

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	North Atlanta Professional Alliance	North Atlanta	Brookhaven
II	North Columbus	North Fulton	Vinings Cumberland
III	Marietta	Dunwoody	Carrollton-Dawn Breakers
IV	Peachtree City	Roswell	Peachtree City

Key Dates

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



Our Rotary
Foundation

The Ides of June ... 2026!

By Bob
Hagan

While the Ides of March have an ominous ring in ancient history - marking the March 15 assassination of Julius Caesar, it also marks the middle of a month - a time to look back at what we've accomplished and ahead to our goals for the future.

This June, the 15th marked the end of the Rotary International Convention in the beautiful city of Taipei, Taiwan - with more than 37,000 Rotary friends. Rotary Foundation Chair Holger Knaack inspired us with all The Rotary Foundation has accomplished and can be - based on the support of all of us. I want to share some of this with you ... along with my favorite photo from the convention.
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GRSP Update

GRSP Conclave Slated Aug. 21-23 in Savannah, Georgia!

By Katheryne Fields

Rotarians and guests are warmly invited to a very special Conclave to welcome the Georgia Rotary Student Program Class of 2026-2027 and celebrate a historic milestone—our 80th Anniversary! This commemorative kickoff event will take place August 21-23, 2026, at The DeSoto Hotel in historic Savannah, Georgia. Learn more by reading the rest of this article, then **register at:**

<https://www.grsp.org/conclave2026/>
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RYLA
**RYLA
2026 -
A Rave
Review**

By Jaclyn
Donovan
Summertime
in District
6900 mean
it's time for
the Rotary
Youth
Leadership
Awards,
better known
as RYLA!!
RYLA is
designed for
young adults
with proven
leadership
ability and a
commitment
to community
service. The
District 6900
RYLA camp
was hosted
by the Rotary
Club of
Americus and
held June
6-10 on the
campus of
Georgia
Southwestern
State
University and
included
104 high
school
students
sponsored by
33 clubs.
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July 19, 2026 |
Piedmont Park
**Atlanta Is
Making
History —
And We
Need YOU
There**

By Dave McCleary
When the world gathers, Rotary shows up. As the FIFA World Cup closes out in Atlanta, District 6900 has a once-in-a-generation opportunity to stand on a global stage and declare: *human trafficking will not be tolerated in our city*. On **Sunday, July 19**, we are calling on every Rotarian in our district to roll up their sleeves, light a candle, and be part of something that will echo far beyond the final whistle. **Sign Up for the Day of Service**
Sign Up for the Candlelight Vigil
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Rotary Youth Exchange
D6900
Rotary Youth Exchange Students Ready for a Year Abroad

By Kelly Caudle
After many hours of training and preparation, including new language learning, our outbound Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) students officially “graduated.” These high school students will spend the 2026-2027 school year in Brazil, France, Germany, Italy, Slovakia, and Sweden. The **Rotary Clubs of Columbus, Decatur, Marietta Metro, Newnan, and Roswell** are sponsoring this year’s outbound students.
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actual students benefiting from the “mBots Robots for Primary Schools” project, funded by the Foundation, Districts in Serbia, US, USAID

Our Rotary
Foundation
**Why
Rotary
Foundation
Giving
Matters**

By Lee
Hollingsworth
Look at these
faces. Children
and a teacher, at a
desk absorbed in a
laptop, a big a
small thing. It is
the beginning of
everything we say
we care about.
Education is the
one of the quietest
and most powerful
tool The Rotary
Foundation funds.
It's a new Rotary
year and a great
time to join the
fellowship of
Foundation
donors. [more]



End Polio Now
**Polio at
the
Start of
the
Second
Quarter
of the
21st
Century!**

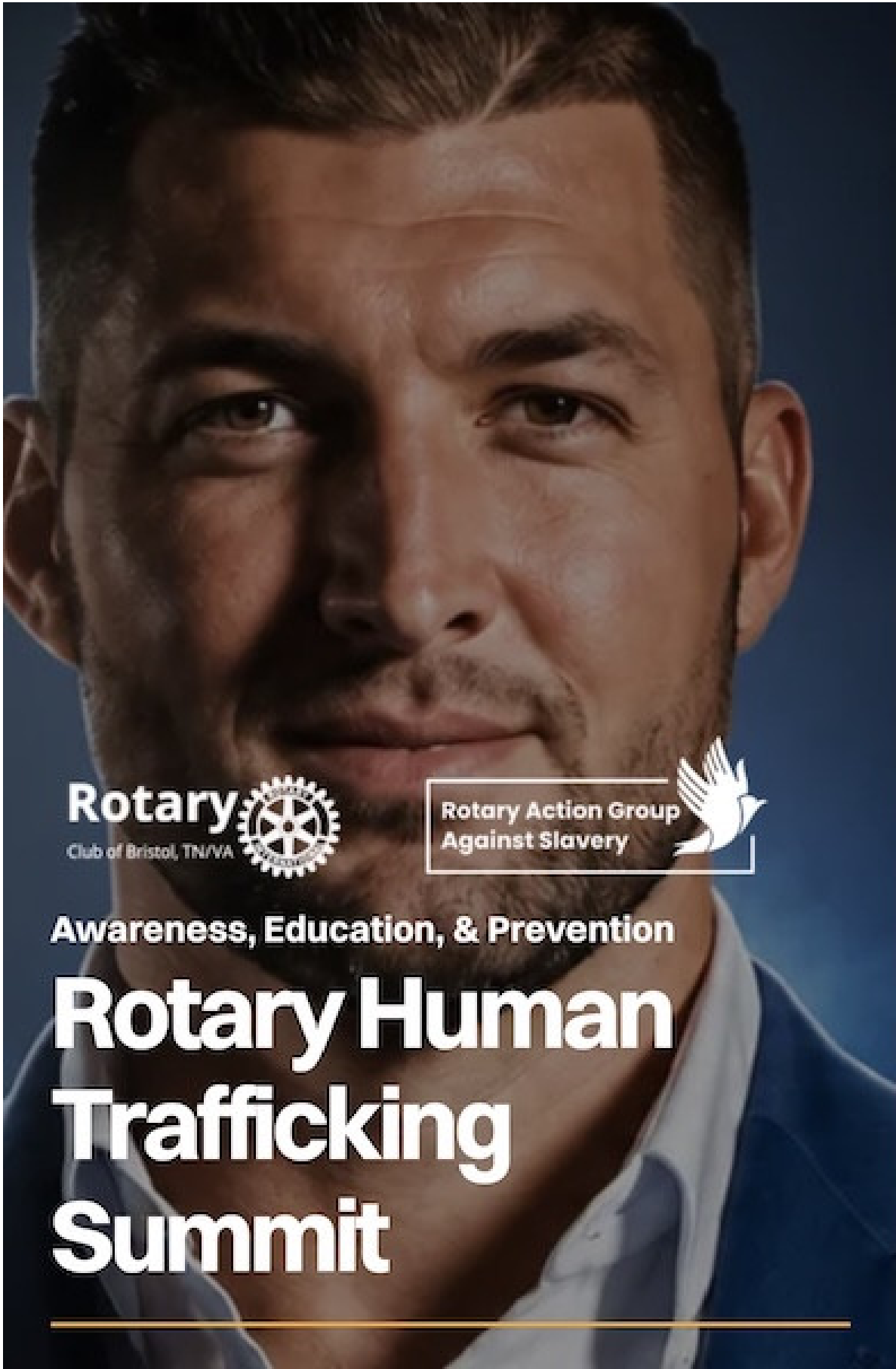
By Bob Hagan
Let the title of this month's Polio article sit with you for a moment. Can you believe that we have already traveled one quarter of the way through the 21st century? It seems like just yesterday the world was petrified about the potential effects of Y2K and now we have already moved 25 years past it. [more]



Laws of Life Registration Open for the Teacher & Rotarian Workshop Luncheon

By Carol Gray
Walker

Registration is now open for the annual character education and partnership luncheon on Friday, August 21, from 11:30 AM-1:15 PM at the Emory Conference Center Hotel in Atlanta. The Teacher & Rotarian Workshop Luncheon is the Georgia Laws of Life Essay Contest's annual gathering for inspiration, professional learning, and connection. Educators, Rotarians, volunteers, and community partners come together to explore the impact of character education and reflective writing, hear powerful student and alumni stories, and strengthen partnerships that help students thrive. Register for the Teacher & Rotarian Workshop Luncheon [here](#). [more]



Rotary
Club of Bristol, TN/VA

Rotary Action Group
Against Slavery



Awareness, Education, & Prevention

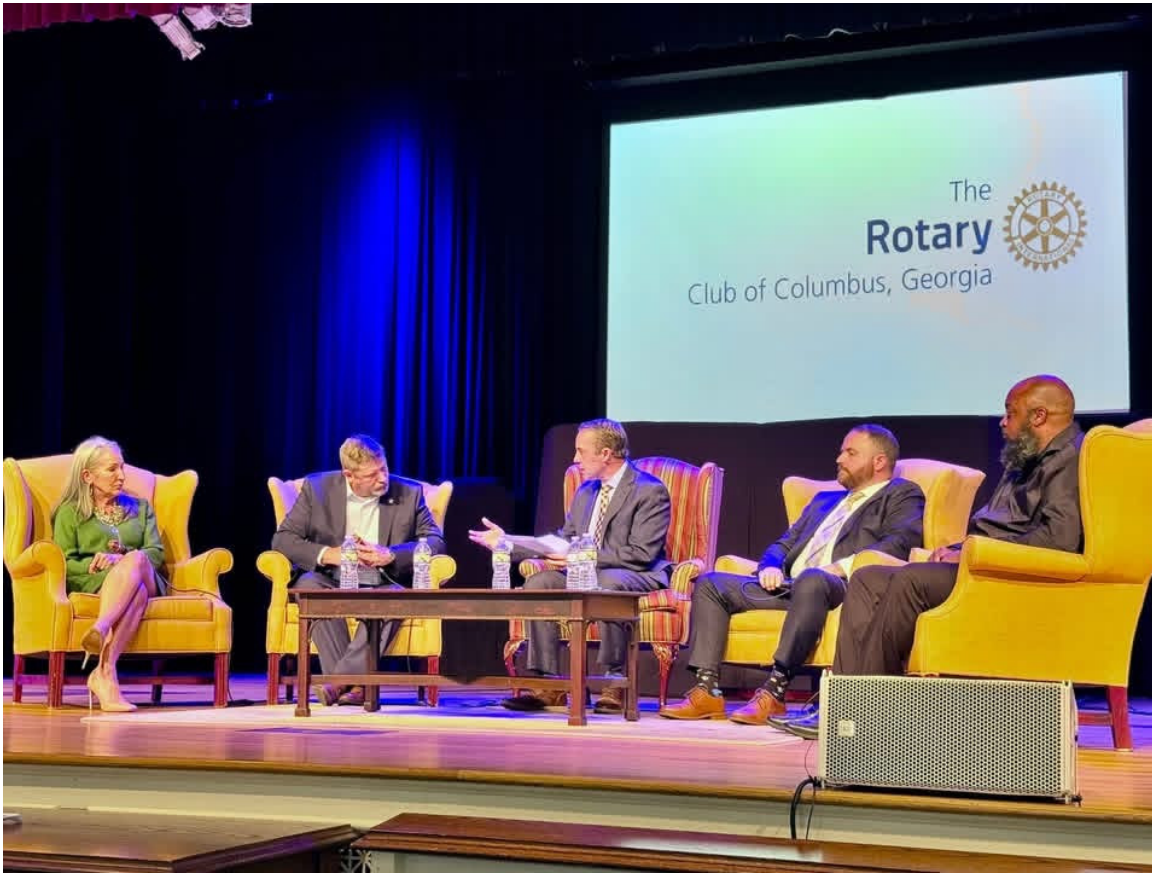
Rotary Human Trafficking Summit

Monday, July 27,
2026
**Hear Tim
Tebow
Speak at
The
Rotary
Human
Trafficking
Summit**
By Dave
McCleary
Rotary District
6900 members
are encouraged
to join fellow
Rotarians from
across the region
at the **Rotary
Human
Trafficking
Summit** — a
powerful, one-
day event
dedicated to
awareness,
education, and
prevention of
human
trafficking. The
summit will be
held on **Monday,
July 27, 2026,
from 8:00 AM
to 4:00 PM** at
the **Marriott
Meadowview
Resort &
Convention
Center, 1901
Meadowview
Pkwy,
Kingsport, TN
37660.** [more]



Peace Pole At The King Center

By Gordon Owens
On Saturday, June 20, Rotary District 6900 made history in one of the most meaningful locations in America — planting a permanent Peace Pole at the entrance to the Peace & Meditation Garden at The King Center in Atlanta, just steps from the tomb of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the Eternal Flame that bears his legacy. The dedication ceremony was led by Rotary International President Francesco Arezzo, who joined district members, representatives from the City of Atlanta, and The King Center for the unveiling. The gathering was a testament to what Rotary looks like when it operates at its best — local commitment backed by global leadership, united around a single, powerful message. [more]



Club News

District Investment Helps Transform Law Enforcement's Fight Against Human Trafficking

By LeighAnn DiCesaris
The **Rotary Club of Columbus** welcomed an important and timely program last week focused on the ongoing fight against human trafficking and the role specialized law enforcement training plays in protecting vulnerable individuals. The club heard from a panel of local law enforcement individuals who benefited from special training offered through a \$15,000 grant available through the District's End Human Trafficking Committee. The Rotary Club of Columbus partnered in the effort by providing the venue and hospitality for the training event. [more]



Rotary
Ethiopia

UNITE
FOR
GOOD

Preventing Spina Bifida and Anencephaly in High-Risk Pregnancies in Ethiopia

Zewditu Specialized Hospital

Francesco Arezzo
Rotary International President 25/26

Wairimu Njage
D9212 District Governor 25/26

Our Rotary
Foundation at
Work

Update on Global Grant to End Spina Bifida

By Jon Yaeger
The **Rotary
Club of
North
Atlanta
(RCNA)** and

their partners
are in the
third year of a
planned five-
year global
grant project
to reduce
severe birth
defects in
Ethiopia,
supported by
District 6900
and The
Rotary
Foundation.
Collaborators
include
Emory
University,
two other U.S.
Rotary clubs,
the Rotary
Club of Addis
Ababa Central
Mella and the
ReachAnother
Foundation.
The
preliminary
results are
encouraging.
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Club News
**Roswell
Rotary
Continues
Tradition
of
Leadership
and
Fellowship**

By Trummie Patrick, III
In June, the **Roswell Rotary Club** proudly continued one of its longest-standing traditions by hosting its annual Past Presidents' Dinner — a gathering that has brought together club leadership for more than 30 years. The evening serves as an opportunity for past presidents and the current Board of Directors to come together for fellowship, reflection, and leadership transition as the club prepares for a new Rotary year. More importantly, it provides an opportunity for incoming leadership to receive wisdom, encouragement, and perspective from those who have previously served in the role of club president. Amazingly, of the 29 living past Presidents of Roswell Rotary, 25 of them were in attendance!
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