DISTRICT 6900 NEWS FOR MARCH, 2019

DG Court with RI President Barry Rassin and RC of North Fulton President Cliff Wilcox

From the District Governor

Celebrating Rotary as We Continue Our Race

By Court Dowis

The second half of our Rotary Year offers many opportunities for celebrating Rotary - an RI President's visit to our district, PETS and our District Training Assembly, and a variety of club socials and fundraisers. And, of course, the much anticipated celebration with Smokey and the Bandit at our district conference in Sandestin this April!

A Special Presidential Visit: In February, we were honored to welcome RI President Barry Rassin to District 6900 - with a wonderful Interact Conference, a special Saturday meeting of the **Rotary Club of Roswell,** and a reception hosted by PDG Bob Hagan. Thanks to Roswell Rotary Club's President Becky Nelson and District Interact Chair Barbara Henigin for all their efforts with the Interact Conference - and to all the Rotarians who came out on a Saturday to welcome RIP Barry to our district. You can read more about this later in the newsletter. [more]

District Training Assembly

Join D6900 Rotarians in Columbus, GA on March 30, 8 am to 2 pm

By Jim Squire

As we prepare to continue our work of connecting the world in the 2019-20 Rotary Year, District Training Assembly provides a great opportunity to connect with the people of District 6900 and learn about a variety of topics. All over the world, this kind of major leadership training event will be held in each Rotary District. I encourage you to join your fellow District 6900 Rotarians on Saturday, March 30 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm in Columbus, Georgia! [more]

RI President Visit

District 6900 Gives RI President Barry Rassin a Warm Welcome!

By Karen Schwank

While traveling, have you ever attended a local Rotary Club meeting? If you haven't, we suggest you take the opportunity. Not only will you be able to learn what other clubs are doing around the world, but be able to share what your club is doing.AND…you just don't know who you might meet! That was the case in 1999 when Past District Governor Bob Hagan was in the Bahamas and attended a local Rotary meeting. Who knew that one of the people he met would end up being the 2018-19 Rotary International President! It was that story PDG Bob told a well-attended event on Saturday, February 16 when RI President Barry visited Roswell. [more]

Janine Stange - national anthem girl

District Conference 2019 Update

Get Ready for a Party in Sandestin - April 25-28, 2019

By Bill Woulfin

Tired of the rain and cold here in Atlanta? Ready to enjoy the sun, beach and time with fellow Rotarians? Looking for a chance encounter with Smokey and the Rotary Bandit, inspiring speakers and entertainers, and a lot of FUN! If your answer is YES, it's time to sign up now … [more]

GRSP Update

Host Families, Strategic Planning … the Heart of GRSP's Future

By Lynn Clarke

Learn more about the important role our GRSP host families play, what's coming out of the GRSP strategic planning initiative, and who will be going to Norway on a full-ride scholarship for six weeks this summer after being selected as District 6900's Oslo Scholarship winner. [more]

GRSP Alumni Perspective

GRSP, Building Global Friendships

By Lynn Clarke

My year in Georgia on the GRSP scholarship was greater than I could have ever imagined. I made some of the greatest friendships of my life. I had the chance to study at an American university (and yes it was just like the movies!) and I have adopted four American families! What more could you want? [more]

RYLA

Students Love the RYLA Experience - Register Now!

By Jaclyn Donovan

RYLA 2019 is getting closer!! The dates for this year are June 15 – 19, 2019. If you go to our new RYLA website at www.RYLA6900.com you will find everything you need to get started. Meet our staff and get details on the 2019 edition of RYLA – we're trying to make the process as easy as possible. Clubs can RSVP to sponsor students using the online form. And your students (once you decide who they will be) also have the option to sign up online and download the appropriate forms. No more faxes and emails! Unless you like faxes and emails, in which case we will still accept those too! [more]

Club News

Join in the Kentucky Derby Fun

By Tom Mertl

We trust that by now you have heard about District 6900's Family of Rotary Event, the Kentucky Derby Gala, hosted by the **Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton County**! We would love to have you join us at this "fun"-raising event.

We invite you and your entire Rotary Club to join us on Saturday, May 4, 2019, at the Atlanta Motor Speedway in Hampton, GA. The Gala will have an atmosphere of Southern charm, including mint juleps, ladies in fashionable Derby hats and gents in appropriate dapper attire. The event is in One Tower overlooking the Atlanta Motor Speedway. Doors open at 4 pm. [more]

Club News

Happy Birthday Rotary International!

By Barb Henigin

The **Rotary Club of Lagrange** celebrated Rotary International's 114th Birthday in style. Members donned party hats for this group photo. The Rotary Club of Lagrange will celebrate its 96th birthday this year - chartered on September 27, 1923.

Club News

The Million Dollar Race

By Ross Henderson

Beginning in 1990, the **Vinings Cumberland Rotary Club** has put on a 5K race every year to benefit a number of charities in the Cobb and Fulton County area. The club has so far paid out over $1 million dollars to charities such as the Calvary Children's Home, The Good Samaritan Health Center, Angel Flight Soars, Atlanta Area Boy Scouts, Atlanta Union Mission, Bankhead Boys Association, Breakthrough Atlanta, Campbell High School Educational Foundation, HERO Atlanta, Kate's Club, Lekotek, MUST Ministries, Sweetwater Mission, and many more. [more]

Club News

New Be the Voice Campaign Kicks Off in Thomasville

By Andre' Marria

With the support of the **Rotary Club of Thomasville**, Thomas County Middle School recently kicked off its "Be The Voice" (BTV) program. on the campaign. The BTV group welcomed students to school at the bus line and car drop off with "Be The Voice" stickers. These were shown in every classroom … [more]

Stephen Ferguson

Club News

Thomasville Honors Black History Month

By Andre' Marria

Recently the Rotary Club of Thomasville had a special program highlighting Black History Month. DG Court Dowis was on hand for the occasion and the club's speaker was Stephen Ferguson, who is employed by the National Park Service at the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic … [more]

North Cobb Shows Heart with Valentine's Day Grants

By Jessica Patterson

The **Rotary Club of North Cobb** celebrated Valentine's Day by welcoming District 37 Senator Lindsey Tippins as its speaker. Senator Tippins updated the club on his policies regarding education, health care, and other issues facing the state of Georgia. The … [more]

Upcoming Key Dates

Tuesday, March 12th, 2019	**North Fulton 2017-2018 Foundation Awards Presentation**
Tuesday, March 12th, 2019	**District webinar - Responsibilities and expectations for Presidents-Elect - including goal-setting**
Wednesday, March 13th, 2019	**Carrollton Dawnbreakers 2017-2018 Foundation Awards Presentation**
Thursday, March 14th, 2019	**Bremen 2017-2018 Foundation Awards Presentation**
Saturday, March 16th, 2019	**Dunwoody 2019 Governors Ball - A Celebration of Peace and Love**
Monday, March 18th, 2019	**Milton 2018-2019 Foundation Awards Presentation**
Saturday, March 23rd, 2019	**Paulding County 50 Year Anniversary**
Thursday, March 28th, 2019	**Tucker Charter Night Celebration**
Thursday, March 28th, 2019	**North Atlanta 2017-2018 Foundation Awards Presentation**
Saturday, March 30th, 2019	**District Advisory & Committee/Charitable Fund Meeting**
Saturday, March 30th, 2019	**Thomasville District Training**
Saturday, March 30th, 2019	**District Training Assembly**
Saturday, March 30th, 2019	**Buckhead Buckhead Rotary Foundation Ball**
Thursday, April 4th, 2019	**Muscogee-Columbus 2017-2018 Foundation Awards Presentation**

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