



From Our District Governor

Update on the State of the District: a small view as we...Finish Strong!

By André Marria
As we approach the end of the Rotary year, I want to thank you for the work you have done. We have focused on membership and the Rotary Foundation for the last months and here is just a snapshot on where we stand. Next month I hope to give a more comprehensive look at all of the things we have accomplished as we celebrate an awesome year!

Membership (let's hold and not lose if we can): Our district continues to thrive with 3,916 members. Special congratulations to our club presidents for their leadership - starting with **Peachtree City** President Amy Benton (number 1 in the district). Peachtree City's remarkable growth symbolizes the collective potential within our clubs when we work together toward common goals! PTC is followed by:

- North Cobb President: Nancy Prochaska
- North Fulton President: Lisa Gelber
- Brookhaven President: Elishia Thompson
- Meriwether County President: Dawn Woodward
- Cuthbert Rotary Club: Patricia Goodman
- On The Flint President (new club): President Walter Kelly

Foundation Giving - Demonstrating Our Commitment (funds are still coming in): Your commitment remains strong with our Foundation Contributions with total contributions to date of **\$788,280**. [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	Fayetteville	North Atlanta	Brookhaven
II	North Columbus	North Fulton	Vinings Cumberland
III	Marietta	Dunwoody	Carrollton-Dawn Breakers
IV	Roswell	Roswell	Peachtree City

Key Dates

Saturday, June 6th, 2026	Americus RYLA - DISTRICT 6900
Saturday, June 6th, 2026	Americus 2026 Rotary Sheffield Gala

The
Rotary
Foundation



Our Rotary
Foundation at Work
**2024-2025
District
Community
Grant
Applications
Due By May
15, 2024**

By Kay Williamson
Did you know there are District 6900 Grant Funds available for projects that begin during the 2024-2025 Rotary year? Each club can be eligible for up to \$2,000 to support a compelling project that will:

- fall within Rotary's seven areas of focus, and
- involve the active participation of Rotarians, and
- meet an identified need in a community.

The District must receive the Community Grant application by May 15, 2024. [more]

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**JEKYLL ISLAND, GA
APRIL 24-27, 2025**

**Room Block Opens
May 1**

By Gordon Owens

You won't want to miss the first ever multi-district conference on Jekyll Island from April 24-27, 2025. We are expecting 1000-1500 Rotarians to join us, so get your rooms booked before the sell out. We have blocks at every hotel and at a variety of price points, but these rooms will fill up quickly. Visit GeorgiaUnitedDC.com to register and link to all the available room blocks. We can't wait to turn Jekyll into Rotary Island next spring!
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Recognizing Mental Health Awareness Month

By André Marria

As we move through the month of May, let us be reminded that it is Mental Health Awareness Month. It's a time to recognize the difference we've made this year, as we worked on projects that focused on Alzheimer's and dementia, for example, and had amazing conversations with mental health professionals at our District Conference. And it's time to ... [more]

A graphic for RYLA (Rotary Young Leaders Atlanta) featuring a group of diverse young adults posing in front of a brick wall. The text 'RYLA' is in large, colorful letters (yellow, green, blue, red) with a globe and a gear icon. Below it, 'Volunteers Needed' is written in a red, bubbly font. The background is a bright blue and white diagonal split.

Join us as a Chaperone and be part of the greatest week of the summer! Your time and skills can help make a difference.

Why Join Us?

- Rotary Service and Engagement
- Participate in Impactful Activities
- Leadership Development for Young Adults
- Invest in the Future of Your Communities

8-12 June 2024

Give Us **#OneDayforRYLA**

ryla6900@gmail.com
www.RYLA6900.com

RYLA Update Can You Give Us One Day in June?

By Jaclyn Donovan

Hey Rotary District 6900 members!! Can you give us just *One Day* of your summer? We need a little extra help to make our fabulous event fly, and you are perfect for the job! Chaperones help us keep things running smoothly each night and each morning, but have no assigned duties during the day. If you are willing and able - even just for 1 day out of the 4 - to give us #OneDayforRYLA we would love to have you! Please reach out directly to Jaclyn Donovan or Susan Ruckman for more details and we'll sign you up! [more]



RLI Update
Save the Date (June 8) for Our Next RLI Event

By Tracy Van Norman
Registration is open for the next RLI Event on June 8, 2024, at Cooper Lighting Solutions, 1121 Hwy 74 S, Peachtree City, Georgia. Curriculum includes Parts 1, 2, & 3, PLUS a graduate course on Public Speaking! Go to rlitraining.org to register. If you have any questions or issues, please contact me at tracy.vannorman@gmail.com. Look forward to seeing you there!!!
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May 13 | 6PM
Attention Club Membership Chairs

By Dave Schwickerath
Let's start the 2024-2025 Rotary year with a plan for membership success! Club membership teams are encouraged to join these MAP Bite sized Informational Webinars to help them make a plan and grow their clubs! This ever growing group of dedicated Rotarians uses the information in these webinars to grow the Magic of Rotary in their community. **Register for the next webinar.**
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GRSP Update
**Students
Confirm
Joy of
Having a
Host
Family**

By Katheryne
Fields

Having a host
Rotarian who
welcomes you
into their
family simply
sweetens the
experience for
Georgia Rotary
Student
Program
scholars. Just
ask the pair
studying at
Kennesaw
State

University this
year - Tinashe
"Tina" Mukuro
of Zimbabwe
(sponsored by
the **RC of
Paulding
County and
the RC of
East Cobb**)
and Roosa
"Julia" Toytari
of Finland
(sponsored by
the **Roswell
RC**).
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Rotary Means Business Join Us May 21 for Fellowship! Special Meeting Day

By Carter Stout

Rotary Means Business ("RMB") is a fellowship of Rotary International. District 6900 has a local RMB Chapter. Rotarians are embracing the original foundation of what Rotary was based on as we adhere to the Four Way Test. The RMB Fellowship provide an opportunity for all Rotarians to network on a local and global basis to enhance their businesses.

The District 6900 RMB regularly meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month for networking and socializing. HOWEVER DUE TO MEMORIAL DAY AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION WE ARE MEETING ON THE THIRD TUESDAY IN MAY. The next meeting is May 21 from 6:00PM to 8:00PM at Politan Row at Ashford Lane (near Perimeter Mall) (<https://ashfordlane.politanrow.com/>). There is plenty of free parking in the parking deck behind the building.

Register now! [more]



Rotary Women of Impact Awards Gala a Huge Success!

By Syd Padala

The Rotary Women of Impact (RWI) Awards and Fundraiser was a resounding successful sold-out event, exceeding all expectations. The event aimed to celebrate the achievements and contributions of women in various fields while raising funds for charitable causes supported by Rotary International. The awards ceremony honored outstanding women who have made significant impacts in their communities, whether through leadership, innovation, philanthropy, or advocacy. These women were recognized for their dedication and commitment to creating positive change.

The RWI team nominated 33 women leaders such as CTOs, VPs, SVP, Founders, Doctors from Fortune 100 companies who not only were at the pinnacle of their careers but are also giving back to the society. Out of the 33 nominees, 11 women won awards for different categories and 3 women were awarded with Lifetime achievement award. [more]



Americus Rotarian Named to Join International Rotary Positive Peace Activator Program

By Michelle Parker
Laura Bauer McConatha, Board Member of the Americus Rotary Club, has been chosen for the next cohort in Rotary International's Positive Peace Activator Program. Created in 2020, the p Program is the most comprehensive training and educational program hosted jointly by Rotary International and its strategic partner the Institute for Economics & Peace.

The Activator Training Program includes a competitive application process and a multi-day intensive training that is curated for each region. After the training, Activators agree to a two-year service commitment, providing presentations, leading trainings, and supporting projects with Rotary clubs, districts, and other stakeholders. Activators are considered representatives of the Rotary-IEP Partnership.
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Club News

Rotarians and Interact Rise Against Hunger

By Lisa Gelber
Rotary Club of North

Fulton members recently partnered with Cambridge High School Interact Club to pack over 12,000 meals with Rise Against Hunger. These meals will be sent to an area experiencing food insecurity, whether it be from natural disasters, political instability, or ongoing poverty. Rotarians enjoyed getting to know the students while working for a worthy cause. In addition, we had the help of Milton, GA firefighters to round out our work crew!
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Club News
**Douglas
County
Joins
Earth Day
Festivities**

By Nell Boggs
The **Rotary
Club of
Douglas
County** joined
in the Earth
Day event at
Douglasville's
new Town
Green! Kids
young and old
had fun making
bead bracelets
... [more]



Club News

Join Roswell Fun Any Third Thursday - Now through September

By Becky Nelson
Roswell, Georgia
hosts a street
party the
third Thursday of
each month
between April and
September.

Boasting
3,000-5,000 in
attendance,
neighbors greet
neighbors, locals
meet visitors
and Roswell
Rotarians enjoy it
all from the
Hagan Center
Corner. We have
our tents,
someone is
grilling the
hamburgers and
hot dogs, drinks
are self-serve,
and everyone is
chatting. It is not
only a great time
for fellowship but
also for marketing
our club to the
greater
community.

Roswell Rotarian
Alan Greensmith
and team set up
the spread with all
the fun of a
neighborhood
cook-out with a
few thousand of
your nearest and
dearest friends.

Long-term
member and PDG
Bob Hagan owns
the parking lot
and allows our
tent to be set up
where cars are
not allowed to
park. Please let
this serve as your
invitation to join
us should you be
in the area! Just
walk right on up!
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Club News

Blue Jeans and Blueprints Festival Supports Habitat for Humanity

By Judith Fuller

Brookhaven Rotarians

helped out at the first ever Habitat for Humanity Dekalb Chapter's BBQ, Blue Jeans, and Blueprints festival.

Rotarians greeted guests at the Tucker, Georgia festival where there was live music, building competitions, and great food. All money raised went to support rehabilitating homes for Dekalb County ...
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Club News
**Henry
County
Celebrates
National
Arbor Day**

By Amy Lemelin
Henry County
Rotary partnership
with Girl Scouts
and the UGA
Extension of
Henry County to
celebrate Arbor
Day. Did you
know trees
provide social,
communal,
environmental,
and economic
benefits? Tim
Daly from the UGA
Extension shared
his knowledge and
experience with
us to help us learn
more about trees
including the best
kinds to grow
based on where
we live, how and
when to plant
trees, as well as
how to care for
them. Renfroe
Valley Tree Farm
kindly donated 55
trees to give to
each of our
participants to
take home and
plant. We
encourage you to
plant a tree and
improve the air
around you.
Happy planting!
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Club News

Marietta Metro Enjoys the Sun, Makes a Difference

By Sally Platt

How do you spend a sunny, springtime Saturday? If you're a Marietta Metro Rotarian, you might spend it as some of our club members did, building benches for the garden in the outdoor classroom at Hayes Elementary School. The following weekend, they were back at the school, planting flowers in the garden. Outdoor classrooms allow children to learn about the world around them and enhances creativity and imagination. The project spans the Rotary theme for April, the Environment, and June's Youth Service theme. [more]



Club News

Griffin Downtown Council Manager Visits Daybreak Club

By Debby Daniel-
Bryant

Heather
Robinson, District
Manager of the
Griffin Downtown
Council, is
pictured here

with Griffin
Daybreak
Rotary President

Katheryne Fields.

Ms. Robinson
recently met with
the Club and
informed them of
the Summer
Concert Series

beginning in May
and continuing
through October.

She shared about
businesses
coming to Griffin,
including a
boutique hotel
and breweries, as

well as recent
activities and
future
enhancements to

the downtown
area.

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