



From Our District Governor
Celebrating the Holidays and the Spirit of Giving

By Steve Ivory
I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with friends and family. This is a very exciting time of year as we head into holiday season. Most of you all are likely beginning to do lots of fun stuff like: shop, prepare to travel, plan to attend/host holiday parties with your clubs and family and friends and of course, close out the year for work. I wish everyone an amazing holiday season!

I want to remind you all, on behalf of RI President Francesco, that December is Rotary's Disease Prevention and Treatment month. There are many global gaps in physical and mental health care access. As Rotarians, we can help out with these causes and keep driving towards a polio free world and help those with mental health needs with our investments, support and training. Please remember

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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

Our Rotary Foundation is "Tops" Again!

By Bob Hagan
Last month we got to share the successes of The Rotary Foundation and how fitting since it was "Foundation" month. Therefore, we looked at the successes internally. This month we have the opportunity to celebrate the external successes as seen by others about us. Here is a great "Did you know?" question: Did you know The Rotary Foundation was honored with a "Four Star rating" which is the top rating a charity can receive from Charity Navigator for the 17th consecutive year? Read on for more about Charity Navigator ... and information about a video entitled, "Rotary's fight Against Polio: Global Programs and Updates from Pakistan." And don't forget that your donations to Polio Plus and The Rotary Foundation make a big difference in the world.
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Opioid Crisis Abatement Grants Available

By Gordon Owens
We are pleased to announce that the Georgia Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust has provided our district with grant funding to help clubs do related projects in their communities. We have two projects to choose from, A Safe Drug Disposal Kiosk or an Overdose Rescue Box. Clubs can submit multiple grant requests (up to \$5000) using our district grant application system.
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A promotional banner for a networking event. It has a blue background on the left and a yellow background on the right. The text "Connect with Rotary in the Greater Atlanta Area" is in white on the blue background. Below it, in smaller white text, is "REGISTER NOW for an evening of networking, food and drinks (cash bar). Learn more about Rotary, how to join, serve, and make an impact in your community." The date and location "January 13, 2026 Copelands of New Orleans - Vinings-Cumberland, GA 6:00 pm-7:30 pm" are also in white. On the yellow background, the "Rotary District 6900" logo is present. A photo of four people sitting around a table is on the right side of the banner.

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January 13, 2026
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6:00 pm-7:30 pm

Rotary District 6900

Membership "Discovery Rotary" - An Event for Prospective Rotarians Only

By Audley Knight
District 6900 is planning a special evening of networking, food and drinks (cash bar) to give **prospective Rotarians in the Greater Atlanta** area an opportunity to learn more about Rotary, and how to join, serve and make an impact in our Georgia communities. The event will take place on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at Copelands of New Orleans - Vinings-Cumberland, GA from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.
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**DEADLINE:
JANUARY
14
2026**

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL 2026



**GEORGIA RESIDENTS CAN
APPLY TO STUDY IN NORWAY OR
DENMARK FOR SUMMER 2026!**

Study in Norway as part of the Oslo International Summer School (June 27-July 25) or study in Denmark at Aarhus University (July 1-July 25)

REQUIREMENTS

- Georgia Resident age 20-24 and single
- Current Undergraduate College Student
- Completed 1st year of College by Spring 26
- In good health and good academic standing

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GRSP Update

GRSP International Summer School Opportunity for Georgia Students

By Katheryne Fields

Georgia residents who are enrolled in college are encouraged to apply for GRSP's 2026 International Summer School Scholarships. Georgia Rotary Student Program is proud to extend a total of four summer scholarships to Georgia college students. Two scholarships will be awarded to study in Norway as part of the **Oslo International Summer School** (June 27-July 25, 2026) and two scholarships to Denmark at **Aarhus University** (July 1-July 25, 2026). The deadline to apply is January 14, 2026 for Summer Session 2026. To apply, visit www.grsp.org/other-opportunities. [more]



Rotary Youth
Exchange

RYE Welcomes New District 6900 Leadership Team Members

By Jackie Cuthbert
Mike Irvin (**Rotary
Club of**

Dunwoody) has requested to step down as District 6900 Chair for Rotary Youth Exchange due to compliance restrictions around Financial Advisors serving in fiduciary roles. District Governor Steve Ivory has appointed **Bob MacDonald (Rotary Club of Johns Creek North Fulton)** to serve as the new District 6900 Chair. RYE has added new Inbound and Outbound Coordinators to its board. [more]



CART Contribution Update

Small Change Making a Big Difference

By Nancy Alterman
The mission of the

CART (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust) Fund is to raise seed money for bold, early-stage Alzheimer's

research—ideas that might otherwise go unfunded but have the potential to unlock breakthroughs in prevention, treatment, and ultimately, a cure.

CART is unique in that 100% of all donations go directly to Alzheimer's research, empowering scientists to gather the initial data needed to secure major grants and advance innovative discoveries. In June 2025, the CART Fund announced six grant recipients were awarded a total of \$2 million in funds for Alzheimer's research. What began as Rotarians contributing pocket change at weekly meetings has grown into a powerful grassroots movement. And once again, our clubs are showing how small acts of generosity can create big impact.

This year, we've already collected more than \$4,500 and there's time to do so much more.

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Our Rotary
Foundation

Make the Season of Giving Last All Year Long with the Paul Harris Society

By Lauri
Young

With the holidays upon us, thoughts turn to gift giving, entertaining and New Year's Resolutions. We can't help with your gift list or holiday entertaining, but we CAN help with those resolutions.

In 2026, why not resolve to help those less fortunate here at home and around the world? A commitment to the Paul Harris Society (PHS) can make that an easy resolution to keep.

Members of the Paul Harris Society commit to giving \$1,000 annually to further the humanitarian, educational and cultural work of our Rotary Foundation.
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RYLA Update
**Give
the Gift
of RYLA**

By Jaclyn
Donovan
'Tis the
season to be
jolly and
joyful and
merry and to
enjoy all the
fun things
that come
with the
holidays. And
if you are in
the gift-
giving mood
and can't
decide what
to get for
that future
leader
teenager in
your life...
give the gift
of RYLA!!
RYLA 2026
will be held
June 6-10 on
the campus
of Georgia
Southwestern
State
University.
Find out
more about
how to
sponsor a
student.
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Georgia/USA-Serbia and Montenegro



Charter

April 25, 2025 - Jekyll Island-Georgia/USA

To promote peace and international understanding while improving awareness, engaging diversity and bridging communities

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Gordon Owens
District 6900 Georgia/USA
District Governor
Bobby Hildreth
District 6910 Georgia/USA
District Governor
Todd A. Freeseemann
District 6920 Georgia/USA

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DRFC Hamsa Thota
D6920 Section Chair

Jance I. Davis
DRFC
D6910 Section Chair

Past District Governor
DRFC Bob Hagan
D6900 Section Chair

District Governor
Vladan Mijalovic
District 2483
Serbia and Montenegro
Past District Governor
DSC Vladimir Matic
D2483 Section Chair

ICC National Coordinator USA
Claudine Schooley
RC Oro Valley AZ - D5500

ICC Chair Executive Council
Nathalie Huyghebaert
RC Villers-la-Ville D2150 - Belgium

ICC National Coordinator
District 2483 Serbia and Montenegro
Marko Mitrasinovic

Rotary Friendship Exchange
Why You Might Benefit from Participating in RFE

By Ada Wikina
Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) is one of Rotary International's oldest but often lesser-known programs. It's essentially a reciprocal exchange program where Rotarians (and often their families) from one country visit Rotarians in another country or region, and then host them in return. Learn more about the resolution signed by District 6900 and Rotarians in Serbia and Montenegro, and the opportunities you might have for global grant partnerships, cultural exchange and more. [more]



RLI Celebrating Excellence in Leadership and Learning at RLI

By Tracy Van Norman
On November 8, Columbus Technical College in Columbus, GA became the center of Rotary learning and leadership development during the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) event. This impactful gathering brought together Rotary members eager to expand their skills and knowledge, culminating in a day of achievement and celebration. Read on to learn more about the day and learn how to sign up for coming events - January 10, 2026 in Thomasville and February 21, 2026 in Marietta. You can also visit www.rlisunshine.org [more]

ROTARY MEANS BUSINESS MEETING

DISTRICT 6900



Rotary Means Business

Hope to See You in 2026

By Carter Stout
Rotary Means Business plans to be back in 2026 - with opportunities to make business connections while enjoying fellowship one evening a month. Carter Stout leads this initiative, and is still looking for four or five additional people to help with planning our activities. If you're interested, please contact Carter at cstout@stoutkaiser.com [more]



Club News

Congratulations and Thanks to Bob Evans - 50 Years of Rotary Service!

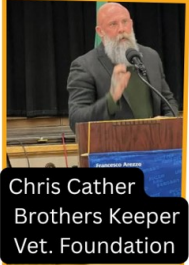
By Caroline Fielding
Congratulations to **Bob Evans of the Rotary Club of Cordele** on his December 1, 50th anniversary of joining Rotary! Bob exemplifies Service Above Self in his commitment to community, family, banking, and Rotary! Bob is shown here serving on the kitchen crew at Back to School Days last August. He has served as Club Foundation Chair for the last several years. Join us in congratulating Bob for 50 years of service! [more]



Our Rotary
Foundation
**Celebrating
North
Fulton's
Foundation
Giving**

By Lee
Hollingsworth
This incredible
under-50 member
club that started in
2000 continues to
excel, inspiring
generosity like few
others. Foundation
giving is a vital,
self-less, and often
difficult task that
makes our grants
possible. And
North Fulton
Rotarians have
donated more than
\$900,000 to the
Annual Fund in just
25 years as a club!
Foundation Chair
Doug Higgins,
President Erik
Bykat, and District
Grants Chair Mike
Mudd recently
announced two
new members of
the Bequest
Society: Club
President Elect Dan
Jenkins (his
\$50,000 Bequest
leads the District)
and Past President
and Assistant
Governor Joy
Manbeck. This is
after North Fulton
Past President
Richard Matherly
committed the
District's largest
Bequest last year
at \$50,000. [more]

November Veterans Month



Club News **Roswell Honors Veterans**

By Becky Nelson
Without a doubt, **Roswell Rotary Club** loves celebrating our local and remote hometown heroes. With November being National Veterans and Military Families Month, and DG Steve Ivory focusing on services for Veterans, RRC President Trummie Lee Patrick III saw an opportunity to coordinate a three-peat service project. We packed 100 boxes for Naval personnel on ships around the world the first week of November, honored an amazing veteran with an entrepreneurial spirit the second week of November and the third week we stuffed backpacks for local homeless veterans. [more]



Club News

East Cobb Club Puts "Service Above Self" into Action with Inaugural Day of Service

By Whitney Higdon

The **Rotary Club of East Cobb** recently showcased the transformative power of community action during its inaugural Day of Service on Saturday, October 25. Living out Rotary's core value of "Service Above Self," club members came together to lead a variety of impactful projects and make a meaningful difference in their own backyard - revitalizing gardens at East Cobb Park, painting signs for Kidz2Leaders, planting edible gardens at the Center for Children & Young Adults, and preparing more than 200 lunches for The Table on Delk. It's a day to be remembered ... and repeated. [more]



Club News

Honoring Polio Eradication Champions

By Claudia Mertl

In honor of World
Polio Day, the

**Rotary Clubs of
Atlanta**

Southern

Crescent/Clifton

Emory held a

dinner at Chai Pani

in honor of polio

champions who

have dedicated

their lives to

eradicating polio

as part of the

Global Polio

Eradication

Initiative (GPEI).

The Club was

humbled and

honored to be in

the presence of

several global

polio champions

who were in town

for high level

strategy meetings,

including Dr.

Hemant Shukla

and Dr. Mufti

Zubair Wadood.

They shared their

experiences on the

frontlines of polio

eradication in the

most remote parts

of the world and

the immense

efforts and

dedication that

polio workers

share globally

towards a polio-

free world.

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Club News

Brookhaven Works Local Farmers Market

By Judith Fuller

This fall, the **Brookhaven Rotary Club** was proud to be a part of the Brookhaven Farmers Market, where members dedicated their time to man a booth focused on collecting food donations for a great cause. The Brookhaven Rotary Club invited market-goers and community members to stop by, donate, and learn more about the important work being done at the Suther's Center Food Pantry and the Rotary Club. Visitors to the market found Rotary Club volunteers on hand, ready to accept non-perishable food items and monetary contributions to benefit the Suther's Center Food Pantry, a vital resource for families in need within Brookhaven. [more]



Club News

Americus Holds Successful Unity in Community Peace Day

By Angela Smith

On Saturday,

October 25, the

Americus Rotary Club

kicked off its

first Unity in

Community Peace

Day - a day of

celebration,

reflection, and

creativity. The

free, family-

friendly event

invited the entire

community to

gather under the

theme: "One

Community, Many

Voices, Shared

Peace." The event

was the brainchild

of the club's Peace

Committee, and

the planning team

was hopeful that

the theme would

resonate with

community

members. Not only

were these hopes

met, but they were

greatly surpassed,

as over 275 people

poured into

Rylander Park to

spend the

afternoon together

with people they

knew, and people

they had never

met before.

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Club News

Dunwoody Gives New Meaning to Turkey Trot

By Jackie Cuthbert

Partnering with others in the Dunwoody community, the **Rotary Club of Dunwoody** once again supported the creation of Harvest Baskets for 85 needy families at a local elementary school. Our participation includes some funding AND being on-hand to load baskets for recipients on distribution day. But perhaps the highlight is the "turkey trot" - not a 5K race but rather a run through the local Publix to buy holiday turkeys - because there's a two-turkey limit for any one buyer. Our "runners" are pictured here, but check out the rest of the story. [more]



Bainbridge Shares Information on Georgia HEART Tax Credit

By Jamie Sinko
It is not often that we get to decide how our tax dollars are spent. Did you know your Georgia state income taxes can be sent back to hospitals in need? Through the Georgia HEART Hospital Program, you can Help Enhance Access to Rural Treatment by directing your state tax dollars to support a hospital's mission. Georgia is the only state that empowers its residents to transform tax payments into direct support for rural healthcare. Why Choose the HEART Tax Credit? The support it provides for rural healthcare has strengthened our ability to deliver critical services to our community and boost local healthcare resources [more]



Club News
Peachtree City Completes Sensory Path in Record Time

By Jason Aldrich
The **Rotary Club of Peachtree City** is proud to announce the successful completion of a new Sensory Path for its grant recipient, Camp Southern Ground. The project, aimed at enhancing the therapeutic amenities of the campus, will serve veterans, campers, and families who utilize the facility. The projected six hours of labor turned into just two ... so veterans and their families were able to enjoy the path the same day!
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Club News
South Cobb Spreads Holiday Cheer for Sanders Elementary Kids

By Connie Bullock
The **Rotary Club of South Cobb** is excited to host its Annual Sanders Elementary Christmas Party on Saturday, December 11! This cherished tradition brings joy to underserved children in our community with a day full of holiday magic. They have lunch, meet Santa and leave with a bag filled with Christmas gifts generously provided by Rotarians.
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Club News

Fayetteville Rotarians Win Main Street Scarecrow Competition!

By Laura Weishaar
The **Rotary Club of Fayetteville** brought home a big win this month after being voted the First-Place Winner in the Main Street Fayetteville Pop-Up Scarecrow Contest! A team of enthusiastic and crafty Rotarians, Michelle Bennet-Copeland, Dr. Alvetta Thomas, Shawn Elzie, Vickie Butler, and Tish Williams worked together to design and build our Rotary-themed scarecrow at the Fayette County Public Library.
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Club News
**Buckhead
Rotarians
Shine
This
Holiday
Season**

By Shelley
Hammell

**Buckhead
Rotary** truly
shines when we
pair our
fundraising
efforts with
hands-on
service. Thanks
to our
members'
generosity, we
funded 50 Elf on
the Shelf
Plushee Pals®
and with a one-
for-one match
from The
Lumistella
Company (The
Elf on the Shelf
®), we were
able to provide
every student
and teacher at
the Boyce
Ansley School
with a toy.
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Club News

North Cobb: Serving Community, Welcoming Members

By Dr. Jose
Gonzalez

The **North Cobb Rotary Club** has been busy on many fronts during the last month with several projects benefiting the local community and one for the women and children of Nigeria. Several activities benefited the hungry in the Kennesaw, Georgia area, and some honored veterans. District grant money was used to provide an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for the City of Kennesaw. And the club took time to welcome new members and a special visitor from across the pond.
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Club News

Roswell Rotarians Jump into Action on Student Meals and More

By Becky
Nelson

When a
Roswell

Rotarian (who

wishes to
remain

anonymous)

learned there
are students in

North Fulton
County (an

affluent Atlanta
suburb) eating

a “cheese
sandwich”

because their
cafeteria

student account

stood in

arrears, that

Rotarian and
the club jumped

into action at

the nine schools

where Roswell

sponsors an

Interact Club.

Read more

about how
Rotarians

jumped in to

adopt schools,

provide gift

cards to help

families buy

food at home

and address

other financial

concerns.

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Club News
**Columbus
Packs
Food for
5,000+**

By LeighAnn DiCesaris
The **Rotary Club of Columbus** recently partnered with Feeding the Valley Food Bank for a community service project that delivered big impact. In just one morning, club members and their families packed 358 food boxes, providing meals for an estimated 5,000 people across the Chattahoochee Valley.
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Club News

Buckhead Seeks New Club Administrator

By Jeff Clark, Jr.

The **Rotary Club of Buckhead** seeks a part-time Club Administrator (20-25 hrs/week) to manage bookkeeping, dues, invoicing, and provide administrative support for Club and Foundation operations, including membership and weekly meeting coordination. The role is primarily remote with meetings in Buckhead. Click to see the **Job Description**. If you know any prospective candidates, please contact Jeff Clark at 404-697-1644 or jeffclark@buckheadrotary.org
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