
Contest today  
announced State  
and local school  
winners for the  
2020-2021  
contest. At the  
State level:

- Corbin Austin of Bainbridge High School is the State winner
  - 1st Runner-Up is Eriyel Fisher of Loejoy High School
  - 2nd Runner-Up is Ian Kligora of Rome High School
  - 3rd Runner-Up is Adrian Whitlock of Heritage High School
  - 4th Runner-Up is Lily Griner of Colquitt County High School
  - 5th Runner-Up is Christopher O'Neal of Thomasville High School
  - Winner of the George A. Stewart Jr. Character in Action Award (sponsored by RC Dunwoody) is Jamea Harris of the ME Stillwell School of the Arts.
- In addition to the State Awards, local awards go to 135 school winners and grade winners [more]



The Rotary Foundation  
**Patsy Wolff  
Becomes Arch  
Klumph Society  
Member**

By Trummie Patrick  
Patsy Wolff of the **Roswell Rotary Club** is one of the newest Arch Klumph Society members. Patsy and her husband Bill graciously donated \$300,000 to The Rotary Foundation, in honor of Patsy's mother. A member of Roswell Rotary since September 1991, Patsy ushered in the era of women in our club. She also helped launch Honor Air in memory of her uncle and has sponsored many veterans on trips for the past ten years. In 2020, Roswell Rotary bestowed our highest honor, the Service Above Self Award to Patsy for her lifetime of involvement and support of our club.

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Club News  
**Americus  
Sends  
Message  
About  
Ending  
Human  
Trafficking**

By Angela Smith  
The **Rotary Club  
of Americus**

used the week of February 22-16 to address the issue of human trafficking and modern-day slavery through awareness and education. The club used social media daily with facts about the End It Now movement and human trafficking industry, beginning with a video interview with the global chair of the Rotary Action Group Against Slavery. We want to thank Dave McCleary for taking time out of his schedule to talk with Drew Anderson, Pastor of Sumter Chapel and point of contact for End It Now in the Sumter County community.  
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Club News

## **Interact... Persevering in a Pandemic**

By Michael Bixler

All over the world, Interact Clubs are helping young students age 12-18 develop leadership skills, give back to their communities, and have fun doing it. There are nearly 15,000 Interact clubs in 145 countries and more than a third of a million Interactors discovering the meaning of Service Above Self. In District 6900 alone there are more than 50 Interact clubs, and six of those are sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Thomasville.**

One club stands out for its grit and the kind of determination that characterizes budding leaders. The Christian Homeschool Association of Regional Thomasville (C.H.A.R.T.) Interact Club found ways to serve while staying safe. Teacher-advisor, Molly King, admits that "this year's service projects have been a bit different" because of COVID-19, but she could not be prouder of club members' creativity and enthusiasm. [more]

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Club News

## **Smyrna Partners to Beautify Campbell Middle School**

By Narayan Sengupta  
On Saturday, March 27, 14 Campbell Middle School parents, students and faculty teamed with the **Smyrna Rotary Club** for a fun landscape cleanup project. Armed with chainsaws, hedgers, clippers, tarps and more, they cleaned out decades of underbrush and overgrowth to help beautify this wonderful school whose most famous alum is Hollywood superstar ...  
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Club News

## **Peachtree City Partners with Wellspring**

By Mandy  
Timmons

What better way for our club to give back to our local community and to help support one of our initiatives through RAGAS / End Human Trafficking Now campaigns than as a partner with Wellspring? With the generous donation of ~\$35,000 of LED lighting products from Cooper Lighting Solutions and the project management by Herr Electric, the **Peachtree ...** [\[more\]](#)

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## Club News Douglas County Adds StoryWalk® at Hunter and Deer Lick

By Samantha Rosado  
The **Douglas County Rotary Club** and the Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County have worked in tandem to make a new StoryWalk® experience at Hunter Park and Deer Lick Park a reality. Local author, Kim Ichter Eldredge, is proud to have her children's book, *The Sky is the Limit*, as the featured story. Families can enjoy the first half of the book as they walk the trail at Hunter Park, and then visit Deer Lick Park to complete the book on the trail there. [more]

**Purpose**  
For independence and are unable to do daily living tasks, I can be very dependent. I can't perform the same quantity of things your body allows. Due to the fact I'm blind, I'm unable to do things that are not visible to me. I'm unable to do things that are not visible to me. I'm unable to do things that are not visible to me. I'm unable to do things that are not visible to me.

**Hypothesis**  
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**Background Research**  
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Category	Value
ALL OF US	15.7%
ALL OF US	13.8%
ALL OF US	5.8%
ALL OF US	5.9%
ALL OF US	4.8%
ALL OF US	3.3%

**Conclusion**  
I found that the use of the air powered grippers is a great way to increase the amount of things I can do. I found that the use of the air powered grippers is a great way to increase the amount of things I can do. I found that the use of the air powered grippers is a great way to increase the amount of things I can do.

## Club News Lake Spivey/Clayton County Welcomes Middle School Science Fair Competitors

By Ron Swofford  
During a March Zoom meeting, the Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton County featured middle school students selected from the annual Clayton County Science Fair to represent the region at The Georgia Science & Engineering Fair (GSEF.) The fair at the state level traditionally is held annually in March/early April in Athens, Georgia. [more]



From Facebook

## **Making a Difference in Our Community**

By Jackie Cuthbert  
Rotarians from all over District 6900 have been making a difference in their local communities ... for children at places like Jacob's Ladder, in community gardens at the Chastain Park Conservancy and MercyMed Columbus ... to street clean-up in Alpharetta and Senoia ... to sponsoring a "senior" prom, delivering groceries and recognizing first responders. Check out the work of Rotarians in the Rotary Clubs of **Roswell, Alpharetta, Buckhead, Cordele, Muscogee Columbus, Fayetteville, North Atlanta, North Columbus, Senoia, Johns Creek North Fulton, Carrollton Dawnbreakers and Columbus.** [more]

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Club News

## **Americus Honors Georgia Southern Technical College GOAL Winner**

By Angela Smith

In its annual show of support for South Georgia Technical College (SGTC) Georgia Occupational Award of Leadership program (GOAL), the Rotary Club of Americus presented a check to this year's winner - Dawn Ammons, a cosmetology student, who was selected from a field of 17 SGTC nominees. Ammons will serve as the college's ambassador for technical education in Georgia.

Ammons will now prepare for regional competition in April and, if chosen as a finalist, will represent South Georgia Technical College at the state level. A panel of leaders from the business, industry, and government sectors will interview nominees and choose one to be the 2021 State GOAL Winner and the recipient of the GOAL medallion. Additionally, the state winner becomes the spokesperson for technical education in Georgia for the entire year and is awarded a new car from Kia Motors.

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## Club News **Roswell Sponsors High School Relay Event**

By Trummie Patrick  
In March, the **Roswell Rotary Club** hosted the 24th Roswell Relays in conjunction with Roswell High School. This invitational track meet provides a high-profile opportunity for high school track & field teams from throughout Georgia to compete against the best in the state. Ten high schools were represented with both boys' and girls' teams participating. A full slate of field events was held in the morning session followed by track and relay events in the afternoon. [more]

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