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| <p>District Awards Information</p> <h3>District Awards Deadline - March 6; Webinar - February 11</h3> <p>By Raymond Ray, Jr.</p> <p>Awards are a really big deal in our District! We distribute them to reward the long hours of hard work performed by our fantastic District Rotarians to make a difference in our communities and the world! We are well along in our 2019-20 Rotary year! We have passed the half way mark and I want to remind all D6900 Clubs of District award submissions that must be submitted no later than March 6, 2020. In accordance with the Governor's Citation, there are mandatory actions each D6900 Rotary Club must complete to qualify for the 2019-20 D6900 Governor's Citation. We have been tracking Rotary International/District information and found many of you exceed requirements in membership, Foundation and service. Quite an accomplishment!. You can get information on the district website and at our upcoming webinar. <a href="#">[more]</a></p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|  <p><i><a href="#">The founders of SusanSnaps - Susan and mom Laura (who is a Rotary Foundation alumnus because of her participation in Rotary Youth Exchange)</a></i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p>The Rotary Foundation</p> <h3>Are You a Rotary Foundation Alumnus?</h3> <p>By Cheryl Greenway</p> <p>The Rotary Foundation has more than 394,000 alumni, however, less than 15,000 are registered as Rotary alumni they can be located everywhere. You never know where you will find an alumnus.</p> <p>Take a recent meeting of the <b>Rotary Club of Sandy Springs</b>. The guest speakers - Laura Stachler and her daughter Susan are the co-founders of Susansnaps, a nationally recognized cookie company. They spoke of unlikely adversity and their unique "cancer to cookies" story as chronicled in their book entitled "The Cookie Cure." Susansnaps has been nationally recognized and most notably featured on The Today Show, CBS Evening News with Katie Couric, CNN and in publications like Redbook, O Magazine, and Family Circle. In addition to learning about their company, the audience also learned that Laura is an alumnus of our Rotary Youth Exchange program. <a href="#">[more]</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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|  <p><i><a href="#">Mathilde Illum, cousin Catharina Vandekerckhove and Mhairi Gormley (all GRSP students) with Jackie Cuthbert at Atlanta Botanical Gardens last Christmas</a></i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p>GRSP Alumni Perspectives</p> <h3>Reflections on a Singular Year</h3> <p>By Lynn Clarke</p> <p>To describe this year with one word is a considerable challenge. The word, like my year here, must be complicated, yet simple; meaningful to me, yet to other people, a thing said in passing and never considered again. With these criteria (and my cousin) in mind, I decided that the best word would be some physics term, and what better than " ... <a href="#">[more]</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <p>From Our Chaplain</p> <h3>Consider "2020 VISION" as We Begin a New Year</h3> <p>By Mark Barbour</p> <p>2020 Vision will allow all Rotarians to see that our common, mutual consideration as Rotarians is the clear "VISION" for all Rotarians to be intentionally <b>Relational</b>, <b>Opportunity oriented</b>, 'vibrantly' Transformational(!), <b>Affirmational</b> (being affiliated with ... <a href="#">[more]</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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|  <p><a href="#">Register now on the District Website!</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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|  <p><i><a href="#">President-Elect Mary Ansley Southerland, Councilman Joseph Goldstein, Dr. Emily Lembeck join Kiwanis President Debbie McCracken and another Kiwanian at the annual holiday children's party</a></i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <p>Club News</p> <h3>Marietta Sponsors Annual Around the World Children's Party</h3> <p>By Dale Covington</p> <p>The <b>Rotary Club of Marietta</b> and Marietta's Police Athletic League teamed up for the 13th year to put on the Holidays Around the World" Children's Party for 200 underprivileged youngsters in Marietta's depressed, crime-infested area of Franklin Gateway. Rotarian Holly Walquist and 11 other Rotarians in the RC of Marietta ... <a href="#">[more]</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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## Upcoming Key Dates

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| Tuesday, January 21st, 2020 | <a href="#">Polk County Board Meeting</a>    |
| Tuesday, January 21st, 2020 | <a href="#">Polk County Governor Visit</a>   |
| Friday, February 7th, 2020  | <a href="#">District Leadership Training</a> |