

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



Governor Steve makes the leap at Alpharetta's Polar Plunge fundraiser!

From Our District
Governor

Here's to Water, Service and Camaraderie!

By Steve Ivory
Happy Belated
Birthday, Rotarians!
Rotary just celebrated
its 121st birthday on
Feb 23! I want to
thank each of you for
making an impact in
the world. Your service
projects and
generosity to polio
plus are making
differences in so many
lives. In fact, our
district just exceeded
over \$906K total
giving and we are well
on our way to exceed
\$1M this year.

In this month's March
Rotarian Magazine,
President Francesco
Arrezzo discussed how
critical water is to
connect communities.
Rotary Foundation has
invested over \$230M
in projects on this
area of focus!

Speaking of water,
freezing water that
is, I participated in the
Alpharetta club's
annual Polar Bear
Plunge and helped
them raise over \$230K
in donations to help
them make a big
community impact.
Overall the event
raised over \$800K and
was a master class in
partnering up and
making an impact in
the community! I
highly recommend
other clubs look at this
as a fundraiser in your
area and "R&D" it
("Rip it off and
duplicate it!"*). Great
work!!

Read on for more
about how we're doing
on membership,
service projects, and
events set up for
camaraderie and
fellowship - including
our upcoming District
Conference at Lake
Lanier Island.
Thanks for all you are
doing! [more]



District
Conference
2026

**Come
for
Rotary;
Stay
for
Fun!**

By Lisa
Carlisle
Looking for
inspiration,
connection
and fun,
your 2026
District
Conference
is designed
to balance
meaningful
Rotary
content
with
relaxation
and
fellowship.
Join us April
16-19, 2026
at Lake
Lanier
Island for all
this and
more! You
can
**register
now on
the
District
6900
website !**
[more]



Rotary's Founders: Gustavus "Gus" Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram Shorey and Paul Harris

Our Rotary
Foundation

A Lot to Celebrate: Alpharetta Giving, Rotary's Birthday and PELS!

By Bob Hagan

It's always fun to
trumpet out

extremely good
news. Therefore,

with great
pleasure, I want

to congratulate
The Rotary Club

of Alpharetta on
becoming a

million-dollar club
in Foundation

giving. It is truly
quite a feat!

Achieving this in
43 years as a

club is a
tremendous

achievement.
They have made

an outstanding
difference as a

club, for our
district and

Rotary

International. A
hearty and

deserved
congratulations!!

As it would
happen, I am

writing this
newsletter on

February 23,
2026. A perfect

date to do so as it
is the anniversary

of our founding.
Happy 120th

Birthday Rotary!!
[more]



RYLA Update

LUCKY to have RYLA!

By Jaelyn
Donovan
It's getting
closer to
RYLA time!
With all the
talk this
month about
"lucky"
things and
"being lucky"
we thought
we'd share
why we think
anyone who
goes to RYLA
is the
luckiest of all
for the many
positives
they gain
from the
experience -
from
personal
development
to teamwork,
collaboration,
meeting like-
minded
people and
so much
more! Take
time to read
the rest of
the RYLA
story - so
that the
students you
care about
are lucky
enough to
share in the
RYLA
experience
this June
6-10. All the
information
about
registering
students and
paying for
their RYLA
experience
are in the
rest of this
story.
[more]



Our Rotary
Foundation
**Why We
Give:
Enduring
Impact,
Fellowship
at Work**

By Lee

Hollingsworth

As we consider
giving money to

The Rotary

Foundation, it's

important to
consider how that

money enables
us to do good in

the world and the
lasting

relationships and
friendships it

builds. Here's an
example of just

that ... In 2022,
the **Roswell**

Rotary Club

partnered with
the Rotary Club

of Panama

Nordeste on a

Global Grant

bringing clean
water to remote,

underserved
communities in

Panama. The
project delivered

lasting

impact—and

lasting

friendships.

Recently, we

were able to help
those friends

again.

Your

contributions to

The Rotary

Foundation can
make a

difference here at
home anywhere

around the world
to make lives

better. Think

about how you

can help. And be

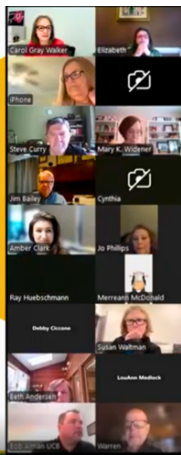
sure to read the
rest of this story.

[more]

Together, we're building character — one essay, one student, and one life lesson at a time.

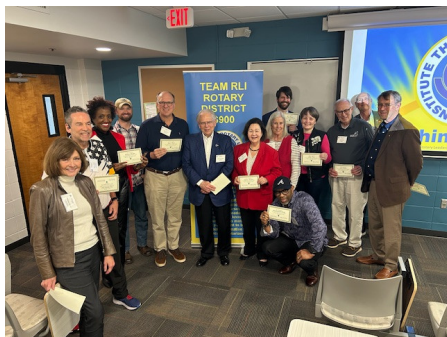
School-Level Essay Judge Kick-off Training

2025-2026



Laws of Life Partnering with Kennesaw Capstone and Judging 2026 Essays

By Carol Gray Walker
Georgia Laws of Life is proud to partner with Kennesaw State University's College of Computing and Software Engineering through its Capstone Program to analyze workflows and implement a new CRM system that will strengthen our management of school partnerships, Rotary engagement, and statewide growth. At the same time, we are on the road to selecting State Winners in this year's Laws of Life Essay Contest. Read on and stay tuned for late March/early April contest results. [more]



Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) RLI Movement Continues to Grow

By Tracy Van Norman
2026 has continued to get off to a strong start for RLI, as 23 more members joined the District 6900 RLI movement in Marietta on February 21. There was a spirit of enthusiasm throughout the day despite the bad weather, as members learned, shared, and had fun. Members increased their Rotary knowledge while also increasing their leadership skills. Join us to enhance your facilitation skills, connect with peers, and enjoy a full day of learning and networking at the next onsite event, which will be announced soon. Don't want to wait? You can access RLI online at RLIsunshine.org/course-information/course-schedule/ to secure your spot! [more]



Our Rotary
Foundation

Paul Harris Society Welcomes New Member

By Lauri Young
Governor Steve
welcomed

David Lighten of the Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton County

to the
Paul Harris
Society (PHS).
Members of the
PHS commit to
making a \$1,000
annual
contribution to
The Rotary
Foundation to
further its work
of changing lives
every day.
[more]



**ROTARY MEANS
BUSINESS
FELLOWSHIP**
District 6900

Fellowship Opportunity

Rotary Means Business

By Carter Stout
Rotary Means Business
(RMB) is a global
fellowship that
encourages Rotarians
to support one
another's professional
success through
business referrals and
mentoring. Watch the
newsletter for
upcoming events. If you
want to get involved,
please contact Carter
Stout at 770.349.8201
or
cstout@stoutkaiser.com



Membership
**Welcome
to the
New
Rotaract
Club of
Southern
Crescent!**

By Steve Ivory
We are pleased
to announce
that our district
chartered a
new Rotaract
Club, **Rotaract
Club of
Southern
Crescent**,
sponsored by
the **Rotary
Club of
Griffin!**

A heartfelt
thank you to
faculty sponsor
Dr. Shannor
Huff for his
leadership and
dedication to
empowering
these
outstanding
students. We
were honored
by the presence
of Dr. Irving
Clark, President
of Southern
Crescent
Technical
College, along
with many
proud parents
and supporters
who joined the
celebration.
[more]



Club News

Alpharetta Polar Plunge Raises Big Money

By Gail LaFleche
The **Alpharetta Rotary Plunge**, held on February 7, raised \$230,000 for club community projects and almost \$800,000 for the 235 causes that participated in the plunge. The temperature was only in the mid 40's when scores of fundraisers, many in costumes, braved the cold by jumping into the Wills Park Pool. Organizations that benefited that day included the Lionheart Life Center, Meals by Grace, Jafuta Foundation, Champions Community Foundation and many more. The costumes included superhero outfits, penguins, and a Bavarian theme. More than 1,635 donors contributed that day.
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Brookhaven Rotarians joined other community groups for February's Arbor Day tree planting event cohosted by the Murphey Candler Park Conservancy and Brookhaven's Tree Canopy Preservation team

Club News

Brookhaven Accepting Grant Applications

By Linda Hatten
The **Brookhaven Rotary Club** is excited to announce a new program designed to provide grants, through the Brookhaven Rotary Foundation, to local organizations that support the city of Brookhaven community. Club President Jennifer Yanulavich adds, "If you know of a Brookhaven non-profit organization that may have a need for financial support, you can be their Rotarian champion! Even if you're a Rotarian outside of Brookhaven." Please feel free to share this information with qualified organizations who may be interested. [more]



Club News

North Fulton Brightens Seniors' Valentines Day

By Lisa Gelber

North Fulton Rotarians were thrilled to share our hearts and our hands at the Crabapple Senior Center in February. The morning kicked off with helping participants create beautiful individual floral arrangements to take home, followed by crafting Valentine-themed garland to decorate the center. These creative activities were not only fun, but also great for stimulating the brain. [more]



Club News

Alpharetta Celebrates Annual Golden Gala

By Gail LaFleche
The **Rotary Club of Alpharetta**

held its second Annual Golden Gala on February 13 at the American Legion; it was a huge success. Over 120 seniors attended and enjoyed music, dancing, line dance lessons, refreshments, raffles and more! The guests wore their favorite party attire and joined their friends for this free event that included fun and community. They were honored at this event because Aging is not something to hide - it is something to celebrate!
[more]



Club News

Rotary Club of Columbus Completes Meaningful Project in Meeting

By LeighAnn
DiCesaris

The **Rotary Club
of Columbus**

recently transformed its regular gathering into a hands-on act of service, demonstrating what it truly means to live out Rotary's motto, Service Above Self. Most recently, Rotarians paused their usual weekly meeting agenda to work side-by-side filling hygiene bags for neighbors in need. The completed bags will benefit three local organizations making a direct impact in the community: Valley Rescue Mission, Stewart Community Home, and Home for Good. [more]



Club News

Atlanta West End Strengthens Youth Through School Snack Initiative

By Jared Evans

The **Rotary Club of Atlanta West End (AWER)** has

launched and delivered multiple rounds of food support to students at Booker T.

Washington High School, ensuring that students have access to

nourishment during school breaks when resources might be stretched thin at home. This initiative puts Rotary's Youth Service Avenue into action in a very tangible way.

Through the Booker T.

Washington Snack Initiative, AWER members have already completed two major deliveries of food and gift cards this Rotary year, with a third delivery scheduled for Spring Break in April 2026 and another planned for the last day of school in May.

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Club News

Roswell Hosts Conference for Emerging High School Leaders

By Becky Nelson
Roswell Rotary Club hosted the annual Leadership 20/20 1-day conference this February with approximately 70 emerging student leaders from Roswell High School attending. Without a doubt, this over 30-year tradition was a quiet yet steady testament of collaboration between Roswell HS, Roswell HS PTSA and the Roswell Rotary Club.
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Club News
**Buckhead
Pairs
School
Kids and
Shelter
Dog
Projects**

By Shelley Hammell
The **Buckhead Rotary Club** brought two of its signature projects together in a Valentine's Day effort to benefit shelter dogs and children who have experienced homelessness themselves. Rotarians visited The Boyce L. Ansley School to make dog and cat toys with the students, grades K - 6 and write Valentine's Day messages for the animals at LifeLine Animal Project, and the club purchased more than 20 crates for the animals in the shelter. [\[more\]](#)



Club News

Dunwoody Rotarians Help Anchor Place Respite Celebrate Valentine's Day

By Jackie Cuthbert
Anchor Place
Respite Care in
Dunwoody held a
very special
"Harmony and
Hearts"
community
Valentine's Day
celebration for
caregivers and
their family
members living
with memory
issues - all with
some help and
support from
**Dunwoody
Rotarians** . Past
President Louise
Barden helped
with event
planning and
Charlie and Anita
Augello provided a
tasty Italian lunch
from the East 48th
Street Market.
[more]

SPREADING VALENTINE'S DAY JOY!

The Rotary Club of Atlanta Southern Crescent delivered 50 valentines for the residents and staff of the Jonesboro Senior Assisted Living on Saturday, February 7th.

President, Mahli Lowder, and Rotarian, Dawn Hartman, enjoyed delivering the valentines and loved seeing the joy they brought. ♥

Rotary Club of Atlanta Southern Crescent

50 valentines delivered to residents & staff! ♥

Club News
Atlanta Southern Crescent Delivers Valentines

By Claudia Merti
 The **Rotary Club of Atlanta Southern Crescent** delivered 50 Valentines for the residents and staff of the Jonesboro Senior Assisted Living. President Mahli Lowder and Rotarian Dawn Hartman enjoyed delivering the valentines and loved seeing the joy they brought.

ShelterBox | Rotary

SHELTERBOX IMPACT

2025

ROTARY IN FOCUS

Club News
Alpharetta Named as Shelter Box Hero

By Clark Savage
 The **Rotary Club of Alpharetta** has been recognized as a *ShelterBox Hero Club* for its outstanding commitment to providing emergency shelter and essential supplies to families displaced by disaster and conflict worldwide. For more information about ShelterBox, its Rotary origins, and how Rotary Clubs can become Hero Clubs, visit <https://shelterboxusa.org/> [more]



Club News

North Cobb ... From McKenna Farms to Kennesaw to Women's Extension

By Jose Gonzalez

North Cobb Rotarians have been on the move in February - refreshing a closet at McKenna Farms' therapeutic play area for children with special needs, serving dinner at the Women's Extension for its recovery program, partnering with Kennesaw State University Rotaract Club to package food for needy community families. And they still found time to enjoy fellowship at an International Potluck and attend Rotary Leadership Institute training in Marietta. [more]



Club News
**Griffin
Daybreak
Joins
Read
Across
America**

By Kathyne
Fields

**Griffin
Daybreak
Rotarians**

Kathyne
Fields, Cresta
Barber and
Nicki Gore
jumped at a
chance to share
some of their
favorite stories
with new mini
BFFs at
Moreland Road
Elementary,
part of the
club's
partnership
with Griffin
Spalding
Schools to
participate in
Read Across
America.
[more]



Club News

Columbus Installs Peace Pole

By LeighAnn
DiCesaris

The **Rotary
Club of
Columbus**

hosted a Peace
Pole Dedication
Ceremony this
February at the
Columbus Public
Library in
Columbus,
Georgia — a

permanent
symbol of our
commitment to
peace, goodwill,
and

understanding
here at home
and around the
world. Inscribed

with messages
of peace in
multiple

languages, the

Peace Pole

reflects the

shared values

that define our

community:

inclusion,

service, and

unity. It stands

as a reminder

that while peace

is a global

mission, it

begins right

here in

Columbus. This

dedication

reflects our

continued

commitment to

building a

stronger, more

united

Columbus for

generations to

come.

[more]

FAMILY OF ROTARY

Our membership cares deeply about the needs and concerns of our members. We don't want to miss an opportunity to reach out in friendship when such concerns arise. The chairperson of this committee is Lynne Lindsey and all news should be directed to her at lynnehlindsay@outlook.com

Club News

Roswell's Family of Rotary Committee

By Becky Nelson
With a heart for service, **Roswell Rotary Club** has a heart for each other too. We are a strong club that gets inside and behind a message or a need with full vibrato. Walking in partnership with this sense of service to our community, our district and our world, is a sense of intense caring for each other. Past President Lynne Lindsay has been the point person for our Family of Rotary Committee for years.
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