



From Our District Governor

**Thank You for a Year That Was All I Could Imagine and So Much More!**

By George Granade  
We have just returned from the Rotary International convention in Melbourne, Australia which was very good. DGE André Marria was on the program and did an outstanding job and represented District 6900 very well. The meeting was very educational, and we all picked up a lot of good Rotary information. Several of stayed and toured part of Australia and saw what a beautiful country it is. As this Rotary year comes to an end, I look back and remember so many excellent things that our District has accomplished. Clubs in our district have completed many service projects that have assisted in improving their communities. They have completed many fundraisers that have enabled them to accomplish these projects. [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        | 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**

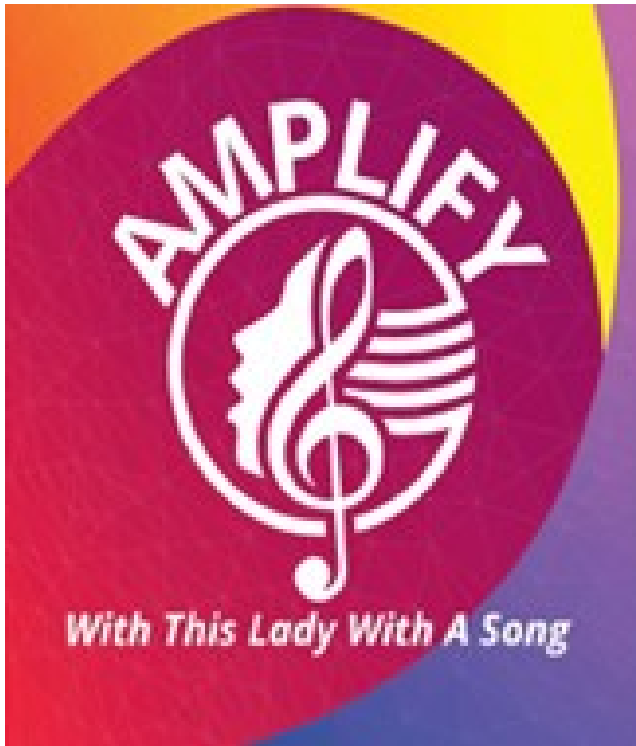
The  
**Rotary**  
Foundation



Our Rotary  
Foundation at Work  
**2023-2024  
Competitive  
&  
Collaborative  
Community  
Grant  
Awards  
Announced**

By Gillian Leggett  
Thanks to the  
generosity of our  
fellow Rotarians to  
the Rotary  
Foundation, we had  
enough DDF to award  
more than the  
originally stated  
competitive grants.  
This year we received  
a total of 67 grant  
requests with a total  
of \$148,250 in grant  
funds awarded.  
\$78,250 was awarded  
in the standard ...  
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District Conference  
2024

## **Help Us Amplify Rotary at 2024 District Conference**

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### **Registration Open**

By Stephanie  
Windham

District Conference  
returns to Jekyll  
Island, Georgia  
March 21-24, 2024.

Join us as we  
Amplify Rotary and  
feature the Lady  
with a Song, none  
other than our  
District Governor-  
Elect André Marria.

The conference will  
be at the beautiful  
Jekyll Island  
Convention Center,  
and several hotels  
have room blocks  
reserved through  
February 21, 2024.  
Jekyll Island is  
booming, so you are  
encouraged to book  
your hotel room  
NOW! Once our  
room blocks are sold  
there is no  
guarantee that more  
room nights will be  
added.

When making your  
reservation, please  
be sure and  
reference Rotary  
District 6900. We  
have room blocks  
reserved with:

- The Westin Jekyll  
Island, within  
walking distance of  
the Convention  
Center
- The Courtyard by  
Marriott and The  
Residence Inn, with  
a free island-wide  
shuttle
- Hampton Inn &  
Suites; Seafarer Inn  
& Suites; Holiday Inn  
Resort; and the  
Beachview Club  
Hotel.

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## GRSP Alumnus Joins Columbus Rotary

By Katheryne  
Fields  
Georgia Rotary  
Student  
Program  
alumnus  
Sebastian Villa  
added Rotarian  
to his list of  
milestones  
earlier this  
month.

A member of  
the GRSP Class  
of 2015-2016 of  
Colombia,  
Sebastian is one  
of a few alumni  
who have  
returned to  
Georgia and  
joined Rotary.  
GRSP Vice Chair  
Ian Bond  
inducted him as  
a member of  
the **Rotary  
Club of  
Columbus**, the  
same club that  
sponsored him  
eight years ago  
as a GRSP  
scholar. [\[more\]](#)

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Club News

## Celebrating the National Day of Prayer

By Steve Siders  
President Harry S. Truman signed a proclamation in 1952 to declare The National Day of Prayer “a celebration of the promise and power of prayer in our daily lives that exists to invite people to pray for the nation”. The **Rotary Club of North Fulton** hosted their 21st Annual North Fulton Interfaith Prayer Breakfast May 4th at St. David’s Episcopal Church in Roswell.

We celebrated the power of prayer with several Rotary clubs in attendance including tables purchased by **Alpharetta, Johns Creek, Roswell, and Sandy Springs** (thanks for your support). And we hosted many special Rotary guests – PDG Bob Hagar, Past RI Director Robert Hall, PDG Alec Smythe, and PDG Jim Squire. [more]

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Club News  
**East  
Cobb  
Supports  
Lunches  
for  
Learning**

By Aaron Strimban  
Each year, East Cobb Rotary supports an international charity called "Lunches For Learning." This charity provides food for lunches for underserved children in Honduras. This year, the club put on a raffle to raise money. The raffle was a huge success and East Cobb Rotary was able to raise \$29,097.46. The money was presented to Phil Dodson, the Executive Director of Lunches for Learning on May 10, 2023. During the 2022-2023 Rotary Year, East Cobb Rotary has raised over \$120,000.00 for local and international charities.  
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Club News

## **Rotary Brazil: The Next Generation!**

By Bob Koncerak  
What does an Interact Club do to top its recent Zone 34 award? It plans an international service trip, of course!

Alpharetta Rotary's Innovation Academy Interact Club departed on Saturday, June 3 for Pelotas, R.S., Brazil to continue District 6900's partnership with six clubs in District 4680. The two districts, along with clubs in New England D7780, have been partnering since 2021 to support a Down Syndrome training and service program slated to launch later this year. Pelotas-based APADPEL, the Association of Parents of Down Syndrome in Pelotas, is excited to host the service team. In addition to the groundbreaking teaching/training model, funds have also been raised for a service building. The Interact team, led by Alpharetta Rotarian Josh Jarvis, will meet and enjoy service time with the 40+ members of Interact Pelotas. Together, they plan to paint and assist with landscaping around the new building in addition to other adventures. The trip will be highlighted by a Friday evening celebration with the Rotary Club of Pelotas-Oeste.  
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Club News

## **Americus Honors Public Service Personnel with Rotary National Medal of Honor**

By Angela Smith

In Rotary's ideals of Vocational Service, our Law Enforcement, Fire Safety, First Responders, and other public safety personnel serve above self within their profession each day.

They ask for a fair wage and the opportunity to serve, yet their level of service has the potential to far exceed normal expectations of "Service Above Self." In 2021, Rotary International developed a method for Rotary Clubs to honor those community heroes who share our creed of "Service Above Self" within their professions and the club reached out to leaders in law enforcement and public safety for nominations.

In this third year of awarding the Rotary National Medal of Honor, the Rotary Club of Americus wishes to recognize four public service personnel for providing exemplary service to the citizens of the Americus and Sumter County community. We are honored to award these individuals who share a core value of the 1.4 million Rotary International members, worldwide, which is "Service Above Self." [more]



Program Possibility for Your Club

## **Hear the Georgia Ports Authority Story**

By George Granade

The Georgia Ports Authority has a dynamic message of growth, statewide impact and plans for the future to share with community leaders across Georgia. If your club is interested in learning more about how the growth at Georgia's deepwater ports affects you, please go

to <https://gaports.com/speaker-request-form/> to schedule a program.

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Club News  
**Douglas  
County  
Honors  
Top 8th  
Graders**

By Nell Boggs  
The Rotary  
Club of  
Douglas  
County capped  
off its year by  
presenting  
awards to the  
top 8th grade  
students in the  
four core  
subject areas  
at all nine  
middle schools  
in the county.  
The students  
received a  
certificate and  
\$50 for their  
outstanding  
academic  
achievement.  
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Club News

## **Clubs Honor New Mayor of Jonesboro**

By Claudia Mertl  
The Rotary Club  
of Atlanta

Southern  
Crescent and  
the Rotary Club  
of Lake

Spivey/Clayton  
County held a  
reception for the  
newly elected  
Mayor of  
Jonesboro, Dr.  
Donya Sartor.

he mayor is a  
member of the  
Atlanta

Southern  
Crescent club  
and we

congratulate her  
for this great  
achievement.

The reception  
was held at the  
beautiful home  
of Dr. Manjeet  
and Mrs. Lata  
Chinnan.

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Club News  
**Thomasville  
Stands in  
Support of  
GRSP**

By Debbie Goodman  
The Rotary Club of Thomasville continues to support the Georgia Rotary Student Program (GRSP) at the highest per capita level in District 6900. For the 13th year in a row, the club was honored with the Jake Cheatham Award at District Conference, recognizing the club as the number one club in per capita giving for clubs of its membership size. GRSP was founded by Thomasville Rotarian William A. Watt in 1947. Watt served in the military in Europe during World War II and saw the destruction war causes. He founded GRSP to help promote world peace by bringing college age students to Georgia to study in Georgia colleges and universities for one year. Each year the club's Board of Directors sets the amount of GRSP funds; for 2022-23, club members met and exceeded the goal - raising a total of \$27,471. This brings our total GRSP giving since the 1987-1988 Rotary year to \$612,946. [more]

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