



Be the Voice Support Be the Voice Program in Our Schools

By Debbie Cwalina
Georgia schools are entering a new chapter in student-led prevention. With the passage of HB 268, schools across our state are being asked to designate student-led clubs to sustain awareness activities related to suicide prevention and violence prevention. At **Be THE Voice**, this is exactly the kind of work we have been building for more than a decade. **Take a look at the video** - then read the rest of the story to learn more about how you and your club can help.

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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	ANNUAL FUND	POLIO PLUS
	MEMBERSHIP		
I	Atlanta Brasil	Emory-Druid Hills	Brookhaven
II	Sandy Springs	Jackson-Butts County	Muscogee-Columbus
III	North Atlanta Professional Alliance	Vinings Cumberland	Dougherty County (Albany)
IV	Dunwoody	Dunwoody	Marietta
V	Peachtree City	Alpharetta	Peachtree City

Key Dates

Tuesday, October 27th, 2026	Barnesville Governor Visit
Wednesday, October 28th, 2026	Griffin Daybreak Governor Visit
Thursday, October 29th, 2026	Griffin Governor Visit
Thursday, November 5th, 2026	Rotary Means Business with the Decatur Rotary Club
Monday, November 9th, 2026	Douglas County Governor Visit
Tuesday, November 10th, 2026	Carrollton Governor Visit
Wednesday, November 11th, 2026	Carrollton-Dawn Breakers Governor Visit
Thursday, November 12th, 2026	Bremen Governor Visit
Friday, November 13th, 2026	Alpharetta Governor Visit

GRSP

From Georgia to Europe: GRSP Friendships Last a Lifetime

By Steve Ivory

Eight countries, thousands of miles, and friendships that know no borders!

One of the most rewarding parts of my recent European adventure wasn't the incredible scenery, historic cities, or famous landmarks. It was reconnecting with former Georgia Rotary Student Program (GRSP) students and friends whose lives have intersected with ours through Rotary. Read on to learn more about what made my trip special ... and how you can be part of this amazing program. **GRSP isn't just about the year students spend in Georgia. It's about the friendships that last a lifetime.** And that's Rotary at its very best! [more]

Monday, November 16th, 2026	Sandy Springs Governor Visit
Tuesday, November 17th, 2026	Forsyth-Monroe County Governor Visit
Tuesday, November 17th, 2026	Discover Rotary - Columbus Area
Wednesday, November 18th, 2026	Emory-Druid Hills Governor Visit
Thursday, November 19th, 2026	Roswell Governor Visit
Thursday, November 19th, 2026	Atlanta Ascent GOVERNOR VISIT



Our Rotary
Foundation

Power of Matching Makes Even More of a Difference

By Lee

Hollingsworth

Education is one
example of
Foundation
power. A reading
child can
question.

Deception is
harder. Most
hate is taught to
a mind that lacks
anything better.
Education
crowds outs
hatred.

Health is another
example. Health
enables
education and
productivity.
Clean water
allows children
regular school
attendance.
They work
together.

Matching Power

Through our
Annual Fund,
PolioPlus and
their matching
programs, a gift
multiplies into
many times its
size.

• **Annual Fund:**
\$10,000
becomes
\$36,000. 3.6x —
a 260% increase.

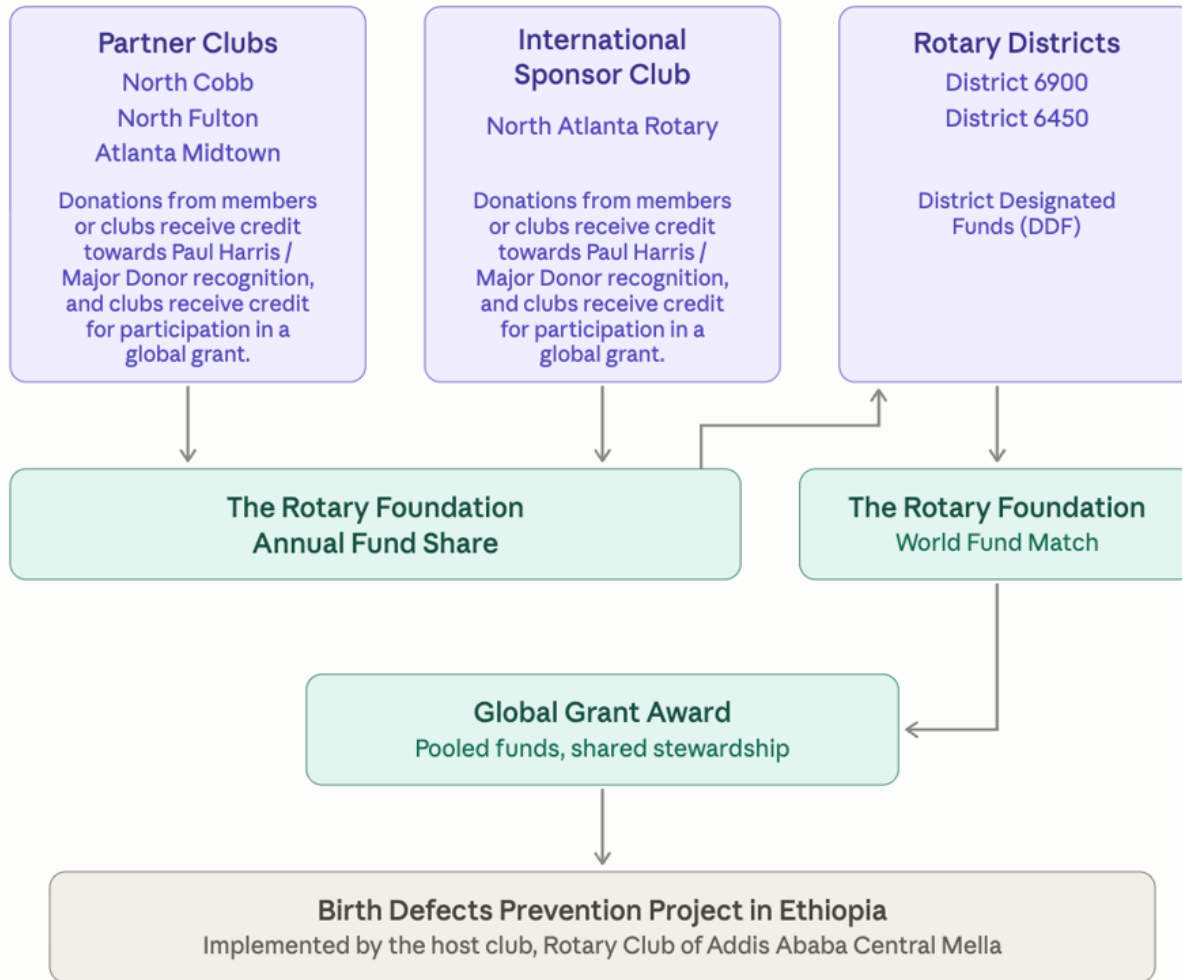
• **PolioPlus:**
\$10,000
becomes
\$30,000. 3x — a
200% increase.
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Rotary Youth Exchange
**RYE Students
Enjoy Behind-the-
Scenes Look at
Delta Air Lines**

By Bob MacDonald
Rotary Youth Exchange students recently enjoyed a truly unforgettable day, gaining rare access to areas of Delta Air Lines that few people ever see. Joined by representatives from their host Rotary clubs, the students spent the day learning firsthand how one of the world's largest airlines maintains its commitment to safety, reliability, and customer service.
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Funding a Rotary Global Grant



Our Rotary Foundation at Work

Multiple Partners Sustain & Enhance a Global Grant Project

By Jon Yaeger
District 6900
Rotary Clubs and one from District 6450 have made generous and significant financial commitments to the **Rotary Club of North Atlanta's** (RCNA) ongoing global grant project in Ethiopia to prevent serious birth defects such as spina bifida, hydrocephalus, and anencephaly with vitamin B9. District 6900 partners include the **Rotary Clubs of North Fulton, Atlanta Midtown, and North Cobb**. The District 6450 Club of Naperville, Illinois contributed their own DDF (District Designated Funds) to the project. These funds will be used to support the fourth and fifth years of the project in Ethiopia. [more]



A Focus on Peace

Charity Meets the Need. Equity Asks Why.

From Our District Community Service Chair

By Laura McConatha

Last month I shared a concept that has stayed with me since my Positive Peace Activator training: "Every Act of Service is an Act of Peace." I promised that each month we would take a closer look at one of the Eight Pillars of Peace. So, let's start with a pillar that touches nearly every project Rotarians undertake: Equitable Distribution of Resources. The Institute for Economics and Peace tells us that peaceful societies tend to ensure equity in access to resources such as education and health care, and to a lesser degree, income. Notice the key word: access. Equity is not the same as equality. Equality gives everyone the same thing. Equity asks what is keeping some of our neighbors from the basics the rest of us take for granted, and then works to remove those barriers. [more]

North Atlanta
Professional Alliance

Rotary



NAPA PRESENTS

A BALL for All

AN UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT
WHERE **EVERY** GUEST BELONGS.



INCLUSION
Creating a space
where everyone
feels welcome.



JOY
Celebrating each
guest with dignity,
respect, and fun.



COMMUNITY
Bringing families,
friends, and our community
together for good.



TOGETHER, WE MAKE MOMENTS
THEY'LL REMEMBER **FOREVER**.



NOVEMBER 7, 2026

Red Carpet: 5:30 PM

Ball: 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM



ALPHARETTA

Presbyterian Church



NAPAROYALBALL.ORG

Club News

NAPA's Royal International Ball Returns, Bigger Than Ever

By Eryn Hopkins

Last year, **NAPA Rotary** hosted our first K-Pop Dance Party, and it turned out to be one of the most meaningful nights our club has ever put on. This November, that same event returns with a new name and an even bigger vision: NAPA's Royal International Ball: A Ball for All. NAPA's Royal International Ball is a sensory-friendly celebration built for students. We are actively seeking sponsors to help make this night possible for every student and family who walks through the door. [more]



Club News

Dougherty County Brings Books to Community Center

By Rebecca
McCathern

**Dougherty
County
Rotarians** just
invested in the
Driskell
Community Center
in Albany -
donating books, a
new bookcase, and
their time to
create a reading
space for the
neighborhood. The
Driskell
Community Center
serves children,
families, and
adults in the
surrounding
community with
programs
throughout the
year. And that's
just the start.
[more]



Club News

North Fulton Raises the Roof with Habitat for Humanity!

By Lisa Gelber
The **Rotary Club of North Fulton** has been proud to roll up our sleeves in support of Habitat for Humanity of North Central Georgia, participating in two service days that reminded us of the difference a safe, affordable home can make for a family. Thanks to our fellow Rotarian Amie Blanton, who works with Habitat for Humanity of North Central Georgia, we had the wonderful opportunity to welcome the future homeowners to one of our lunch meetings. [\[more\]](#)



Club News **Peachtree City Wins 2026 Citizens Choice Award**

By Mandy Timmons
We are honored that the **Rotary Club of Peachtree City** has been named a **2026 Citizen's Choice Award Winner** in the category *"Who helps create a stronger, more connected community?"* One of the many projects that displays the Club's dedication to the community is the recent dedication of a new transportation van for Fayette Senior Services, funded in part by a club grant. [\[more\]](#)



Club News **Tyrone Founders Day 5K Supports Local Community!**

By Jin Hopson
The **Rotary Club of Tyrone** recently held the Tyrone Founders Day 5K - with more than 150 participants. Special thanks to the Rotary Club of Peachtree City for being a Platinum Sponsor and helping out at the Finish Line. We delivered a fun day for the community and raised money for projects right here in the community.
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Club News **NAPA Rowtarians Take on the Atlanta Dragon Boat Race**

By Eryn Hopkins
At the **North Atlanta Professional Alliance (NAPA) Rotary Club**, Service Above Self doesn't take a rain check. Our NAPA "Rowtarians" proved it at this year's Atlanta Dragon Boat Race and Family Day, paddling hard against a full field of 70 other competing boats, rain and all.
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Club News
**Peachtree
City
Celebrates
Miss
Georgia
2026 and
Her
Service
Initiatives**

By Mandy
Timmons
The **Rotary Club
of Peachtree
City** was thrilled
to welcome Miss
Georgia 2026
Sophia Wootten,
a hometown girl
making a
difference across
Georgia and
beyond! Having
endured 20
surgeries in 20
years, Sophia has
transformed her
personal
challenges into a
mission of
advocacy and
inclusion. Read
about her work
for AccessAbility
Georgia and
SmileTrain.
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Club News

Generations Gather in Henry County to Celebrate Peace, Unity and Community

By Debbie Donaldson

In mid-October, the **Rotary Club of Henry County**, Girl Scouts, Veterans and Master Gardeners gathered beneath the branches of a majestic 300-year-old oak tree to dedicate Serenity Garden and Peace Pole at historic Heritage Park in McDonough - the culmination of a three-year collaborative project led by the Rotary Club. Located behind the historic Nolan House at Heritage Park in McDonough, the garden offers a peaceful setting for reflection and a lasting reminder of the message engraved on the Peace Pole: *May Peace Prevail On Earth.*
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