

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



Governor Steve makes the leap at Alpharetta's Polar Plunge fundraiser!

From Our District Governor

Here's to Water, Service and Camaraderie!

By Steve Ivory
Happy Belated Birthday, Rotarians! Rotary just celebrated its 121st birthday on Feb 23! I want to thank each of you for making an impact in the world. Your service projects and generosity to polio plus are making differences in so many lives. In fact, our district just exceeded over \$906K total giving and we are well on our way to exceed \$1M this year. In this month's March Rotarian Magazine, President Francesco Arrezzo discussed how critical water is to connect communities. Rotary Foundation has invested over \$230M in projects on this area of focus!

Speaking of water, **freezing water** that is, I participated in the Alpharetta club's annual Polar Bear Plunge and helped them raise over \$230K in donations to help them make a big community impact. Overall the event raised over \$800K and was a master class in partnering up and making an impact in the community! I highly recommend other clubs look at this as a fundraiser in your area and "R&D" it *("Rip it off and duplicate it!"). Great work!!

Read on for more about how we're doing on membership, service projects, and events set up for camaraderie and fellowship - including our upcoming District Conference at Lake Lanier Island. Thanks for all you are doing! [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



April 16 – 19 2026



Lake Lanier Islands, GA

MARK YOUR
CALENDARS

UNITE
FOR
GOOD

District
Conference
2026

**Come
for
Rotary;
Stay
for
Fun!**

By Lisa
Carlisle
Looking for
inspiration,
connection
and fun,
your 2026
District
Conference
is designed
to balance
meaningful
Rotary
content with
relaxation
and
fellowship.
Join us April
16-19, 2026
at Lake
Lanier
Island for all
this and
more! You
can
**register
now on the
District
6900
website !**
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Rotary's Founders: Gustavus "Gus" Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram Shorey and Paul Harris

Our Rotary
Foundation
**A Lot to
Celebrate:
Alpharetta
Giving,
Rotary's
Birthday
and PELS!
by Bob
Hagan,
District
Foundation
Chair**

By Bob Hagan
It's always fun to trumpet out extremely good news. Therefore, with great pleasure, I want to congratulate The Rotary Club of Alpharetta on becoming a million-dollar club in Foundation giving. It is truly quite a feat! Achieving this in 43 years as a club is a tremendous achievement. They have made an outstanding difference as a club, for our district and Rotary International. A hearty and deserved congratulations!! As it would happen, I am writing this newsletter on February 23, 2026. A perfect date to do so as it is the anniversary of our founding. Happy 120th Birthday Rotary!!
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Explore
the wonders around
HASSAN

Join Our Friendship Exchange Trip to India

by Ada Wikina,
District 6900
Rotary Friendship
Exchange Chair

By Ada Wikina
Calling on D6900
Rotarians who are ready
to engage in RFE visit to
D3182 in India during
the first week of
December 2026.
For an unforgettable and
truly inspiring Rotary
Friendship Exchange, a
ten-day visit (excluding
travel days) would be
absolutely perfect. This
allows the team to soak
in every moment at a
relaxed yet vibrant
pace—especially
important for those
experiencing India for
the very first time.
Rather than rushing from
place to place,
participants will have
time to connect deeply,
build lasting friendships,
and fully embrace the
warmth, color, and
energy of India.
We propose exploring
the dynamic state of
Karnataka in South
India—a region where
cutting-edge innovation
meets ancient heritage,
and where Rotary
fellowship thrives
alongside breathtaking
natural beauty.
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Be The
**Lucky
Ones** @ **RYLA**

June 6-10, 2026

RYLA 2026

RYLA Update
**LUCKY
to have
RYLA!**

By Jaclyn
Donovan

It's getting closer to RYLA time! With all the talk this month about "lucky" things and "being lucky" we thought we'd share why we think anyone who goes to RYLA is the luckiest of all for the many positives they gain from the experience - from personal development to teamwork, collaboration, meeting like-minded people and so much more! Take time to read the rest of the RYLA story - so that the students you care about are lucky enough to share in the RYLA experience this June 6-10. All the information about registering students and paying for their RYLA experience are in the rest of this story.
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Our Rotary
Foundation
**Why We
Give:
Enduring
Impact,
Fellowship
at Work**

By Lee
Hollingsworth
As we consider
giving money to
The Rotary
Foundation, it's
important to
consider how that
money enables
us to do good in
the world and the
lasting
relationships and
friendships it
builds. Here's an
example of just
that ... In 2022,
the **Roswell
Rotary Club**
partnered with
the Rotary Club
of Panama
Nordeste on a
Global Grant
bringing clean
water to remote,
underserved
communities in
Panama. The
project delivered
lasting
impact—and
lasting
friendships.
Recently, we
were able to help
those friends
again.
Your
contributions to
The Rotary
Foundation can
make a difference
here at home
anywhere around
the world to
make lives better.
Think about how
you can help. And
be sure to read
the rest of this
story. [more]

*Together, we're building character — one essay,
one student, and one life lesson at a time.*

School-Level Essay Judge Kick-off Training

2025-2026



Laws of Life **Partnering with Kennesaw Capstone and Judging 2026 Essays**

By Carol Gray Walker
Georgia Laws of Life is proud to partner with Kennesaw State University's College of Computing and Software Engineering through its Capstone Program to analyze workflows and implement a new CRM system that will strengthen our management of school partnerships, Rotary engagement, and statewide growth. At the same time, we are on the road to selecting State Winners in this year's Laws of Life Essay Contest. Read on and stay tuned for late March/early April contest results.
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Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)

RLI Movement Continues to Grow

By Tracy Van Norman

2026 has continued to get off to a strong start for RLI, as 23 more members joined the District 6900 RLI movement in Marietta on February 21. There was a spirit of enthusiasm throughout the day despite the bad weather, as members learned, shared, and had fun. Members increased their Rotary knowledge while also increasing their leadership skills. Join us to enhance your facilitation skills, connect with peers, and enjoy a full day of learning and networking at the next onsite event, which will be announced soon.

Don't want to wait? You can access RLI online at RLIsunshine.org/course-information/course-schedule/ to secure your spot! [more]



Our Rotary
Foundation
**Paul
Harris
Society
Welcomes
New
Member**

By Lauri Young
Governor Steve
welcomed **David
Lighten of the
Rotary Club of
Lake
Spivey/Clayton
County** to the
Paul Harris
Society (PHS).
Members of the
PHS commit to
making a \$1,000
annual
contribution to
The Rotary
Foundation to
further its work
of changing lives
every day.
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**ROTARY MEANS
BUSINESS
FELLOWSHIP**
District 6900

Fellowship Opportunity
**Rotary Means
Business**

By Carter Stout
Rotary Means Business
(RMB) is a global
fellowship that
encourages Rotarians
to support one
another's professional
success through
business referrals and
mentoring. Watch the
newsletter for
upcoming events. If you
want to get involved,
please contact Carter
Stout at 770.349.8201
or
cstout@stoutkaiser.com



Membership **Welcome to the New Rotaract Club of Southern Crescent!**

By Steve Ivory
We are pleased to announce that our district chartered a new Rotaract Club, **Rotaract Club of Southern Crescent**, sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Griffin!**

A heartfelt thank you to faculty sponsor Dr. Shannor Huff for his leadership and dedication to empowering these outstanding students. We were honored by the presence of Dr. Irving Clark, President of Southern Crescent Technical College, along with many proud parents and supporters who joined the celebration.

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Club News

Alpharetta Polar Plunge Raises Big Money

By Gail LaFleche
The **Alpharetta Rotary Plunge**, held on February 7, raised \$230,000 for club community projects and almost \$800,000 for the 235 causes that participated in the plunge. The temperature was only in the mid 40's when scores of fundraisers, many in costumes, braved the cold by jumping into the Wills Park Pool. Organizations that benefited that day included the Lionheart Life Center, Meals by Grace, Jafuta Foundation, Champions Community Foundation and many more. The costumes included superhero outfits, penguins, and a Bavarian theme. More than 1,635 donors contributed that day.
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Brookhaven Rotarians joined other community groups for February's Arbor Day tree planting event cohosted by the Murphey Candler Park Conservancy and Brookhaven's Tree Canopy Preservation team

Club News

Brookhaven Accepting Grant Applications

By Linda Hatten
The **Brookhaven Rotary Club** is excited to announce a new program designed to provide grants, through the Brookhaven Rotary Foundation, to local organizations that support the city of Brookhaven community. Club President Jennifer Yanulavich adds, "If you know of a Brookhaven non-profit organization that may have a need for financial support, you can be their Rotarian champion! Even if you're a Rotarian outside of Brookhaven." Please feel free to share this information with qualified organizations who may be interested. [more]



Club News
**North
Fulton
Brightens
Seniors'
Valentines
Day**

By Lisa Gelber
North Fulton Rotarians were thrilled to share our hearts and our hands at the Crabapple Senior Center in February. The morning kicked off with helping participants create beautiful individual floral arrangements to take home, followed by crafting Valentine-themed garland to decorate the center. These creative activities were not only fun, but also great for stimulating the brain.
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Club News
**Alpharetta
Celebrates
Annual
Golden
Gala**

By Gail LaFleche
The **Rotary Club of Alpharetta** held its second Annual Golden Gala on February 13 at the American Legion; it was a huge success. Over 120 seniors attended and enjoyed music, dancing, line dance lessons, refreshments, raffles and more! The guests wore their favorite party attire and joined their friends for this free event that included fun and community. They were honored at this event because Aging is not something to hide - it is something to celebrate!
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Club News

Rotary Club of Columbus Completes Meaningful Project in Meeting

By LeighAnn DiCesaris
The **Rotary Club of Columbus** recently transformed its regular gathering into a hands-on act of service, demonstrating what it truly means to live out Rotary's motto, Service Above Self. Most recently, Rotarians paused their usual weekly meeting agenda to work side-by-side filling hygiene bags for neighbors in need. The completed bags will benefit three local organizations making a direct impact in the community: Valley Rescue Mission, Stewart Community Home, and Home for Good. [more]



Club News

Atlanta West End Strengthens Youth Through School Snack Initiative

By Jared Evans
The **Rotary Club of Atlanta West End (AWER)** has launched and delivered multiple rounds of food support to students at Booker T. Washington High School, ensuring that students have access to nourishment during school breaks when resources might be stretched thin at home. This initiative puts Rotary's Youth Service Avenue into action in a very tangible way. Through the Booker T. Washington Snack Initiative, AWER members have already completed two major deliveries of food and gift cards this Rotary year, with a third delivery scheduled for Spring Break in April 2026 and another planned for the last day of school in May. [more]



Club News

Roswell Hosts Conference for Emerging High School Leaders

By Becky Nelson
Roswell Rotary Club hosted the annual Leadership 20/20 1-day conference this February with approximately 70 emerging student leaders from Roswell High School attending. Without a doubt, this over 30-year tradition was a quiet yet steady testament of collaboration between Roswell HS, Roswell HS PTSA and the Roswell Rotary Club.
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Club News **Buckhead Pairs School Kids and Shelter Dog Projects**

By Shelley Hammell
The **Buckhead Rotary Club** brought two of its signature projects together in a Valentine's Day effort to benefit shelter dogs and children who have experienced homelessness themselves. Rotarians visited The Boyce L. Ansley School to make dog and cat toys with the students, grades K - 6 and write Valentine's Day messages for the animals at LifeLine Animal Project, and the club purchased more than 20 crates for the animals in the shelter. [\[more\]](#)



Club News

Dunwoody Rotarians Help Anchor Place Respite Celebrate Valentine's Day

By Jackie Cuthbert
Anchor Place Respite Care in Dunwoody held a very special "Harmony and Hearts" community Valentine's Day celebration for caregivers and their family members living with memory issues - all with some help and support from **Dunwoody Rotarians**. Past President Louise Barden helped with event planning and Charlie and Anita Augello provided a tasty Italian lunch from the East 48th Street Market. [\[more\]](#)

Club News

Atlanta Southern Crescent Delivers Valentines

By Claudia Mertl
The **Rotary Club of Atlanta Southern Crescent** delivered 50 Valentines for the residents and staff of the Jonesboro Senior Assisted Living. President Mahli Lowder and Rotarian Dawn Hartman enjoyed delivering the valentines and loved seeing the joy they brought.

SPREADING VALENTINE'S DAY JOY!

The Rotary Club of Atlanta Southern Crescent delivered 50 valentines for the residents and staff of the **Jonesboro Senior Assisted Living** on Saturday, February 7th.

President, Mahli Lowder, and Rotarian, Dawn Hartman, enjoyed delivering the valentines and loved seeing the joy they brought. ♥



Rotary Club of
**Atlanta Southern
Crescent**



50 valentines
delivered to
residents & staff! ♥





SHELTERBOX IMPACT

2025
ROTARY IN FOCUS



Club News

Alpharetta Named as Shelter Box Hero

By Clark Savage
The **Rotary Club of Alpharetta** has been recognized as a *ShelterBox Hero Club* for its outstanding commitment to providing emergency shelter and essential supplies to families displaced by disaster and conflict worldwide. For more information about ShelterBox, its Rotary origins, and how Rotary Clubs can become Hero Clubs, visit <https://shelterboxusa.org/> [more]



Club News

North Cobb ... From McKenna Farms to Kennesaw to Women's Extension

By Jose Gonzalez

North Cobb Rotarians have been on the move in February - refreshing a closet at McKenna Farms' therapeutic play area for children with special needs, serving dinner at the Women's Extension for its recovery program, partnering with Kennesaw State University Rotaract Club to package food for needy community families. And they still found time to enjoy fellowship at an International Potluck and attend Rotary Leadership Institute training in Marietta. [\[more\]](#)



Club News
**Griffin
Daybreak
Joins
Read
Across
America**

By Kathyrene
Fields
**Griffin
Daybreak
Rotarians**
Kathyrene
Fields, Cresta
Barber and
Nicki Gore
jumped at a
chance to share
some of their
favorite stories
with new mini
BFFs at
Moreland Road
Elementary,
part of the
club's
partnership
with Griffin
Spalding
Schools to
participate in
Read Across
America.
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Club News **Columbus Installs Peace Pole**

By LeighAnn DiCesaris
The **Rotary Club of Columbus** hosted a Peace Pole Dedication Ceremony this February at the Columbus Public Library in Columbus, Georgia — a permanent symbol of our commitment to peace, goodwill, and understanding here at home and around the world. Inscribed with messages of peace in multiple languages, the Peace Pole reflects the shared values that define our community: inclusion, service, and unity. It stands as a reminder that while peace is a global mission, it begins right here in Columbus. This dedication reflects our continued commitment to building a stronger, more united Columbus for generations to come.
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FAMILY OF ROTARY

Our membership cares deeply about the needs and concerns of our members. We don't want to miss an opportunity to reach out in friendship when such concerns arise. The chairperson of this committee is Lynne Lindsey and all news should be directed to her at lynnehlindsay@outlook.com

Club News

Roswell's Family of Rotary Committee

By Becky Nelson
With a heart for service, **Roswell Rotary Club** has a heart for each other too. We are a strong club that gets inside and behind a message or a need with full vibrato. Walking in partnership with this sense of service to our community, our district and our world, is a sense of intense caring for each other. Past President Lynne Lindsay has been the point person for our Family of Rotary Committee for years.
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