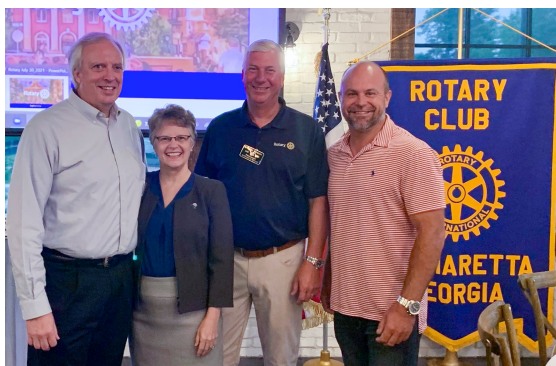




From Our District Governor **Creating a Vibrant Game Plan**

By Mary Ligon

We have had a great start to our new Rotary year! Many of you have embraced our Youth and Peace in Action initiative; there's still time for more of you to join in - see the article later in the newsletter. District Grant projects are underway in your local communities. And soon we will be in SanDestin, renewing friendships and celebrating all that we did in 2020-21 under Kirk's leadership - and all we can accomplish going forward. This month, Rotary focuses on Membership. RI President Shekhar Mehta has a special initiative called "Each One, Bring One" designed to expand our reach and ability to do good in the world. He says "Rotary is a vibrant organization that has spread to nearly 200 countries and geographical areas and has a rich legacy of fighting to end polio. Don't you think we could have a greater impact on the world if more people were practicing Service Above Self? Members like you are our greatest asset. But for the last 20 years, Rotary membership has remained stagnant. Through a program I am calling Each One, Bring One, I ask each of you to commit to welcoming one new person into Rotary or Rotaract in the next 12 months."

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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	North Atlanta Professional Alliance	Emory-Druid Hills	Brookhaven
II	North Columbus	Jackson-Butts County	Atlanta West End
III	North Fulton	Vinings Cumberland	Dougherty County (Albany)
IV	Dunwoody	Dunwoody	Carrollton
V	Peachtree City	Alpharetta	Roswell

Key Dates

Tuesday, July 28th, 2026	Jackson-Butts County Governor Visit
Thursday, July 30th, 2026	North Cobb County Governor Visit
Monday, August 3rd, 2026	Marietta-Metro Governor Visit
Tuesday, August 4th, 2026	North Columbus Governor Visit
Wednesday, August 5th, 2026	Columbus Governor Visit
Thursday, August 6th, 2026	Muscogee-Columbus Governor Visit
Tuesday, August 11th, 2026	Smyrna Governor Visit
Wednesday, August 12th, 2026	Harris County Governor Visit



Membership Membership Growth Starts with The Ask

By Jaclyn Donovan
Membership Month!
And believe it or not, Rotary is a Membership Organization - we just offer Service as our product. If you get Membership right, pretty much everything else takes care of itself. If you don't get membership right, everything else is a struggle for the whole year. So we encourage you to commit a little energy to being intentional and deliberate in seeking new members and getting your current members to help. Shout out the the following clubs for adding new members in the first month of this new Rotary year (pictured from top left clockwise):

- **Griffin** - Paul Sinor
 - **Americus** - Roger Bivings and Ty Kinslow
 - **Bremen** - Jerry Morris
 - **Carrollton Dawnbreakers** - Ryan Sammon, Marla Turpin, Jeremy Moore, Kiley Thompson, Bo Haynes, Jasmine Hilton, Bryce Haney
- Now read on for more thoughts about getting everyone on board with membership development!
[more]

Wednesday, August 12th, 2026	La Grange Governor Visit
Thursday, August 13th, 2026	West Point Governor Visit
Tuesday, August 18th, 2026	Polk County Governor Visit
Wednesday, August 19th, 2026	East Cobb Governor Visit
Wednesday, August 19th, 2026	Vinings Cumberland Governor Visit
Friday, August 21st, 2026	Decatur Governor Visit



Youth and Peace in Action
**Be on Board the
Peace Train by
September 10!**

By Becky Stone

Youth & Peace in Action – Rotary's largest local youth peace education initiative ever kicks off with high schools and youth service clubs in Zone 33/34 on September 21- International Peace Day. If your school or youth service club has not registered for YPA, go NOW to the YPA website:

www.youthpeaceaction.org and register by September 10. All are welcome!

Students will receive virtual peacebuilding training and certification and each organization will design and deliver a peace project using the tools the students learn. Youth & Peace in Action will culminate in Spring 2022 with presentations by the students of their peace projects and their impact. It's not too late!! Jump on the Peace Train!

Have questions? Contact Becky Stone at 770-634-2717 or Rebecca.stone@stonepc.net!!
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GRSP 75th ANNIVERSARY @ CONCLAVE | THOMASVILLE | AUG. 19-21, 2021
GOLF | GRSP PEACE PLAZA DEDICATION | STUDENT CABARET

CONCLAVE REGISTRATION OPEN
WWW.GRSP.ORG

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**GRSP: Celebrating
75 Years and
Going Strong ...
Join the
Celebration
GRSP Conclave and
Anniversary Celebration
- Thomasville - August
19-21**

By Kathyryne Fields

From a humble beginning of just four students in 1946, Georgia Rotary Student Program (GRSP) has provided ambassadorial scholarships for more than 3,690 young men and women from 108 countries. During 2019-2020, the last year the program functioned, more than 40 students from around the world were involved.

The 2021-2022 school year is off to a great start with more than 40 international college students from South America, Africa, Asia, Australia, and Europe selected for the program. We will welcome most of those students at our annual Conclave - and celebrate 75 years of Building Peace through Understanding." Conclave will feature student introductions for the Class of 2021-22 plus Trustee and host families, a parade of flags, a student Cabaret talent show Saturday, plus food and fellowship - and dedication of the GRSP Peace Plaza and William A. Watt Memorial Fountain on Friday morning.. And, we will hold our inaugural Conclave Classic Golf Tournament on Thursday, August 19.

All Rotarians are invited to join us for this celebration - August 19-21 in Thomasville, Georgia - home of GRSP Founder William A. Watt, PDG, PP, RC of Thomasville. You can learn more about the conclave and register now at www.grsp.org/conclave. [more]

The Rotary Foundation



Our Rotary
Foundation
**Good
News
About
Doing
Good!**

By Cheryl
Greenway
We will be
giving you a
full update
on 2020-21
contributions
to The
Rotary
Foundation
(TRF) in next
month's
newsletter,
but for now
we have a
few
highlights -
about the
clubs who
led the way
in 2020-21
giving, our
District
Grant
projects, and
our inbound
Global Grant
Scholar.
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Our Rotary Foundation at Work

Competitive District Grants Support Children and Seniors

By Anne Glenn

Thanks to the generosity of District 6900 Rotarians, we have awarded three competitive \$10,000 grants - to the Rotary Clubs of **Buckhead, Columbus** and **Meriwether County**. Each focuses on the needs of children and seniors in their communities. We will feature one in each of the next three newsletters - starting with Buckhead. Agape's young people and senior citizens currently have only indoor spaces to gather for activities and games after school and during the day. Their building is located in an industrial area of NW Atlanta. The Rotary Club of Buckhead will help Agape create an outdoor activity space with a turf field with their D6900 \$10,000 Competitive Grant. *Agape is a charitable organization dedicated to empowering and supporting underserved families within its community by encouraging each individual to discover, embrace, and achieve their full potential.* [more]



The Youth Exchange Scholarship provided by your local Rotary Club

Valued at over \$24,000: Room, board, tuition, and monthly stipend for a high school year abroad.

HAVE YOU ALWAYS DREAMED OF...

- ▶ TRAVELING THE WORLD?
- ▶ LIVING IN ANOTHER COUNTRY?
- ▶ BEING FLUENT IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE?

Study Abroad for a Year!

Rotary Youth Exchange **Applications Now Open for Rotary Youth Exchange Study Abroad Scholarships for Georgia Teenagers**

By Mike Parks
Do you know a talented high school student in District 6900 who may be interested in a study abroad scholarship? The Rotary Youth Exchange scholarship program is recruiting now for high school students, ages 14 - 17, who would like to learn more about the program and scholarship opportunities for the 2022 - 2023 school year. The scholarship is valued at more than \$24,000 and includes tuition, room and board, language and cultural training, and a monthly stipend for a high school year overseas. Students and Rotarians can learn more about the program by reviewing our website at **RYESE.org** and attending one of our local informational sessions. See the schedule and think about how to be involved.
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Rotary Opens Opportunities

District Awards for
2020-21

Congratulations to 2020-21 Award Winners!

By Court Dowis, Jr.



Congratulations to all our District 6900 clubs for their work to make a difference during the 2020-21 Rotary year! We will be announcing some awards during our celebration in SanDestin this month, including:

- Rotarian of the
- Year Follow Me Award recognizing top Assistant Governor
- Sheffield Leadership Award (all 5 categories)
- Club of the Year (all 5 categories) and Runner-up Club of the Year (all 5 categories)

Additional awards were mailed out in July and we'd like to recognize those award winners here!

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LAWS OF LIFE KICKS OFF ITS NEW YEAR

Laws of Life

Laws of Life Kicks Off Its New Year

By Lakisha Taylor

As the new school year begins, we have 23 Schools Registered! And it's time to **register your club as a sponsor** for the Georgia Rotary Clubs Laws of Life Essay Contest. Join us on September 10 at the annual Teacher & Rotarian Workshop Luncheon at Emory Conference Center. Two guests from each sponsoring club or registered school are invited to attend for free. You'll hear first-hand as students and teachers share how the contest impacts their lives. For those unable to attend in person, online event viewing access will be provided. For more information about the Georgia Laws of Life Essay Contest, watch **Beth McIntyre, GLL Board Chair**, as she provides an overview of sponsorship options. [more]



Club News

Alpharetta Rotary Seeks Partners for Brazil Project

By Bob Koncerak
**Alpharetta
Rotarian** Bob
Koncerak recently
returned from his
third trip to
Brazil, during
which he met
with members of
Rotary Oeste
(D4680) to
discuss a
proposed project
to equip a Down
center facility in
Pelotas, Rio
Grande de Sul.
The project is
progressing
quickly: city
officials have
granted a 1.25
acre parcel of
land ... [more]



Club News
**Alive in
Roswell
Returns!**

By Becky
Nelson
**Roswell
Rotarians**
showed up in
force as a
flash mob on
Canton Street
dancing to
"Celebration"
by Kool and
the Gang.
Thanks to RRC
member
Nancy
Alterman for
organizing this
great time
and to all the
Rotarians who
put on their
dancing
shoes.
Rotarians also
enjoyed live
music by
Savannah
Hughes at our
Rotary Tent at
the Hagen
Center where
we ... [more]