



**And Now We Know!
"We are the
Champions of the
World."**

By André Marria
As we near the end of this Rotary year, I reflect on our journey that began with one crucial question: "What is your why in Rotary?" Each month, Walter and I visited your clubs, encouraging you to support The Rotary Foundation and emphasizing the importance of continuity. Building strong, inclusive teams has been essential to our mission.

We urged you to share your Rotary story through social media, local media, and Rotary magazine. This year, we have focused on increasing mental health awareness and supporting Rotary International's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives. We have worked towards fostering cultural awareness in our clubs, ensuring they reflect the diverse populations they serve. Being intentional, authentic, and real about diversity in our club leadership is vital.

Throughout the year, I have strived to live the Four-Way Test in my words, actions and deeds. Now, it is up to you to determine how we have measured up. How has your club performed? Have you handed off responsibilities to the incoming president and directors in a way that ensures continuity?

I am proud of our district and all that we have achieved together. You have been my inspiration and have amplified Rotary through your dedication and hard work. Your commitment has been evident, with your boots on the ground, amplifying Rotary's mission. For this, I thank you.

Let's measure a few of our outcomes. [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

Our Rotary Foundation at Work

2024-2025 Rotary District 6900 Competitive Grants Opportunity

By Anne Glenn

We are pleased to announce that 58 Clubs applied for and will receive funds requested for their Community Grant projects - most will receive \$2,000 (one Club asked for \$500) - for a total of \$ 112,500. The number of Clubs applying increased 23% over last year and the total funds distributed increased 30% when compared with Rotary Year 2023-2024.

In addition, for the 2024-2025 year, Rotary District 6900 and the Rotary Foundation present an exclusive opportunity to all District 6900 Rotary Clubs to apply for a Competitive Grant"

- Two grants are available for up to \$10,000.
- Two grants are available for up to \$5,000.
- Two grants are available for up to \$2,500.

Each club is invited to apply for one \$10,000, \$5,000, or \$2,500 Competitive Grant beginning Monday, June 10, with an application deadline set for Friday, June 21, 2024. The online application process, designed to be straightforward, is accessible through the Rotary District 6900 Grants webpage. Please note that each Club may apply for one competitive grant only, ensuring a fair and balanced process. [more]



RYLA Update

Why I Love RYLA

By Jaclyn Donovan

The time for RYLA is finally here!! RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) is a summer camp that aims to give our District 6900 teenagers the opportunity to build their leadership skills. You can read more about it at www.RYLA6900.com or check us out on Facebook and Instagram. If you know me, you know that RYLA is something that I am 110% passionate about. RYLA is my jam. Here are just a few (of the many) things I love about RYLA:

1. The Students - so many different personalities and talents from all over! From the valedictorian to the kid who sits in the back of the class, from the team captain to the one who hardly ever speaks out loud... all leaders in their own special way. RYLA helps them discover themselves and how they can make contributions as leaders at school, at home, and in their communities. [more]



Rotary Youth Exchange
Clubs Award \$25,000.00 Scholarships to Georgia High School Students

By Mike Parks
The Rotary Clubs of Decatur, Dunwoody, and Johns Creek North Fulton each awarded two \$25,000.00 study abroad scholarships to local high school students. Six talented Georgia students were selected from among more than 30 applicants last summer to receive the Rotary Youth Exchange scholarship from their local Rotary clubs. The students have spent the last seven months studying their target language, the culture and history of their assigned country, as well as all things Rotary. They will graduate from our District 6900 preparation training program later this month and depart for their year-long study abroad experience this summer. Our District 6900 Rotary Youth Exchange students will represent their country and serve as student ambassadors overseas in Germany, Korea, Spain, Sweden, Brazil, and Italy. Do you know a talented high school student between the ages of 14 and 17 who would like to become a Rotary Youth Exchange student? [\[more\]](#)



Club News

Stone Mountain Celebrates Achievers in the Field of Education at Diamonds and Denim

By Leslyn Weekes

The Rotary Club of Stone Mountain proudly presents "Diamonds and Denim," a unique and elegant night of celebration in honor of Champions of Education. This event, unlike any other, will recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions in the field of Education. Join us on Saturday, June 29 from 6:00- 9:30 PM at the Tucker Brewing Company, located at 2003 South Bibb Drive, Tucker, GA 30084, for an unforgettable evening.

Prepare to be dazzled and delighted as we come together for an evening of live music, food, and fun, all while preparing to continue making a real difference in our community. Our signature fundraiser, this Third Annual Celebrating Champions of Education, highlights the value of the classroom teacher as well as honors other people who make extraordinary impacts on students and schools. We illuminate the power of education! [more]



Club News

Dunwoody Amplifies Support of Alzheimer's Initiatives

By Jackie Cuthbert
The **Rotary Club of Dunwoody (RCD)** is excited to be supporting Alzheimer's initiatives in a big way. Our third annual Golf Tournament - FORE! the Memories - raised \$25,000 for Alzheimer's The Longest Day fundraiser, along with an additional \$17,000 or so for other club service initiatives. Thanks to Bob O'Brien, Charlie Augello and their team for the golf tournament, sponsorships and auction that led to this success! That's not all - the Club is actively supporting the launch of Anchor Place Dunwoody - providing respite care for individuals experiencing moderate levels of dementia. [more]



Club News

Museum Exhibits Captures Newnan's 100-Year Spirit of Service

By Nicholas Ramey
In honor of its 100th anniversary, the Newnan Rotary Club arranged an exhibit at the McRitchie-Hollis Museum. The exhibit featured objects and information from the Club's history in Newnan to educate visitors on the Club's community involvement.

The Club is likely most well-known for its annual Fourth of July Fireworks celebration in Newnan, which it has organized since 1986. The club also has service projects focused on local youth, homelessness, and literacy. For the last several years, the club has hosted the annual Tour of Coweta bike ride, using proceeds from the event to fund scholarships for local nonprofit organizations.
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Douglas County Sponsors Field Trip and Honors Top Eight Graders

By Nell Boggs
The Rotary Club of Douglas County focuses on helping students in Douglas County. Recently, the Club helped fund an in-house field trip for first and second graders at Beulah Elementary. Students loved learning about plants, pollination, and agriculture from the Great American Bus Interactive Education (GABIE)! In May, Rotary members also presented certificates and cash awards to the top eighth graders in the four core subject areas at all eight middle schools in the county. [more]



Club News

Interact and Vinings Cumberland Team Up to Provide Bikes

By Brenda Borden
Campbell High School
Interactors collaborated
with Vinings
Cumberland
Rotarians (the Interact
Club's sponsor) this
spring to provide Free
Bikes 4 Kids
(FB4K). Bike donations
were taken to the
school Sunday April 21
for this organization
which has volunteers
who work on bikes
throughout the year.
Many cycle teams are
actively making them
just like new. Kids
receive them at
Christmas and another
time at the beginning
of summer. They take
any bike in any
condition or even parts
of bikes.
Picking up 15 bikes
from residents of One
Vinings Mountain are
Past Vinings
Cumberland President
Casey Patrick along
with Campbell High
Interactors - Senior
Casey Patrick and
Sophomore Sean
Patrick. [more]

Help Save a Life

- Donate one pint of blood (or encourage someone to donate in your place)
- Save up to three lives
- Get a free pint of Variant beer



Roswell
Rotary
Club

Blood Drive

Wed. March 27
9am - 2pm

Location:
Coastal Bar & Grill (formerly Houck's)
10930 Crabapple Rd. B120
Roswell, GA 30075

Questions?



Darrell Bartlett



Hal Schlenger



Club News

Roswell Celebrates Five Years of Quarterly Blood Drives

By Becky Nelson
Sometimes a club just gets lucky. We have some dedicated folks within the Roswell Rotary Club who come in with an idea and then stay committed to it for years. This May marked the fifth anniversary of our Quarterly Blood Drive supported by the American Red Cross. May 2, 2019 was the first of now 18 blood drives championed by Roswell Rotarians Darrell Bartlett and Hal Schlenger. In that time, 575 pints of blood have been collected helping more than 1600 folks (one pint can help up to three people.)
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Club News

Henry County Volunteers at Helping In His Name Ministries - Food Pantry

By Amy Lemelin
In May, the Henry County Rotary

Club put what we learned during a tour and info session at Helping in His Name Ministries - Food Pantry into action and took time to volunteer.

Director Tim Engelbracht did an excellent job educating us on what the food pantry is all about, who they serve and what their greatest needs are. The food pantry serves an average of 1000 families per month and that number is increasing with more families in need here in Henry County. [more]



Club News

Griffin Daybreak Celebrates Fifth Graders

By Debby Daniel-Bryant

Griffin Daybreak Rotary

Club members attended the end of year

celebrations for 5th graders in the

Griffin-Spalding County School

system, and awarded the

Mighty Acorn Award to a top

student at each elementary

school. Students were recognized

for citizenship, leadership, and

scholarship.

Rotarians were on hand to present

the awards and pose for pictures

with the students.



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