

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



From Our
District
Governor
**Whirlwind
of
Activity
as We
Unite for
Good ...
and for
Fun!**

By Steve Ivory
I hope all of you
were safe and
sound as the US,
including GA,
experienced
major weather
events recently
including sleet,
snow, rain,
snow. I hope
none of you had
too much
hardship from
the rough
conditions. **DGE
Cynthia
Edwards**
completed her
International
Assembly
Training a few
weeks ago so
congrats to her!
She also
conducted
training for
district leaders
in Peachtree
City. And I
survived another
Rotary Youth
Exchange trip to
Disneyland -
with 16
teenagers,
participated in
service projects
at Bainbridge
and Rotary on
the Flint, and
recognized
Rotary
Foundation
supporters and
long time
member Don
Millen. There's
so much more
you should know
...
[more]



District
Conference
2026

Join Us at Lake Lanier Island - April 16-19, 2026

By Lisa
Carlisle

Join us for an unforgettable 2026 District Conference as we celebrate the incredible 2025-2026 Rotary Year under District Governor Steve! We're excited to announce that we're moving the conference to the beautiful Lake Lanier Islands Resort this year — offering a fresh, fun setting for fellowship, inspiration, and celebration. We can't wait to see everyone there! We have made special arrangements for some fun outings Friday morning. Get more information and sign up now on the **District 6900 website** .
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District 6900
Opportunity

Showcasing Rotary International at the 2026 FIFA World Cup

By Dave McCleary
Rotary District 6900
has an exciting
opportunity to play a
visible and
meaningful role in
one of the world's
largest global
events—the 2026
FIFA World Cup,
coming to North
America from June
11-July 19, 2026.
Rotary International
is exploring ways to
strengthen Host City
Leadership in key
areas that align
closely with Rotary's
mission, including
hospitality, human
trafficking
prevention, housing
support, event
services, and public
image. This effort
positions Rotary to
demonstrate *Service
Above Self* on a
global stage.
Rotarians interested
in learning more or
serving on the World
Cup Host City
Leadership
Committee are
encouraged to
complete the **World
Cup Volunteer
Google Form**. Read
more about the
opportunity.
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Our Rotary
Foundation

The Foundation's Work Continues to Reach Further

By Bob Hagan

As usual, there is lots to talk about and share with you all. I had the opportunity to put together some halfway through the year numbers of our DG Steve Ivory and he was extremely excited about where we found ourselves at this point in the year. So let me share them with you now. For District 6900, our annual fund goal for the year is \$307,000, and as of end of December we are already at \$347,000, which is 113% of the goal. Our Polio Plus goal for the year is \$158,000 and we are already at \$184,000 which is 116%! And there's much more good news ... including a global grant by the North Atlanta club that focuses on preventing birth defects associated with spina bifida in Ethiopia. [more]



In Memoriam
**Celebrating
the Life of
Will
MacArthur**

By Margie Kersey
Rotary's world shines a little less brightly today with the passing of William "Will" MacArthur of Sandy Springs, Georgia—a devoted Rotarian, a joyful servant leader, and a beloved friend to many.

Will's Rotary journey was marked by unwavering dedication and an infectious spirit. Most recently a member of the Rotary Satellite Club of Stone Mountain Passport, he served as Foundation Chair and resident champion of good humor, lifting spirits as naturally as he lifted service projects. Before joining the Passport club, Will contributed profoundly to the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs, where he faithfully served three years as Treasurer, four years as Foundation Chair, and ultimately as Club President in 2017-18. His commitment only deepened after his presidency, as he continued to guide and encourage fellow Rotarians through three years as Assistant Governor, helping clubs across the district reach new heights. [more]



GRSP Update
**GRSP's
Biral, Jin
Honored
Duo for
Thomas
Peace
Awards**

By Katheryne Fields
**Julia Carlotto Biral
of Brazil** and
**Guang 'Loski' Jin
of China** were

recently announced
as the winners of
the 2025-2026
Barbara M. and
Donald L. Thomas
Peace Award. The
awards were
presented in
December by Rotary
Club of Roswell
Committee Chair
John Carruth,
alongside GRSP
Executive Director
Katheryne Fields
and Past District
Governor Cheryl
Greenway.

Following a mission
trip to Costa Rica in
2000, the Thomases
were inspired to
establish this award
to support GRSP
students in financial
need who exemplify
the Rotary motto of
"Service Above
Self." Since 2002,
the Rotary Club of
Roswell has
administered this
annual award, which
has grown to two
scholarships with
\$3,000 per
recipient.

Why were these
students
recognized? [\[more\]](#)



Why I Love RYLA

By Jaclyn Donovan
If you know me, you know that RYLA is something that I am 110% passionate about. 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 the program on our RYLA page or check us out on Facebook and Instagram. Read on here to learn why I love RYLA ... and how you and your club can get involved! The time to take action is now! [more]



RLI

Join the RLI Learning Opportunity: February 21 in Marietta

By Tracy Van Norman

2026 has kicked off RLI with a bang! 37 members attended the RLI event in Thomasville on January 10. Great learning, sharing, and fun was had by all. They increased their knowledge of Rotary while also increasing their leadership skills. Many thanks to Joe Tarver, Nate Tyler, and the other members of the **Rotary Club of Thomasville** for hosting ... [more]



Our Rotary
Foundation at
Work

R.I. President Arezzo to visit North Atlanta's Global Grant Project in Ethiopia

By Jon Yaeger

*"When spiders
unite, they can
tie up a lion"*

*- Ethiopian
Proverb*

When Rotary
International
President

Francesco
Arezzo and wife
Anna Maria visit
Rotary Ethiopia
this month,
they will see
the **Rotary**

**Club of North
Atlanta's**

(RCNA) global
grant project
first-hand - the
sole project
chosen for their
visit.

Joined by two
Rotary clubs in
the United
States and two
in Addis Ababa,
the RCNA is
beginning the
third year of a
five-year
initiative to
prevent serious
birth defects
such as *spina
bifida*, which
are associated
with a lack of
an inexpensive
vitamin (B9, or
folic acid) in
maternal diets.
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Laws of Life
**Once a
Laws of
Life
Student
- Now a
UGA
Bulldog**

By Carol Gray
Walker

**More than
two years
after writing
his Laws of
Life essay in
10th grade,
Georgia Laws
of Life
alumnus CJ
Allen,
linebacker
for the
University of
Georgia
Bulldogs,
recently
reminded us
just how
lasting one
moment of
reflection
can be.** CJ

reposted his
essay on
Facebook with
a simple
caption: *"My
10th grade
project on
Laws of Life.
Lol read this.
Moral of the
story—keep
going."* His
Law of Life —
*"Everybody
goes through
something. It's
all about
persevering."*

Do you want to
read more of
CJ's story? Are
you and/or
your club
ready to work
with schools,
sponsor the
program or
judge this
year's essays?
Keep reading
... [more]



Club News
**Vinings
Cumberland
Cleans Up
Community!**

By Thomas House
The **Rotary Club of
Vinings**

Cumberland recently came together for a hands-on community clean-up, and the results were immediate and meaningful. More than 50 bags of trash and bulky debris were collected, helping make local streets cleaner and safer for all who live and work in the area.
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Club News

North Cobb Rotarians Busy Making a Difference!

By Jose Gonzalez

**North Cobb
Rotary Club**

President Jose Gonzalez used the first meeting in January to present a mid-year review. He shared that the club has already gifted over \$30,000 to local and global non-profit organizations and completed many of its goals. The review set the stage for the rest of January, where the club joined in a unity walk with the City of Acworth for the Martin Luther King holiday, painted the learning center that sponsors the Acworth Achievers Program, and restocked the Kennesaw State University food pantry. There's more to the story. [\[more\]](#)



Club News

North Atlanta Celebrates Don Millen, 58 Years of Service

By Steve Ivory
North Atlanta Rotarian Don Millen has been a Rotarian for 58 years and was awarded a lifetime achievement award by the District and a Service Hero coin by DG Steve Ivory. Don became a Major Donor Level 2 and was recognized by PDG/DRFC Bob Hagan and Steve Ivory. He has been a huge service leader and has helped out so many people and organizations with his generosity and selfless methods to get things done. He does not seek out recognition and yet he has impacted so many lives. We all were entertained by the amazing stories told about Don's service.
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Club News
**North
Fulton
Serves
Schools
on MLK
Day of
Service**

By Lisa
Gelber
On January
19, MLK Day
of Service,
members of
**Rotary Club
of North
Fulton**

cleaned and
sanitized
classrooms
at Children's
Development
Academy.
During this
severe flu
season, it is
more
important
than ever to
do what we
can to keep
children safe
and healthy.
When
children
become ill,
their parents
often must
miss work,
placing
additional ...
[more]



Griffin Daybreak Supports Backpack Food for Kids

By Debby Daniel-Bryant
Griffin Daybreak Rotary members and friends, including Erin Mulder Director of Stepping Stones, and William Wilson from **Griffin Rotary**, participated in a morning of packing food bags for needy children in the local school system. Led by Will Doss of Backpack Foods for Kids, Daybreak Rotarians packed over 100 bags of non-perishable foods to help sustain children over weekends who do not have a consistent source of food because they lack financial resources. [more]



Club News

North Cobb Rotarian Serves City of Acworth

By Kimberly
Haase

The **North Cobb
Rotary** year

kicked off with an inspiring celebration of service as North Cobb Rotarian Judge Jaret Usher proudly swore in fellow Rotarian Kimberly Haase to the office of Alderwoman for the City of Acworth. Judge Usher, whose decade-long commitment to the county, and as a State Court Judge since 2022 exemplifies the very spirit of "Service Above Self" helped mark a historic moment on January 2nd in the heart of Acworth, GA. This milestone not only highlights the leadership rising within our clubs, but also showcases how Rotarians continue to shape our communities with integrity, dedication, and purpose. Cheers to a year of impact, fellowship, and bold new beginnings!
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Club News

Roswell Recognizes Hometown Hero: Fire Division Chief Cavender

By Becky Nelson
Roswell Rotary
and President

Trummie Lee
Patrick III was
proud to honor
Roswell Fire
Department
Division Chief
Christopher
Cavender. Division
Chief Cavender is
a veteran of the
fire service with
nearly two
decades of
experience and a
strong track
record of
leadership,
keeping a focus on
firefighter
health/wellness
and professional
development.
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CHAIRWOMAN DR. ALIEKA ANDERSON-HENRY PRESENTS
"END POLIO NOW" PROCLAMATION TO THE ROTARY CLUB

Club News

Clayton County Issues End Polio Now Proclamation

By Claudia Mertl

At a public Board meeting, the Chairwoman of the Clayton County Board of Commissioner, and all the Commissioners representing Clayton County, presented an "End Polio Now" proclamation to the **Rotary Club of Atlanta Southern Crescent**. The Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton County joined in the celebration. The proclamation was read to the audience and presented to President Mahli and President Gerriann. The professional photography was done by Warren Bond.
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Gratitude Wal: Members Helping Members



This is a new section of the Rotoscope- highlighting a few of the many acts of service our members give to each other:

From **Michael Curling** :

I just wanted to take a second to recognize **David White** . We ended up somewhat last minute needing a Civil Engineer for a permit with the City of Roswell and David and his firm **Civilogistix** , despite their busy schedule, took time over the Holidays to step up and assist us. The power of Rotary!

If you would like to share the extraordinary actions of a fellow Roswell Rotarian on the Gratitude Wall, please contact Alicia Hughes ahughes@wsnielsen.com or Kathy Igou kligou@gmail.com

Club News

Roswell Adds Gratitude Wall to Weekly Newsletter

By Becky Nelson

With a focus on Service Above Self, the **Roswell Rotary Club** realized that it was not publicly recognizing fellow Rotarians when they showed up professionally for another member!

In December President Trummie Lee Patrick III asked Kathy Igou (Rotascope Editor) to add a new section to our weekly newsletter after a conversation with Roswell Rotarian Hal Schlenger who was complimenting fellow RRC member Joe Mazzeo, a master plumber, for his prompt and professional response for a personal matter. Thus, The Gratitude Wall was added.
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