District Newsletter

JUNE 1, 2026



DG Steve at District 6990 conference in Florida

From Our District Governor

Leadership Changeover Month- Unite(d) for Good

By Steve Ivory

May is a very business month! First, I want to thank all of our district mothers and thank you all for doing the incredibly important work that you do. I hope you all had a great **Mother's Day** and were indeed honored appropriately a few weeks ago.

Thank you all too for remembering those that made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of our nation. I saw that several clubs had special events in remembrance of our brave armed forces on **Memorial Day**. Thank you all for your patriotism and efforts to honor these folks and their families.

This is likely my last newsletter as your governor before **DGE Cynthia Edwards officially becomes DG on 1 July**. It has been an honor serving you all. You all stepped up and carried out not only RI's message to Unite for Good but also served so well with respect to our district theme Honoring **Service Heroes**. [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	**North Atlanta Professional Alliance**	**North Atlanta**	**Brookhaven**
II	**North Columbus**	**North Fulton**	**Vinings Cumberland**
III	**Marietta**	**Dunwoody**	**Carrollton-Dawn Breakers**
IV	**Roswell**	**Roswell**	**Peachtree City**

Key Dates

Saturday, June 6th, 2026	**Americus RYLA - DISTRICT 6900**
Saturday, June 6th, 2026	**Americus 2026 Rotary Sheffield Gala**
Monday, June 22nd, 2026	**RI President Francesco Arezzo Visits D6900!**



From Our District Governor

Exciting Events Happening in June!

By Steve Ivory

We still have one more month in this Rotary year and it's jam-packed with special events in addition to all the normal service and fellowship you are enjoying in your clubs and community. Among those events, a visit to District 6900 by Rotary International President Francesco Arezzo in late June immediately after the RI Convention in Taipei. Learn more about his visit and other important events here.

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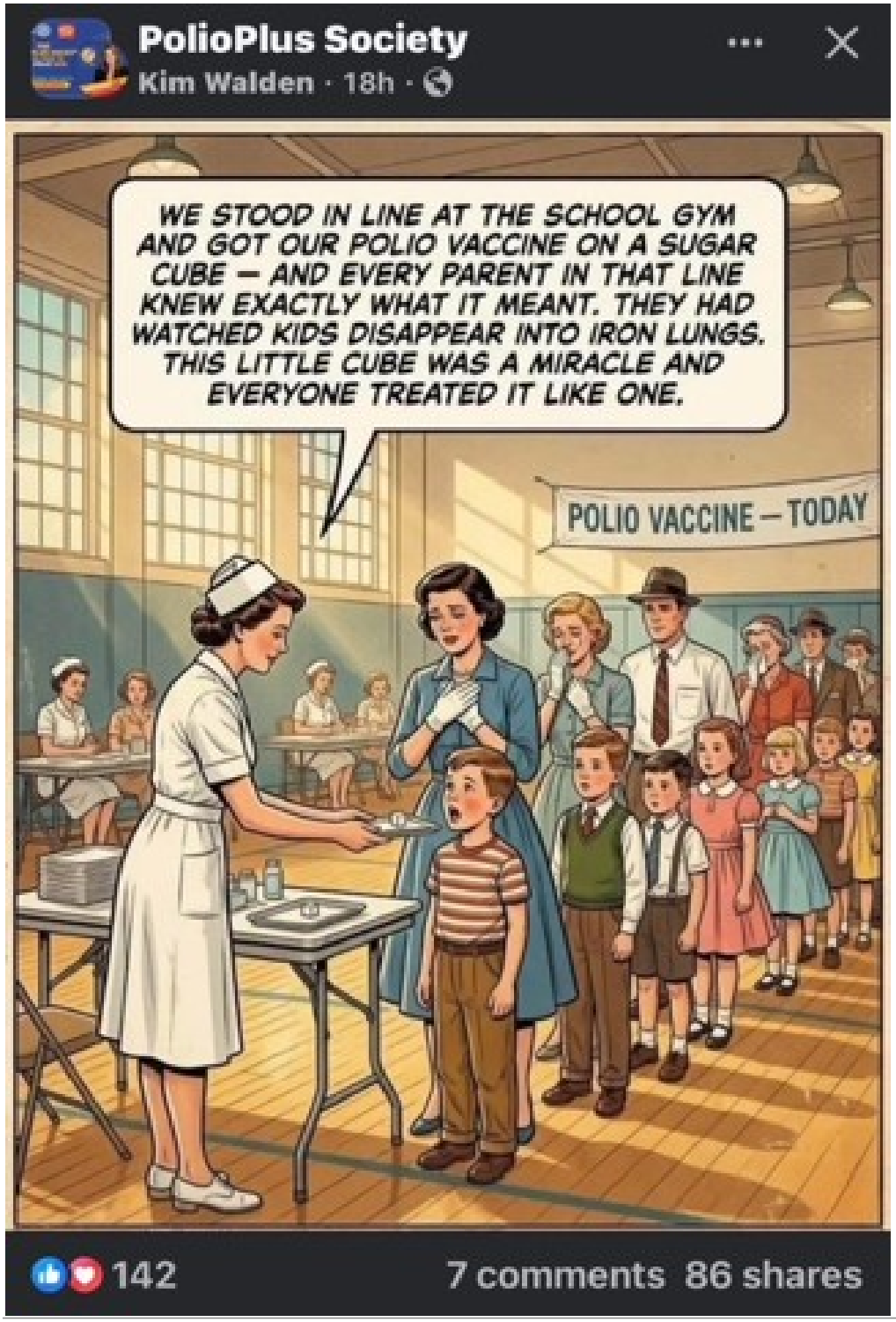
Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)

Register Now for RLI - June 20 Sessions Open

By Tracy Van Norman

The **Rotary Club of Peachtree City** will host Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) on June 20, 2026, at Cooper Lighting, 1121 Hwy 74 S, Peachtree City, GA 30269. Parts 1, 2, and 3 will be offered, along with a new graduate course, *Strategic Planning*. Registration is available at the **RLI website** . See more details ....

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Our Rotary Foundation

Why We Do All This!

By Bob Hagan

Two years ago, I was asked to take on the role of the District Foundation Chair. I must admit, I was a little hesitant to do so at the time as it had been a while since I had carried a title and the duties of this highly visible and very important position in the district. Truly, I was very honored to be asked to do so by then District Governor Gordon Owen. Now I find myself already two years into it and have just one year remaining to hold this esteemed position. I've been so incredibly blessed to have such wonderful people working with me such as Mike Mudd, who just won the "Meritorious Service Award," along with Kay Williamson who last year won the district "Meritorious Service Award." And I feel blessed for being able to continue the important work to End Polio Now.

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North Atlanta Professional Alliance

From Our District Governor

Welcome New Rotary Clubs

By Steve Ivory
We are excited to welcome three new clubs to District 6900 - the **North Atlanta Professional Alliance** (sponsored by RC of Johns Creek North Fulton), the **Trilith Companion Club** (sponsored by Peachtree City), and the **Rotary Club of Johns Creek Central**. [more]



RYLA

RYLA or Bust ...

By Jaclyn Donovan
By the time you read this, RYLA 2026 will be full speed ahead. THANK YOU for believing in this program and sending your students to us. We are so grateful for the opportunity to invest a little bit of ourselves in these young leaders. You wouldn't believe how much we can accomplish in just five short days – sometimes it is just WOW amazing. It is our hope that you will invite them to visit your clubs upon their return from camp so you can hear their stories and see the impact your support has made on their lives. You are helping us grow some pretty awesome young leaders, and your communities will be better for it! From all the RYLA Family, thank you!!
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GRSP Update

Four Georgia Students Head to Norway, Denmark

By Katheryne Fields

The Georgia Rotary Student Program selected four outstanding Georgia college students the opportunity to participate in prestigious international academic programs in Norway and Denmark this summer. We are proud to support these exceptional students as they represent Georgia abroad and build lifelong connections across cultures in June and July. These programs bring together students from around the world for immersive academic study, cultural exchange, and the promotion of international goodwill. Rotarians in Norway and Denmark make participation in these programs possible as a thank you to Georgia Rotary for what we do through GRSP. [more]



End Human Trafficking

Volunteer at July 17 Candlelight Vigil

By Dave McCleary
We invite you to join Rotary for a powerful and inspiring evening at a **Candlelight Vigil to Shine a Light on Human Trafficking** , co-hosted by Rotary, UPS, and the City of Atlanta. The event will take place at Piedmont Park in Atlanta on Sunday, July 19. It will feature remarks from distinguished leaders, including Mayor Andre Dickens, First Lady Marty Kemp, and Nikki Clifton, President of The UPS Foundation along with inspiring testimony from survivors and entertainment. [more]



Join Rotary Friendship Exchange to India - December 2026

By Ada Wikina
India calling!! India calling!! D6900 RFE trip to India is in its final stages of planning. This is a trip of a lifetime. Check India off your bucket list. T**here are just two spots left** on this fantastic voyage. Experience the rich culture of India. Do not be told about it. See flyer for details and contact Ada Wikina at 404-421-5825 or by email at awikina@hotmail.com if you have additional questions or want to join the group! [more]



Laws of Life

Registration Open for the 2026-2027 Contest Year

By Carol Gray Walker

Registration is now open for the 2026-2027 Georgia Laws of Life Essay Contest! We invite Rotary Clubs across Georgia to reconnect with existing school partners and begin building relationships with new schools interested in participating. The Georgia Laws of Life Teacher & Rotarian Workshop Luncheon will be held on Friday, August 21, from 11:30 AM-1:15 PM at the Emory Conference Center Hotel in Atlanta - bringing together educators, Rotary Club members, volunteers and supporters to prepare for the upcoming contest cycle and celebrate the impact of student voice. [more]



Atlanta Southern Crescent Hosts Women in Rotary

By Trina Kolawole

Ladies from Rotary clubs across Metro Atlanta gathered on May 28 for an evening of fellowship, networking, leadership conversations, and community connection during the Women in Rotary Social hosted by the **Rotary Club of Atlanta Southern Crescent** at B'Mari Events & Art Studio in Historic Downtown Jonesboro. A highlight of the evening was an engaging panel discussion featuring three distinguished Rotary leaders: PDG Claudia Mertl, District Governor Elect Cynthia Dorsey Edwards, and District Governor Nominee Designate Amy Benton. [more]



Club News

Moultrie Honors Students Headed to Military Service

By Jaclyn Donovan

The **Rotary Club of Moultrie** recently hosted its sixth annual "Salute to Service" program honoring the local high school seniors who have committed to military service after graduation. This year the club recognized 10 students enlisting with the United States Army and the United States Marine Corps, along with one student who be entering service after attending the United States Merchant Marine Academy. [more]



Club News

Griffin Presents $5,000 J. Henry Walker III Scholarship

By Antoinette Hammond

The **Rotary Club of Griffin** is proud to announce Jon Walker Blalock, a senior at Spalding High School, as the recipient of the 2026 J. Henry Walker III Scholarship, a $5,000 scholarship awarded annually to a deserving Spalding County student. The scholarship honors the life and legacy of J. Henry Walker III, a distinguished Griffin businessman whose remarkable achievements included success as a collegiate athlete, business leader, community servant, and dedicated Rotarian for more than five decades, including service as Rotary Club president from 1969–1970. [more]



Club News

Columbus Celebrates Laws of Life

By LeighAnn DiCesaris

There was something powerful in the room as students from Shaw High School and Chattahoochee County High School stood to share the personal values that guide their lives through the Georgia Laws of Life Essay Contest at the **Rotary Club of Columbus**. More than just an essay competition, the program gives young people the opportunity to reflect on the truths, lessons, and voices that shape who they are becoming. This year, students from Shaw High School and Chattahoochee County High School submitted more than 550 essays - among 24,000 student essays across Georgia.

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Club News

Clubs Collaborate to Pack 1700 Weeks of Meals

By Thomas House
Members from the **Vinings Cumberland, Smyrna, and Atlanta Brasilia Rotary Clubs** came together in May for a joint service project at the Marietta warehouse of Rise Against Hunger, demonstrating the power of collaboration in action. Together, volunteers packed more than **1,700 weeks of meals**, helping support Rise Against Hunger's global mission to fight food insecurity. [more]



Club News

Smoke on the Lake Benefits Charities Far and Wide

By Jose Gonzalez

The **Rotary Club of North Cobb** 's Smoke on the Lake BBQ Festival is an annual tradition enjoyed each Mother’s Day Weekend at Logan Farm Park in Acworth, Georgia. Thousands attend to enjoy BBQ cooked by competitive backyard cook teams. The club hosts this charity fundraiser event with 90% of net proceeds benefiting local charities and 10% benefiting charities outside of the United States. [more]



Club News

Brookhaven Grants Support Local Community

By Jennifer Yanulavich

At a recent club meeting, **Brookhaven Rotary Club** President Jennifer Yanulavich announced $9,000 in Community Grant to worthy organizations who are making a difference for Brookhaven residents of all ages when it comes to food, clothing, education and more.

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Club News

Dunwoody Supports Special Olympics

By Jackie Cuthbert

In a month loaded with service opportunities, **Dunwoody Rotarians** took time out to do something extra special - volunteering at the Special Olympics State swimming competition! This event was part of the State Special Olympics - which Dunwoody supported with volunteers and a $5,000 donation.

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Roswell Celebrates Our Veterans

By Becky Nelson

The 27th award winning Roswell Remembers Memorial Day Ceremony was held on Memorial Day 2026 with the presentation of the colors at Roswell City Hall by representatives from all military branches.

Roswell Rotary sees this public service event as a great opportunity not only to serve, but also to remind and highlight those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy.

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Club News

North Fulton Hosts 24th Annual Prayer Breakfast

By Lisa Gelber

The **North Fulton Rotary Club** held its 24th Interfaith Prayer Breakfast last month at St. David's Episcopal Church in Roswell. In contrast to the heavy rain outside, the room was filled with open hearts and minds as we gathered to hear inspiring messages of hope, generosity, and love. Our keynote speaker, Kirk Driskell, founder of Vision Warriors (and a District 6900 PDG), shared a deeply personal story that shaped his philosophy of giving away what you have, even something as small as a kind interaction with a stranger, because it may change a life. [more]



Club News

North Cobb Runs for Hope; Cooks End of School Dinner

By Jose Gonzalez

In support of youth, **North Cobb Rotarians** supported the first annual Run for Hope hosted by the Mountain Top Boys Home and provided labor and smiles for BBQ with the Blue, an End of School Dinner sponsored by Kennesaw PD and Walton Apartments. [more]