Rotary District 6900 — ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

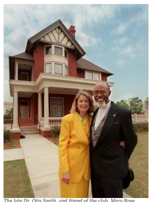
DISTRICT 6900 NEWS FOR JANUARY, 2018

From the District Governor

Rotary Youth Exchange

By Alec Smythe

Five reasons your club should take a serious look at Rotary Youth Exchange when doing your planning for next year. [more]



The late Dr. Otis Smith, and friend of the club, Mary Rose Taylor, both key players in saving the Margaret Mitchell House many years ago

Rotary People in Action

Dr. Otis Wesley Smith, Rotary Club of Atlanta West End: A Retrospective for MLK Week

By Jackie Cuthbert

When Dr. Otis Wesley Smith passed away in 2007, he was a prominent member of the **Rotary Club of Atlanta West End**. More than that, he was an important part of Civil Rights history here in Atlanta and across the country. [more]

Club News

Perspectives of a 2017-18 Rotary Youth Exchange Student ...

By Dottie Toney

As we are in the midst of our first year of Rotary Youth Exchange, Dunwoody High student Henry O'Connell, one of our current outbound students who is studying in Thailand, sent this update to his sponsor club, the **Rotary Club of Dunwoody**. [more]

The Rotary Foundation

Are You on Track for 2017-18?

By Margie Kersey

Congratulations! You are half-way through this Rotary year! This is a great time to stop and check your map to see if you are on track. This year both the Rotary Citation and the District Awards are driven by reporting in My Rotary. Read about some of the Rotary Citation Foundation goals you can check. [more]

Rotary Youth Exchange

$24,000 Scholarships Awarded to Local High School Students for 2018-19 School Year Abroad

By Mike Parks

Six talented high school students from District 6900 were selected to receive the Rotary Youth Exchange scholarship for the 2018-19 school year, valued at over $24,000. See who was selected and what they will be doing for the next year. [more]

At the North Fulton Rotary Council student weekend in November

GRSP Update

Grades and Holidays ... to New Student Selection ... to GRSP through a Student's Eye

By Lynn Clarke

As the Christmas holidays ended, we were all happy to have our students, who had the good fortune to travel, return to the fold and begin classes. So far, the grades coming in to the GRSP home office have been good. Encourage your students to keep up that good work and maintain good grades, as transcripts will be available to them at the end ... [more]

People walk through the destruction in Roseau, Domenica on September 20. (photo: CNN)

District Disaster Relief Efforts

Our Disaster Relief Efforts for the First Half of the Rotary Year

By Steve Stanfield

Rotary Year 2017-2018 didn't start off right. Natural disasters around the world and close to home seemed to occur on a daily basis. Read more about how we are helping. [more]

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Computers Further AVPRIDE Education Efforts

By Rick Barnes

The **Rotary Club of Fayette Daybrea**k, in collaboration with Affinity Computers, made a donation of computers, anti-virus software, and technical support to AVPRIDE's After School and Enrichment Program. [more]

Emory Druid Hills President Elect Chatur Chhabhaya with Toys for Tots collected.

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Emory Druid Hills Celebrates Holidays with Toys for Tots Support

By Bhairavi Nadgonde

Rotary Club of Emory Druid Hills Is is pleased to announce the successful completion of its Toys for Tots drive for the US Marine Corp during the Christmas season and wish to thank all the children and families who donated so generously. So many children will be blessed with the gifts sent by you this season! The community ... [more]

Photo from the Clayton News Daily.com

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The Giving Side of Christmas

By Claudia Mertl

Through this **Lake Spivey/Clayton County Club** program, DFACS children actually get to shop for gifts for others. [more]

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Rotary Club of Stone Mountain, Georgia Gifts Local Refugees with Dictionaries

By Lizbeth Dison

The **Rotary Club of Stone Mountain** has leveraged a Rotary District grant to gift 1,200 dictionaries to members of the refugee community recently resettled in Clarkston, Georgia. The club hopes the dictionaries, designed for third-grade students who already speak English, will help the new arrivals develop their English language skills and prepare them for naturalization. The **Rotary Club of Stone Mountain** has leveraged a Rotary District grant to gift 1,200 dictionaries to members of the refugee community recently resettled in Clarkston, Georgia. The club hopes the dictionaries, designed for third-grade students who already speak English, will help the new arrivals develop their English language skills and prepare them for naturalization. [more]

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Marietta Packs Gifts for Rotary/PAL Christmas Party

By Dale Covington

When disadvantaged youth arrived at the Marietta Rotary/PAL Christmas party, each received a toiletry bag from the **Rotary Club of Mariett**a. [more]

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Rotary Club of Bainbridge Helps Build Wheelchair Ramp

By Marlene Free

he **Rotary Club of Bainbridge** helps to support its local Friendship House and its programs to make a difference for at-risk children and youth. [more]

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Upcoming Key Dates

Tuesday, January 9th, 2018	**Carrollton Governor Visit**
Wednesday, January 10th, 2018	**Carrollton Dawnbreakers Governor Visit**
Thursday, January 11th, 2018	**Halftime Atlanta**
Friday, January 12th, 2018	**GRSP Student Leadership Conference**
Friday, January 12th, 2018	**Rotary Youth Exchange Outbound Orientation**
Friday, January 12th, 2018	**Newnan Governor Visit**
Saturday, January 13th, 2018	**GRSP Student Leadership Conference, Atlanta**
Sunday, January 14th, 2018	**International Assembly**
Tuesday, January 16th, 2018	**Barnesville Governor Visit**
Tuesday, January 16th, 2018	**Paulding Event / Wellstar**
Thursday, January 18th, 2018	**Halftime Albany**
Friday, January 19th, 2018	**GRSP Trustees Meeting — Savannah**
Friday, January 19th, 2018	**RLI: Rotary Leadership Institute**
Monday, January 22nd, 2018	**Douglas County Governor Visit**
Tuesday, January 23rd, 2018	**Paulding County Governor Visit**
Tuesday, January 23rd, 2018	**Halftime Columbus**
Thursday, January 25th, 2018	**Rotary Youth Exchange Inbound Trip - SeaCamp**
Thursday, January 25th, 2018	**Dallas-Paulding County Governor Visit**
Thursday, January 25th, 2018	**Bremen Governor Visit**
Thursday, January 25th, 2018	**Halftime Peachtree City**
Wednesday, January 31st, 2018	**2nd Half District Dues Invoices Must Be Paid**
Monday, February 5th, 2018	**Marietta Metro Governor Visit**
Tuesday, February 6th, 2018	**Smyrna Governor Visit**
Wednesday, February 7th, 2018	**Marietta Governor Visit**

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