

**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>North Atlanta Professional Alliance</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>Peachtree City</b>	<b>Roswell</b>	<b>Peachtree City</b>

## Key Dates

Thursday, July 9th, 2026	<b>North Atlanta Professional Alliance Governor Visit</b>
Tuesday, July 14th, 2026	<b>Paulding County Governor Visit</b>



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

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# District Conference



April 16 - 19 2026



Lake Lanier Islands, GA

MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS

UNITE  
FOR  
GOOD

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.  
[more]



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]

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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]

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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]

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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. [more]



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 Ackworth 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 ...  
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## 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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# HERO-OF-THE-MONTH



**Division Chief Chris Cavender**  
**Roswell Fire Department**

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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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. [more]



CHAIRWOMAN DR. ALIEKA ANDERSON-HENRY PRESENTS  
"END POLIO NOW" PROCLAMATION TO THE ROTARY CLUB

*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](mailto:ahughes@wsnielsen.com) or Kathy Igou [kligou@gmail.com](mailto:kligou@gmail.com)

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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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