

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



From Our District
Governor

Celebrating April ... and Looking Forward to August

By Kirk Driskell

For many, April is just another month. That said, it has some special significance for District 6900 Rotarians and for me. I'd like to take a minute to revisit that. This April:

- We didn't have a District Conference ... but for this year only, August is the new April! We are all set for a year-end celebration in SanDestin from August 12-15, 2021 and hope you and your family can join us for fun at the beach!

- I took time to remember where I was in April 1995 and how grateful for where I am today. Many of you have heard my story and know that I am in long term recovery. I could not be where I am today if it was not for the willingness of others to help.

- We were honored to celebrate the charter ceremony for our newest D6900 Rotary Club - the Restoration Rotary Club - a cause-based club focusing not only on addiction and mental health needs, but the causes of these epidemics too. Read a bit more about why all of this has significance - and how you can join us in SanDestin. Thanks for all you do! [more]



From Our District Governor
Elect

Get Onboard the Peace Train ... Sign Up for May 11-13 YPA Informational Sessions

By Mary Ligon

The "Youth and Peace in Action (YPA)" Peace Train is moving and you want to get your club, schools, and student organization on board! "Ticket" info can be found at www.youthpeaceaction.org. You'll also get great info here for your club members, school officials and student club advisors.

We have added more information sessions specific to our district. Connect today with your contacts in schools to let them know of these special info sessions. They can get questions answered and be ready to apply.

- Tues, May 11, 5pm - 6pm ET

- [Click here to register](#)

- Wed, May 12, 7pm - 8pm -

- [Click here to register](#)

- Thurs, May 13, 4pm - 5pm -

- [Click here to register](#)

Youth and Peace In Action is the largest local peace initiative in Rotary International history and you do not want to miss this train!
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The
Rotary
Foundation



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May 15 Deadline for District Grant Applications Fast Approaching

By Gillian Leggett

First, a huge THANK YOU to all Rotarians that joined the two Zoom meetings on District Grants at the District Training Virtual Assembly. It was wonderful to see so many Rotarians learning about District Grants at the same time.

Based on those sessions, I wanted to send a reminder that the May 15, 2021 deadline for the 2021-2022 Rotary ...
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**Attention:
District
6900
Global
Grants
Meeting**

By Anne Glenn
The District 6900
Foundation
Team will
conduct a one-
hour Zoom
session on
Wednesday, May
26 at 6:00 pm
for all District
6900 Clubs who
are planning, or
even considering
applying for a
Rotary
Foundation
Global Grant
(GG) in during
Year 2021-2022.
It is **mandatory**
that one person
from each club
that plans to
apply next year,
or any club who
has submitted a
GG application
this year that
has not yet been
approved,
attend this
meeting. Your
club can only be
qualified to
apply for Global
Grants if
someone
attends.
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Rotary Leadership
Institute

Learn More About Rotary ... Online or in Person

By Stephanie
Windham

The RLI

Philosophy states
"Having

leadership skills
does not alone
assure good
Rotary leadership.

An effective
Rotary leader
must ALSO have

Rotary
knowledge,
perspective about
where Rotary has
been, where it is
now going, and a
vision of what
Rotary can be."

The program is
open to all
Rotarians.

Did you know that
the Rotary
Leadership
Institute

transitioned to an
online curriculum
in 2020? Are you
ready to get back
to in-person

sessions to learn
about Rotary and
exchange ideas?

Read on to learn
more about our
online programs
and the first live
RLI event since
January 2020 -
scheduled for June
12 in Peachtree
City.

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GRSP 75th
Anniversary
**Planning
Underway
for GRSP
75th
Anniversary
Celebration**

By Michael Bixler
Planning for the
75th anniversary of
the Georgia Rotary
Student Program
Conclave (GRSP)
and the dedication
of the GRSP Peace
Plaza and Will Watt
Fountain began in
Thomasville
recently when the
75TH Anniversary
Committee began
to lay plans for the
three-day student
conclave this
coming August
20-22. There will
also be a GRSP Golf
Tournament on
Thursday, August
19.
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Contact Us

ALUMNI - HOST FAMILY INFORMATION NEEDED

Please help us update valuable information you may have on our former GRSP students:



- Alumni Name (Maiden/Married Name, if known)
- GRSP Class Year/Home Country
- Host Family/Host Club
- Current Country of Residence
- Email and/or Phone Number
- Social Media Platform and Name on Social Media

Please email ANY information to grsp@grsp.org with Alumni Info in subject line. Thank you!

GRSP Update Calling All Former Host Families, Trustees

By Ian Bond
Have you ever served as a host family, trustee or friend of Georgia Rotary Student Program? Do you maintain contact with any GRSP alumni? If so, we need your help. We are trying to build out our GRSP alumni data base and would like to get any information you can share.

Many students have relocated and even changed names since spending their pivotal year in Georgia. Some students participated more than 20 years ago and continue to contact their host family or a GRSP Trustee who impacted their stay. Thank you for your help as we would like to stay in touch with GRSP Alumni, and share our GRSP newsletters, events, and opportunities. We especially want to be sure that they know about our 75th anniversary celebration this August in Thomasville.
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HIGH SCHOOL STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Have you ever dreamed of...



- ✕ A life-changing experience
- ✕ Traveling internationally
- ✕ Living in a new country
- ✕ Being fluent in another language
- ✕ Having friends from around the world

See website to attend an information meeting.

Applications for the 2022 – 2023 academic year available August 1, 2021.



rotary
youth
exchange

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@RYE6900

Rotary Youth
Exchange

Recruiting for 2022-23 Students Begins Soon

By Mike Parks

The Rotary Youth Exchange scholarship program provides the opportunity for Georgia high school students to spend a school year overseas, attending a local high school and living with carefully selected host families while learning a new culture and language, and living Rotary values every day. The program is open to all young people in District 6900 who are 14-17 years old at the time of their application. Children and grandchildren of Rotarians are welcome to apply for the scholarships as well. We will begin promoting the program at Georgia high schools and via social media later this spring - our promotions encourage young people to contact their local Rotary club for more information on the scholarship. Rotarians can learn more about the program on our District website at Rotary6900.org/RYE.
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Club News

Join Roswell Remembers Memorial Day on YouTube

By Trummie Patrick

For 22 consecutive years, thousands of people from Roswell and around the State have joined the **Rotary Club of Roswell** and the City of Roswell to honor the men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of our Country. Each year, the event is held on the green at Roswell City Hall near the Vietnam Memorial.

As in 2020, the City of Roswell has cancelled the 2021 Memorial Day Ceremony. To continue the remembrance, Roswell Rotary has produced a video utilizing "best of the best" past Ceremony moments that will be live streamed on YouTube on Memorial Day, May 31st at 11:00 AM.

You may join us on YouTube by clicking this link: **2021**

**Roswell
Remembers
Memorial Day -
YouTube**

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Serving During the
Pandemic

Americus Rotarians Serve at Vaccination Site

By Angela Smith
Just a call for help
was all the
**Americus Rotary
Club** had to hear
before alerting
members of a new
community need.
This time, it was to
volunteer at the
local vaccination
center which was
moved from
Phoebe Sumter
Medical Center to
the site of the
National Guard
Armory, a facility
better suited to
handle the growing
population of
residents seeking
the COVID-19
vaccine. As the
vaccination rollouts
continued to
expand, so did the
demand for the
vaccine, which
placed a strain on
the site which
leaned heavily on
volunteers to
assist. Past
President Reda
Rowell was one of
the first Rotarians
on site to help with
greeting and
directing
individuals arriving
at the facility and
helping get them
registered.
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Club News

Lake Spivey/Clayton County Delivers Meals with a Serving of Gratitude

By Ron Swofford

On Sunday, April 11, Rotarians from the **Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton**

County had the honor of partnering with the Feed the Heroes Foundation and the Jonesboro American Legion Post 258 to feed 628 Clayton County first responders. Along with those meals, we provided much deserved gratitude for the service of the Clayton County Police Department, Clayton County Fire Department, Clayton County Sheriff's Office, the city of Jonesboro Police Department, the Lake City Police Department, the city of Forest Park Police and Fire Departments and 911 center, the city of Morrow Police and Fire Departments, the City of Lovejoy Police Department, the city of Riverdale Police and Fire Departments and the Clayton County 911 center.

The photo shows Rotarian Dr. Tonya Smalls delivering sacks of prepared meals to the Riverdale Fire Station and to the Clayton County Fire Department.
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Club News **Moultrie Hosts First Annual "Salute to Service"**

By Jaclyn
Donovan
The Rotary
Club of Moultrie
held its First
Annual "Salute
to Service"
honoring local
high school
seniors who
have chosen to
enter military
service after
graduation, as
the club felt
that such an
incredible
example of
"Service Above
Self" deserved
to be honored.
Working with
the staff at
Colquitt County
High School
and local
recruiters, it
was
determined
that 16
students have
committed to
military careers
after high
school. Six of
Moultrie's
veterans
provided words
of
encouragement
and PDG
Raymond Ray
helped
President
Jaclyn Donovan
hand out
specially
designed
challenge
coins.
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Club News
**Americus
and GSW
Students
Pack
10,000
Meals**

By Angela
Smith

Over 100
volunteers
came out on a
beautiful South
Georgia day to
ensure that the
Spring Into
Action and Rise
Against Hunger
event was a
success. The
event was
coordinated
and funded by
the Rotary Club
of Americus as
a joint service
project with
the Student
Engagement
Team of
Georgia
Southwestern
State
University and
was held in the
GSW Student
Success
Center.

Volunteers
from ages 18
to 85 packed
10,152 meals
in just two
hours! GSW
student
athletes, who
rank third in
the nation in
community
service hours,
helped with
set-up and
break down of
the assembly
site on
campus.
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Club News

Alpharetta Honors Hometown Heroes

By Clark Savage
The **Rotary Club of Alpharetta**

honored three of the City's top public safety officers last month with the Rotary Hometown Hero Award on Friday, April 16.

The awards were based on service above and beyond the call of duty and exceptional bravery. Ms. Robin Barton was awarded the Rotary 911 Dispatcher of the Year. Officer Michael Esposito was awarded Rotary Police Officer of the Year. Officer Esposito was previously awarded the Police Medal of Valor. Lieutenant Matthew Bozer was awarded the Rotary Firefighter of the Year. All three were already employees of the year from each department.

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Club News
**Moultrie
Feeds
Local
Community**

By Jaclyn Donovan
The **Rotary Club
of Moultrie**

participated in the
USDA "Farmers to
Families" program
to provide meals
to Moultrie
citizens.

Partnering with the
United Way and
Trinity Baptist
Church, a food box
distribution event
was planned for
April 10.

As the day arrived,
so did the threat of
severe
thunderstorms in
the area.

Thankfully, the ...
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