

## Amplifying Our Efforts to Support Education

By Jackie Cuthbert

For Rotary International, September is Basic Education and Literacy Month - and based on the stories we're sharing, District 6900 continues its strong support for education in our communities and around the world. Read about:

- Projects in our schools
- The opportunity for local students to be part of Rotary Youth Exchange
- The newest class of Global Grant students from Japan and GRSP students from around the world
- The Laws of Life essay program - and how your sponsorship can make a difference in young people's lives.

And there are opportunities for you to learn too - check out all the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) classes available for Rotarians. Read about how North Cobb has grown from 40 members to 100 in just 4 years. And learn about our process for selecting future District Governors and how you can help. [\[more\]](#)

### 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>Fayetteville</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>Roswell</b>	<b>Roswell</b>	<b>Peachtree City</b>

### Key Dates

Saturday, June 6th, 2026	<b>Americus RYLA - DISTRICT 6900</b>
Saturday, June 6th, 2026	<b>Americus 2026 Rotary Sheffield Gala</b>

From Our District Governor

## **Help Select Our Future District Leader**

By André Marria

It is time to begin the process of selecting our District Governor for the Rotary Year 2026-2027. The elected individual will become District Governor on July 1, 2026. We want to be sure that everyone understands how the process works. We invite you to become more familiar with how the process works and to think about individuals who might be good candidates for this important responsibility.

Rotary International requires that the person nominated follow a two-year process of training and preparation before assuming the role of District Governor. During the 2024-2025 Rotary year, the selected individual will be the District Governor Nominee (DGN). This role include observation and training, and participation at District events. It also includes participation at the Rotary Zone 33-34 training institute 2024-2025 and Presidents-Elect Training Seminar and participating as a non-voting member of key district committees. During the 2025-2026 Rotary year, the selected individual will be the District Governor-Elect (DGE). Training and observation activities continue, including participation at the Zone training institute and at the Rotary International Assembly (an assembly and training program for District Governors-Elect from over 500 Rotary Districts in the world) in Orlando in January 2026.

Our district utilizes a Nominating Committee process. Your help in identifying qualified applicants would be appreciated. Please look within your club and within your Rotary network to identify those Rotarians who met the qualifications and have the desire to get involved at the district level.

Interested applicants must have the support of their club indicated by resolution and submit it along with their completed application and including a brief resume to District Executive Secretary, Teri White by November 1, 2023. Interviews of selected applicants, by the committee, will take place on Saturday, November 18, 2023. If you have questions, contact me, your AG, or call Teri White at 229-221-3935, or e-mail her at [twhite@hurstboiler.com](mailto:twhite@hurstboiler.com). [more]

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District  
Conference  
2024

## **We Are Waiting for You at Jekyll Island**

By  
Stephanie  
Windham  
You don't  
want to be  
anywhere  
except Jekyll  
Island next  
March  
21-24, as we  
Amplify  
Rotary at  
our District  
6900  
conference.  
We're  
planning a  
beach party  
- complete  
with karaoke  
competition  
- along with  
great  
speakers, a  
service  
project  
opportunity,  
chances to  
learn more  
about Rotary  
and what we  
accomplish  
this Rotary  
year. Not to  
mention a  
beautiful ...  
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RLI Update

## **RLI Opportunities Abound in 2023-24!**

By Stephanie Windham

The 2023-2024 Rotary year is filled with opportunities to Learn, Share, and Grow through Rotary Leadership Institute. Here are some dates and locations to remember:

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Membership

## **Building an Irresistible Club: Simple But Not Easy**

By Nancy Prochaska

Rotary International has emphasized the importance of making a bigger impact by increasing our membership. The Rotary Club of North Cobb has enjoyed significant growth. Four short years ago our club had 40 active members. This week we will induct our 100th and 101st active member! We have been asked how we accomplished this remarkable growth. The answer is: It is simple, but not easy! In fact, it is difficult, but well worth it!

Creating and nurturing a warm, welcoming, engaging, productive, and dare I say, entertaining club takes creativity, planning, and effort. The North Cobb Rotary has put into action several key practices that attract potential members.

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Amplifying Rotary

## **Congratulations to Rotary Citation and MAP Honorees!**

By George Granade

The Rotary Citation is awarded by the International Rotary President to recognize the hard work clubs do throughout the year. Working to achieve the citation goals helps clubs engage their members, stay relevant in their communities, and run more efficiently. A welcoming and engaging club not only fosters a positive experience for its members, but also reflects the values of Rotary. When clubs achieve citation goals, they contribute to the overall health and culture of Rotary for generations to come. The Rotary Citation is based on the citation goals one sets in Rotary Club Central. To achieve the Rotary Citation, review all the available goals, select at least half of them, achieve those goals, and report your achievement in Rotary Club Central. This past Rotary year, we had 24 Rotary clubs to achieve the Rotary Citation. They are: [more]

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GRSP

## GRSP Conclave Ushers in Class of 2023-24

By Katheryne Fields Cabaret, featuring songs, skills, humor, national costumes and more, showcased a variety of talent and diversity among the Georgia Rotary Student Program's Class of 2023-24 in Macon. Directed by Chair Emeritus and GRSP Foundation President Jim and Lynn Drake, the phenomenal program started with the GRSP Peace Song, featuring the lyrics by Administrator Emeritus Janis Comer and composition of 1994-95 Alumnus Bernard Wong. Photos and Cabaret video the Conclave weekend can be found at the bottom of the resources page at [www.grsp.org/resources](http://www.grsp.org/resources).

GRSP scholars include 20 males and 22 females from 24 countries. The scholars are sponsored by 93 Rotary Clubs within Georgia and attending 24 public and private colleges/universities throughout the state. [more]

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Our Rotary Foundation at Work

## Welcome Global Grant Scholars

By Kathy Brandt

Welcome to Taiko Nakazawa from Japan - a practicing oncologist in Japan (Rotary District 2760) who will be doing graduate studies at The Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University. Taiko will be hosted by the Decatur Rotary Club for her two-year program of study, with Art Rosser as her primary contact.

District 6900 also welcomes ... [more]

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Student Perspective #6

## How did writing a Laws of Life essay affect you?

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Writing my Laws of Life essay helped me stay focused on who I was and what I was passionate about amid challenging times. Thank you for this writing opportunity.

*Nathan B. - North Cobb High School*

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Laws of Life

## GLL Student Writers Express Gratitude

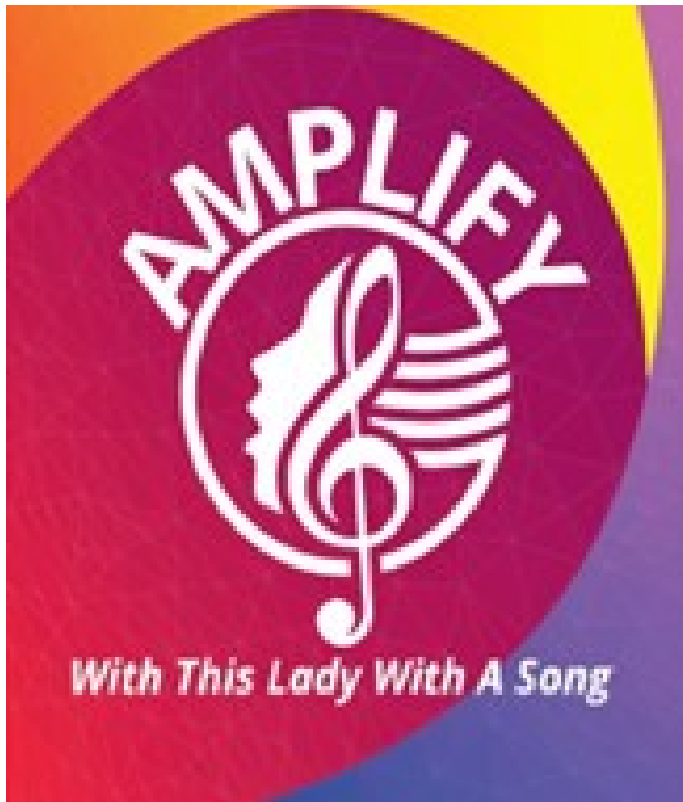
By Linda Hatten  
Students

genuinely appreciate the opportunity to reflect on their life experiences.

The Laws of Life essay helps many teens realize that they have wisdom and life skills to make a difference for family, friends, and their community.

In a recent survey among participants, many students shared heartfelt appreciation for this writing opportunity.

More than 200 students from 60 participating high schools completed the survey. [more]



District  
Conference  
2024

**Rotary  
Hotel  
Room  
Blocks  
on Jekyll  
Island**

By Stephanie  
Windham  
HOTEL ROOM  
BLOCKS:

- The Westin  
Jekyll Island  
(Walking  
Distance from  
Convention  
Center) - 110  
Ocean Way  
Jekyll Island,  
GA 31527,  
telephone  
800.937.8461,  
Rotary rates  
starting at  
\$239

- Courtyard  
by Marriott  
(Free Island  
wide shuttle  
service) - 178  
S. Beachview  
Drive Jekyll  
Island, GA  
31527,  
telephone  
912.635.2416,  
Rotary ...  
[more]

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Amplifying Rotary  
with DG Andre'  
**Empowering  
Girls with  
“Dignity  
Bags or It’s  
a Girl’s  
Thing Bags”**

By Kay Williamson  
On August 8, DG  
Andre' Marria and  
Assistant Governor  
Susan Ferguson  
joined **Meriwether  
County Rotarians**  
to put together  
Dignity Bags or It's a  
Girls' Thing Bags for  
the girls within the  
Meriwether County  
School System. It's  
part of the club's  
ongoing Meriwether  
County Empowers  
Girls partnership  
with Meriwether  
County School  
System Wraparound  
Services Program.  
Through this  
partnership, the  
Meriwether County  
Rotary Club helps by  
providing feminine  
hygiene products  
within zippered  
dignity bags for girls  
within the school  
system.  
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Club News  
**Rotary Club  
of  
Thomasville  
Making A  
Big Impact  
In Their  
Community**

By Shanna Derby  
Rotary Club of  
Thomasville made a  
BIG IMPACT on their  
local community at  
their "FRESH FOR  
YOU - Free Produce  
Market" in  
partnership with  
Second Harvest of  
South Georgia and  
Marguerite Neel  
Williams Boys &  
Girls Clubs on  
Saturday, July 22nd.  
The club's efforts  
served a total of  
253 households in  
the Thomasville-  
Thomas County  
community alone  
that day!  
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*Douglas County Rotary President Tekmekia Gilchrist with Andre Marria and Assistant Governor Ryan Swertfager*

Amplifying  
Rotary with DG  
Andre Marria  
**Douglas  
County  
Welcomes  
DG Andre**

By Nell Boggs  
The **Rotary  
Club of  
Douglas  
County** was  
delighted to  
hear from  
District Governor  
Andre Marria at  
its August 14  
meeting. Members  
found her passion  
for all things Rotary  
inspiring and her  
vision perfectly  
aligned with  
Rotary's tagline  
for the year:  
Create Hope in  
the World. Rotary  
members also  
learned about all  
the great work of  
the Nichols Center  
in Douglasville. The  
organization  
provides services  
and support for  
those suffering  
from mental health  
issues and drug  
dependency. We  
are proud that our  
fellow Rotarian Tara  
Nichols founded  
the Nichols Center  
in 2013.  
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## Club News **Marietta Metro Supports Education**

By Sally Platt  
Marietta Metro Rotarians kicked off Basic Education and Literacy month a bit early by participating in back-to-back events to benefit the Emily Lembeck Early Learning Center in Marietta. For the first event, a Health Fair, children painted kindness rocks at our station to place around the area. For the second event, the Reading Is Fun fair, we provided the preschoolers with goody bags that contained crayons, coloring books, and other school supplies. We recently presented scholarships to three college-bound Interact students: Ashaf Kashif, Maxwell Crowson, and Liam Lepp. Students and their parents were honored at one of our club meetings.  
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Amplifying Rotary  
**The Power of  
Collaboration  
as We Serve  
the  
Community**

By Jon Yaeger  
September 11-17 of  
this year is Celebrate  
Community Week.  
John Hewko, the  
General Secretary and  
CEO of Rotary  
International  
wrote, *"we're  
encouraging Rotary  
and Rotaract clubs to  
partner with local  
Kiwanis, Lions, and  
Optimist clubs on a  
service project that  
will have a long-term  
impact in your  
community."*

The Rotary Club of  
North Atlanta (RCNA)  
got a head start this  
August.

For the past three  
years, the RCNA has  
hosted a used medical  
equipment collection  
day for FODAC  
(Friends of Disabled  
Adults and Children -  
a local non-profit that  
gathers, refurbishes  
and distributes  
wheelchairs, hospital  
beds, and other  
medical gear to those  
in need), joined by a  
local Lions club as  
well as the seven  
clubs in the DeKalb  
County Rotary  
Council and The  
Atlanta Metro  
Rotaract club. [\[more\]](#)

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Amplifying Rotary  
**Marietta  
Team Feeds  
MUST  
Ministry  
Residents**

By Marlys Williams  
Teamwork is one of the most important tools as it relates to organizational efficiency. Phenomenal miracles were accomplished this past Thursday as a bare bones crew of seven Rotarians prepared and served a hot meal to 100 diners in a three-hour timeframe at the MUST Ministry Fishes and Loaves Kitchen with customers lined up end to end in the dining hall and out into the reception area. This is the largest number of diners present in several years. After MUST residents are provided for, MUST opens their kitchen to the local homeless. No one is turned away. Gratitude, thanks and appreciation to all who turned out, leaned in, and made it happen. The Rotary Club of Marietta in partnership with MUST Ministries has been preparing meals and feeding the homeless every 2nd Thursday of each month for approximately 20 years.  
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Club News

## **Roswell Updates Tablescape to Welcome Visitors**

By Becky Nelson

Going into our third month with our elevated tablescape, Roswell Rotary is no longer lingering in the COVID protocols. Our lunch meeting has been a chosen investment for new china plates, tea glasses, cutlery and tablecloths.

The plastic/disposable items have been moved back into storage for picnics and to-go orders only. Our featured speakers for the 2023-24 year include Senators, Executive Directors, and phenomenal stories of personal triumph; President Alex wanted our tablescape and overall meeting environment to level up too. The response has been amazing with a full-room, tables of Rotarians and visitors chatting and new initiatives coming together. [more]

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Amplifying Rotary

## Trying Something New

By Pat Keating  
The **Rotary Club of  
Harris**

**County (Pine  
Mountain)** held one  
of its August  
meetings at a  
different time and  
different location.  
Our club is a  
breakfast club that  
has met every  
Wednesday at 7:45  
AM since 1999. On  
August 16, the club  
met for supper at a  
popular local  
restaurant. President  
Court Dowis said,  
"The aim is to add  
variety to our old  
meeting schedule  
and break the  
routine of 'same  
time; same day.' And  
to give ourselves a  
more relaxed  
atmosphere than  
morning's usual  
'gotta get to work'  
urgency. It also  
makes it more  
attractive to spouses  
and prospective  
members. We will  
do this again every  
month in 2023-24."  
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