

Meetings

October is Economic and Community Development Month

- 10/9 Bob Hope on Leadership and his time with the Atlanta Braves and Ted Turner
- 10/16 Hometown Giants - Hear from Delta, UPS and Coca-Cola. Moderated by PP Dave McCleary
- 10/23 State of Roswell Police Dept and Fire Department with Chief Conroy and Interim Deputy Fire Chief Thompson
- 10/30 Interact Kick Off Meeting + GRSP/RYE Introductions
- 11/6 U.S Treasurer Brandon Beach
- 11/13 Congressman Buddy Carter - GA Ports Update
- 11/20 Lt. Governor Burt Jones
- 11/27 No Meeting at Roswell Rotary - Thanksgiving

Events

- 10/12 Farm Day: Roswell Rotary Honors Our Local Heroes
- 10/13 RRAH - Monday Night Football!
- 10/15 Wednesday, Bloody Wednesday :-)) aka Pint for a Pint blood drive
- 10/15 "Pint for a Pint" blood drive

LEADERSHIP

President Trummie Patrick, III
President-Elect Leslie Bassett

President's Message



From Youth to Experience: Leadership in Motion

At this past week's Roswell Rotary meeting, we briefly recognized the Roswell Youth Council — an important reminder that the future leaders of our city are already beginning their journey. While their work is just starting, their presence signaled something larger: our community invests in its youth because we know they will carry the torch forward. (I was very proud of my Taylor!)

Mayor Kurt Wilson highlighted the success of the 75th Roswell Youth Day Parade, a celebration that brought the entire community together. That milestone event — honoring our youth and affirming the role of leadership development — reflects exactly what Rotary values: preparing the next generation while strengthening the present.

As John Quincy Adams once said: "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."

This week, we shift from recognizing tomorrow's leaders to learning from one of today's most accomplished.

Bob Hope: Leading by Example

This week, Roswell Rotary welcomes Rotarian Bob Hope — a leader whose career and service have left a lasting mark on Atlanta and far beyond.

Bob's story began in sports, where he rose from an usher at the Atlanta Braves to directing public relations during Hank Aaron's historic home run chase. By age 30, he was serving as a vice president for both the Braves and the Hawks, and working side-by-side with Ted Turner during the formative years of Turner Broadcasting.

From there, he co-founded Hope-Beckham, a nationally recognized PR and marketing firm, guiding campaigns for Fortune 500 companies, sports franchises, and major civic

Immediate PP	Nancy Alterman
Treasurer	Mike Agurkis
Secretary	Katie Anderson
Membership	Courtney Lott

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

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 (833) 456-2829

Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

10/1 Ralph Rowland, Jr.
 10/2 Cheryl Greenway
 10/2 Sandy Buhler
 10/4 Ronald Cowan
 10/4 Lucy Hall
 10/7 Lynne Lindsay
 10/10 Jeffrey Meyers
 10/11 Charlie Brown
 10/12 SaraBeth Huntley
 10/12 Jeff McCoy
 10/15 Tori Nielsen

events, including the Olympic Games. Yet his leadership extends far beyond business. In Rotary, Bob has chaired international conventions, earned the Service Above Self award, and served as one of Atlanta's most visible Rotarian voices worldwide.

His impact also stretches to global service. Bob is a founder and vice chairman of the HAVE Foundation, which builds and sustains schools in Honduras, giving children opportunities for education and hope. He has also represented Rotary and the Carter Center abroad, even serving as an election observer in Nepal — putting Rotary ideals into action on the world stage.

In every chapter of his life, Bob has modeled the truth that leadership isn't just about success — it's about service, vision, and creating opportunities for others. Maya Angelou captured it best: "People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." Those who have worked with Bob have felt empowered, respected, and included — the marks of a leader who serves first.

Bridging Generations of Leadership

In just two weeks, Roswell Rotary has celebrated the energy of youth at the parade, acknowledged the promise of student leaders through the Youth Council, and now turns to the wisdom of a seasoned leader in Bob Hope.

It's a continuum — one generation beginning to learn, another showing what lifelong leadership looks like. Together, they remind us of Rotary's mission and our city's future: Service Above Self is not just a motto — it is a way of living that connects young and old, hope and experience.

Sic Vos Non Vobis

Trummie Lee Patrick III
 President Roswell Rotary 2025-26

Bob Hope on Leadership and His Time with Ted Turner and the Atlanta Braves

- 10/16 David Wash
- 10/16 Natalie Cook
- 10/17 Jim Byrd
- 10/17 Geoff Smith
- 10/18 A.D. Dalton
- 10/19 Jack Stephens
- 10/23 Mindy Jones
- 10/23 Queen Brown
- 10/26 Katie Anderson

YEARS OF SERVICE

- 10/1 Fate McKinney, III (23)
30 years in Rotary
- 10/4 Shields Blankenship, III (2)
8 years in Rotary
- 10/6 Chuck Savage (8)
16 years in Rotary
- 10/7 Jim Coyle, Jr. (15)
- 10/7 Matthew Millard (15)
- 10/9 Bill Kolbrener (0)
- 10/9 Aaron Farrant (0)
- 10/9 Shannon Harrison (0)
- 10/10 Mike McRay (22)
- 10/11 Darrell Bartlett (5)
- 10/11 William Lindsey (5)
- 10/11 Ted Lescher, Jr. (5)
11 years in Rotary
- 10/13 Jennifer Briggs (13)
- 10/16 Lou Tabickman (16)
- 10/18 Taylor Schmidt (1)
- 10/18 William McFarlin (1)
- 10/18 John Gordon (1)
- 10/18 William Brown, Esq. (1)
- 10/19 Kurt Hilbert (7)
8 years in Rotary
- 10/23 Steve Stroud (38)
- 10/28 Ryan Gehricke (3)
- 10/29 Hal Coleman (26)

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 lynnehilindsay@outlook.com

SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT



Bob Hope

Roswell Rotary is proud to welcome this week's speaker on Thursday, October 9, Robert E. "Bob" Hope, an accomplished businessman, author, philanthropist, and lifelong Rotarian whose career reads like a highlight reel of American sports and media history.

Bob Hope began his journey in public relations while still in college, joining the Atlanta Braves and quickly rising to become the team's Director of PR and Promotions at just 24. By 25, he was managing the Major League Baseball All-Star Game, and by 29, he was Vice President under Ted Turner, working across the Braves, the Hawks, and Turner Broadcasting. He was also at Hank Aaron's side during the legendary chase to break Babe Ruth's home run record, a moment etched in baseball lore.

His career later took him to The Coca-Cola Company, where he helped shape Olympic marketing efforts, and eventually to New York, where he held a top role at the world's largest PR firm. Today, he is co-owner and president of Hope-Beckham Inc., a leading public relations and event marketing agency whose clients have included the Chick-fil-A Foundation, The Coca-Cola Company, Belk's, Turner Broadcasting, Home Depot, Southern Company, Comcast, and numerous sports leagues and nonprofits. [[read more](#)]

#1-Cornhole Tournament

President's Polio Power Play



Throughout the month of October, I'll be including a couple of short paragraphs in the "President's Polio Power Play" to keep polio awareness front and center. Since this month is Polio Month, it's the perfect time to remind us of Rotary's impact and our role in finally eradicating this disease. Since 1979, Rotary and our partners have helped immunize over 2.5 billion children worldwide, reducing polio cases by 99.9%.

Yet the fight isn't over. Experts warn that if vaccinations stopped, Polio could paralyze up to 200,000 children every year within a decade. That's a real stat for everyone to remember! Rotary continues leading the charge through immunization campaigns, disease surveillance, and advocacy. As Rotary International maintains, "Polio is the only human disease we can eradicate without a cure—only with vaccine, perseverance, and partnership."

Polio Power Play #1

Now it's our turn to make a difference. Roswell Rotarians can support this life-changing cause by joining us at our **Polio Fundraiser Cornhole Tournament at the end of October or by making a gift to Rotary's polio prevention efforts.** <https://my.rotary.org/en/donate> Every dollar helps bring us one step closer to a polio-free world.

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Trummie Lee Patrick III

Alex Kaufman- 2nd Year Past President
Board Member Spotlight

ROTARY SPOTLIGHT 2025-2026 BOARD



Serving as Roswell Rotary Club President in 2023-2024, Alex Kaufman brought the Christkindl Market to Roswell through his connections with the organization, with hopes that this will be a longstanding tradition and collaboration between RRC, Bulloch Hall and the City of Roswell.

Professionally, Alex is an experienced trial attorney representing clients in commercial, employment and securities litigation. He provides advice on corporate and franchise matters as well as intellectual property disputes, corporate disputes and government relations, ranging from local governments to the federal government. Currently serving as the General Counsel for the Republican Party of Georgia, Alex also provides counsel for the 7th Congressional District. [[read more](#)]

This Sunday, October 12th, from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
First Responder Family Farm Picnic



Join us for the First Responder Family Farm Picnic this Sunday, October 12th, from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM, at Gary Garrett's "Gold & Grass" Farm.

This year, we're honored to welcome special guests: all City of Roswell First Responders—Fire, Police, EMS, support personnel—and their families.

This heartfelt event celebrates the everyday heroes who serve and protect our community. Enjoy a fun-filled day with delicious food, lively entertainment, and engaging activities for kids and adults alike. [\[read more\]](#)

ER Nurse's Week

Honoring Heroes at WellStar North Fulton



The week of Oct. 5-11 has been designated ER Nurses Week. To recognize these heroes in our community, Roswell Rotary will be serving dinner to the Emergency Room night shift nurses on Wed, Oct. 8th. Many of us in the Club have been in emergency situations and received care from these amazing heroes at WellStar North Fulton, which is a Level II Trauma Center. Thank you to all of the emergency personnel who serve our community, and to the North Fulton Rotary Club and Sandy Springs Rotary Club, who are also honoring the ER staff on Tuesday and Thursday, respectively.

RRAH - Monday Night Football, Oct. 13th



Join Roswell Rotary After Hours in our Monday Night Football & Cornhole social event at Gate City!

Monday, Oct. 13th at 7 PM. Gate City Brewing. See you all there!

Oct 15

Bloody Wednesday Blood Drive

BLOODY WEDNESDAY BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, Oct. 15th
8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Roswell Junction
340 S Atlanta St - Roswell



**GIVE A PINT
GET A PINT**



100 Gift Boxes-Packing Nov. 6
Collecting for Naval Personnel

Anchors Away- 100 Gift Boxes to Naval Personnel on ships



**Collecting Now
Order online or
bring to Rotary**

Food:

- granola, fruit, nut, sweet & salty
- Quick protein mix
- Beef jerky
- powdered drink mix
- packets coffee

Other:

hand sanitizer, shampoo, body lotion, AA , AAA batteries, toothpaste, Toothbrushes, deodorant, gum, lip balm, socks, magazines for 18-28 years old, gold bond powder , packets of coffee, paper, pen, envelopes



Ralph Rowland is heading up this project. [404-641-5671](tel:404-641-5671) Need supplies as well as volunteers to fill the boxes at the Nov. 6th meeting. Plus four people to assemble the boxes before the meeting so they are ready to fill. Great project and looking forward to your support! This project was formerly known as Adopt a Platoon, and this year we are focusing on the Navy!



Scarecrow Roto-Lee on Canton St.

Meet Rota-Lee, our Roswell Rotary Scarecrow on Canton St.



Roswell Rotary's new member Bill Sawin and Mary Trapp put lots of hours into "RotaLEE".

President Trummie Lee Patrick III invites you all to walk down Canton Street view all of the creations, and take a pic with RotaLee and VOTE for RRC!

April 16-19, 2026

2026 District Conference- Lake Lanier Islands



[Click Here to Register](#)

Register NOW- Early Bird Discount Ends TODAY Tuesday September 16th

That's a Wrap- Youth Day Parade 2025



Youth Day Parade Float Awards!

- 2nd Place Mayor's Award-Roswell Rotary Club
- 1st Place Civic Clubs Division-Roswell Rotary Club

The Roswell Rotary Interact Club float design this year was the very theme of the parade: Growing Together. With vines woven through the Rotary Wheels, down the sides, the front and the back of the Trailer, everyone saw the celebratory 75 anniversary spelled out in sunflowers as Interact students from Centennial HS, Crabapple Middle, Mimosa Elementary, Mt Park Elementary and Roswell HS threw the obligatory pounds of candy to thousands of onlookers. [\[read more\]](#)

Tailgating for Polio

Roswell Rotary Polio Tailgate



What a picture perfect day in Athens, GA for the first-ever Tailgating for Polio event. Thanks to Dave & Trummie Lee Patrick for waiting in line during the wee hours to assure that we got the perfect tailgating spot, to Gordon Owens & Trummie Lee for suffering those planning sessions over a cold one, and to all who woke up early on a Saturday to drive to Athens for a noon kickoff. And thanks to campus police for upholding Roswell Rotary's infamous reputation and letting the air out of our Rotary blow up. (No, we were not too rowdy. Just rules about soliciting for causes at tailgates)

We met new people and other Rotarians and former GSRP students even dropped by. Great way to kickoff Polio month!



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

Farm Day with First Responders

Sunday, Oct. 12
Gold & Grass Farms
[Add To Calendar](#)

Bloody Wednesday Blood Drive
Wed. Oct. 15 8am - 2pm
[Add To Calendar](#)

Alive in Roswell
Thursday, October 16 5pm - 8pm
[Add To Calendar](#)

Anchors Away- Boxes for Navy
Thursday, Nov 6 Before & After meeting
[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](#)

Last Week at Roswell Rotary

Last Week at Rotary



**Speaker- Roswell
Mayor Kurt Wilson**



**Patrick Family
Paul Harris
Donors**





Roswell Youth Council



Hero of the Month- Teacher Crystal Baker





**First Responders
Farm Day 10-12**





Roswell Rotary After Hours



Women of Rotary Event

