

President's Message

Chasing Gold-Choosing Greatness



“DO YOU BELIEVE IN MIRACLES... YES!!!” That question and answer were delivered by **Al Michaels** as the US Hockey team defeated the Soviet Union in the hockey semi-finals of the 1980 Olympic Games.

It was February of 1980, the United States Men’s Olympic Hockey team skated into the 1980 Winter Olympics as heavy underdogs. They were a roster of college players and amateurs facing the dominant Soviet machine — a team that had defined international hockey for more than a decade. What happened in Lake Placid became one of the most iconic moments in sports history. When the final horn sounded, and the United States eventually captured gold, it was more than a win; it was a defining statement about preparation, belief, and the power of collective purpose.

If you saw the movie **Miracle**, you can't forget head coach **Herb Brooks'** words that still resonate decades later: “*Great moments are born from great opportunity.*” That gold medal did not happen because of luck. It was forged in relentless conditioning drills, exacting standards, and a culture that demanded excellence long before the world was watching. It had been 46 years since that men’s team stood atop the Olympic podium, and that standard still lingers as a reminder of what disciplined pursuit can achieve.

Which brings us to this past weekend... when Jack Hughes, missing a few teeth from a previous hit, slapped the puck into the net, it ended 46-years of drought since the Miracle on Ice in 1980. This was not an underdog story like Lake Placid; it was a culmination story — the product of decades of investment in youth development, international competition, and belief that American hockey could again stand atop the world. For a nation that had waited nearly half a century, the victory symbolized more than a medal. It was validation that commitment, leadership, and relentless preparation can eventually bend history. It reminded America that excellence is rarely instantaneous — sometimes it takes 46 years of striving to reclaim gold.

The USA women’s hockey team created their own defining moment of their own

MEETINGS

February is Peace and Conflict Prevention Month

- 2/26 DEA Outreach Taskforce Officer - Wanda Wiggins
- 3/5 William Vestal - Artificial Intelligence from a different viewpoint
- 3/12 Kristin Winzeler - True North 400
- 3/12 MS Student/Teacher of the Year Presentations
- 3/19 Lisa Meade Romero
- 3/26 Senator Blake Tillery
- 4/2 Spring Interact Meeting
- 4/9 GA Insurance Commissioner John F. King

EVENTS

- 3/2 Read Across America Day
- 3/4 Women of Rotary Spring Social
- 3/14 Roswell Rotary 75th Anniversary Party
- 3/21 Roswell Relays
- 3/21 16th Annual Sweep the Hooch
- 4/18 Walk w a Doc featuring Phy Therapist Dr Kim Richards
- 4/22 Women of Roswell Rotary Club
- 4/29 "Pint for a Pint" blood drive for the American Red Cross

LEADERSHIP

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

at these same Olympic games, winning gold as well over Canada in OT. After a 20-year wait since their first Olympic gold in 1998, they battled Canada in a dramatic final that ended in a shootout in 2018 and then again this year for their 3rd gold medal in this team event. An Olympian trains for years for a handful of shifts, perhaps one decisive moment. That is the anatomy of excellence. It is structured, intentional, and forged in habits repeated in obscurity.

There is a powerful parallel in that for us at Roswell Rotary. We may not compete beneath Olympic lights, but we live under a standard that is real. Service Above Self is not a tagline; it is a discipline. The public sees the visible victories—millions raised for charity, scholarships awarded, leadership programs shaping students, and global impact through The Rotary Foundation. What they rarely see are the countless hours of planning meetings, sponsorship calls, spreadsheets, committee work, and early mornings that make those outcomes possible. Excellence in Rotary, like excellence in sport, is never accidental.

People join Rotary for many different reasons, and almost all of them are good and worthwhile. Some come for the fellowship, some for the speakers, some for the table they've sat at for years, and yes, maybe even for the fried chicken. If I'm honest, I come for all of it. I love the camaraderie, the energy, the programs, and the relationships. But we must never lose sight of "WHY" we gather every Thursday - TO SERVE OTHERS. "Service Above Self" is not a slogan — it is a calling. It calls us to step outside ourselves, to move toward need, to take action that makes our community, our country, and our world better than we found it.

Author James Clear, best known for his book **Atomic Habits**, teaches that small, consistent improvements compounded over time create extraordinary results. Success, he argues, is less about final achievement and more about daily systems leading to that final result— about showing up and doing the work. Rotary is no different. We may not always see the full impact of one meal served to a child in Honduras, one well dug in Panama, or one dollar raised locally through our tournament. But small acts, repeated faithfully, change lives — and changed lives change the world.

The call to action is simple: lean in. Take one step. Serve.

An Olympic athlete does not know if the gold medal will come. They train as if it will. The 1980 team did not know they would become the "Miracle on Ice." The women in 2018 did not know a shootout would define their legacy. They simply prepared with the expectation that greatness was possible. In Rotary, we do not always know which service project will change a life. We do not always know which student we mentor will become a future leader. We do not always see the ripple effects of our giving. But we show up anyway. We prepare. We serve.

Perhaps our gold medal is not measured in podium ceremonies but in people. In the student who discovers confidence. In a family supported in a difficult season. In the first responder who feels appreciated. In the child somewhere in the world, protected from polio because Rotarians refused to quit. The lesson from Olympic ice is clear: greatness requires discipline, excellence demands sacrifice, and opportunity favors the prepared. As we continue our work this year, may we embrace that same pursuit. Every meeting is an opportunity. Every project is a chance to elevate our standard. Every act of service is a stride toward something greater than ourselves. We may never hear a national anthem played in our honor, but when a community thrives because we chose to serve—that is our

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/>

SOCIAL MEDIA



BIRTHDAYS

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| 2/24 | Dutch Earle |
| 2/27 | Leonard Greski |
| 2/27 | Justice Brakache |
| 2/28 | Alexandria Shuval Weiner |
| 3/3 | Ken Vaughn |
| 3/3 | Don Horton |
| 3/3 | Jeff Kramer |
| 3/4 | Tillie O'Neal-Kyles |
| 3/5 | Steve Dorvee |
| 3/7 | Nancy Alterman |
| 3/11 | Jon-Paul Croom |
| 3/13 | Amanda Verdin |
| 3/15 | Rich Austin |
| 3/16 | Mickey Deaton |
| 3/19 | Karen Ewing |
| 3/20 | Mason Beard |
| 3/21 | Amy Brannen |

YEARS OF SERVICE

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| 2/26 | Jackie Jordan (1) 11 years in Rotary |
| 2/26 | Dean Robertson (1) 8 years in Rotary |
| 2/27 | Stephen Clausen (3) |

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Sic Vos Non Vobis

Trummie Lee Patrick III

Protecting Our Communities: Wanda Wiggins on Illicit Fentanyl and Emerging Drug Threats

SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT



Date: Thursday, February 26

Time: 12:15

Location: Roswell Area Park
Bill Johnson Community Activity Building
10495 Woodstock Road
Roswell, GA 30075

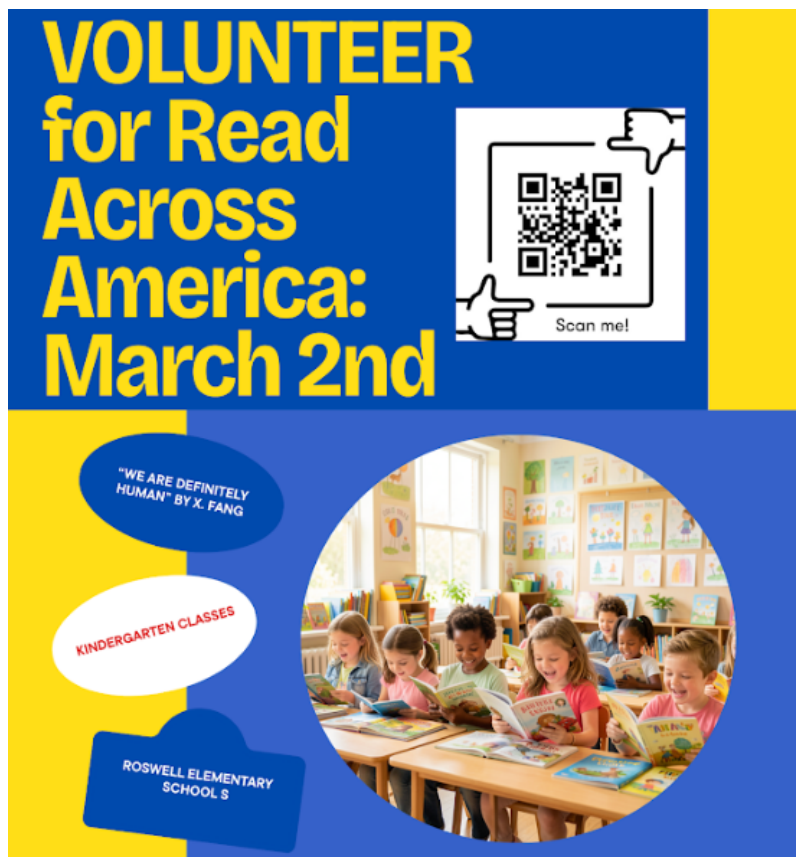
The Rotary Club is pleased to welcome **Wanda Wiggins**, Community Outreach Specialist with the **Drug Enforcement Administration**, whose work focuses on strengthening drug-prevention awareness across Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina. In her current role, she provides training and education to

- 3/2 Gene Beckham, III (26)
- 3/3 Ridge Cannon (1)
- 3/4 Ken Briggs (44)
- 3/7 Terry Taylor (13)
- 3/7 Amy Brannen (13)
- 3/8 John Michael Brunetti (3)
- 3/9 Jacque Digieso (20)
33 years in Rotary
- 3/9 Syd Mostajabi (17)
- 3/9 Michael Byars (20)
- 3/10 Mickey Deaton (21)
- 3/10 Jeff McCoy (21)
- 3/10 Vivian Bankston (21)
- 3/10 Angela Medley (4)
- 3/10 Will Colley (4)
- 3/11 Michael Gould (16)
- 3/11 Lynne Lindsay (16)
- 3/11 Lisa Carlisle (16)
- 3/12 Gordon Owens (15)
- 3/14 Walt Burnotes (1)
- 3/14 William May (13)
- 3/14 Jerry Orlans (24)
35 years in Rotary
- 3/16 Scott Morchower (10)
- 3/16 Tori Nielsen (4)
- 3/17 John Albers (15)
- 3/17 Lee Hollingsworth (17)
25 years in Rotary
- 3/17 Tim McFarlin (15)
- 3/17 Tori Alterman (4)
5 years in Rotary
- 3/17 Amanda Verdin (4)
- 3/17 Evan Coyle (4)
- 3/17 John Connell (4)
- 3/17 Michael Brown (4)
- 3/17 Leigh Brown (4)
- 3/17 Walt Woliver (17)
44 years in Rotary
- 3/18 Becky Nelson (12)
- 3/21 James Broadway (41)
- 3/22 Ron Redner (42)

communities, helping them understand emerging drug threats and the steps needed to keep families safe. Ms. Wiggins brings more than four decades of public-service experience to this mission. She joined the DEA in 2023 after a distinguished 16-year career as an Alcohol and Drug Control Officer with the United States Army , where she oversaw prevention initiatives and drug-testing programs for the 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command , supporting a force of 8,500 Soldiers . [read more]

March 2nd-Volunteer opportunity

Read Across America



[Click HERE to volunteer!](#)

Spend an hour of your morning encouraging literacy in our community! Slots are available from 7:45 am - 0:00 am for most schools, and 9:00 am for Sweet Apple Elementary.

All volunteers must register as a volunteer for Fulton County (found in the sign-up link above_

New Member Spotlight

Welcome Michael Mizell to Roswell Rotary!



NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Michael Mizell ***Retired Army & More!***

Michael Mizell is a N Fulton, Johns Creek Resident since retiring from the US Army in 1994 after 21.5 yrs. He is a Lieutenant Colonel, Military Police Officer and served as a Provost Marshal, Deputy Provost Marshal, Company Commander, Bn Staff Officer, Us Army Provost Marshal Staff-Europe with certifications from Army Command and General Staff College, Northwestern Traffic Institute-Accident Investigations, FBI Hostage Negotiations, and master's degree from Florida Institute of Technology. He is also a graduate of UGA.

Michael's first civilian job was with the Atlanta Olympic Cmte, 1994-96, as the Security Manager for the 1996 Olympic Village at GA Tech.

In 1996, Michael was a District Manager for Pinkerton Security, covering the state of GA for every location south of Griffin. After 2 yrs, he started his own Security Company, Millennium Security Services, LLC, performing federal, state, local and private guard services as a VA recognized Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business that focused on transitioning. [\[read more\]](#)

Gratitude Wall: Members Helping Members



Highlighting a few of the many acts of service our members give to each other:



James Rouse would like to thank **Michael Curling**

"Rotary talks often about Service Above Self, but sometimes the clearest examples come in the most unexpected ways.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to Michael Curling. On paper, we might be considered competitors — his family owns a brewery, and mine owns one as well. But not once have I felt that dynamic between us. Instead, my wife and I were welcomed with open arms, treated with genuine kindness, and encouraged to be part of something bigger than ourselves.

What stood out most wasn't just the welcome — it was the advocacy. Michael didn't just shake our hands; he vouched for us. He believed we belonged in this room and in this organization.

That's Rotary.

It's a reminder that service, fellowship, and integrity rise above business, titles, and perceived competition. I'm grateful for leaders who model abundance over scarcity and community over rivalry.

Thank you, Michael, for living the mission."



Lynne Lindsay would like to thank **75th Anniversary Video Committee**

*"Lynne Lindsay would like to thank the 75th Anniversary Video Committee—**Cheryl Greenway, Lou Tabickman, Kathy Igou, Mason Beard, Asch Ashenbach, and Jackie Jordan**—for their tremendous time and energy in creating our historical recap video. Their dedication has given us a piece of history we can proudly share with future clubs for years to come."*



Jackie Jordan would like to thank **Bob Hagan**

"Jackie Jordan has been the grateful recipient of Bob Hagan's expertise in assisting her to locate an appropriate physical rehab center for her college friend and longtime Atlanta resident. Whatta guy who is a wealth of knowledge in that arena...heaps of thanks! Without his input she'd probably still be roaming the streets, scaring the neighbors!"

Roswell Rotary in the 2000's

Roswell Rotary's 75th Diamond Anniversary:
Honoring the Past, Serving the Future



Part 7
Spotlight- The 2010's

The 2010's

RRC Past Presidents

- 2010-11 Mike McRay
- 2011-12 Dave McCleary
- 2012-13 Jacque Digieso
- 2013-14 Dave Schmit
- 2014-15 Lou Tabickman
- 2015-16 Jim Coyle
- 2016-17 Jeff McCoy
- 2017-18 Lisa Carlisle
- 2018-19 Becky Stone
- 2019-20 Gordon Owens

Sign Up here for Spring Volunteer Opportunities!



Read Across America

Mon. March 2

Women in Rotary

Wed. March 4

75th Anniversary Event

Sat. March 14

Sweep the Hooch

Sat March 21

Roswell Relays

Sat March 21

Memorial Day Mon. May 25 Volunteers Needed
on Sun. May 24

[Link for Volunteer Opportunities Sign Up](#)

Leadership 20/20 Huge Success



Last Week at Roswell Rotary

Dave Schmit & Col. Dwight Schmidt What an impactful interview!



**Dave Schmit Award for
Foundation Giving**



**Past President Don
Howard**

**All About Roswell
Rotary in the 90's**

Recognizing Outstanding Teachers & Students



And the Winner is....

Ron Redner



What a Crowd! We are going to need more tables!

