Rotary District 6900

District Newsletter

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From Our District Governor

Thank You for a Year That Was All I Could Imagine and So Much More!

By George Granade

We have just returned from the Rotary International convention in Melbourne, Australia which was very good. DGE André Marria was on the program and did an outstanding job and represented District 6900 very well. The meeting was very educational, and we all picked up a lot of good Rotary information. Several of stayed and toured part of Australia and saw what a beautiful country it is.

As this Rotary year comes to an end, I look back and remember so many excellent things that our District has accomplished. Clubs in our district have completed many service projects that have assisted in improving their communities. They have completed many fundraisers that have enabled them to accomplish these projects. [more]

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	**Atlanta Brasil**	**Emory-Druid Hills**	**Brookhaven**
II	**Sandy Springs**	**Muscogee-Columbus**	**Muscogee-Columbus**
III	**North Atlanta Professional Alliance**	**Vinings Cumberland**	**Vinings Cumberland**
IV	**Dunwoody**	**Dunwoody**	**Marietta**
V	**Peachtree City**	**Alpharetta**	**North Cobb County**

Key Dates

Thursday, November 5th, 2026	**Rotary Means Business with the Decatur Rotary Club**
Monday, November 9th, 2026	**Douglas County Governor Visit**
Tuesday, November 10th, 2026	**Carrollton Governor Visit**
Wednesday, November 11th, 2026	**Carrollton-Dawn Breakers Governor Visit**
Thursday, November 12th, 2026	**Bremen Governor Visit**
Friday, November 13th, 2026	**Alpharetta Governor Visit**
Monday, November 16th, 2026	**Sandy Springs Governor Visit**
Tuesday, November 17th, 2026	**Forsyth-Monroe County Governor Visit**
Tuesday, November 17th, 2026	**Discover Rotary - Columbus Area**

The Rotary Foundation

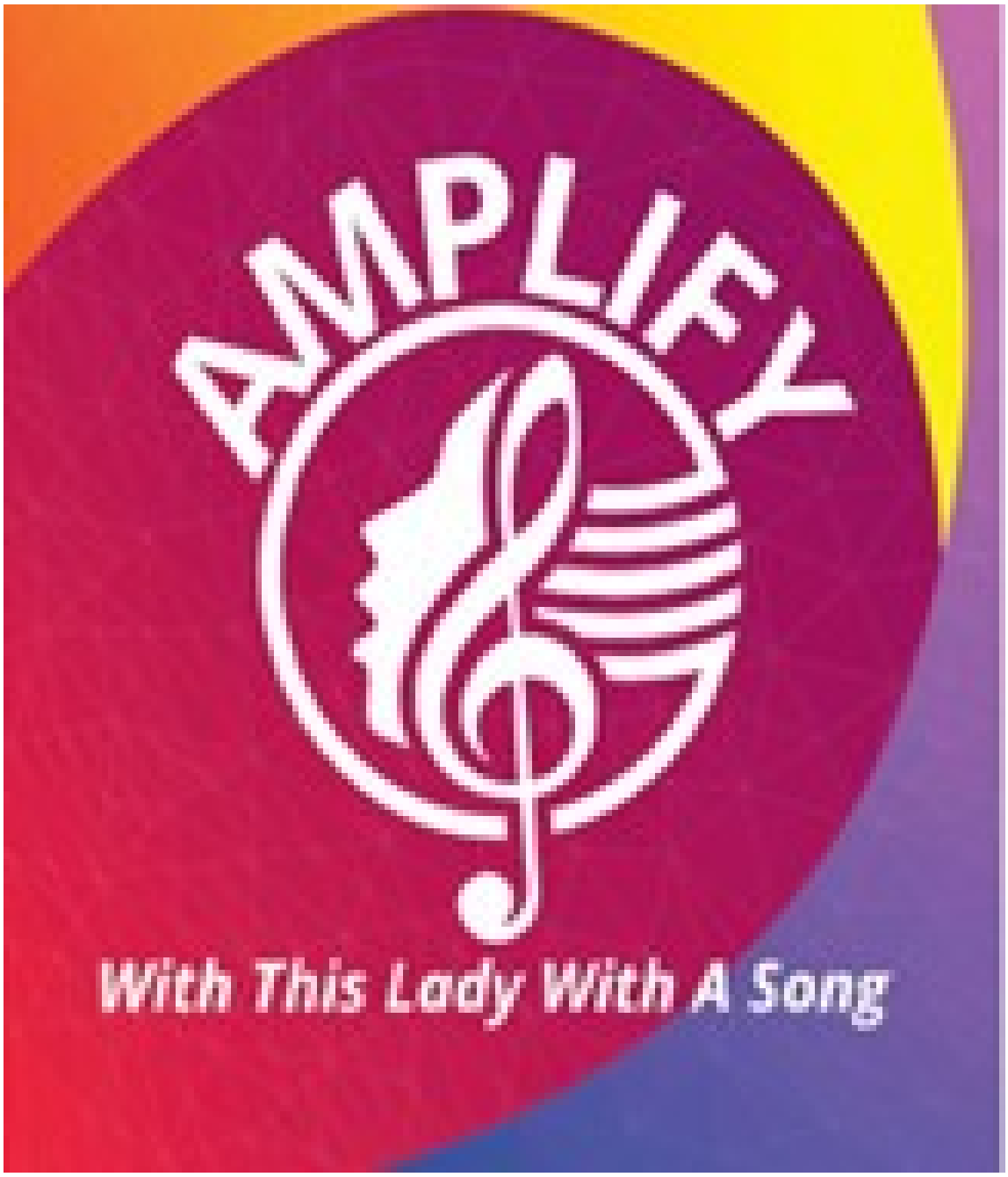
Our Rotary Foundation at Work

2023-2024 Competitive & Collaborative Community Grant Awards Announced

By Gillian Leggett

Thanks to the generosity of our fellow Rotarians to the Rotary Foundation, we had enough DDF to award more than the originally stated competitive grants. This year we received a total of 67 grant requests with a total of $148,250 in grant funds awarded. $78,250 was awarded in the standard ... [more]

Wednesday, November 18th, 2026	**Emory-Druid Hills Governor Visit**
Thursday, November 19th, 2026	**Roswell Governor Visit**
Thursday, November 19th, 2026	**Atlanta Ascent GOVERNOR VISIT**
Tuesday, December 1st, 2026	**Fayetteville Governor Visit**
Wednesday, December 2nd, 2026	**Tyrone Governor Visit**



District Conference 2024

Help Us Amplify Rotary at 2024 District Conference - Registration Open

By Stephanie Windham
District Conference returns to Jekyll Island, Georgia March 21-24, 2024. Join us as we Amplify Rotary and feature the Lady with a Song, none other than our District Governor-Elect André Marria. The conference will be at the beautiful Jekyll Island Convention Center, and several hotels have room blocks reserved through February 21, 2024. Jekyll Island is booming, so you are encouraged to book your hotel room NOW! Once our room blocks are sold there is no guarantee that more room nights will be added.
When making your reservation, please be sure and reference Rotary District 6900. We have room blocks reserved with:
• The Westin Jekyll Island, within walking distance of the Convention Center
• The Courtyard by Marriott and The Residence Inn, with a free island-wide shuttle
• Hampton Inn & Suites; Seafarer Inn & Suites; Holiday Inn Resort; and the Beachview Club Hotel.
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GRSP Alumnus Joins Columbus Rotary

By Katheryne Fields

Georgia Rotary Student Program alumnus Sebastian Villa added Rotarian to his list of milestones earlier this month.

A member of the GRSP Class of 2015-2016 of Colombia, Sebastian is one of a few alumni who have returned to Georgia and joined Rotary. GRSP Vice Chair Ian Bond inducted him as a member of the **Rotary Club of Columbus**, the same club that sponsored him eight years ago as a GRSP scholar. [more]



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Celebrating the National Day of Prayer

By Steve Siders
President Harry S. Truman signed a proclamation in 1952 to declare The National Day of Prayer “a celebration of the promise and power of prayer in our daily lives that exists to invite people to pray for the nation”. The **Rotary Club of North Fulton** hosted their 21st Annual North Fulton Interfaith Prayer Breakfast May 4th at St. David’s Episcopal Church in Roswell.

We celebrated the power of prayer with several Rotary clubs in attendance including tables purchased by **Alpharetta, Johns Creek, Roswell, and Sandy Springs** (thanks for your support). And we hosted many special Rotary guests – PDG Bob Hagar, Past RI Director Robert Hall, PDG Alec Smythe, and PDG Jim Squire. [more]



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East Cobb Supports Lunches for Learning

By Aaron Strimban

Each year, East Cobb Rotary supports an international charity called “Lunches For Learning." This charity provides food for lunches for underserved children in Honduras. This year, the club put on a raffle to raise money. The raffle was a huge success and East Cobb Rotary was able to raise $29,097.46. The money was presented to Phil Dodson, the Executive Director of Lunches for Learning on May 10, 2023. During the 2022-2023 Rotary Year, East Cobb Rotary has raised over $120,000.00 for local and international charities. [more]



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Rotary Brazil: The Next Generation!

By Bob Koncerak

What does an Interact Club do to top its recent Zone 34 award? It plans an international service trip, of course! Alpharetta Rotary's Innovation Academy Interact Club departed on Saturday, June 3 for Pelotas, R.S., Brazil to continue District 6900's partnership with six clubs in District 4680. The two districts, along with clubs in New England D7780, have been partnering since 2021 to support a Down Syndrome training and service program slated to launch later this year. Pelotas-based APADPEL, the Association of Parents of Down Syndrome in Pelotas, is excited to host the service team. In addition to the groundbreaking teaching/training model, funds have also been raised for a service building. The Interact team, led by Alpharetta Rotarian Josh Jarvis, will meet and enjoy service time with the 40+ members of Interact Pelotas. Together, they plan to paint and assist with landscaping around the new building in addition to other adventures. The trip will be highlighted by a Friday evening celebration with the Rotary Club of Pelotas-Oeste. [more]



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Americus Honors Public Service Personnel with Rotary National Medal of Honor

By Angela Smith

In Rotary's ideals of Vocational Service, our Law Enforcement, Fire Safety, First Responders, and other public safety personnel serve above self within their profession each day. They ask for a fair wage and the opportunity to serve, yet their level of service has the potential to far exceed normal expectations of "Service Above Self." In 2021, Rotary International developed a method for Rotary Clubs to honor those community heroes who share our creed of "Service Above Self" within their professions and the club reached out to leaders in law enforcement and public safety for nominations.

In this third year of awarding the Rotary National Medal of Honor, the Rotary Club of Americus wishes to recognize four public service personnel for providing exemplary service to the citizens of the Americus and Sumter County community. We are honored to award these individuals who share a core value of the 1.4 million Rotary International members, worldwide, which is "Service Above Self."

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Program Possibility for Your Club

Hear the Georgia Ports Authority Story

By George Granade

The Georgia Ports Authority has a dynamic message of growth, statewide impact and plans for the future to share with community leaders across Georgia. If your club is interested in learning more about how the growth at Georgia's deepwater ports affects you, please go to **https://gaports.com/speaker-request-form/** to schedule a program.

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Douglas County Honors Top 8th Graders

By Nell Boggs

The Rotary Club of Douglas County capped off its year by presenting awards to the top 8th grade students in the four core subject areas at all nine middle schools in the county. The students received a certificate and $50 for their outstanding academic achievement.

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Clubs Honor New Mayor of Jonesboro

By Claudia Mertl
The Rotary Club of Atlanta Southern Crescent and the Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton County held a reception for the newly elected Mayor of Jonesboro, Dr. Donya Sartor. he mayor is a member of the Atlanta Southern Crescent club and we congratulate her for this great achievement. The reception was held at the beautiful home of Dr. Manjeet and Mrs. Lata Chinnan.
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Thomasville Stands in Support of GRSP

By Debbie Goodman
The Rotary Club of Thomasville continues to support the Georgia Rotary Student Program (GRSP) at the highest per capita level in District 6900. For the 13th year in a row, the club was honored with the Jake Cheatham Award at District Conference, recognizing the club as the number one club in per capita giving for clubs of its membership size.
GRSP was founded by Thomasville Rotarian William A. Watt in 1947. Watt served in the military in Europe during World War II and saw the destruction war causes. He founded GRSP to help promote world peace by bringing college age students to Georgia to study in Georgia colleges and universities for one year.
Each year the club's Board of Directors sets the amount of GRSP funds; for 2022-23, club members met and exceeded the goal - raising a total of $27,471. This brings our total GRSP giving since the 1987-1988 Rotary year to $612,946. [more]