



**UNITE FOR GOOD**

## KeyWay Weekly Newsletter

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### **This Week's Program Speaker:**

*David Y. Mitchell, Executive Director of the Atlanta Preservation Center*



As Executive Director of the Atlanta Preservation Center, David Y. Mitchell spearheads advocacy, education, and outreach initiatives to protect Atlanta's architecturally, historically, and culturally significant buildings, neighborhoods, and landscapes. A graduate of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, he received the Society of Georgia Archivists President's Award for his contributions to the University of Georgia's Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

Mitchell is a vocal proponent of projects such as the digital survey partnership with Georgia Tech and Georgia State. He also co-led successful campaigns to restore landmarks including Grant Mansion, historic Westside sites, and Vine City's Black heritage homes through new grants. Beyond his leadership at the Atlanta Preservation Center, David serves on the boards of Friends of Historic Westview Cemetery and the Atlanta Beltline Tax Allocation District Advisory Committee.

The Atlanta Preservation Center is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to safeguarding Atlanta's rich architectural, historical, and cultural heritage. Since its founding in 1979, the APC has worked to protect significant buildings, neighborhoods, and landscapes through a combination of education and advocacy. They offer guided walking tours, educational programs, lectures, and special events like "Phoenix Flies" to raise awareness and appreciation for Atlanta's past, ensuring its stories and structures endure for future generations.

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**Keyway Report on Our Speaker  
Cindee Sapoznik  
June 27, 2025 | AWER Weekly Meeting  
Presentation: "Human Trafficking:  
Education, Awareness, Prevention"**

The Rotary Club of Atlanta West End concluded its Rotary Year 2025 programming with a powerful and urgent presentation by **Cindee Sapoznik**, founder and CEO of 2myPlace and a founding member of the Rotary Club to End Human Trafficking, an international e-club devoted exclusively to this critical cause.

Cindee was introduced by **Mark Newman**, who shared highlights of her successful career in pharmaceutical sales and her current work as a certified life coach and nonprofit leader. She was joined by **Yolande Alexander**, a board member at 2myPlace and fellow advocate.

In a presentation described by members as “well-organized” and “eye-opening,” Cindee walked the club through the scope and tactics of human trafficking, particularly child sexual exploitation. She cited a staggering estimate that human trafficking is a \$280 billion international enterprise, noting that Atlanta’s location at the intersection of major highways and as home to the world’s busiest airport makes it a hub for trafficking activity.

Cindee shared that 2myPlace, which she launched in 2015, focuses on preventing trafficking and supporting recovery through education, awareness, and life skills programming. Her workshops include Lunch and Learns, high school and college career readiness coaching, and public presentations for schools, churches, community groups, and civic organizations. The organization’s mission includes helping individuals recognize and respond to the tactics used by traffickers, many of whom groom children through manipulation and emotional coercion.

Drawing on years of advocacy, Cindee described how predators often befriend teenage girls as a first step and frequently target children with physical disabilities or social vulnerabilities. She also noted the rise in trafficking activity following COVID-19, as isolation and digital exposure created new opportunities for exploitation. AWER member **Eric John**, Executive Director of the Georgia Council of Juvenile Court Judges, echoed this concern, noting the dramatic increase in online grooming and enticement of youth since the pandemic.

The statistics shared were deeply sobering. Cindee reported that an estimated 100 girls are trafficked each night in Georgia. Predators often target boys between the ages of 11–15 and girls between 12–19.

Despite the dark subject matter, Cindee’s message was one of mobilization and hope. She invited AWER members to partner with 2myPlace by connecting her team to local schools, YMCAs, clubs, and congregations, and encouraged members to consider joining the Rotary Club to End Human Trafficking as associate members.

To learn more or support the mission, visit [2myPlace.org](https://2myplace.org) or [endhtrotaryclub.org](https://endhtrotaryclub.org).

*Neil Shorthouse & Jared Evans, Keyway Reporters*

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## **A Legacy of Equity and Inclusion**

*This Week in History: The 14th Amendment Turns 157*

This week marks the 157th anniversary of the 14th Amendment, ratified on July 9, 1868. Known for its guarantees of citizenship, due process, and equal protection under the law, this amendment remains a cornerstone of American democracy.

For the Rotary Club of Atlanta West End, the 14th Amendment’s legacy aligns closely with our values: equity, service, and peacebuilding. It laid the groundwork for many civil rights advancements and continues to influence the systems we aim to improve through our work.

As Rotarians, we recognize that the promise of equality is still being fulfilled. Through our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, and through our service, we are part of that ongoing journey. This anniversary reminds us that service rooted in fairness and dignity is not just about history. It is a responsibility we carry forward every day, guided by the Four-Way Test of the things we think, say, and do.

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### ***July is Transition Month: Fridays: 4, 11, 18, 25***

<p><b><u>MARK YOUR CALENDAR</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 7/18: Club Assembly</li><li>● 7/25: Speaker from the Alzheimer's Association, Georgia Chapter</li><li>● <b><i>August Program Chair Needed!</i></b></li><li>● 10/26: Atlanta Streets Alive!</li></ul>	<p><b><u>CELEBRATIONS</u></b></p> <p><b><i>Happy Birthday</i></b> ?</p> <p><b><i>Happy Anniversary</i></b> ?</p>
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**Meeting Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation & Pledge
3. Introduction of Guests
4. Tasse Trivia
5. DEI Moment
6. Announcements
7. Program/Speaker
8. The Four-Way Test
9. Adjournment

**RY2025–2026 Board of Directors**

**President:** *Dr. Victoria Seals*  
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Zoom Link - [Click here](#)  
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**THE FOUR-WAY TEST** of the things we think, say or do

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- first* Is it the TRUTH?
- second* Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- third* Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- fourth* Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?