



From Our District
Governor

Keeping an Eye on Our Goals

By Mary Ligon

It has been a great summer to travel through Georgia and visit all of you and your great clubs. I particularly enjoyed all the great ideas and fellowship we shared at our District 6900 celebration in Sandestin and being on hand in Sandy Springs when Will MacArthur was honored for his Rotary Foundation giving as an Arch Klumph Society member. I'd also like to congratulate Mary Reid of the Rotary Club of Columbus for her 100th birthday - celebrated in style by the club! Congratulations to both Mary and Will for these significant achievements - and thanks to both for their dedication to Rotary. And congratulations to the clubs and individuals honored in Sandestin. As we move forward into fall, Rotary International focuses on Basic Education and Literacy in September. Many of you have been working on projects to benefit education and youth - you can read about some of them in this newsletter. We are about to kickoff a major education initiative called Youth & Peace in Action (YPA)

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The Gig Economy ... Learn More September 8 at 1 pm ... Register Now

By Claudia Mertl

As the name suggests, our "gig economy" occurs when companies lean towards hiring independent contractors and freelancers instead of onboarding full-time employees. People are entering the gig economy in virtually every industry. By 2027 more than half of the U.S. workforce is projected to be performing freelance or "gig" work. Please join us on September 8 at 1 pm to find out how you can thrive in this fast-growing economy.

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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



Youth and Peace in Action

Jump on the Youth & Peace in Action Train Today!

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!
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Laws of Life

Are You Signed Up for the Essay Contest?

By Suzi McIntyre
To date, 55 high schools have registered for the Georgia Rotary Clubs Laws of Life Essay Contest. We expect at least another 20 schools to participate in this year's contest.

This year, GLL has welcomed seven new participating schools among the 55 schools who have registered. Of the 33 registered clubs, we welcome several new Rotary club ...
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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**

Opportunity to Help

Haiti Earthquake Victims Need Our Help

By Mary Ligon

On August 14, 2021 Haiti was rocked by a massive 7.2 Magnitude Earthquake and not long after, Tropical Storm Grace brought heavy rains to the region that affected search and rescue efforts. Many of you have asked how you can help - there are two immediate possibilities: you may contribute to the District 7020 Haiti Earthquake Disaster Recovery Fund or to ShelterBox, a long time Rotary International partner.

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The Rotary
Foundation at
Work

Are You Ready for World Polio Day in October?

By Reda Rowell
Polio has for many years been a primary focus of Rotary around the world, and District 6900 has played an important role. We have accomplished so much, but we can't stop until we cross the finish line and polio no longer exists. Coronavirus has, in many ways, overshadowed thoughts of polio. However just this past June four polio workers were killed by gunmen in Afghanistan. For polio to be completely eradicated we, as Rotarians, need to stay focused and continue our awareness and fundraising campaigns. Look for announcements about District 6900 plans for World Polio Day on October 24 and look for ideas for your club at endpolio.org.
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Congratulations!

Chris Brand Receives Follow Me Award

By Jackie Cuthbert
DG Kirk named Assistant Governor Chris Brand as the Follow Me Award Winner. Created by the Rotary Club of Stone Mountain to honor PDG Al Lipphardt, the Follow Me Award recognizes an outstanding Assistant Governor for the year. Chris was honored for that and all the he does for District 6900 and the community as head of Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC) - getting supplies and medical equipment to where it is needed all over the world. During the pandemic, this included coordinating distribution of masks and hand sanitizer to first responders in District 6900. Chris is a member of the Rotary Club of Stone Mountain.
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Spotlight on Service

Service
Opportunities

Take a Look at How Your Club Can Help

By Neill
Ferrill

Welcome to
**Rotary
District
6900**

**SPOTLIGHT
on SERVICE**,
a resource to
assist you
and your
Club in
continuing to
have
impactful
service
projects in
your
community!
This month's
spotlight is
on Rotary's
**Feed 10
Million
Initiative.**

Last year,
Rotarians in
Zones 33 and
34 provided
6,448,000
meals to
those in
need. This
year ...
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Congratulations!
**Lorri Christopher
Honored as
District
6900
Rotarian of
the Year**

By Jackie Cuthbert
DG Kirk named Lorri Christopher of the Rotary Club of Dunwoody as District Rotarian of the Year. He commented that Lorri was willing to take on any task that needed doing - and that all her efforts "helped me and the District look good." Lorri helped with the planning for Kirk's year, stepped in for a fourth year as an Assistant Governor when there was an unexpected opening, all while serving as Secretary for the Georgia Rotary Student Program and contributing in many other ways. Congratulations Lorri for an honor well-deserved! And thanks for all you do!

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Congratulations!

Sheffield and Club of the Year Awards for 2021-22

By Jackie Cuthbert
Each year, the **Rotary Club of Americus** presents the Sheffield Leadership Awards to outstanding leaders in each club category, honoring the three Sheffields from Americus who served as District Governor. The recipients for Kirk's year as our DG include:

- Category 1 - Torrie Sunstrom, Henry County
 - Category 2 - Angela Smith, Americus (pictured)
 - Category 3 - Steve Ivory, Peachtree City (pictured)
 - Category 4: Lynn Lindsay, Roswell
- Kirk also presented the Club of the Year awards for 2021-22.
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Congratulations!

**PDG Fran
Milberg
Honored with
The Rotary
Foundation
Distinguished
Service
Award**

By Jackie Cuthbert
In Sandestin, PDG Fran Milberg received the Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award. This award is The Rotary Foundation's highest service recognition. Presented to a Rotarian whose outstanding record of service to The Rotary Foundation is on a much broader basis and spreads beyond the district level and continues over an extended period ...
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Rotary Means Business

Consider a Great Networking Opportunity

By Johnathan Clark

Looking for an informal social setting to meet new people, share ideas, network and learn from fellow Rotarians who are leaders in their field? Consider the Rotary Means Business Fellowship. We meet the third Tuesday of each month from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. . Each month we have a special topic to build skills and support attendees/Rotarians. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 21.

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The Rotary
Foundation

Will MacArthur Joins Arch Klumph Society

By Jackie
Cuthbert
At an August
meeting of the
**Rotary Club of
Sandy Springs,**
District Governor
Mary Ligon was
on hand to
recognize Will
MacArthur as the
District's newest
Arch Klumph
Society member
and for his
impactful
contribution of
time and money
to The Rotary
Foundation. Will
is a Past
President of the
Rotary Club of
Sandy Springs,
has served on
our District TRF
committee for
several years and
is currently an
Assistant
Governor.
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The Rotary Foundation at Work

Columbus Starting Midnight Basketball

By Anne Glenn

Last month, we started sharing the story of the three competitive \$10,000 grants awarded this year 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. This month we'd like to share how the Rotary Club of Columbus is using its grant to help local youth.

Columbus, Georgia is experiencing higher incidences of homicide and assault involving youth due to lack of resources and activities engaging them in more positive behavior. With help from The Columbus Rotary Club's D6900 competitive Grant for \$10,000, Cure Violence Columbus, Ga is reviving a program begun in the 90's, Midnight Basketball League.

The Basketball program will provide a safe, positive environment for youth (ages 13-25). Midnight Basketball uses local coaches and mentors from 10:00 pm until 3:00 - times when most youth criminal activities occur. This is also an effort to reduce violent crimes in marginalized communities.

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From
Facebook

Way to Grow! Keep It Going

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By Jackie Cuthbert
Last month, Rotary International focused on Membership growth and retention. In District 6900, we welcome several new Rotarians. We've included names and pictures of those from **Bremen, Camilla, Meriwether County, Moultrie, Newnan and Johns Creek North Fulton**. All these clubs used Facebook to welcome these members. [more]



Club News

Join Roswell for Golf or Tennis on September 13

By Becky Nelson
Time to pay to play! The 43rd Annual Golf Tournament and the 9th Annual Tennis Tournament will be on Sept 13 at the Brookfield Country Club in Roswell. You know we will find room for you! Club President Terry Taylor says, "The Roswell Rotary golf and tennis tournament is our only official fundraiser which is organized and run with 100 ... [more]"



Club News **Billboard Campaign Supports Sandy Springs Police**

By John Neill
The **Rotary Club of Sandy Springs** has started a billboard campaign as part of its three step service project to support the Sandy Spring's Police Department and First Responders. The initial two-week phase of the billboard campaign began August 16 with the following message appearing on the Lamar outdoor digital billboard on ...
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Club News

East Cobb Takes to Streets for 16th Annual Dog Day Run

By Fred Hanna
On August 7, the **East Cobb Rotary Club** held its annual Dog-Days Run - a 5K race. Back in person this year, the race raised over \$75,000 for local Cobb charities. This Dog Days Run honors the heat and humidity of summer. Over the years, the club has donated more than \$500,000 from race proceeds to local and international service projects. This 16th year celebrated the special treat of being back in person. [more]

Carrollton Dawnbreakers
Rotary



Spot the Signs of Human Trafficking

- Training Video -



Club News

Carrollton Dawnbreakers Partners with Hope for Justice to Spot Signs of Human Trafficking

By Emily Wilkins

To help better identify modern day slavery and spot the signs of human trafficking, the Carrollton

Dawnbreakers Rotary Club recently partnered with Hope for Justice to provide training for its members. Hope for Justice exists to change lives and end modern slavery. US Team Leader Dr. Richard Schoeberl joined the club for a virtual session to share insights, facts and warning signs on human trafficking.

"At Hope for Justice, we're a global organization located on five continents," said Schoeberl. "We exist to prevent exploitation from happening to start with, but also to rescue victims, restore lives and reform society."

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Club News
**Smyrna
Partners
to Equip
Nepal
Hospital**

By Narayan Sengupta
The **Rotary Club of Smyrna** is partnering with Rotary Clubs in Branchburg Township, New Jersey, Singapore and Balaju, Nepal on a Dhulikhel Rotary Club \$40,000 international global grant project to purchase hospital equipment for Dhulikhel, Nepal's Scheer Memorial Hospital. The project is now fully funded and approved by The Rotary Foundation. [more]



From Facebook
Promoting Literacy

By Jackie Cuthbert
 See how **Marietta Metro** and **Quitman** are supporting community schools and students. [more]



From Facebook
Serving Our Communities

By Jackie Cuthbert
 What are the Rotary Clubs of **Senoia, Milton, North Fulton, North Cobb, North Atlanta, Dunwoody, Emory Druid Hills and Buckhead** doing to make a difference? Check it out ... [more]