



Newsletter Update

## **Corrected District Conference Dates**

By Jackie Cuthbert

Your editor inadvertently entered the wrong month for District Conference - so sorry! So this revised newsletter incorporates the correct dates in DG George's message. Please note we hope to see you in SanDestin from April 27-30, 2023. And you can register now by following the link in DG George's message.

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*DG George doubled as photographer at PETS and Arnold was frequently at his side to promote our Green Acres district conference in SanDestin*

From Our District Governor

## **Imagine Opportunities for Fellowship, Learning, Fun and Making a Difference!**

By George Granade

We just finished an amazing weekend at PETS - President Elect Training - where DGE André, district leaders and next year's club presidents joined with their fellow leaders from Georgia's other two Rotary districts to brainstorm about how to take us successfully into the next Rotary year that will start in July. It was great to be there, and reminds us all that we are closer to the homestretch for this Rotary year. We have a lot to celebrate and a lot to accomplish - and I look to all of you to us make the rest of the year as good or better than what we have already enjoyed!

For starters, have you registered for **District Conference** to be held at the Sandestin Beach and Golf Resort from April 27-30? Your Green Acres team leaders - Cheryl, Kelly, LouAnn and I - are planning some fun times. Join us for a pig roast on Thursday night (don't worry we did not roast Arnold, he will be at the conference), a cornhole contest and a tug-a-war battle. Be sure your club has assembled a team for each of these events. We will have educational Rotary classes available as well as awards to be given out. We have two speakers who I believe will motivate and inspire you. And did I mention, you'll have some time to enjoy the beach! You can **register at the District website** - be sure to do that before March 21 when the registration fee goes up to \$325.

Read on for more information about district awards, the upcoming district training assembly and a reminder about district grants. [more]



District Training

**Register  
Now:  
District  
Training  
Assembly  
for All -  
March 25  
in  
Columbus**

By Stephanie  
Windham  
Join District  
Governor Elect  
Andre at District  
Training  
Assembly on  
March 25, 2023  
at the Historic  
Iron Works  
(Convention and  
Trade Center) in  
Columbus,  
Georgia. District  
Training  
Assembly is a  
chance for club  
officers,  
committee chairs  
and assistant  
governors to  
further develop  
leadership skills  
and refine  
strategies to  
achieve their  
goals. All  
Rotarians who  
accept key club  
leadership roles  
are encouraged  
to attend the  
District Training  
Assembly. And,  
the session is not  
just for club  
officers; it's  
where club  
officers, chairs,  
emerging  
leaders, and ALL  
Rotarians can  
learn more about  
what Rotary has  
to offer. [more]

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**RYLA**

**June 17-21, 2023**

GEORGIA SOUTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

[www.RYLA6900.com](http://www.RYLA6900.com)

RYLA Update  
**It's Time to Register and Pay ...**

By Jaclyn Donovan  
 There's still time to submit your Club Commitment Forms and verify that you are sponsoring a student to attend RYLA this summer. You can email to [susanruckman@att.net](mailto:susanruckman@att.net) or fax to 229-924-7617. If you have already committed to sponsor a student or two (or ten), registration ...  
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Our Rotary Foundation  
**8 Years and 8 Paul Harris Fellows for the Rotary Community Corps of Peachtree City!**

By Mandy Timmons  
**Peachtree City (PTC) Rotary** Past President Joel Norris had an inspiration to do more and saw a special need for expanding opportunities for individuals who might otherwise not get a chance to participate in activities that would allow them to excel and gain self-esteem. Under Joel's leadership, the Rotary Community Corps (RCC) of Peachtree City held its first meeting in February 2015. Just like Rotary, the RCC changes officers each year, so there are eight past presidents. To celebrate these past presidents, the Rotary Club of Peachtree City and several members made generous donations to have each of the past presidents become Paul Harris Fellows through the Rotary Foundation.  
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Valerie Goldman

Emma Mack

Laura Williams

## Oslo International Summer School 2023 GRSP Scholarship Recipients



**Rotary**  
Districts  
6900, 6910, 6920



### GRSP Update **GRSP Names Trio for Oslo Summer Scholarships**

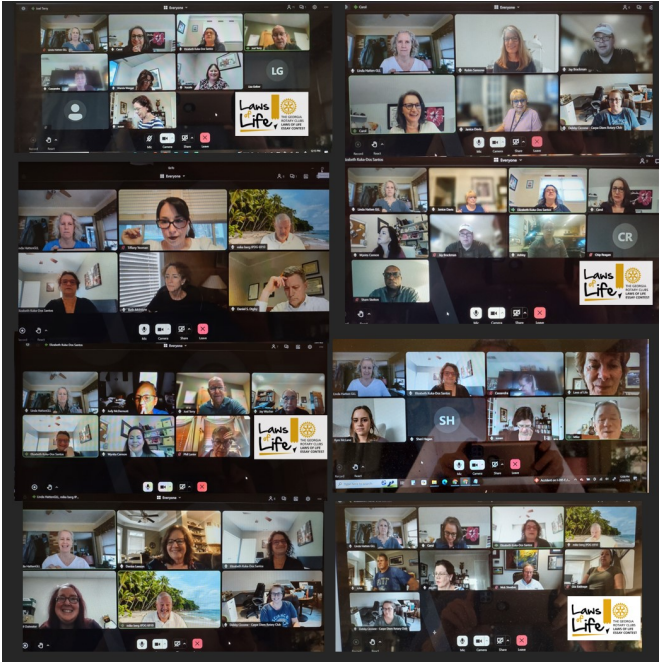
By Katheryne Fields  
A trio of college students from Georgia will spend the summer studying at the International Summer School at the University of Oslo as part of a joint partnership with the university, Georgia Rotary Student Program and Rotarians in Oslo, Norway. Emma Mack will represent District 6900 and the Rotary Club of Alpharetta with the endorsement of Rotarian Shawn Allen. Valerie Goldman will represent District 6910 and the Rotary Club of Lake Chatuge with the endorsement with the endorsement of Rotarian Shawn Allen. Valerie Goldman will represent District 6910 and the Rotary Club of Lake Chatuge with the endorsement of GRSP Trustee Gerry Gutenstein. Laura Williams will represent District 6920 and the Rotary Club of St. Simons Island with Rotarian recommendations from SSI President Tate Simpson, GRSP Chair Emeritus Bert Guy from the Rotary Club of Camden County plus Past Rotary International Director Robert Hall. The scholarship for the six-week summer program from June 26 to August 4, 2023 includes air fares from Atlanta to Oslo and the return trip to Atlanta, room, board, 12-credit hours of undergraduate coursework, administrative fees at the International Summer School at the University of Oslo plus an outing with Norwegian Rotary host families. The recipients of the scholarships must pay their travel expense to and from the airport, plus provide their own personal spending money. [more]



GRSP  
**GRSP  
Students  
Pack  
Meals,  
Create  
Service  
Project  
Plans at  
Leadership  
Weekend**

By Jackie Cuthbert  
The Rotary Club of Dunwoody recently hosted the 20th GRSP Leadership weekend. The students packed more than 10,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger on Friday - and even helped with all the set-up this year - normally a Rotarian task! In Saturday workshops, they learned about courageous leadership and were challenged to think now about what they'd like their legacy to be and take action. And on Sunday, they awed us with service project plans in the Shark Tank workshop led by the Rotaract Club of Atlanta. We awarded a \$1,000 grant for a project to encourage more recycling in Zimbabwe - created by a team from all over the world.

Thanks to Rotarians from the **Rotary Clubs of Atlanta Metro, Gainesville, Gwinnett, Buckhead and Roswell**, and to the Rotaract Club of Atlanta for their support of this GRSP weekend. We hope the tradition continues for a long time to come. [more]



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## Laws of Life Rotarians Judge Laws of Life Essays

By Linda Hatten  
The Georgia  
Rotary Clubs  
Laws of Life  
Essay Contest  
doesn't happen  
without judges.  
And thanks to  
online judging  
through

Submittable.com,  
our esteemed  
Rotarian judges  
participate from  
Rotary clubs in  
all corners of the  
Peach State.

At GLL, we're  
especially  
pleased to  
recognize  
winning writers  
at *both* the  
school and the  
state level. Over  
40,000 students  
write a Laws of  
Life essay each  
year, and schools  
submit their best  
to the contest.  
We expect to  
award nearly  
\$20,000 in cash  
awards to  
students and  
teachers.

The judging  
continues  
through the  
month of March.  
School and grade  
winners will be  
announced on  
March 24. One  
week later, the  
Georgia Laws of  
Life state winners  
and runners-up  
will be  
announced on  
Friday, March 31.  
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Club News  
**Atlanta  
Southern  
Crescent  
Shares  
Valentines  
with  
Seniors**

By Claudia Mertl  
Members of the  
**Rotary Club of  
Atlanta  
Southern  
Crescent** went  
to the Jonesboro  
Assisted Living  
Facility in  
Jonesboro on  
February 14 to  
meet with the  
residents and to  
give out bags full  
of goodies. The  
bags had been  
put together by  
Rotarians with  
different  
Valentine's  
sayings and  
drawings on  
each, and a  
Rotary Has Heart  
... [more]



Club News

## **Americus Celebrates Club Valentines**

By Angela Smith  
Valentine's Day is "next level" for the Rotary Club of Americus which has gone from three married member couples to four (all eight are Rotarians).

With the induction of its newest member, Amanda Anderson, Director of the Hands of Hope Pregnancy Resource Center, the club officially added its fourth couple just in time for Valentine's Day.

Taking "Love a Rotarian" seriously are Jay and Amanda Anderson (Amanda, our newest member), Mike and Gaynor Cheokas, Don and Sybil Smith, and Rene and Angela Smith.

Additionally, Past District Governor Marian Franklin and his wife Virginia celebrated the 70th anniversary of their first date on Valentine's Day.

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