

## Meetings

March is Water and Sanitation Month

- 3/9 Georgia Public Policy Foundation - Kyle Wingfield
- 3/16 Interfaith Panel Discussion
- 3/23 Charities We Support
- 3/30 Spring Interact Program - Michael Schoppenhorst

## Events

- 3/7 RR After Hours Club
- 3/11 RR After Hours - Unity Garden Service Project
- 3/16 New Member Social
- 3/18 Roswell Rotary Relays

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 3/3 Don Horton
- 3/4 Tillie O'Neal
- 3/8 Nancy Tolbert-Yilmaz
- 3/9 Doug Smith
- 3/11 Jon-Paul Croom
- 3/12 Kevin Benscoter
- 3/13 Amanda Verdin
- 3/15 Rich Austin
- 3/16 Mickey Deaton
- 3/21 Amy Brannen
- 3/26 Robert Fezza
- 3/27 Hal Schlenger
- 3/30 Darrell Bartlett

## YEARS OF SERVICE

- 3/2 Gene Beckham, III (23)
- 3/4 Ken Briggs (41)
- 3/5 Mike Prewett (8)  
17 years in Rotary
- 3/7 Amy Brannen (10)

## President John's Message

March is only a week old and already we've completed two great service projects. Many of us read to Kindergarteners in the Roswell High cluster of elementary schools last Thursday morning as part of Read Across America. What a delight it was to see the eagerness in young faces to hear a poignant story about friendships.

And our After Hours Club turned out in force to help serve at the Beer Festival supporting STAR House on Saturday. They manned a triple sized tent all afternoon, pouring and greeting many folks who turned out on a gorgeous March day.



There's more...this Rotascope describes more ways to get out in the early Springlike weather throughout the month of March and serve our youth and our community. Opportunities include

- March 11 - Unity Garden volunteering Round 2. Time dig in the dirt again - signup below.
- March 18 - Roswell Rotary Relays at Roswell High School. Great day of track and field with many volunteers needed - signup below.
- March 25 - Sweep the Hooch - annual springtime cleanup of our portion of the Chattahoochee River along Riverside Road. Great way to get the whole family involved in service - signup below
- March 25 - Rotary Scholarships Essays Review - need an inside task, come help read essays from high school students seeking one of our four scholarships that we give each year.
- March 27 - Spring Blood Drive at Gate City Brewing - Give a Pint Get a Pint is back. Reserve a spot today to give lifesaving blood.

Rotary is about Service Above Self. Take the opportunity to get involved in Service this March.

3/7 Terry Taylor (10)  
 3/7 Michael Sutton (16)  
 3/7 Bruce Peoples (10)  
 3/9 Jacque Digieso (17)  
 30 years in Rotary  
 3/9 Todd Byars (17)  
 3/9 Syd Mostajabi (14)  
 3/10 Will Colley (1)  
 3/10 Angela Medley (1)  
 3/10 Jeff McCoy (18)  
 3/10 Vivian Bankston (18)  
 3/10 Mickey Deaton (18)  
 3/11 Lynne Lindsay (13)  
 3/11 Lisa Carlisle (13)  
 3/11 Michael Gould (13)  
 3/12 Gordon Owens (12)  
 3/14 Jerry Orlans (21)  
 32 years in Rotary  
 3/14 William May (10)  
 3/16 Tori Nielsen (1)  
 3/16 Alicia Hughes (1)  
 3/16 Scott Morchower (7)  
 3/17 John Albers (12)  
 3/17 Davonte Hill (1)  
 3/17 Doug Smith (1)  
 3/17 Brooke Foxman (1)  
 3/17 Tori Alterman (1)  
 2 years in Rotary  
 3/17 Leigh Gould (1)  
 3/17 Charlie Brown (1)  
 3/17 John Connell (1)  
 3/17 Evan Coyle (1)  
 3/17 Lindsay Davies (1)  
 3/17 Mitch Stone (1)  
 3/17 Ashley Doran (1)  
 3/17 Amanda Verdin (1)  
 3/17 Lee Hollingsworth (14)  
 22 years in Rotary  
 3/17 Walt Woliver (14)  
 41 years in Rotary  
 3/17 Danny Tompkins (14)  
 24 years in Rotary  
 3/17 Jim Swain (14)  
 30 years in Rotary  
 3/17 George McFarlin (12)  
 3/18 Becky Nelson (9)  
 3/21 Jim Broadway (38)  
 3/22 Ron Redner (39)  
 3/24 Dennis Eidson (12)  
 3/24 Bill Houck (7)  
 3/25 David Wash (14)  
 3/28 Leonard Greski (4)  
 3/28 Bob Clarkson (4)  
 3/29 Jonathan Crooks (2)  
 3/29 Alesia Booth (2)  
 3/30 Rudy Lind (23)



### Georgia Legislative Update

## Lunch Speaker Kyle Wingfield: Local Legislation that Will Impact Your Business and Your Family



Tip O'Neill, a former Speaker of the US House of Representatives, is often connected to this quote that may have originated in the 1930s. Most of us would agree that Georgia policies and politics impact how our business every day. And it impacts our schools, our safety and our quality of life.

We'll hear about current proposed legislation to address education, healthcare, housing affordability and economic freedom/opportunity. With "Crossover Day," earlier this week, there is much activity underway - and opportunity for your involvement.

Believing that an informed constituency is the best constituency, and your engagement with your representatives a vital part of the process, we welcome our speaker Kyle Wingfield, the president and CEO of the Georgia Public Policy Foundation. A native of Dalton and graduate of the UGA joined the Foundation as president and CEO in April 2018 after spending 9 years as an opinion columnist for The Atlanta Journal-Constitution. He has also worked for the Wall Street Journal, based in Brussels, Belgium, from 2004 to 2009, and for the Associated Press, based in Atlanta and Montgomery, Ala., from 2001 to 2004.

At the AJC, Kyle wrote often about state politics and policy, focusing especially on

- 3/30 Belle Prothero (1)
- 3/30 James Savage (2)
- 3/30 Carly Kozar (1)

## Rotary Online

<https://roswellrotary.club>  
<https://rotary6900.org/>  
<https://rotary.org/>

### ROTARY CLUB OF ROSWELL

Thursdays, 12:15 pm  
 Roswell Area Park  
 Bill Johnson Community Activity Building  
 10495 Woodstock Road  
 Roswell, GA 30075

### CONNECT WITH US

#### LEADERSHIP

President	John Carruth
President-Elect	Alex Kaufman
Immediate PP	Terry Taylor
Treasurer	Trummie Patrick, III
Secretary	Nancy Alterman
Membership	Katie Anderson
Foundation	Leslie Bassett
Public Image	Michael Gould

#### PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS

- Cheryl Greenway 2012-13
- Bob Hagan 2015-16

#### 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 Lynn Dunn and all news should be directed to her at [lynn.dunn@rmcpa.com](mailto:lynn.dunn@rmcpa.com)

education and school choice, transportation, health care, and state and local taxation. He is a frequent guest on GPB's "Political Rewind" show and was a finalist for the Reason Foundation's Bastiat Prize for Journalism in 2013. Kyle's weekly column continues to appear in 10 newspapers around the state.

Kyle received the UGA Grady College's John E. Drewry Young Alumnus Award in 2006, was named to the UGA Alumni Association's 40 Under 40 Class of 2012 and is a member of UGA's Board of Visitors. He is a member of Leadership Georgia's Class of 2018 and, as an Eagle Scout, remains an active volunteer in Scouting.

#### Mike McRay - 2010-2011

### Past President Moment: Mike McRay



Rotary's theme for 2010-11 was "Building Communities - Bridging Continents". Our District Governor Casey Farmer was a big baseball aficionado and declared a District theme of "Field of Dreams". And somehow our President Mike McRay regaled us with "Cowboy Logic" each week. And indeed, Roswell Rotary hit is out of the park again with Service, Fun, and another Club of the Year. Come hear about Mike's year this week and check out the scrapbook that literally hit it out. And remember... "Don't Squat with Yer Spurs On!"

### After Hours Meets Tonight!

**RRAH Next Meeting: 3.7.23**

# Tax Prep 101

With William Lindsey, CPA

**Plus, RRAH's 1st birthday celebration and a new member induction!**

After Hours is meeting tonight at 6:30 p.m. at The Artillery Room @ Gate City! In honor of tax season, Roswell Rotary's own William Lindsey will share tips for young people on how to prepare and file taxes. But the fun does not stop there--the club will also celebrate its first birthday which was March 1st. AND, a new member will be officially inducted into the Rotary family. Everyone is invited!

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## Volunteer at the Unity Garden with After Hours



Service opportunities are in full bloom for After Hours!

After Hours is set to volunteer at the Unity Garden at the Chattahoochee Nature Center on two upcoming Saturday's: [March 11](#) and April 29. The shifts start at 9 a.m. and go until Noon. The plan is to work around the garden doing anything and everything they need, like collecting plants, organizing and planting.

Did you know? The Unity Garden grows fresh produce to be donated to the food pantry at North Fulton Community Charities. Fresh vegetables and greens are delivered once or twice a week.

*All Rotarians are invited!* The first volunteer opportunity is Saturday, March 11--[sign up here](#).

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### Volunteer Opportunity Roswell Rotary Relays March 18th



Roswell Relays is on the horizon and we need your volunteer commitment. The oldest and biggest Track & Field Meet in Georgia, we therefore need dozens of volunteers through the day. The SignUp Genius has specific slots and times but if you just want to tell one of us, we can make that work too! Please let me know if you have any questions contact: Becky Nelson [susbeck6061@gmail.com](mailto:susbeck6061@gmail.com) plus Mindy Jones [goldyall@aol.com](mailto:goldyall@aol.com) is coordinating the Coaches Hospitality Suite while Michael Curling [michael.curling@gmail.com](mailto:michael.curling@gmail.com) is coordinating the volunteer positions on the track/field.

**When:** Saturday, March 18th ... all day

**Where:** Roswell HS Football Field

It's a wonderful chance to volunteer and work with all of these talented high school athletes. The energy is contagious! Hope you will be part of it!

[Click here to Sign up: Roswell Relays Hotlink:](#)

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**Review RRC Scholarship essays**

**Looking for a few great people to help!**



RRC Scholarship team is looking for a few people to come to Pop's Coffee (11444 Alpharetta Hwy) at 9:30am on Saturday, 3/25 to review scholarship essays. Please text **Angela Medley at 404-886-5764** if you are interested in getting to better know the next generation of youth via their essays!

**Tuesday, March 21, 6:00pm**

## **Who's Responsible for Revenue Growth? Attend Business Networking with Rotarians (12-club event)**

For you, or someone on your staff, grow your business by doing business with Rotarians in an environment that supports "Service Above Self"

**Expand your network.**  
**Grow your business.**

Rotarians want to buy from Rotarians.  
Meet people who put Service Above Self  
and get discovered at  
**Rotary Means Business**

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Bonus: This is also an opportunity for someone you are interested in recruiting to Roswell Rotary.

Tuesday, March 21 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm.

Location: Eclipse Di Luna, 4505 Ashford Dunwoody Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30346

For more information, contact Ken Carter  
404-386-3214 [ken.carter@floorcoveringsinternational.com](mailto:ken.carter@floorcoveringsinternational.com) or Hal Schlenger  
770-335-0077 [HSchlenger@GreatSouthBenefits.com](mailto:HSchlenger@GreatSouthBenefits.com)

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**Saturday March 25**

## **13th Annual “Sweep the Hooch” River Cleanup**



This is a joint event sponsored by the Chattahoochee Riverkeeper and supported through Roswell Rotary, Trout Unlimited, Keep North Fulton Beautiful and several other organizations. In 2022, more than 2,300 volunteers collected almost 60 tons of trash across the Chattahoochee.

We need walkers, waders and floaters to clean up the “Hooch” along Riverside Road, including the trails, the riverbank and possibly the islands.

To volunteer you must:

- Advise Dutch Earle, including number in you group/family participating.
- Sign Up at: <https://chattahoochee.org/sweep-the-hooch/> check the Roswell Rotary group and walker or wader. If you can float, check wader and let me know that you will be floating. If the signup is full, let me now and we will open more slots.
- Participants can park at my house, 9030 Bluffview Trace, Roswell 30076; in the Northcliff subdivision. We will then meet at the guard house, 9 AM and begin our adventure. Please wear old clothes. We will supply gloves and bags. Also, bring a “grabber” if you have or can buy one, makes picking up the trash easier!

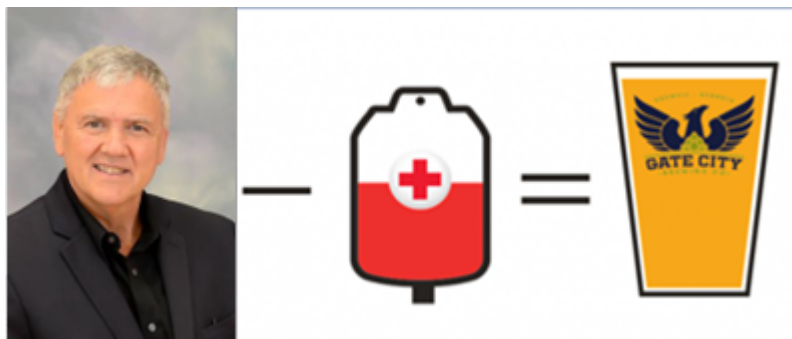
Call me or email me if you can participate and/or have any questions!

Dutch Earle, [dutchearle@gmail.com](mailto:dutchearle@gmail.com), 770.403.0755

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March 27 at Gate City 10:00am-6:00pm

## Life's Blood On Tap...from Jonathan Crooks



Once again, we are approaching our next opportunity to provide real life to someone else. We talk often about all the wonderful eases to life that we provide to those in need whom we support through so many different projects we undertake as Rotarians.

As the former seminarian that I am, I was taught during that study not to be proud, or certainly, not prideful. Being a Roswell Rotarian for just short of three years now, I must say, it is difficult to fight that feeling of pride in being a Roswell Rotarian, because of all the wonderful experiences I observe my fellow Rotarians bring to so many people in our own community and beyond the borders of our own country.

We have before us one more such opportunity this up-coming Monday March 27th. On that day, we will once again run our Blood Drive. It is a true, and very real, opportunity to provide nothing less than life! Life giving Blood to someone who is in desperate need. You'll never know who receives it. You'll never know who was saved by it. You'll never know whose family will rest easy that night because of YOU. All you'll know is, you did it. In that knowledge you will rest at peace that evening because you made a difference. Therefore, make a difference again March 27th. Join us at Gate City and give a pint and get a pint. The place where Life's Blood is on Tap!!

Please consider participating in this endeavor so we can continue to impact lives here and throughout the state with the gift of Roswell Rotary Blood. You are going to feel great about it...we guarantee it!

[Click here to reserve a space March 27th](#) to donate. For more information, contact [Jonathan Crooks](#) 770-841-8686, [Darrell Bartlett](#) 770-883-7757, or [Hal Schlenger](#) 770-335-0077

As always, we want to thank Pat Rains and Michael Curling for the current and past help saving lives in our community.

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**District Conference is April 27 - 30**

## **Rocking like only Roswell Rotary rocks!**

Sunday morning...the night before we dined out together...dance and partied one last night in the hospitality suite. It was rocking like only Roswell Rotary rocks! Who let the family on the hall with young kids? Did security shut us down again because our music was supposedly too loud?

Oh well...once you start moving it's time to don your red parrot shirt...head to breakfast...and get ready to see if we win any awards. Yes, they are awarding Club of the Year again this year. You don't want to miss this District Conference in Sandestin, Florida .

**Make your reservations today! [Registration and Accommodations Link](#)**



Save the dates

**Save the Date: Be Part of Making Roswell Rotary's Magic.**



This is what earns Rotary such a great reputation...and "Club of the Year" recognition. Plan to attend many of these events...and think about bringing a friend or prospective new member. If you believe in Rotary's mission and recognize the value our club brings to our community and our world, then participate -- and share it with others!

**Roswell Rotary Relays**

[Add To Calendar](#) March 18, 2023 7:30 am— 6:00 pm

### **Rotary-style Business Networking - Rotary Means Business**

{{subscribe:6875}} March 21, 2023 6:00 pm - 8:00pm

**Hump Day** location TBD

[Add To Calendar](#) Wed, March 22, 2023 5:30 pm - 7:00pm

### **Roswell District Training Assembly**

[Add To Calendar](#) March 25, 2023

### **Roswell Sweep the Hooch**

[Add To Calendar](#) March 25, 2023 8:00 am— 12:00 pm

### **RRC Scholarship Team Submission Review**

[Add To Calendar](#) March 25, 2023 9:30 am— 12:00 pm

### **Roswell Blood Drive at Gate City Brewery**

[Add To Calendar](#) March 27, 2023 10:00am - 6:00pm

### **After Hours April Fools Comedy Fest**

[Add To Calendar](#) April 1, 2023

### **District Conference**

[Add To Calendar](#) April 27-30 San Destin FL

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## **Rotary Last Week**

