



From Our District Governor

**Update on the State of the District: a small view as we...Finish Strong!**

By André Marria  
As we approach the end of the Rotary year, I want to thank you for the work you have done. We have focused on membership and the Rotary Foundation for the last months and here is just a snapshot on where we stand. Next month I hope to give a more comprehensive look at all of the things we have accomplished as we celebrate an awesome year!

Membership (let's hold and not lose if we can): Our district continues to thrive with 3,916 members. Special congratulations to our club presidents for their leadership - starting with **Peachtree City** President Amy Benton (number 1 in the district). Peachtree City's remarkable growth symbolizes the collective potential within our clubs when we work together toward common goals! PTC is followed by:

- North Cobb President: Nancy Prochaska
- North Fulton President: Lisa Gelber
- Brookhaven President: Elishia Thompson
- Meriwether County President: Dawn Woodward
- Cuthbert Rotary Club: Patricia Goodman
- On The Flint President (new club): President Walter Kelly

Foundation Giving - Demonstrating Our Commitment (funds are still coming in): Your commitment remains strong with our Foundation Contributions with total contributions to date of **\$788,280**. [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	<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  
**2024-2025  
District  
Community  
Grant  
Applications  
Due By May  
15, 2024**

By Kay Williamson  
Did you know there are District 6900 Grant Funds available for projects that begin during the 2024-2025 Rotary year? Each club can be eligible for up to \$2,000 to support a compelling project that will:

- fall within Rotary's seven areas of focus, and
- involve the active participation of Rotarians, and
- meet an identified need in a community.

The District must receive the Community Grant application by May 15, 2024. [more]

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**JEKYLL ISLAND, GA  
APRIL 24-27, 2025**

**Room Block Opens  
May 1**

By Gordon Owens

You won't want to miss the first ever multi-district conference on Jekyll Island from April 24-27, 2025. We are expecting 1000-1500 Rotarians to join us, so get your rooms booked before the sell out. We have blocks at every hotel and at a variety of price points, but these rooms will fill up quickly. Visit [GeorgiaUnitedDC.com](https://GeorgiaUnitedDC.com) to register and link to all the available room blocks. We can't wait to turn Jekyll into Rotary Island next spring!  
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# Recognizing Mental Health Awareness Month

By André Marria

As we move through the month of May, let us be reminded that it is Mental Health Awareness Month. It's a time to recognize the difference we've made this year, as we worked on projects that focused on Alzheimer's and dementia, for example, and had amazing conversations with mental health professionals at our District Conference. And it's time to ... [more]



**RYLA**  
**Volunteers Needed**

Join us as a Chaperone and be part of the greatest week of the summer!  
Your time and skills can help make a difference.

**Why Join Us?**

- Rotary Service and Engagement
- Participate in Impactful Activities
- Leadership Development for Young Adults
- Invest in the Future of Your Communities

**8-12**  
**June 2024**

Give Us  
**#OneDayforRYLA**  
ryla6900@gmail.com  
www.RYLA6900.com

## RYLA Update Can You Give Us One Day in June?

By Jaclyn Donovan

Hey Rotary District 6900 members!! Can you give us just \*One Day\* of your summer? We need a little extra help to make our fabulous event fly, and you are perfect for the job! Chaperones help us keep things running smoothly each night and each morning, but have no assigned duties during the day. If you are willing and able - even just for 1 day out of the 4 - to give us #OneDayforRYLA we would love to have you! Please reach out directly to Jaclyn Donovan or Susan Ruckman for more details and we'll sign you up!  
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RLI Update  
**Save the Date (June 8) for Our Next RLI Event**

By Tracy Van Norman  
Registration is open for the next RLI Event on June 8, 2024, at Cooper Lighting Solutions, 1121 Hwy 74 S, Peachtree City, Georgia. Curriculum includes Parts 1, 2, & 3, PLUS a graduate course on Public Speaking! Go to [rlitraining.org](http://rlitraining.org) to register. If you have any questions or issues, please contact me at [tracy.vannorman@gmail.com](mailto:tracy.vannorman@gmail.com). Look forward to seeing you there!!!  
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May 13 | 6PM  
**Attention Club Membership Chairs**

By Dave Schwickerath  
Let's start the 2024-2025 Rotary year with a plan for membership success! Club membership teams are encouraged to join these MAP Bite sized Informational Webinars to help them make a plan and grow their clubs! This ever growing group of dedicated Rotarians uses the information in these webinars to grow the Magic of Rotary in their community. **Register for the next webinar.**  
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GRSP Update  
**Students  
Confirm  
Joy of  
Having a  
Host  
Family**

By Katheryne  
Fields

Having a host  
Rotarian who  
welcomes you  
into their  
family simply  
sweetens the  
experience for  
Georgia Rotary  
Student  
Program  
scholars. Just  
ask the pair  
studying at  
Kennesaw  
State

University this  
year - Tinashe  
"Tina" Mukuro  
of Zimbabwe  
(sponsored by  
the **RC of  
Paulding  
County and  
the RC of  
East Cobb**)  
and Roosa  
"Julia" Toytari  
of Finland  
(sponsored by  
the **Roswell  
RC**).  
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## Rotary Means Business Join Us May 21 for Fellowship! Special Meeting Day

By Carter Stout

Rotary Means Business ("RMB") is a fellowship of Rotary International. District 6900 has a local RMB Chapter. Rotarians are embracing the original foundation of what Rotary was based on as we adhere to the Four Way Test. The RMB Fellowship provide an opportunity for all Rotarians to network on a local and global basis to enhance their businesses.

The District 6900 RMB regularly meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month for networking and socializing. HOWEVER DUE TO MEMORIAL DAY AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION WE ARE MEETING ON THE THIRD TUESDAY IN MAY. The next meeting is May 21 from 6:00PM to 8:00PM at Politan Row at Ashford Lane (near Perimeter Mall) (<https://ashfordlane.politanrow.com/>). There is plenty of free parking in the parking deck behind the building.

**Register now!** [more]



## Rotary Women of Impact Awards Gala a Huge Success!

By Syd Padala

The Rotary Women of Impact (RWI) Awards and Fundraiser was a resounding successful sold-out event, exceeding all expectations. The event aimed to celebrate the achievements and contributions of women in various fields while raising funds for charitable causes supported by Rotary International. The awards ceremony honored outstanding women who have made significant impacts in their communities, whether through leadership, innovation, philanthropy, or advocacy. These women were recognized for their dedication and commitment to creating positive change.

The RWI team nominated 33 women leaders such as CTOs, VPs, SVP, Founders, Doctors from Fortune 100 companies who not only were at the pinnacle of their careers but are also giving back to the society. Out of the 33 nominees, 11 women won awards for different categories and 3 women were awarded with Lifetime achievement award. [more]



## **Americus Rotarian Named to Join International Rotary Positive Peace Activator Program**

By Michelle Parker  
Laura Bauer McConatha, Board Member of the Americus Rotary Club, has been chosen for the next cohort in Rotary International's Positive Peace Activator Program. Created in 2020, the p Program is the most comprehensive training and educational program hosted jointly by Rotary International and its strategic partner the Institute for Economics & Peace.

The Activator Training Program includes a competitive application process and a multi-day intensive training that is curated for each region. After the training, Activators agree to a two-year service commitment, providing presentations, leading trainings, and supporting projects with Rotary clubs, districts, and other stakeholders. Activators are considered representatives of the Rotary-IEP Partnership.  
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Club News

## Rotarians and Interact Rise Against Hunger

By Lisa Gelber  
Rotary Club of North

Fulton members recently partnered with Cambridge High School Interact Club to pack over 12,000 meals with Rise Against Hunger. These meals will be sent to an area experiencing food insecurity, whether it be from natural disasters, political instability, or ongoing poverty. Rotarians enjoyed getting to know the students while working for a worthy cause. In addition, we had the help of Milton, GA firefighters to round out our work crew!  
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Club News  
**Douglas  
County  
Joins  
Earth Day  
Festivities**

By Nell Boggs  
The **Rotary  
Club of  
Douglas  
County** joined  
in the Earth  
Day event at  
Douglasville's  
new Town  
Green! Kids  
young and old  
had fun making  
bead bracelets  
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Club News

## **Join Roswell Fun Any Third Thursday - Now through September**

By Becky Nelson  
Roswell, Georgia  
hosts a street  
party the  
third Thursday of  
each month  
between April and  
September.

Boasting  
3,000-5,000 in  
attendance,  
neighbors greet  
neighbors, locals  
meet visitors  
and Roswell  
Rotarians enjoy it  
all from the  
Hagan Center  
Corner. We have  
our tents,  
someone is  
grilling the  
hamburgers and  
hot dogs, drinks  
are self-serve,  
and everyone is  
chatting. It is not  
only a great time  
for fellowship but  
also for marketing  
our club to the  
greater  
community.

Roswell Rotarian  
Alan Greensmith  
and team set up  
the spread with all  
the fun of a  
neighborhood  
cook-out with a  
few thousand of  
your nearest and  
dearest friends.

Long-term  
member and PDG  
Bob Hagan owns  
the parking lot  
and allows our  
tent to be set up  
where cars are  
not allowed to  
park. Please let  
this serve as your  
invitation to join  
us should you be  
in the area! Just  
walk right on up!  
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Club News

## **Blue Jeans and Blueprints Festival Supports Habitat for Humanity**

By Judith Fuller

### **Brookhaven Rotarians**

helped out at the first ever Habitat for Humanity Dekalb Chapter's BBQ, Blue Jeans, and Blueprints festival.

Rotarians greeted guests at the Tucker, Georgia festival where there was live music, building competitions, and great food. All money raised went to support rehabilitating homes for Dekalb County ...  
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Club News  
**Henry  
County  
Celebrates  
National  
Arbor Day**

By Amy Lemelin  
Henry County  
Rotary partnership  
with Girl Scouts  
and the UGA  
Extension of  
Henry County to  
celebrate Arbor  
Day. Did you  
know trees  
provide social,  
communal,  
environmental,  
and economic  
benefits? Tim  
Daly from the UGA  
Extension shared  
his knowledge and  
experience with  
us to help us learn  
more about trees  
including the best  
kinds to grow  
based on where  
we live, how and  
when to plant  
trees, as well as  
how to care for  
them. Renfroe  
Valley Tree Farm  
kindly donated 55  
trees to give to  
each of our  
participants to  
take home and  
plant. We  
encourage you to  
plant a tree and  
improve the air  
around you.  
Happy planting!  
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Club News

## **Marietta Metro Enjoys the Sun, Makes a Difference**

By Sally Platt

How do you spend a sunny, springtime Saturday? If you're a Marietta Metro Rotarian, you might spend it as some of our club members did, building benches for the garden in the outdoor classroom at Hayes Elementary School. The following weekend, they were back at the school, planting flowers in the garden. Outdoor classrooms allow children to learn about the world around them and enhances creativity and imagination. The project spans the Rotary theme for April, the Environment, and June's Youth Service theme. [more]

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Club News

## **Griffin Downtown Council Manager Visits Daybreak Club**

By Debby Daniel-  
Bryant

Heather  
Robinson, District  
Manager of the  
Griffin Downtown  
Council, is  
pictured here

with Griffin  
Daybreak  
Rotary President

Katheryne Fields.

Ms. Robinson  
recently met with  
the Club and  
informed them of  
the Summer  
Concert Series

beginning in May  
and continuing  
through October.

She shared about  
businesses  
coming to Griffin,  
including a  
boutique hotel

and breweries, as  
well as recent  
activities and  
future

enhancements to  
the downtown  
area.

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