

## Meetings

August is Membership and New Club Development Month

- 8/14 Mike Linch - Host of the Linch with a Leader Podcast
- 8/21 Danny Wuerful - Fmr. New Orleans Saints Football QB
- 8/28 Golf + Tennis Tournament Kick Off Meeting
- 9/4 Master Brewers from: Variant Brewing, Gate City Brewing, Voodoo Brewing + From the Earth Brewing Take the Stage for a Lesson in Leadership + Beer
- 9/11 No Meeting at Roswell Rotary - Tournament Week
- 9/18 District Update from District Governor Steve Ivory
- 9/25 Senator Saxby Chambliss
- 10/2 Roswell's State of the City with Mayor Kurt Wilson

## Events

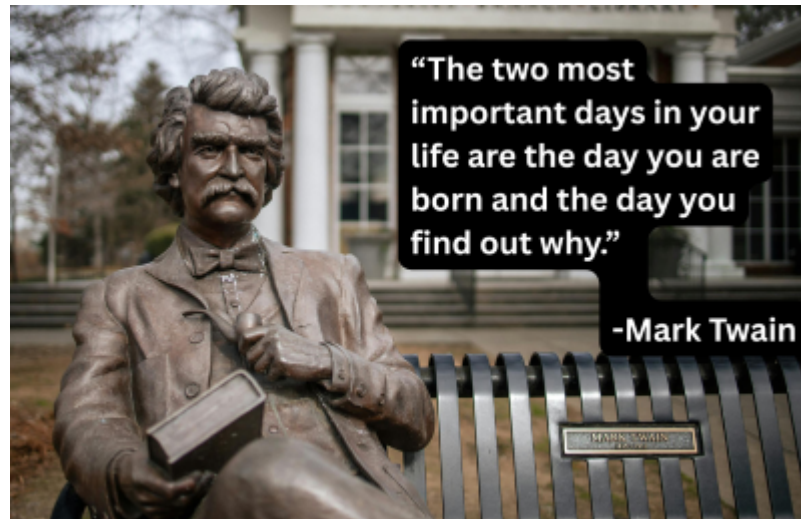
- 8/16 Walk w a Doc featuring Pain Mgmt Specialist Dr Joseph Kundukulam with Align Spine and Pain Institute
- 8/20 Pint for a Pint Blood Drive
- 8/21 Alive in Roswell with Roswell Rotary Club
- 8/23 Roswell PD Officer Jeremy Labonte Memorial 5K Run/Walk

## LEADERSHIP

President	Trummie Patrick, III
President-Elect	Leslie Bassett
Immediate PP	Nancy Alterman
Treasurer	Mike Agurkis
Secretary	Katie Anderson

### President's Message

## Two Weeks. Two Powerful Messages. One Clear Purpose.



Last week's speaker reminded us of the power in knowing our Rotary "Why." When we understand the deeper reason behind our service, the work takes on greater meaning. It's easy to get caught up in the busyness of meetings, projects, and fundraising — but when we pause and reconnect with why we do what we do, the meaning deepens and the work becomes more fulfilling. **Paul Harris** once said, *"Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves."* Those results begin with a clear sense of purpose — the fuel that keeps us showing up, taking action, and making a difference.

That purpose is front and center as we prepare for our upcoming Golf, Tennis, and Pickleball Tournaments. This isn't just another date on the calendar — it's a chance to turn purpose into impact. Every single dollar we raise will go directly back into our community, where it's needed most, to create lasting good right here in our own backyard. That's Service Above Self lived out in real time. As I mentioned last week, I want to personally encourage you to PLEASE consider donating and getting involved with this worthy cause! The time is now to get involved and give your support. *"The most effective way to do it, is to do it"* -**Amelia Earhart**

Rotarians are not just people of action — we are people of influence. We strengthen our members, support our partners, and inspire our community. Two weeks in a row, we've been challenged by speakers to know our "Why" and to live it out boldly. Let's carry that momentum forward — in our projects, in our relationships, and in every opportunity we have to represent Rotary.

To that end, this week, we're honored to welcome Mike Linch, former chaplain for the Atlanta Falcons, as our guest speaker. Mike will share how encouragement builds excellence — and why discouragement so often precedes destruction. His message is a powerful reminder that every day we have an opportunity to lift others by the way we live and lead. *"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader."* - **John Quincy Adams**

As we reflect on these powerful messages, let us remember our shared purpose of "Service above Self." It's what connects us, drives us, and moves us forward. When we

## PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS

Cheryl Greenway 2012-13  
Bob Hagan 2015-16  
Gordon Owens 2024-25

## ROTARY CLUB OF ROSWELL

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

## Rotary Online

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



## GET CLUB SMS ALERTS

text CLUBALERTS to  
(833) 456-2829

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

8/2 Gene Beckham, III  
8/5 Charlie Cameron  
8/7 Ryan Gehricke  
8/9 Jennifer Briggs  
8/10 Kathryn Igou  
8/12 Rick Dreger  
8/13 Ross Patton  
8/13 Lori Allen  
8/15 Betty Price  
8/17 Jacque Digieso  
8/18 John Albers  
8/19 Susan Rumble  
8/20 Debbie Cwalina  
8/22 Becki Campolito  
8/26 Grant Miller  
8/27 Lori Kirn

serve with this Rotary motto in mind, we create change that extends far beyond ourselves and this club in Roswell. Together, let's continue to embody Service Above Self — not just as a motto, but as a way of life that transforms lives, strengthens communities, and shapes a better tomorrow. The impact we make today lays the foundation for generations to come.

Sic Vos Non Vobis,

Trummie Lee Patrick III  
State Farm Insurance

## The Power of Encouragement: How Mike Linch Inspires Excellence

# SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT



This week, Roswell Rotary is honored to welcome Pastor Mike Linch, Senior Pastor of NorthStar Church in Kennesaw, Georgia, where he has served for 28 years. With a career rooted in ministry and mentorship, Mike brings a message titled *Encouragement Builds Excellence*, a theme that reflects his lifelong commitment to helping others discover and live out their purpose. A graduate of Liberty University and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Mike's background includes Division I baseball, youth ministry, and leadership roles that span both spiritual and athletic communities. He has delivered his encouraging messages to athletes at Georgia, Georgia Tech, Georgia State, the Baltimore Ravens, and the Atlanta Falcons, among others. Beyond the pulpit, Mike is a football chaplain and pitching coach at Allatoona High School, continuing his hands-on approach to encouragement and leadership. He and his wife Anne have been married

- 8/28 Richard Spencer
- 8/30 Ted Lescher, Jr.
- 8/31 Steve Stroud

## YEARS OF SERVICE

- 8/1 Steven Palmer (9)  
9 years in Rotary
- 8/2 Chris Webb (3)
- 8/3 John Carruth (30)
- 8/4 David Young (37)
- 8/6 Elwyn Gaissert, II (44)
- 8/12 Priya Crumpton (1)
- 8/12 FJ Levy II (1)
- 8/12 Robert McIntyre (1)
- 8/13 Rick Meer (33)
- 8/20 John Wolfe (33)
- 8/20 Trummie Patrick, III (10)
- 8/23 Jay Pickett, III (7)
- 8/25 Lynn Dunn (9)
- 8/28 Lori Kirn (11)
- 8/29 Lucy Hall (6)
- 8/29 Katie Anderson (6)

## 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](mailto:lynnehlindsay@outlook.com)

for 33 years and are proud parents of two adult children.

In his talk, Mike explores the transformative power of encouragement not as a fleeting compliment, but as a legacy-building force. Drawing from examples he illustrates how affirmation and belief can unlock potential in others. Mike's message is impactful for those in leadership, coaching, or mentorship roles. He reminds us that excellence isn't built on performance alone, but nurtured through affirmation, belief, and purpose. Recognized as one of John Maxwell's Top 30 Transformational Leaders in America and Acworth's Business Person of the Year, Mike exemplifies the kind of servant leadership that uplifts others. For those interested in hearing more, his podcast series offers ongoing insights into faith, leadership, and personal growth and can be found [here](#). [read more]

### Board Member Spotlight 2025-26

## Alicia Hughes- Chief of Staff to President Trummie Lee



Alicia Hughes currently serves as President of W.S. Nielsen Company and has been with WSN for 19 years. Alicia's business excellence, commitment to safety and perseverance which contributed to WSN working on local projects with The Coca-Cola Company, The Home Depot, CNN, Amazon, Turner Properties, Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC, Truist Park, Porsche Cars North America, Gulf Stream, The Atlanta Braves, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and many more.

She has been a part of Roswell Rotary since the first Honor Air Flight in 2008. Alicia went on the first flight as a Guardian to three WWII vets and was on the Safety

Committee for the other 10 Honor Air Trips. She serves on the Roswell Rotary Board of Directors as President Lee's Chief of Staff. She also currently serves on the Associated Builders and Contractors Board of Directors, Membership Committee, ABC Legislative Committee, and the Leadership Forsyth Board of Directors.

Alicia has been married to her husband Kenny for 23 years and they have two children. Savannah lives in Nashville, TN and works for a Music Management Firm. Reagan lives between GA and NC as a commercial underwater diver and welder. They have two dogs, love to travel, camp and hike.

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## New Member Spotlight - Walter Burnotes



### New Member Spotlight

*"Love being a Rotarian! Prior to my recent membership, I have participated in various Roswell activities since 2013 encouraged by my wonderful sponsor Sandy Buhler. Volunteering has been part of my DNA.*

*It started when I volunteered to become an Altar boy while in elementary school (3 thru 8). Once in high school, I became a member of our Glee Club after which I then moved on to the Univ. of Maryland's Mens Glee Club. But as my voice changed, I volunteered for 3 years as Equipment Manager on Maryland's Football team. Upon graduating from the University and entering the business world, I became a US Jaycee - where I actively participated in our local Baltimore suburb's community activities. As my sales career progressed, I soon participated in my industry's professional organization which contributed in my successful 35 year career at 3M. Since retirement, I have become a master in eBay selling my STAR WARS collection of toys as well as my collection of Sports cards.*

*Family consists of one daughter and two sons. (All now living in GA) They have contributed 8 Grandchildren and 2 Great-Grandchildren.*

*For many years, I enjoyed snow skiing & scuba diving; but my body now prefers cruising and following my favorite teams: the Ravens, the Orioles and Maryland Terrapins. I still enjoy & support the Braves, the Falcons, the GA Bulldogs and FSU Seminoles." -Walter Burnotes*

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## Golf-Tennis-Pickleball

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Tournament Update

**We Need Sponsorships!**



**The Power of Corporate Sponsorship: Making a Local Impact Through Golf, Tennis, & Pickleball**

As Rotarians, we know service above self is more than a motto — it's a call to action.

That's why the Roswell Rotary Golf, Tennis, & Pickleball Tournaments are more than just fun on the fairways and fierce matches on the courts. They're engines of change for our community.

### **Why Do Corporate Sponsorships Matter?**

Every dollar raised through our annual tournaments goes directly to local charities that make a difference in the lives of children, veterans, seniors, and families in need. Corporate sponsorship helps fund programs that provide winter clothing for students, medical equipment for veterans, meals for homebound seniors, and educational support for at-risk youth — to name just a few.

### **What Do Sponsors Receive?**

Each corporate sponsor gets recognition through signage, marketing, and social media. Yes, a corporate sponsor receives a foursome to enjoy a day of networking and camaraderie on the course, or a team on the tennis and pickleball courts. But the impact of each sponsorship is more than that. Sponsors gain something money can't buy: the intrinsic satisfaction of knowing their support is transforming lives right here in our own backyard.

### **It's More Than a Logo — It's a Legacy**

By committing to sponsor, it's not just promoting a business or brand. It's about committing to Legacy of our Club and taking part in investing in the well-being of our community. That's a win-win we can all rally behind.

**Join us. Be a corporate sponsor. Swing for a cause. Serve up some good.** And help us continue the legacy of giving that defines Roswell Rotary. Join me and be a corporate sponsor for the 2025 Roswell Rotary Golf, Tennis & Pickleball Tournament.

To sponsor or learn more, visit the Tournament Website or contact James Stone [james@stonelaw.com](mailto:james@stonelaw.com) or Ryan Gehricke [rgehricke@lanternrealestategroup.com](mailto:rgehricke@lanternrealestategroup.com)

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### **We Need Your Dark Spirits**

## **Bourbon and Red Wine Collection for Tournament Wine Pull**



Katie Anderson is making an urgent ask! Please help us with the wine and bourbon collection for the bottle pull at the tournament. She will be collecting your donated bottles each week at the tournament table. Or you can drop donations off at her office E Home Loan Advisors 595 W Crossville Road Roswell, GA 30075 -especially if you are donating wines that need to be kept cool. This is a super popular feature of the tournament and a great money maker! Guidelines - Bourbon/Whiskey bottles should be \$40 value and up. Red wine donations should be \$30 value and up. Thanks for making this event a success. Contact Katie Anderson [ktucker@ehla.com](mailto:ktucker@ehla.com) if you have questions.

Remember, Katie is begging you to help!

**Sign Up for Sponsorship**  
**Thank You Premium Sponsors!**

<p><b>Gold Golf</b></p> <hr/> <p>KURT WILSON</p> <hr/> 	<p><b>Diamond Sponsor</b></p>  <p>Patsy &amp; Bill Wolff</p>	<p><b>Round Robin</b></p>  
		<p><b>Rally Rock Star Pickleball</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patrick Family Foundation</li> </ul>
<p><b>Silver Golf</b></p>    	<p><b>Court Tennis</b></p>   	
		<p><b>Pickle Pals Pickleball</b></p> 

Thank you for your Sponsorship of the 2025 Golf-Tennis-Pickleball Tournament

- **Patsy & Bill Wolff-** Diamond Golf & Tennis Sponsor
- **Patrick Family Foundation-**Rally Rockstar Pickleball
- **Kurt Wilson-**Gold Golf
- **Bob Hagan-** Round Robin Tennis
- **Lee Hollinsworth-** Round Robin Tennis
- **Swank Law Group-** Silver Golf
- **Stone Law Group-** Silver Golf
- **MediStream-Jim Coyle-** Silver Golf
- **WS Nielson-** Silver Golf
- **Atlanta Re-Roof-** Silver Golf
- **Sandy Buhler-** Court Tennis
- **Schmit & Associates-** Court Tennis
- **Good Life Travel-** Court Tennis

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## Youth Exchange: Roswell Rotary's Global Family Grows



Roswell Rotary is thrilled to welcome Mattéo Ngoy Kalumba, our newest Youth Exchange student from France who also has roots in the Congo! Mattéo arrived on August 9 to a warm and enthusiastic welcome from Gordon and Ashley Owens, Alisia Booth, and Deb Perkins. He barely had time to catch his breath before diving into Youth Exchange Orientation, where he connected with Rotarian Peter Saddler. Mattéo will attend Roswell High School as a junior, with Gordon and Ashley Owens serving as his host family to help ensure a smooth transition. Everyone will have the chance to meet Mattéo soon, and we're excited to learn more about his interests, including a budding enthusiasm for football.

Born and raised in Lorient, Brittany, France, Mattéo has three siblings, two of whom are in college or graduate school, and his favorite subjects are math and science. Mattéo is currently pursuing a dual high school diploma through a partnership between his school in Brittany and a high school in Florida, with aspirations to study medicine in the U.S. He enjoys basketball, football, and PlayStation, and hopes to join sports teams at RHS. We're delighted to have Mattéo in our Rotary family and look forward to supporting him throughout this exciting journey.

For almost 100 years, Rotary International has arranged high school student exchanges around the globe. Today, the Rotary Youth Exchange program is one of the largest and most respected high school exchange programs in the world. Each year, nearly 10,000 students participate in this life-changing experience. [[read more](#)]

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**Red Cross & WellStar  
Blood Drive August 20**

# BLOOD DRIVE

A Life-saving Function  
at Roswell Junction!

340 S Atlanta St - Roswell



Wednesday, Aug 20th  
8:00 am - 2:00 pm



**GIVE A PINT  
GET A PINT**



Thursday August 21  
**Alive in Roswell**

*It's Alive in Roswell Time!!*

Thursday August 21 5:00 -8:00pm

**Roswell Rotarians**

**Gather at Hagan Center at 5pm**



Alive in Roswell - Thursday evening August 21st - RRC member Becky Nelson, Capital City Home Loans is sponsoring the food and fellowship for this month. Join us at Hagan Corner for grilled Sliders/"dogs" and beverages from 5-8:00.

995 Canton Street \* Roswell We need a full tent!!!! Last Alive in Roswell before the Golf-Tennis-Pickleball Tournament.

## Roswell PD Officer Jeremy Labonte Memorial 5K Run/Walk



The poster features a dark blue background. On the left is the Roswell Police Department badge. The main title 'Officer Jeremy Labonte Memorial 5K Run/Walk' is in large white font. Below it, the date 'Saturday, August 23, 2025' and time '8:00 am' are listed. The location 'Riverside Park - 575 Riverside Rd. Roswell, GA 30075' is provided. A paragraph describes the walk as a memorial for Officer Jeremy Labonte. A registration link 'bit.ly/LabonteMemorial5K' is included. On the right is a photo of Officer Labonte in uniform. At the bottom are logos for the Roswell Police Department, Tunnel to Towers Foundation, and Roswell Georgia.

**Officer Jeremy Labonte  
Memorial 5K Run/Walk**

**Saturday, August 23, 2025**  
8:00 am  
Riverside Park - 575 Riverside Rd.  
Roswell, GA 30075

Join us for the First Annual Memorial Walk dedicated to Officer Jeremy Labonte, a beloved hero and protector in our community. This is a time to remember his legacy, reflect on his service, and stand united in support and love.

Register at: [bit.ly/LabonteMemorial5K](https://bit.ly/LabonteMemorial5K)

**Tunnel to Towers Foundation**  
T2T.ORG

**Roswell**  
georgia

Roswell Rotarians are invited to register for this walk. We would love to have a big group wearing their Rotary t-shirts (we have extras if you don't have one) to show support for Roswell PD and the Labonte family . Proceeds go to Tunnel to Towers Foundation to pay toward his widow's mortgage. More details to follow about where to meet, etc .Register [HERE](#)

Any questions, pls contact Lyn Lindsay [lynnehlindsay@outlook.com](mailto:lynnehlindsay@outlook.com)

## April 16-19, 2026 2026 District Conference- Lake Lanier Islands



The poster features a scenic view of Lake Lanier islands. The year '2026' is written in large, stylized blue and yellow font. A yellow banner at the bottom says 'District Conference'. A QR code is on the right with an arrow pointing to it and the text 'Scan To Register'. At the bottom, it lists activities: 'Scenic Boat Cruise | Pickelball | Nature Walk | Golf | Spa Services | Margaritaville Beach | and so Much More!' and the dates 'April 16-19, 2026' and location 'Lake Lanier, GA'.

**2026**

**Scan To Register**

**District Conference**

Scenic Boat Cruise | Pickelball | Nature Walk | Golf | Spa Services | Margaritaville Beach | and so Much More!

April 16-19, 2026 Lake Lanier, GA

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Sunday, Oct. 12

## **SAVE the DATE: Farm Day with First responders**



### **Save the Date!**

We're excited to announce our upcoming Farm Day with First Responders event! This special day will combine our annual 9-11 cookout with a meaningful tribute to our first responder families, in response to requests from the police and fire chiefs. While the details are still being finalized, we want to make sure everyone reserves the date.

Stay tuned for more information soon! [Add To Calendar](#)

#FarmDay #FirstResponders #CommunityEvent #SaveTheDate

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**Your body is asking for this**

## **Walk with a Doc: Community hike after Pain Mgmt Specialist Dr K talks**



Pain Mgmt Specialist Dr Joseph Kundukulam with Roswell's Align Spine and Pain Institute will discuss how to manage your aches and pains. It's not always obvious.

Location: "Meet at the covered bridge. Free parking. Dog friendly. A couple of hills to challenge you getting to a beautiful waterfall. Short and medium distance trails.

Contact Hal Schlenger or Dr Betty Price for more info.

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Upcoming Roswell Rotary Events

**Save the Date: Find Your Spot and Help Us to Unite for GOOD**

**Save the Date**



**Michael Curling**  
**Service Projects Chair**



**Bob Clarkson**  
**Social Chair**

**Walk with a Doc**

Saturday, August 16 8:30am - 1030am  
meet at Vickery Mill covered bridge

[Add To Calendar](#)

**Blood Drive for Red Cross/Wellstar at Roswell Junction**

Wednesday, August 20 8am - 2pm

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=roswellrotary>

[Add To Calendar](#)

**Alive in Roswell**

Thursday, August 21 5pm - 8pm

[Add To Calendar](#)

**5K Memorial Walk for RPD Officer Labonte**

Saturday, August 23 8am Riverside Park

[Add To Calendar](#)

**GOLF, TENNIS & PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT**

Monday, Sept. 8 Country Club of Roswell

[Add To Calendar](#)

**Alive in Roswell**

Thursday, September 18 5pm - 8pm

[Add To Calendar](#)

**Youth Day Parade**

Saturday, October 4 Time: TBD

[Add To Calendar](#)

**Farm Day with First Responders**

Sunday, Oct. 12  
Gary Garrett Farm  
[Add To Calendar](#)

**December 13, 2025**

**Roswell Rotary Holiday Party**

Saturday, Dec 13  
[Add To Calendar](#)

**District 6900 Conference Lake Lanier Islands**

Thursday April 16 - Sunday April 19  
[Add To Calendar](#)

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**Last Week at Roswell Rotary**



**First Service Pin Ceremony 2025**



**Jenn Gray**

- Be the most interested person in the room, not the most interesting
- In the messy middle, most people quit
- Your authenticity is your competitive advantage
- Life doesn't happen *TO* you, it happens *FOR* you.



**Ken Briggs  
His Story**

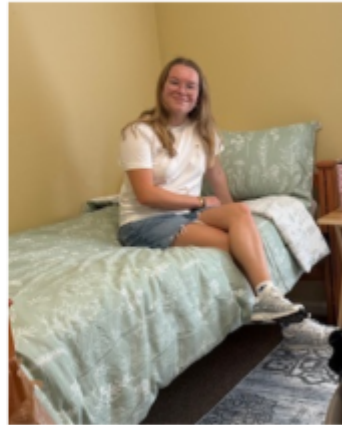


**Kevin Jordan**

**Needs help with  
Beverage contacts  
as well as coolers**



**Our GSRP student has arrived from Denmark  
Louise Nielsen**



**Louise moves into  
Dorm at KSU**



**New, Old &  
Familiar  
Faces**



**Matteo is here!**



# Another Peace Pole!

