

Amplifying Our Efforts to Support Education

By Jackie Cuthbert

For Rotary International, September is Basic Education and Literacy Month - and based on the stories we're sharing, District 6900 continues its strong support for education in our communities and around the world. Read about:

- Projects in our schools
- The opportunity for local students to be part of Rotary Youth Exchange
- The newest class of Global Grant students from Japan and GRSP students from around the world
- The Laws of Life essay program - and how your sponsorship can make a difference in young people's lives.

And there are opportunities for you to learn too - check out all the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) classes available for Rotarians. Read about how North Cobb has grown from 40 members to 100 in just 4 years. And learn about our process for selecting future District Governors and how you can help. [\[more\]](#)

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	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

From Our District Governor

Help Select Our Future District Leader

By André Marria

It is time to begin the process of selecting our District Governor for the Rotary Year 2026-2027. The elected individual will become District Governor on July 1, 2026. We want to be sure that everyone understands how the process works. We invite you to become more familiar with how the process works and to think about individuals who might be good candidates for this important responsibility.

Rotary International requires that the person nominated follow a two-year process of training and preparation before assuming the role of District Governor. During the 2024-2025 Rotary year, the selected individual will be the District Governor Nominee (DGN). This role include observation and training, and participation at District events. It also includes participation at the Rotary Zone 33-34 training institute 2024-2025 and Presidents-Elect Training Seminar and participating as a non-voting member of key district committees. During the 2025-2026 Rotary year, the selected individual will be the District Governor-Elect (DGE). Training and observation activities continue, including participation at the Zone training institute and at the Rotary International Assembly (an assembly and training program for District Governors-Elect from over 500 Rotary Districts in the world) in Orlando in January 2026. Our district utilizes a Nominating Committee process. Your help in identifying qualified applicants would be appreciated. Please look within your club and within your Rotary network to identify those Rotarians who met the qualifications and have the desire to get involved at the district level.

Interested applicants must have the support of their club indicated by resolution and submit it along with their completed application and including a brief resume to District Executive Secretary, Teri White by November 1, 2023. Interviews of selected applicants, by the committee, will take place on Saturday, November 18, 2023. If you have questions, contact me, your AG, or call Teri White at 229-221-3935, or e-mail her at twhite@hurstboiler.com. [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



District
Conference
2024

We Are Waiting for You at Jekyll Island

By
Stephanie
Windham
You don't
want to be
anywhere
except Jekyll
Island next
March
21-24, as we
Amplify
Rotary at
our District
6900
conference.
We're
planning a
beach party
- complete
with karaoke
competition
- along with
great
speakers, a
service
project
opportunity,
chances to
learn more
about Rotary
and what we
accomplish
this Rotary
year. Not to
mention a
beautiful ...
[more]

RLI Update

RLI Opportunities Abound in 2023-24!

By Stephanie Windham

The 2023-2024 Rotary year is filled with opportunities to Learn, Share, and Grow through Rotary Leadership Institute. Here are some dates and locations to remember:
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Membership

Building an Irresistible Club: Simple But Not Easy

By Nancy Prochaska

Rotary International has emphasized the importance of making a bigger impact by increasing our membership. The Rotary Club of North Cobb has enjoyed significant growth. Four short years ago our club had 40 active members. This week we will induct our 100th and 101st active member! We have been asked how we accomplished this remarkable growth. The answer is: It is simple, but not easy! In fact, it is difficult, but well worth it! Creating and nurturing a warm, welcoming, engaging, productive, and dare I say, entertaining club takes creativity, planning, and effort. The North Cobb Rotary has put into action several key practices that attract potential members.

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Congratulations to Rotary Citation and MAP Honorees!

By George Granade

The Rotary Citation is awarded by the International Rotary President to recognize the hard work clubs do throughout the year. Working to achieve the citation goals helps clubs engage their members, stay relevant in their communities, and run more efficiently. A welcoming and engaging club not only fosters a positive experience for its members, but also reflects the values of Rotary. When clubs achieve citation goals, they contribute to the overall health and culture of Rotary for generations to come.

The Rotary Citation is based on the citation goals one sets in Rotary Club Central. To achieve the Rotary Citation, review all the available goals, select at least half of them, achieve those goals, and report your achievement in Rotary Club Central. This past Rotary year, we had 24 Rotary clubs to achieve the Rotary Citation. They are: [more]



GRSP

GRSP Conclave Ushers in Class of 2023-24 by Kathy Fields, GRSP Executive Director

By Kathy Fields
Cabaret, featuring songs, skills, humor, national costumes and more, showcased a variety of talent and diversity among the Georgia Rotary Student Program's Class of 2023-24 in Macon. Directed by Chair Emeritus and GRSP Foundation President Jim and Lynn Drake, the phenomenal program started with the GRSP Peace Song, featuring the lyrics by Administrator Emeritus Janis Comer and composition of 1994-95 Alumnus Bernard Wong. Photos and Cabaret video the Conclave weekend can be found at the bottom of the resources page at www.grsp.org/resources.

GRSP scholars include 20 males and 22 females from 24 countries. The scholars are sponsored by 93 Rotary Clubs within Georgia and attending 24 public and private colleges/universities throughout the state. [more]

Our Rotary Foundation at Work

Welcome Global Grant Scholars

By Kathy Brandt

Welcome to Taiko Nakazawa from Japan - a practicing oncologist in Japan (Rotary District 2760) who will be doing graduate studies at The Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University. Taiko will be hosted by the Decatur Rotary Club for her two-year program of study, with Art Rosser as her primary contact. District 6900 also welcomes ... [more]

Student Perspective #6

How did writing a Laws of Life essay affect you?

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Writing my Laws of Life essay helped me stay focused on who I was and what I was passionate about amid challenging times. Thank you for this writing opportunity.

Nathan B. – North Cobb High School

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Laws of Life **GLL Student Writers Express Gratitude**

By Linda Hatten
Students genuinely appreciate the opportunity to reflect on their life experiences. The Laws of Life essay helps many teens realize that they have wisdom and life skills to make a difference for family, friends, and their community. In a recent survey among participants, many students shared heartfelt appreciation for this writing opportunity. More than 200 students from 60 participating high schools completed the survey. [more]



With This Lady With A Song

District
Conference
2024

Rotary Hotel Room Blocks on Jekyll Island

By Stephanie
Windham

HOTEL ROOM
BLOCKS:

- The Westin
Jekyll Island
(Walking
Distance from
Convention
Center) - 110
Ocean Way
Jekyll Island,
GA 31527,
telephone
800.937.8461,
Rotary rates
starting at
\$239

- Courtyard
by Marriott
(Free Island
wide shuttle
service) - 178
S. Beachview
Drive Jekyll
Island, GA
31527,
telephone
912.635.2416,
Rotary ...
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Amplifying Rotary
with DG Andre'
**Empowering
Girls with
“Dignity
Bags or It’s
a Girl’s
Thing Bags”**

By Kay Williamson
On August 8, DG
Andre' Marria and
Assistant Governor
Susan Ferguson
joined **Meriwether
County Rotarians**
to put together
Dignity Bags or It's a
Girls' Thing Bags for
the girls within the
Meriwether County
School System. It's
part of the club's
ongoing Meriwether
County Empowers
Girls partnership
with Meriwether
County School
System Wraparound
Services Program.
Through this
partnership, the
Meriwether County
Rotary Club helps by
providing feminine
hygiene products
within zippered
dignity bags for girls
within the school
system.
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Club News

Rotary Club of Thomasville Making A Big Impact In Their Community

By Shanna Derby
Rotary Club of
Thomasville made a
BIG IMPACT on their
local community at
their "FRESH FOR
YOU - Free Produce
Market" in
partnership with
Second Harvest of
South Georgia and
Marguerite Neel
Williams Boys &
Girls Clubs on
Saturday, July 22nd.
The club's efforts
served a total of
253 households in
the Thomasville-
Thomas County
community alone
that day!
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Douglas County Rotary President Tekmekia Gilchrist with Andre Marria and Assistant Governor Ryan Swertfager

Amplifying Rotary with DG Andre Marria **Douglas County Welcomes DG Andre**

By Nell Boggs
The **Rotary
Club of
Douglas
County** was
delighted to hear
from District
Governor Andre
Marria at its
August 14
meeting.
Members found
her passion for
all things Rotary
inspiring and her
vision perfectly
aligned with
Rotary's tagline
for the year:
Create Hope in
the World.
Rotary members
also learned
about all the
great work of
the Nichols
Center in
Douglasville. The
organization
provides
services and
support for those
suffering from
mental health
issues and drug
dependency. We
are proud that
our fellow
Rotarian Tara
Nichols founded
the Nichols
Center in 2013.
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Club News **Marietta Metro Supports Education**

By Sally Platt
Marietta Metro Rotarians kicked off Basic Education and Literacy month a bit early by participating in back-to-back events to benefit the Emily Lembeck Early Learning Center in Marietta. For the first event, a Health Fair, children painted kindness rocks at our station to place around the area. For the second event, the Reading Is Fun fair, we provided the preschoolers with goody bags that contained crayons, coloring books, and other school supplies. We recently presented scholarships to three college-bound Interact students: Ashaf Kashif, Maxwell Crowson, and Liam Lepp. Students and their parents were honored at one of our club meetings. [\[more\]](#)



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The Power of Collaboration as We Serve the Community

By Jon Yaeger
September 11-17 of this year is Celebrate Community Week. John Hewko, the General Secretary and CEO of Rotary International wrote, "we're encouraging Rotary and Rotaract clubs to partner with local Kiwanis, Lions, and Optimist clubs on a service project that will have a long-term impact in your community."

The Rotary Club of North Atlanta (RCNA) got a head start this August. For the past three years, the RCNA has hosted a used medical equipment collection day for FODAC (Friends of Disabled Adults and Children – a local non-profit that gathers, refurbishes and distributes wheelchairs, hospital beds, and other medical gear to those in need), joined by a local Lions club as well as the seven clubs in the DeKalb County Rotary Council and The Atlanta Metro Rotaract club. [\[more\]](#)



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**Marietta
Team Feeds
MUST
Ministry
Residents**

By Marlys Williams
Teamwork is one of the most important tools as it relates to organizational efficiency. Phenomenal miracles were accomplished this past Thursday as a bare bones crew of seven Rotarians prepared and served a hot meal to 100 diners in a three-hour timeframe at the MUST Ministry Fishes and Loaves Kitchen with customers lined up end to end in the dining hall and out into the reception area. This is the largest number of diners present in several years. After MUST residents are provided for, MUST opens their kitchen to the local homeless. No one is turned away. Gratitude, thanks and appreciation to all who turned out, leaned in, and made it happen. The Rotary Club of Marietta in partnership with MUST Ministries has been preparing meals and feeding the homeless every 2nd Thursday of each month for approximately 20 years.
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Club News

Roswell Updates Tablescape to Welcome Visitors

By Becky Nelson
Going into our third month with our elevated tablescape, Roswell Rotary is no longer lingering in the COVID protocols. Our lunch meeting has been a chosen investment for new china plates, tea glasses, cutlery and tablecloths. The plastic/disposable items have been moved back into storage for picnics and to-go orders only. Our featured speakers for the 2023-24 year include Senators, Executive Directors, and phenomenal stories of personal triumph; President Alex wanted our tablescape and overall meeting environment to level up too. The response has been amazing with a full-room, tables of Rotarians and visitors chatting and new initiatives coming together. [more]



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Trying Something New

By Pat Keating
The **Rotary Club of Harris**

County (Pine Mountain) held one of its August meetings at a different time and different location. Our club is a breakfast club that has met every Wednesday at 7:45 AM since 1999. On August 16, the club met for supper at a popular local restaurant. President Court Dowis said, "The aim is to add variety to our old meeting schedule and break the routine of 'same time; same day.' And to give ourselves a more relaxed atmosphere than morning's usual 'gotta get to work' urgency. It also makes it more attractive to spouses and prospective members. We will do this again every month in 2023-24." [more]
