

Meetings

October is Economic and Community Development Month

- 10/23 State of Roswell Police Dept and Fire Department with Police Chief Conroy and Fire Chief Pabel Troche
- 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
- 12/4 Farrell Middleton - The Bell Curve of Life
- 12/11 Chancellor Sonny Perdue

Events

- 10/23 Cornhole Tournament @ Lucky's
- 10/27 RUMC JOB FAIR
- 11/6 Anchors Away- Packing Boxes for Naval Personnel
- 12/8 RUMC JOB FAIR
- 12/13 Roswell Rotary Holiday Party
- 3/2 Read Across America Day
- 3/14 Roswell Rotary 75th Anniversary Party
- 3/21 Roswell Relays

LEADERSHIP

President Trummie Patrick, III
President-Elect Leslie Bassett

President's Message

The Red Bandana



Roswell's Symbols of Selfless Courage



Courage in Action

On September 11, 2001, as flames and smoke consumed the South Tower of the World Trade Center, a 24-year-old equities trader named Welles Crowther made a decision that defined his life—and his legacy. Crowther, a former volunteer firefighter, grabbed a red bandana from his pocket, tied it over his face, and charged up and down the stairs of the 78th floor—again and again—guiding strangers to safety. Survivors later recalled the calmness in his voice, the steadiness of his hands, and the red bandana that became a symbol of hope amid chaos. He saved at least a dozen lives before the tower collapsed. Welles Crowther didn't set out to be a hero that morning. He simply answered a call—to serve, to protect, to give of himself without hesitation. His story reminds us that true heroism is often quiet, instinctive, and rooted in love for others.

That same spirit of courage and selflessness lives among us here in Roswell. When a call comes in—whether it's a structure fire, a car accident, or a dangerous domestic situation—our police officers and firefighters don't stop to calculate risk -They go! Every day, Roswell's Police and Fire face uncertainty and danger with the same resolve that guided Welles Crowther up those smoke-filled stairs. And while their acts of heroism may not make the evening news, they make all the difference to the people whose lives they touch.

Honored to Host Police & Fire Chiefs as Speakers Thursday Oct. 23

This week, Roswell Rotary is honored to host Chief James W. Conroy of the Roswell Police Department and Chief Pabel Troche of the Roswell Fire Department. They represent the disciplined courage, strategic vision, and selfless heart behind our city's safety. Under Chief Conroy's leadership, the Roswell Police Department emphasizes

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

text CLUBALERTS to
 (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

community engagement, transparency, and professionalism. The fire side is evolving as well—balancing everyday calls with larger system improvements and new challenges.

Let’s listen closely to Fire Chief Troche and Police Chief Conroy as they share their insights and challenges. At its core, Rotary’s motto—“Service Above Self”—is the very similar creed that drives every first responder. It’s about showing up when you’re needed most. It’s about courage, compassion, and commitment. As a club, Roswell Rotary has stood shoulder to shoulder with these heroes—hosting Family Farm Day for first responders and their families, sponsoring recognition events, and saying thank you in tangible ways. But our gratitude should always lead to action.

How Can You Help?

Let’s ask how Rotary can help—whether through community partnerships, youth outreach, or supporting programs for those who carry this burden every day. Welles Crowther’s red bandana became a symbol of selfless courage. In Roswell, the symbols are different—a badge, a helmet, a fire engine, a squad car—but the message is the same: Service above self.

As we honor our city’s first responders this week, may we also renew our own commitment as Rotarians—to be people who step forward, not back; who serve quietly but powerfully; and who remember that the best way to thank a hero is to live by the same creed they do.

State of Roswell : Roswell Police Chief Conroy & Fire Chief Pabel Troche

SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT

The Chiefs



Chief James W. Conroy
 Roswell Police Dept.



Fire Chief Pabel Troche
 Roswell Fire Dept.

Let’s show our appreciation for those who serve with courage and commitment. To read about these dedicated men, click “read more”. [\[read more\]](#)

A New Twist

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 lynnehlindsay@outlook.com

Cornhole for Polio Thursday Oct. 23 6:00 PM Lucky's



Sponsor a Team NOW! [\[read more\]](#)

100 Gift Boxes-Packing Nov. 6

Anchors Away- Collecting for Naval Personnel

**Anchors
 Away- 100
 Gift Boxes to
 Naval
 Personnel on
 ships**



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

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



Ralph Rowland is heading up this project. [404-641-5671](tel:404-641-5671) [\[read more\]](#)

#3- Cross the Finish Line

President's Polio Power Play



<https://my.rotary.org/en/donate> Choose Polio Plus & Use Club Code 4142 for Roswell Rotary

[read more]

World Polio Day



Board Spotlight

Darrell Bartlett: Club Administration/Meetings

ROTARY SPOTLIGHT 2025-2026 BOARD



Darrell Bartlett: Club Administration/Meetings [[read more](#)]

New Member Spotlight
Welcome Ryan Williams

 **NEW MEMBER
SPOTLIGHT**



Meet New Member Ryan Williams [\[read more\]](#)

Vote for Scarecrow-\$2 per vote

Scarecrow Roto-Lee on Canton St.

Vote for Roswell Rotary Scarecrow
on Canton St.



Scarecrow # 88 -Rota Lee



\$2 per vote



District Conference Registration Info

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

UNITE FOR GOOD

ROTARY DISTRICT 6900 • SERVICE HEROES

[Click Here to Register](#)

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

[Cornhole for Polio](#) Thursday, October 23 6pm

Lucky's
[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

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Atlanta Giants
UPS & Delta Airlines



Youth Day Parade and Tailgate for Polio Volunteer Recognition



Register Your Cornhole Team for Thursday Oct. 23-Lucky's



First Responders Farm Day Volunteer Recognition



Rotary Spotlight

Rich Austin



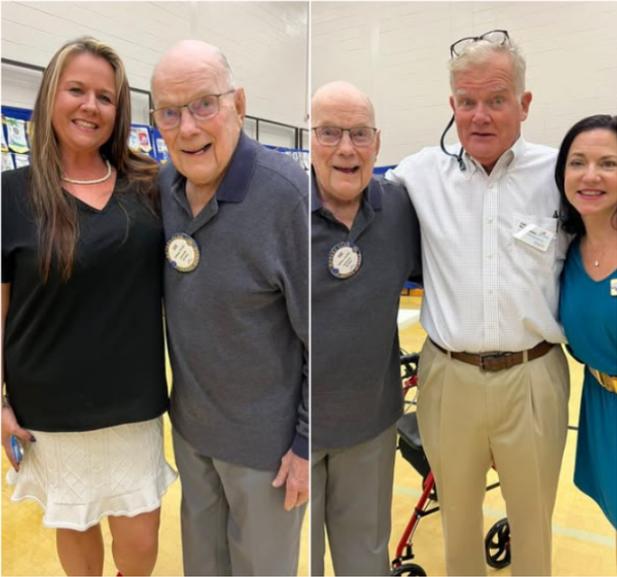
My Rotary Why

Becky Nelson

ER Nurse Appreciation Week Volunteers



Sid Disher is Back!



Oct. Alive in Roswell



Blood Drive
36 Pints! 108 Lives!

