



DG George at Johns Creek North Fulton Rotary last week

From Our District Governor

Celebrating the Family of Rotary ... More Important Than We Can Imagine

By George Granade
We have all heard about the family of Rotary. I want you to know that our District is truly a family of Rotary. Recently, as you are aware, my older sister passed unexpectedly. You may not know how much it has helped and meant receiving sympathy cards, emails, texts and words of encouragement from fellow Rotarians all across ... [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



DGE André Marria Honored as a Rotary Person of Action: Champion of Inclusion

By Jackie Cuthbert
Our District Governor Elect, André Marria of Thomasville, is one of six Rotary members from around the world to be honored as a Rotary People of Action: Champion of Inclusion for her work to build a culture of inclusion as an advocate and mentor for women and people of color in southern Georgia, U.S.

Rotary members throughout the world are taking action to strengthen and empower historically marginalized and underrepresented communities by improving access to health services, education, economic opportunities, and civic participation. Since 2005, Marria has worked to bridge cultural divides in her community by bringing those from different backgrounds together to learn about and work together as well as to improve the lives of those in need, including by supporting aspiring entrepreneurs from underserved communities. [\[more\]](#)

Our Rotary Foundation

Upcoming Deadline for Closeout of 2022-2023 District (Community) Grants

By Gillian Leggett

If you haven't completed your District (Community) Grant-funded service project, now is the time to gather and upload your spending documentation for review. Per District 6900 guidelines, spending documentation must be uploaded to rotary6900.org within 30 days of spending all funds or by March 31, 2023, whichever is earlier.

If you have a grant that is currently in overdue status, documentation is to be uploaded immediately and submitted for review. Thank you to those clubs that have already uploaded their spending documentation. [more]



REMINDERS

* Club Commitment Forms Due Now *

Email to susanruckman@att.net

Fax to 229-924-7617

* Student Registration Payments Due March 3rd *

Mail to: Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

c/o Susan Ruckman

P.O. Box 1547

Americus, GA 31709

* Club Officers & RYLA Chairs should have all Info & Forms in their

Email Inboxes dated January 10th...

But please contact Jaclyn Donovan

[\[jaclyn.h.donovan@gmail.com\]](mailto:jaclyn.h.donovan@gmail.com) if you have questions or need info

sent to a different club member. *



Our Rotary
Foundation at
Work

TRF Establishes Two Temporary Relief Funds for Pakistan and Ukraine

By Anne Glenn
As a global humanitarian organization, Rotary continually takes action to help communities in need. In that spirit, The Rotary Foundation has established two temporary funds to support immediate relief efforts in Pakistan and Ukraine. In Pakistan, a severe monsoon season has caused devastating floods and affected millions of people. In Ukraine, the ongoing war has led to a continued humanitarian crisis.

The Pakistan Flood Response Fund will help communities recover from the disaster that displaced people and destroyed crops. It will accept contributions, including District Designated Funds, until 31 December 2023 and distribute grants until 30 June 2024 or until the funds are spent. Any unused money will be transferred to the general Disaster Response Fund.
[more]



GRSP and Rotary Working Together

GRSP Fosters Peace through International Scholars

By [Katie H. Hays](#)
Georgia Rotary Student Program for International Peace

PEACE, OH WHAT A GLORIOUS TIME
WHEN MAN ON EARTH IN PERFECT RHYME
WILL CO-EXIST IN HARMONIOUS
PEACE, OH WHAT A GLORIOUS TIME

Prevention/Resolution Month through education and public awareness as our one-of-a-kind program has been bringing nations together since 1946.

GRSP's purpose for the last 77 years has been to develop potential global leaders who promote understanding and peace around the world.

We believe that peace is possible as we extend one-year ambassadorial scholarships to international college students who spend one year in Georgia colleges and universities learning about the American way of life, receive mentorship from sponsoring Rotary Clubs and build lasting relationships with Rotarians as well as classmates from various countries.

Just ask one of our 3,731 alumni from more than 109 countries around the world. That's exactly what our one-of-a-kind Rotary program has done. And by the way, did you know that one of our alumni is now a GRSP Trustee in District 6910, and one of last year's alumni, Wade Gunning, has just become a Rotarian in the Atlanta Metro Rotary Club? Emilio Ochoa Botero of Colombia, an engineering student, will finish his major when he returns to Colombia this summer. [more]

Our Rotary Foundation

Could You Be An Area Community Grant Chair?

By Gillian Leggett

Do you believe strongly in The Rotary Foundation? Do you have experience working with the District/Community Grants section of the District Website? Are you interested in helping clubs if they have questions about The Rotary Foundation and the District/Community Grants process? If so, GIVE ME A CALL! Your District Foundation Committee is hoping to create "Area Community Grant Chairs" by geographic location. Each Area Chair will serve as the liaison between the clubs and the D6900 Community Grants Chair. This will be an opportunity to work with the committee at the District level and to increase ones knowledge and passion for The Rotary Foundation. [more]



Club News
**East Cobb
Honored
for
Supporting
Wheeler
High's
AVID
Program**

By Aaron Strimban

The East Cobb Rotary Club was honored to be awarded the Community Leader MLK Humanitarian Award by Wheeler High School on January 13. The club was one of four recipients of this year's award and very excited to be recognized for its involvement for the past seven years in Wheeler High School's AVID program. AVID (short for Advancement Via Individual Achievement) is a special program designed to increase the number of students who enroll and succeed in higher education and beyond. Through this partnership, hundreds of students have been taught life and study skills that have paved the way for college and life success.
[more]



Rotary Youth Exchange
**Congratulations
Next Class of
Rotary Youth
Exchange!**

By Mike Parks

Congrats to our new
outbound candidates for
Rotary Youth Exchange.
They are headed to
Thailand, Sweden and
Denmark next school year.
Good luck learning the
language!



Club and GRSP News
**Working
Together to
Change the
World**

By Jackie Cuthbert
Dr. Martin Luther
King Jr. once said
"Not everybody can
be famous but
everyone can be
great because
greatness is
determined by
service; you only
need a heart full of
grace and a soul
generated by love."
Two Georgia Rotary
Student Program
scholars spent a
week in January
serving others in
Guatemala. Laury
Petit and Camilla
Dokkedahl, who
attend Columbus
State University,
joined CSU students
along with the
Rotary Club of
Columbus to teach
art and English at
the Foncoli school as
well as help build
smokeless stoves in
the area. Columbus
Rotarians have been
working with the
Rotary Club of
Antigua as well as
other Rotary and
NGO partners since
2019 on several
projects including
Global Grants to
bring long term
sustainable
improvements to a
rural community.
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Club News **North Atlanta Goes Global**

By Jon Yaeger
Some 300,000 children / year worldwide die or are maimed because of a lack of a simple and cheap vitamin (vitamin B9 or folic acid) in their mothers' diets, which can cause fatal or devastating birth defects such as spina bifida. An estimated 75% of these tragedies could be prevented simply by ensuring that women of childbearing age get the vitamin through food fortification or supplements. Thus, approx. 225,000 babies can be saved each year if this initiative is fully adopted.

The Rotary Club of North

Atlanta is working to make a difference, on both the club and International levels. On the club level, the club is partnering with a club in Addis Ababa through a five-year global grant project to provide folic acid to women at high risk. Rotary clubs from other districts are participating partners. [more]



Club News

Dunwoody and Alzheimer's Partner for Golf Tournament

By Bob O'Brien

On May 15, 2023, golfers
will tee off at St. Marlo

Country Club in the
second annual FORE the
Memories golf

tournament - benefiting
the Alzheimer's

Association and the
Rotary Club of Dunwoody

Charitable Fund. The club
is busy working on

sponsors for the event. If
you are interested in

joining us on May 15 - or
in sponsorship

opportunities, please visit
the club's [FORE the](#)

[Memories website](#) or

contact Bob O'Brien,
fundraising chair, or any

Dunwoody Rotarian.

[more]
