

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	ANNUAL FUND	POLIO PLUS
	MEMBERSHIP		
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



From Our
District
Governor
**Whirlwind
of
Activity
as We
Unite for
Good ...
and for
Fun!**

By Steve Ivory
I hope all of you
were safe and
sound as the US,
including GA,
experienced
major weather
events recently
including sleet,
snow, rain,
snow. I hope
none of you had
too much
hardship from
the rough
conditions. **DGE**

**Cynthia
Edwards**

completed her
International
Assembly
Training a few
weeks ago so
congrats to her!
She also
conducted
training for
district leaders
in Peachtree
City. And I
survived another
Rotary Youth
Exchange trip to
Disneyland -
with 16
teenagers,
participated in
service projects
at Bainbridge
and Rotary on
the Flint, and
recognized
Rotary
Foundation
supporters and
long time
member Don
Millen. There's
so much more
you should know

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District
Conference
2026

Join Us at Lake Lanier Island - April 16-19, 2026

By Lisa
Carlisle
Join us for an
unforgettable
2026 District
Conference
as we
celebrate the
incredible
2025-2026
Rotary Year
under District
Governor
Steve! We're
excited to
announce
that we're
moving the
conference to
the beautiful
Lake Lanier
Islands Resort
this year —
offering a
fresh, fun
setting for
fellowship,
inspiration,
and
celebration.
We can't wait
to see
everyone
there! We
have made
special
arrangements
for some fun
outings
Friday
morning. Get
more
information
and sign up
now on the
**District
6900
website** .
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District 6900
Opportunity
**Showcasing
Rotary
International
at the 2026
FIFA World
Cup**

By Dave McCleary
Rotary District 6900 has an exciting opportunity to play a visible and meaningful role in one of the world's largest global events—the 2026 FIFA World Cup, coming to North America from June 11-July 19, 2026. Rotary International is exploring ways to strengthen Host City Leadership in key areas that align closely with Rotary's mission, including hospitality, human trafficking prevention, housing support, event services, and public image. This effort positions Rotary to demonstrate *Service Above Self* on a global stage. Rotarians interested in learning more or serving on the World Cup Host City Leadership Committee are encouraged to complete the **World Cup Volunteer Google Form**. Read more about the opportunity. [more]



Our Rotary
Foundation
**The
Foundation's
Work
Continues to
Reach
Further**

*by Bob Hagan,
District Foundation
Chair*

By Bob Hagan
As usual, there is lots to talk about and share with you all. I had the opportunity to put together some halfway through the year numbers of our DG Steve Ivory and he was extremely excited about where we found ourselves at this point in the year. So let me share them with you now. For District 6900, our annual fund goal for the year is \$307,000, and as of end of December we are already at \$347,000, which is 113% of the goal. Our Polio Plus goal for the year is \$158,000 and we are already at \$184,000 which is 116%! And there's much more good news ... including a global grant by the North Atlanta club that focuses on preventing birth defects associated with spina bifida in Ethiopia. [more]



In Memoriam

Celebrating the Life of Will

MacArthur

By Margie Kersey
Rotary's world shines a little less brightly today with the passing of William "Will" MacArthur of Sandy Springs, Georgia—a devoted Rotarian, a joyful servant leader, and a beloved friend to many.

Will's Rotary journey was marked by unwavering dedication and an infectious spirit. Most recently a member of the Rotary Satellite Club of Stone Mountain Passport, he served as Foundation Chair and resident champion of good humor, lifting spirits as naturally as he lifted service projects. Before joining the Passport club, Will contributed profoundly to the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs, where he faithfully served three years as Treasurer, four years as Foundation Chair, and ultimately as Club President in 2017-18. His commitment only deepened after his presidency, as he continued to guide and encourage fellow Rotarians through three years as Assistant Governor, helping clubs across the district reach new heights. [more]



GRSP Update

GRSP's Biral, Jin Honored Duo for Thomas Peace Awards

By Katheryne Fields

Julia Carlotto Biral of Brazil and **Guang 'Loski' Jin of China** were recently

announced as the winners of the 2025-2026 Barbara M. and Donald L. Thomas Peace Award. The awards were presented in December by Rotary Club of Roswell Committee Chair John Carruth, alongside GRSP Executive Director Katheryne Fields and Past District Governor Cheryl Greenway. Following a mission trip to Costa Rica in 2000, the Thomases were inspired to establish this award to support GRSP students in financial need who exemplify the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self." Since 2002, the Rotary Club of Roswell has administered this annual award, which has grown to two scholarships with \$3,000 per recipient.

Why were these students recognized? [\[more\]](#)



Why I Love RYLA

*by Jaclyn Donovan,
District RYLA
Co-Chair*

By Jaclyn Donovan
If you know me, you know that RYLA is something that I am 110% passionate about. RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) is a summer camp that aims to give our District 6900 teenagers the opportunity to build their leadership skills. You can read more about the program on our RYLA page or check us out on Facebook and Instagram. Read on here to learn why I love RYLA ... and how you and your club can get involved! The time to take action is now!
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RLI

Join the RLI Learning Opportunity: February 21 in Marietta

By Tracy Van
Norman

2026 has kicked off RLI with a bang! 37 members attended the RLI event in Thomasville on January 10. Great learning, sharing, and fun was had by all. They increased their knowledge of Rotary while also increasing their leadership skills. Many thanks to Joe Tarver, Nate Tyler, and the other members of the **Rotary Club of Thomasville** for hosting ... [more]



Our Rotary
Foundation at
Work

R.I. President Arezzo to visit North Atlanta's Global Grant Project in Ethiopia

By Jon Yaeger
*"When spiders
unite, they can
tie up a lion"*
– *Ethiopian
Proverb*

When Rotary
International
President
Francesco
Arezzo and wife
Anna Maria visit
Rotary Ethiopia
this month,
they will see
the **Rotary
Club of North
Atlanta's**
(RCNA) global
grant project
first-hand – the
sole project
chosen for their
visit.

Joined by two
Rotary clubs in
the United
States and two
in Addis Ababa,
the RCNA is
beginning the
third year of a
five-year
initiative to
prevent serious
birth defects
such as *spina
bifida*, which
are associated
with a lack of
an inexpensive
vitamin (B9, or
folic acid) in
maternal diets.
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Laws of Life
**Once a
Laws of Life
Student -
Now a UGA
Bulldog**

By Carol Gray
Walker

More than two years after writing his Laws of Life essay in 10th grade, Georgia Laws of Life alumnus CJ Allen, linebacker for the University of Georgia Bulldogs, recently reminded us just how lasting one moment of reflection can be.

CJ reposted his essay on Facebook with a simple caption: *"My 10th grade project on Laws of Life. Lol read this. Moral of the story—keep going."* His Law of Life — *"Everybody goes through something. It's all about persevering."* Do you want to read more of CJ's story? Are you and/or your club ready to work with schools, sponsor the program or judge this year's essays? Keep reading ... [more]



Club News

Vinings Cumberland Cleans Up Community!

By Thomas House
The **Rotary Club of
Vinings
Cumberland**
recently came
together for a
hands-on
community clean-
up, and the results
were immediate
and meaningful.
More than 50 bags
of trash and bulky
debris were
collected, helping
make local streets
cleaner and safer
for all who live and
work in the area.
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Club News

North Cobb Rotarians Busy Making a Difference!

By Jose Gonzalez
North Cobb Rotary Club
President Jose Gonzalez used the first meeting in January to present a mid-year review. He shared that the club has already gifted over \$30,000 to local and global non-profit organizations and completed many of its goals. The review set the stage for the rest of January, where the club joined in a unity walk with the City of Ackworth for the Martin Luther King holiday, painted the learning center that sponsors the Acworth Achievers Program, and restocked the Kennesaw State University food pantry. There's more to the story. [\[more\]](#)



Club News
**North
Atlanta
Celebrates
Don
Millen, 58
Years of
Service**

By Steve Ivory
**North Atlanta
Rotarian Don
Millen** has been a Rotarian for 58 years and was awarded a lifetime achievement award by the District and a Service Hero coin by DG Steve Ivory. Don became a Major Donor Level 2 and was recognized by PDG/DRFC Bob Hagan and Steve Ivory. He has been a huge service leader and has helped out so many people and organizations with his generosity and selfless methods to get things done. He does not seek out recognition and yet he has impacted so many lives. We all were entertained by the amazing stories told about Don's service.
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Club News

North Fulton Serves Schools on MLK Day of Service

By Lisa Gelber
On January 19, MLK Day of Service, members of **Rotary Club of North Fulton**

cleaned and sanitized classrooms at Children's Development Academy. During this severe flu season, it is more important than ever to do what we can to keep children safe and healthy. When children become ill, their parents often must miss work, placing additional ...
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Griffin Daybreak Supports Backpack Food for Kids

By Debby Daniel-Bryant
Griffin Daybreak Rotary members and friends, including Erin Mulder Director of Stepping Stones, and William Wilson from **Griffin Rotary**, participated in a morning of packing food bags for needy children in the local school system. Led by Will Doss of Backpack Foods for Kids, Daybreak Rotarians packed over 100 bags of non-perishable foods to help sustain children over weekends who do not have a consistent source of food because they lack financial resources. [more]



Club News

North Cobb Rotarian Serves City of Acworth

By Kimberly Haase
The **North Cobb Rotary** year kicked off with an inspiring celebration of service as North Cobb Rotarian Judge Jaret Usher proudly swore in fellow Rotarian Kimberly Haase to the office of Alderwoman for the City of Acworth. Judge Usher, whose decade-long commitment to the county, and as a State Court Judge since 2022 exemplifies the very spirit of "Service Above Self" helped mark a historic moment on January 2nd in the heart of Acworth, GA. This milestone not only highlights the leadership rising within our clubs, but also showcases how Rotarians continue to shape our communities with integrity, dedication, and purpose. Cheers to a year of impact, fellowship, and bold new beginnings! [more]

HERO-OF-THE-MONTH



Club News

Roswell Recognizes Hometown Hero: Fire Division Chief Cavender

By Becky Nelson
Roswell Rotary
and President
Trummie Lee
Patrick III was
proud to honor
Roswell Fire
Department
Division Chief
Christopher
Cavender. Division
Chief Cavender is
a veteran of the
fire service with
nearly two
decades of
experience and a
strong track
record of
leadership,
keeping a focus on
firefighter
health/wellness
and professional
development.
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CHAIRWOMAN DR. ALIEKA ANDERSON-HENRY PRESENTS
 “END POLIO NOW” PROCLAMATION TO THE ROTARY CLUB

Warren Bond

Club News Clayton County Issues End Polio Now Proclamation

By Claudia Mertl
 At a public Board meeting, the Chairwoman of the Clayton County Board of Commissioner, and all the Commissioners representing Clayton County, presented an "End Polio Now" proclamation to the **Rotary Club of Atlanta Southern Crescent**. The Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton County joined in the celebration. The proclamation was read to the audience and presented to President Mahli and President Gerriann. The professional photography was done by Warren Bond. [more]

Gratitude Wal: Members Helping Members



This is a new section of the Rotoscope- highlighting a few of the many acts of service our members give to each other:

From **Michael Curling** :

I just wanted to take a second to recognize **David White** . We ended up somewhat last minute needing a Civil Engineer for a permit with the City of Roswell and David and his firm **Civilogistix** , despite their busy schedule, took time over the Holidays to step up and assist us. The power of Rotary!

If you would like to share the extraordinary actions of a fellow Roswell Rotarian on the Gratitude Wall, please contact Alicia Hughes ahughes@wsnielsen.com or Kathy Igou kligou@gmail.com

Club News

Roswell Adds Gratitude Wall to Weekly Newsletter

By Becky Nelson
With a focus on Service Above Self, the **Roswell Rotary Club** realized that it was not publicly recognizing fellow Rotarians when they showed up professionally for another member! In December President Trummie Lee Patrick III asked Kathy Igou (Rotoscope Editor) to add a new section to our weekly newsletter after a conversation with Roswell Rotarian Hal Schlenger who was complimenting fellow RRC member Joe Mazzeo, a master plumber, for his prompt and professional response for a personal matter. Thus, The Gratitude Wall was added.
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