Rotary District 6900

District Newsletter

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From Our District Governor

Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!

By Mary Ligon

Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious! That's how I feel about my time this year as your Governor, and certainly how I felt seeing all of us together in Sandestin last weekend at our District Conference. From the Pony Prix that started us off through the GRSP thank you's in all their native languages at conference close, our Jolly Holiday was inspiring and fun.

On Friday night, several individuals and clubs were recognized for particularly great contributions. I applaud you all – and would like to make special mention of two – PDG Bob Hagan and Becky Stone, both from Roswell. [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	**Bremen**	**Jackson-Butts County**	**Muscogee-Columbus**
III	**North Atlanta Professional Alliance**	**Vinings Cumberland**	**Dougherty County (Albany)**
IV	**Dunwoody**	**Dunwoody**	**Marietta**
V	**Peachtree City**	**Alpharetta**	**Peachtree City**

Key Dates

Thursday, October 15th, 2026	**South Cobb Governor Visit**
Monday, October 19th, 2026	**Henry County Governor Visit**
Tuesday, October 27th, 2026	**Barnesville Governor Visit**
Wednesday, October 28th, 2026	**Griffin Daybreak Governor Visit**
Thursday, October 29th, 2026	**Griffin Governor Visit**



Congratulations!

Honored at District Conference ...

By Ryan Clements
Congratulations to everyone for a great Rotary year (so far) and to the following Rotarians who were honored at District Conference:
• Rotarian of the Year: Becky Stone from Roswell, for her unending efforts in a challenging year to lead our Interact and Youth and Peace in Action initiatives
• Citation for Meritorious Service (awarded by The Rotary Foundation for long-term personal service to the Foundation): PDG Bob Hagan from Roswell, for his leadership surrounding Polio Plus
• Follow Me Assistant Governor of the Year: Ryan Swertfager, Carrollton Dawnbreakers (presented by the Rotary Club of Stone Mountain)
• Sheffield Award Winners (presented for outstanding leadership by the Rotary Club of Americus): Category 1 - Robert "Al" Griffin, Meriwether County; Category 2 - Susan Wood, North Columbus; Category 3 - Kenny Phillips, Americus; Category 4 - Terry Taylor, Roswell
Once the Rotary Year ends in June, a separate event will be scheduled - probably take place in August - to honor clubs for their projects, membership achievements and Foundation Giving this Rotary year. [more]



Inspiration in Youth Voices and Service!

By Becky Stone
2021-22 has been a great year for Interact! District 6900 has 83 active Interact Clubs, including three new clubs. Over 600 students registered for Youth & Peace in Action in District 6900. If you missed District Conference (or just want to hear from our youth again), Click on the following links to hear what a few of our outstanding Interact Clubs did this year!
• Furlow Charter – Americus
• Jackson High School – Jackson-Butts County
• Roswell High School – Roswell
Imagine what Interact will do in 2022-23! Be a part of this great Rotary service! Ask me how!
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Youth and Peace in Action: What About the Future?

Come Find Out: May 14 in a Virtual YOUnited Celebration!

By Mary Ligon

In April 2021, Rotary Zones 33 & 34 announced the launch of Youth & Peace in Action (YPA), the largest local peacebuilding initiative in Rotary International History. Rotarians in D6860 (Alabama) and D6670 (Ohio) joined in. Supported by YPA implementing partner NewGen Peacebuilders℠, more than 300 high schools signed up for the 2021-22 journey that introduced the YPA My Peacebuilder Foundations online course and Leading Peace Project Teams experience. More than 7,000 students (including Interactors), teachers, and Rotarians will have completed 45,000 hours of peace learning and project design in this first year. In January, YPA was recognized within an award for excellence in US conflict resolution and peacebuilding. Use this link to RSVP online Now for YOUnited on May 14! [more]

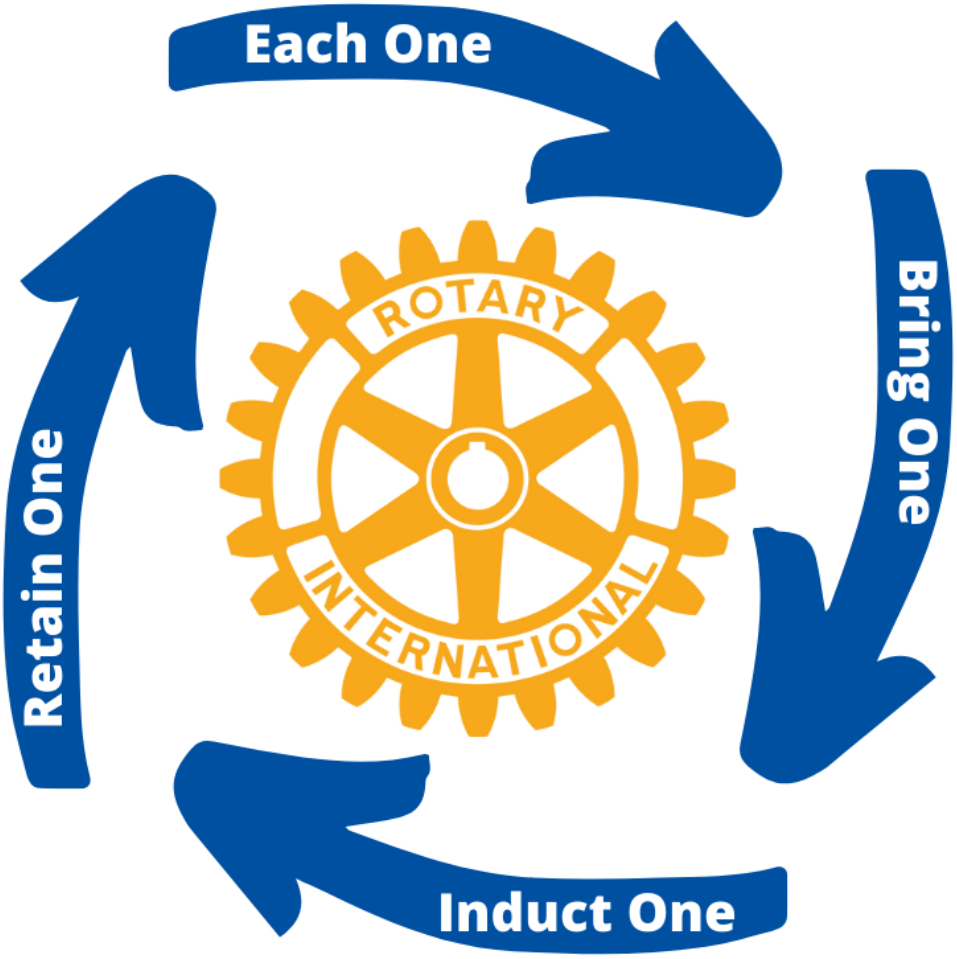


GRSP Update

Celebrating Our Connection with District 6900

By Katheryne Fields

As our students approach the end of their GRSP year, they will have great memories of their experiences - most recently their attendance at District 6900's conference in Sandestin. They enjoyed participating in every aspect of district conference - from acting as Sargeant at Arms ... to showcasing their experience in the special Saturday brunch ... ... [more]



Membership

Watch Us Grow - How the Numbers Look May 1, 2022

By Mary Ligon

Comparing July 1, 2021 to May 1, 2022, District 6900 has grown by 73 members so far this year. How is your club doing? Click the link to see. [more]



23rd Annual Roswell Remembers Memorial Day Celebration

By Lynne Lindsay

In 1995, a group of Vietnam Veterans along with the cooperation of the City of Roswell, raised money to construct a Memorial. The "Roswell "Remembers" Memorial Day Ceremony was established in 1998 after the completion of the "Faces of War" Memorial. The desire was to create an annual non-political, non-commercial ceremony incorporating the Holiday, Families, and Community into one "great day of remembrance" honoring those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy today.

A joint effort between Roswell Rotary Club and the City of Roswell, this year the 23rd annual event will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, May 30th at Roswell City Hall, 38 Hill Street. This is the largest Memorial Day Ceremony of its kind in the Southeast and attracts visitors throughout Georgia and the Southeast. [more]



Imagine Interact Early

Progressive Interact – Growing Future Servant Leaders

By Becky Stone

Imagine making leadership rewarding and fun as early as elementary school ... and following that all the way through high school graduation. That's what Progressive Interact is all about. It's designed to engages youth in Interact Clubs with three key goals in mind:

• Inspire an early love for community service

• Provide students a strong support system as they make major transitions from fifth to sixth grade and from eighth to ninth grade through member connection and community service.

• Offer access to our community's leaders and great role models in our Rotary Clubs.

Progressive Interact works! Since 2013, Roswell Rotary has implemented and sponsored a dozen Interact Clubs, including five at the elementary school level, two in middle school and five in high schools. Read more about how the program works and how it benefits students. [more]



Club News

North Fulton Rotary Council Plans for 2022-23

By Jim Squire

The North Fulton Rotary Council held its annual Leadership Summit for the presidents elect and incoming boards for the **Rotary Clubs of Alpharetta ... [more]**



Club News

Welcome Atlanta Southern Crescent Rotary Club!

By Claudia Mertl
The newest Rotary Club in District 6900 is the Rotary Club of Atlanta Southern Crescent, chartered on April 29, 2022. This Club is the former Rotary Satellite Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton County. Pictured is the Satellite Club social and we gained two members there! We formed as a Satellite Club in March and there was so much interest and so many people working to secure new members, that we were able to charter a Club in one month with 22 people. Seven people came from the Host Club and formed the Advisory Committee and three others asked to join us. And there's more to our story ... [more]



Club News

Celebrate 100 Years of Rotary in Moultrie!

By Jaclyn Donovan
Chartered on May 1, 1922 and sponsored by the Rotary Club of Valdosta, the Rotary Club of Moultrie just passed the 100-year mark as a club. The Honorable Saxby Chambliss was our guest speaker for the day and DG Mary Ligon was also in attendance. In honor of this special birthday, the club will donate $10,000 to a variety of local organizations, including Humane Society, Hero House, Forgotten Initiative, Serenity House, Leadership Legends, Breath Ministries and YMCA Seniors.
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Club News

Marietta Metro Collect Medical Equipment

By Rene Lanier

The Rotary Club of Marietta Metro recently partnered with FODAC (Friends of Disabled Adults and Children) for the collection ... [more]

Interact Update

Congratulations to District 6900 – Zone 34 Interact Citation Recipients!!

By Becky Stone

The Zone 34 Interact Citation is a prestigious recognition awarded to high achieving Interact Clubs! District 6900 sponsored 13 of the 44 Interact Clubs awarded the Zone 34 Interact Citation! Congratulations to the Interact Clubs and their sponsoring Rotary Clubs for a Job Well Done!!

- Booker T. Washington High School sponsored by Atlanta West End
- Counterpane School sponsored by Peachtree City
- The Foundry School sponsored by Peachtree City

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Club News

Roswell RRAH Off to a Great Start!

By Becky Nelson

In March, the **Roswell Rotary Club** kicked off the Roswell Rotary After Hours Club (RRAH) with an exciting 20 guests.

Deliberately intending to create an additional meeting time for those who can't make lunch every Thursday, the RRAH was started with a roundtable chat (literally) and has now grown to 14 new full-fledged Rotary Members! Average age is 29!

A recent meeting focused on creating a Vision Board so the mission, schedule and culture could be better defined. Focused on serving Rotary International through a commitment of serving the community, RRAH meets two evenings a month upstairs at The Artillery Room in Roswell. All are welcome and immediately engaged in the club's upcoming service projects. [more]



GRSP Update

Save the Date: GRSP Conclave Scheduled August 19-21

By Katheryne Fields

Before you know it, we will be welcoming the Georgia Rotary Student Program Class of 2022-23. Save the date now for their GRSP Conclave - taking place at Lake Lanier Islands August 19-21, 2022.

All Rotarians, host families, District Leadership, GRSP Leadership, Trustees, Foundation Board, Staff, Emeritus members, former Trustees, friends of GRSP and alumni are invited to attend. Rooms have been reserved at Legacy Lodge. Attendees will pay for their rooms and other amenities at Lake Lanier Islands. Don't miss out on the weekend - especially the student cabaret (talent show) on Saturday night. A link will be forthcoming with training and banquet details.

The Conclave will be hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Forsyth, Gainesville, Hall County, Lanier-Forsyth, South Forsyth, and South Hall (District 6910). [more]