

**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	<b>Fayetteville</b>	<b>North Atlanta</b>	<b>Brookhaven</b>
II	<b>North Columbus</b>	<b>North Fulton</b>	<b>Vinings Cumberland</b>
III	<b>Marietta</b>	<b>Dunwoody</b>	<b>Carrollton-Dawn Breakers</b>
IV	<b>Roswell</b>	<b>Roswell</b>	<b>Peachtree City</b>

## Key Dates



From Our District Governor

## **It's a Year of Imagining and Making a Difference - Help Us Celebrate**

By George Granade

We are three quarters through our Rotary year. Thank you for all you are doing for Rotary. Everywhere I go, I see the impact Rotary is having on all the communities in our District and many places around the world. I was particularly touched recently by the work of the Peachtree City Rotary Community Corps - as they fund and train service dogs for people who need them in the community - and was happy to be able to provide a district grant to help them expand their reach in this area. You can read more about them later in this newsletter. And take time here to read more about disaster relief for our district, district assembly and our upcoming District Conference in SanDestin - April 27-30, 2023. Green Acres is the place to be and I hope you will join us.  
[more]



GRSP Update

## **Pelham hosts GRSP Students for 57th International Weekend**

By Kathyrynne Fields  
Taking time to slow the pace and learn to say pecan seemed to be the theme for Georgia Rotary Student Program scholars who spent four days learning about rural life in South Georgia during a student weekend at the end of March. The Rotary Clubs of Pelham, Bainbridge, Camilla and Thomasville hosted the 40 GRSP scholars as they stayed with area Rotarians for the Larry Frosteg Pelham International Weekend, which served as 57<sup>th</sup> annual International Weekend event. Ana Perez of Colombia attends Georgia Gwinnett College and is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Sugarloaf. "It was interesting to be out of the city and experience a small town," Perez said. [more]

**RYLA**

**June 17-21, 2023**

GEORGIA SOUTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

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

RYLA Update

## **Don't Miss Out ... Register and Pay Now**

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 ... [more]



Rotary Foundation  
at Work

## **Grant with Matching Funds for the Peachtree City Rotary Community Corps**

By Mandy  
Timmons  
District Governor  
George Granade  
presented  
the Peachtree City  
Rotary Community  
Corps with a  
District Grant for  
\$500 along with  
matching funds  
from an  
anonymous D6900  
Rotarian to help  
the RCC with its  
annual service  
project of donating  
a service dog to  
someone in need  
in the local  
community. The  
RCC started this  
program several  
years ago and  
increased their  
impact to be able  
to donate two  
dogs last year  
through additional  
fund raising.  
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Our Rotary Foundation

## **District Grants Are Now Community Grants**

By Gillian Leggett

As you can see by the headline, the District Grants program is changing. We are now COMMUNITY Grants. This change is made to avoid ongoing confusion with the District Designated Funds (DDF) that are passed along to the District from The Rotary Foundation (TRF) as one block grant. This block grant is also a District Grant. Another reason for the change is to remind ourselves that 50% of our donations to TRF Annual Fund comes back to D6900 three years later for use in our communities. What a wonderful way to create hope right in our own back yard! Read more about improvements to the Community Grant program right here!

So what do you need to do to take advantage of this program?  
Read a little farther ... [more]



Our Rotary  
Foundation at Work  
**Rotary Club  
of Atlanta  
Southern  
Crescent  
Good  
Shepherd  
Clinic Project**

By Claudia Mertl  
Atlanta Southern  
Crescent used its  
community grant was  
to provide Uber  
Health Rides for those  
patients going to the  
Good Shepherd Clinic  
who have  
transportation  
difficulties. The  
patients can't get to  
their medical  
appointments, which  
often results in no-  
shows, and not  
getting the care they  
need. Uber Health  
provides rides to  
medical  
appointments. One of  
the single most  
impactful services we  
could provide is this  
one. Rotarians  
volunteered at the  
Good Shepherd Clinic  
throughout the year.  
The Clinic reaches  
uninsured residents  
of Clayton County  
and the Doctors, who  
work there, volunteer  
their time. Neither  
the patients nor the  
Uber drivers could be  
photographed, so  
staff and Atlanta  
Southern Crescent  
Rotarians posed for  
the picture. Tom  
Mertl, Claudia Mertl,  
Joyce Baul, GSC staff,  
and Dawn  
Massenburg.  
[more]



Club News

## Join Sandy Springs Pickleball Tournament

By Scott Einfeldt

The Rotary Club of Sandy Springs is hosting a Pickleball fundraiser on April 14 at the Sandy Springs Tennis Center near the intersection of Roswell Road and Abernathy. A portion of the proceeds will go to one of our community partners, Vision To Learn. Vision To Learn is a not-for-profit organization that provides free eye exams and glasses to children in low-income communities across the United States. This year, the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs partnered with Vision to Learn, and our club donated more than 800 pair of eyeglasses to elementary and middle school students in Sandy Springs.

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Club News  
**Marietta  
Metro  
Scores  
Big with  
SOUPer  
Bowl**

By Sally Platt  
While the NFL had the Super Bowl, the Rotary Club of Marietta Metro scored big with its SOUPer Bowl. During the month of January 2023, teams of club members competed to see which could contribute the most cans of soup. The final tally was nearly 800 cans, which were divided equally between the food pantries at Georgia Highlands College and Chattahoochee Technical College. Many students struggle to make ends meet while they're in college and having access to a food pantry can be a determining factor when it comes to staying in school. Marietta Metro is proud to partner with both Georgia Highlands and Chatt Tech to provide scholarships and provide other assistance to help students stay in school. [more]



Club News

## **Stone Mountain Recognizes Champions of Education**

By Cynthia Edwards

The Rotary Club of Stone

Mountain hosted its Second Annual Champions of Education

fundraiser event, Saturday, March 18, at the Georgia Piedmont Technical College DeKalb

Conference Center. The event featured the presentation of

awards to 19 individuals who included retired

legendary educators and

current inspirational

educators as well as law

enforcement professionals,

public servants, community-based

organizations, and businesses

that have provided

extraordinary support to

students, teachers, and

local education systems,

especially during the pandemic.

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Club News

## North Cobb Educates about Sex Trafficking Issues

By Hicks Malonson  
Earlier this year, the North Cobb Rotary hosted “The Truth About Sex Trafficking” in partnership with Rescuing Hope ([rescuinghope.com](http://rescuinghope.com)) and through grant funds from Rotarian Action Group Against Slavery that is a collaboration between RC of Marietta, RC of Smyrna, RC of Alpharetta and RC of North Cobb. More than 150 people attended the event.  
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Club News  
**North  
Fulton  
Serves Up  
Literacy**

By Lisa Gelber  
The Rotary Club  
of North  
Fulton sponsored  
a Literacy Night  
at Children's  
Development  
Academy on  
March 23.  
Rotarians  
provided dinner  
for families at  
the school,  
supplies for an  
art project,  
literacy packs  
and the cost of  
an  
artist/performer.  
Members of the  
club served  
dinner, set up for  
the  
entertainment  
and did clean up  
duty. The  
families and  
students had a  
great time  
eating dinner  
together and  
enjoying a  
musical  
performance  
centered around  
reading.  
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Club News

## Rotarians Awarded National Presidential Volunteer Service Award

By Cynthia Edwards

At the end of the **Rotary Club of Stone Mountain's** fundraising event, President Cesar announced that there were two other awards to present. These surprise awards were Presidential Volunteer Service Awards and were presented to Past Presidents Cynthia Dorsey Edwards (2013-2014 and 2020-2021) and Irvine Weekes (2021-2022). The President's Volunteer Service Award is a civil award bestowed by the President of the United States. Established by executive order by George W. Bush, the award was established to honor volunteers that give hundreds of hours per year helping others through the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.

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Club News  
**Douglas  
County  
Serves the  
Homeless,  
Honors  
Top  
Students**

By Nell Boggs  
The Rotary Club of  
Douglas

County brightened the day for residents of the homeless camp located beside the courthouse on a sunny but chilly January day when Rotarians served lunch of smoked ribs, pork barbecue, chicken, beans, and slaw. Many thanks to Rotary member Joe Williams who coordinated the project and did the cooking.

The Club also hosted its annual luncheon recognizing the STAR Student and STAR Teacher from every high school in Douglas County. Their speeches were inspiring.

Students selected as STAR Students must have the highest score on a single test date on the SAT and be in the top 10% or top 10 students of their class. [\[more\]](#)

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Club News

## Carrollton Dawnbreakers Supports K-9 Unit

By Jessica Ainsworth  
The Carrollton Dawnbreakers Rotary Club had a special guest at their Wednesday meeting, Kilo, one of Carrollton Police Department's K-9 Unit. Kilo is one of four from the K-9 unit and he is retiring soon. A check for \$10,000 was presented to Carrollton's police department for the purchase of a police dog, training of the dog and the dog's handler. [more]