



## From Our District Governor **Happy Labor Day!**

By Kirk Driskell  
Late in the 19th century the labor movement's effort to create safe and standard work environments created what we celebrate today. Labor Day became a federal holiday on June 28, 1894 when President Grover Cleveland signed it into law.

In the late 1800's when the Industrial Revolution was in full swing many Americans were working 12 hours a day, 7 days a week in an effort to just make enough to get by. People of all ages were in mills, mines and factories in unsafe conditions with limited sanitary facilities, no breaks and poor air condition.

For many Americans, today symbolizes the end of the summer and is celebrated with family, friends, long weekend road trips, events, family reunions and celebrations. In years past, cities and towns across our District hosted parades, barbecues, firework shows and public gatherings in their communities. Labor Day weekend is supposed to be filled with relaxation as our responsibilities are suspended for three days. As this holiday weekend draws to an end, I am sure yours may have been different like many other's. [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
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I **Cordele**

II **Blakely**

III

IV **Alpharetta**

## Key Dates

Thursday, July 9th, 2026	<b>North Atlanta Professional Alliance Governor Visit</b>
Tuesday, July 14th, 2026	<b>Paulding County Governor Visit</b>
Tuesday, July 28th, 2026	<b>Jackson-Butts County Governor Visit</b>
Thursday, July 30th, 2026	<b>North Cobb County Governor Visit</b>
Monday, August 3rd, 2026	<b>Marietta-Metro Governor Visit</b>
Tuesday, August 4th, 2026	<b>North Columbus Governor Visit</b>



THINK GLOBALLY  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE  
BECOME A  
**ROTARY  
SCHOLAR**

Rotary offers international scholarships of \$30,000 or more for career-minded graduate students who share our commitment to:

- Promoting peace
- Fighting disease
- Providing clean water
- Saving mothers and children
- Supporting education
- Growing local economies

“Rotary made it possible to explore multiple academic interests and professional orientations.”  
— Ashli Haidara, Rotary Scholar

JOIN LEADERS: [Rotary.org](http://Rotary.org)

The Rotary Foundation  
**District  
6900  
Scholarship  
Team  
Needs Your  
Help**

By Kathy Brandt  
Do you know outstanding college senior students, or recent graduates, in your community? Will you recommend them for Rotary's \$30,000 scholarship to attend graduate school abroad next year? If yes, please continue reading for four easy steps to take action! **Final application deadline is 12:00 noon, October 12, 2020.** [more]



SEP 26 @ 8 AM EDT

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# ANNUAL POLIO & HEALTH SYMPOSIUM

OVERCOMING THE CHALLENGES  
OF COVID-19 TO ACHIEVE  
A GLOBAL HEALTH LEGACY

Opportunity to Learn  
**Rotary Club of Emory-Clifton Invites You to Join the Third Annual Polio and Health Symposium**

By Alan Janssen

The **Rotary Club of Emory-Clifton**, with presenting partner United Advanced Practice Registered Nurses of Georgia and partners Shriners Hospitals for Children and the Medical Association of Georgia, will virtually present "Overcoming the Challenges of COVID-19 to Achieve a Global Health Legacy" on Saturday, September 26. The program will begin at 8:30 AM with a welcome and the first speaker at 9:00 AM to facilitate live viewing in Africa and Europe. The symposium is open to the public and will be presented through a live webcast. Online tickets are \$60 for health professionals seeking continuing education credits. Rotarians and members of the public are invited to participate, and are welcome to make a donation to support the program. You may view the agenda and purchase tickets at: [www.emorycliftonrotary.com](http://www.emorycliftonrotary.com).  
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Rotary 

# Virtual Bingo

The Rotary Club of Stone Mountain  
is hosting an afternoon of fun, games, and prizes!

Rotary Club of Stone Mountain

**B I N G O**

14	30	41	53	74
4	28	35	57	68
10	23	FREE SPACE	46	75
8	16	43	48	70
12	27	39	56	66

myfreebingocards.com

**CASH  
GRAND  
PRIZE**



**Join us**

**When:** Saturday, September 12, 2020 **Time:** 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Where:** Online via Zoom

**Why:** Fundraiser to support Club's service projects and education initiatives, including college scholarships

**How:** Register via Eventbrite by Thursday, September 10, 2020

**Link:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/virtual-bingo-tickets-117327103525>

**Contribution:** \$25 for 2 Bingo Cards / \$50 for 5 Bingo Cards

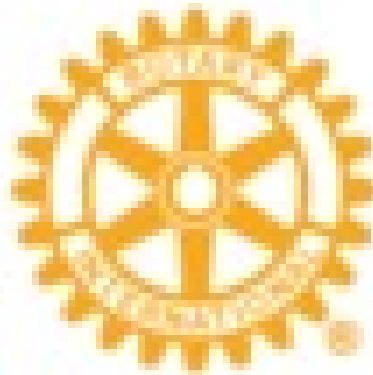
**For more information, contact Cynthia Dorsey Edwards, President via [StoneMountainRotary@gmail.com](mailto:StoneMountainRotary@gmail.com) or by phone at 770-634-6690**

**Space Limited. Register Early!**

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The  
**Rotary**  
Foundation



The Rotary Foundation  
**Important  
Changes to  
Global Grant  
Funding from  
The Rotary  
Foundation  
Effective July 1,  
2020**

By Anne Glenn  
Beginning this Rotary Year, your Rotary Foundation will no longer match Club Cash or cash donations from other sources when they are applied to finance Global Grant requests. In prior years, TRF matched cash contributions for a Global Grant project from money in the World Fund at a 50% rate (\$1.00 cash donation + \$.50 World Fund Contribution = \$1.50 for the project). And The Rotary Foundation matched DDF (District Designated Funds) from Rotary Districts around the world at a rate of 100% (\$1.00 DDF + \$1.00 World Fund Contribution = \$2.00 for the project). This year, beginning with applications submitted after July 1, 2020, The Foundation will continue to match all DDF funds supporting a Global Grant at 100% but not match any cash used in the funding. What does that mean to you?  
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**Camilla:** Adam Starr, Manager of Member Services, Grady EMC

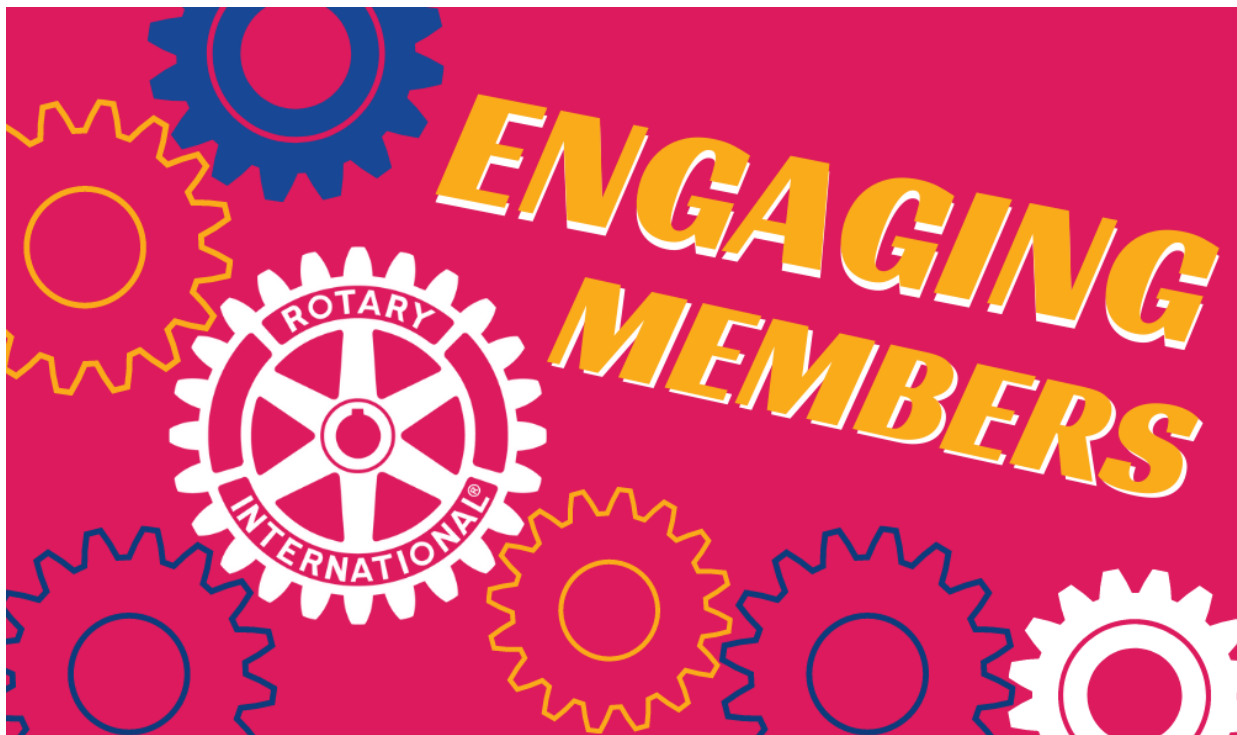
## Celebrating New Members



**Moultrie:** Victoria Gallagher and Ashley McGowan, both from Colquitt Regional Medical Center



**Newnan:** Gene Vineyard, a past president of the Bremen Rotary Club and job recruiter for ConcreteCareers (left) and Coweta County School Superintendent Dr. Evan Horton (right)



### Membership Engaging Members

By Jaclyn Donovan  
As Membership Month (August) comes to a close, this is a great time to consider how people can engage with Rotary so they are gaining value from being members. Here are just a few ideas from Rotary on how to keep your members involved ... [more]



## GRSP Update **New GRSP District Officers and New Opportunities for GRSP**

By Ian Bond  
The Georgia Rotary Student Program is alive and well in District 6900! As most of you know by now for the first time since 1946-1947 Georgia Rotarians will not be welcoming international students to our state, our colleges and universities and our Clubs. Like Rotary Youth Exchange and other international programs, GRSP has cancelled the class of 2020-2021 due to the global pandemic. However, there is much work to do in the Clubs, the District and State to ensure GRSP emerges into the post-pandemic environment stronger and more vital than ever. The original mission of GRSP is needed in today's geopolitical scene more than ever before in its 74 year history: "World Peace Through Understanding" So 2020-2021 is a year to refocus, reimagine, reinvent and renew. There are some of the exciting opportunities for GRSP this year!  
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# Social-Emotional Learning

Laws of Life

## **LAWS of Life Essay Contest Offers Valuable Tool to Schools**

By Natalie Marshall  
Schools face a daunting challenge for the 2020-21 school year -- how to ensure that every student can reach their potential in the current education environment. Each passing week presents new changes and the stress that goes with them. Most schools will focus on Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) programs to help students get the year started from a positive place. The Georgia Laws of Life (GLL) Essay Contest provides high school teachers with a powerful tool to promote SEL along with writing skills. GLL invites Rotary Clubs throughout Georgia to join the Laws of Life program. As a Contest Sponsor your Rotary Club support provides a life-changing program for educators and students which encourages students to reflect upon values like those in the Rotary Four-Way Test. Contest Sponsors may also serve as a School Partner, working directly with a school or schools in your local area. GLL invites clubs throughout Georgia to participate with or without being a school partner. [more]

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End Human Trafficking  
**Atlanta Rotary Reports on Its Anti-human Trafficking Task Force's Work**

By Bob Hope  
Ted Blum, chair of the Anti-human Trafficking Task Force of the Rotary Club of Atlanta, addressed the club on the results of its two-year program to work with Atlanta's top corporations to end human trafficking in the city. "We saw our role as coordinating, encouraging and assisting the companies in learning from each other and either establishing or expanding their efforts to end human trafficking," Blum said. Ted is pictured here with Dan Cathy, CEO of Check-fil-A. The full story includes a link to the report. [more]

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2020-21 District Awards

## **Celebrating the Work We Do**

By Court Dowis, Jr.

Each spring at District Conference (or for 2019-20 at a summer event in Columbus), we recognize clubs and Rotarians for their accomplishments during the year. Of course, that requires clubs to let us know what they're doing. The District presents most awards in categories - based on club size - and for the first time in 2021, we have divided ... [more]

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## Rotary

- **The Four-Way Test**
- Of the things we think, say or do:
- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Club News

## Striving to Do Better - Living the Four-Way Test

By Susan Backofen  
 As we enter our 100th year, the **Rotary Club of Thomasville** is placing renewed focus on Rotary's code of honor--the Four-Way Test. To define those efforts and bring the Test to life, we gathered input from members of the executive board and from members of the club. President John Brown and his board are making the Four-Way Test part of its Code of Conduct. They also hope to weave the Test into the very fabric of our club and our individual members' lives. The intent is to strengthen our club and to encourage our members to apply the Four-Way Test to their work, family, social, and community lives. "The result will be a better club, serving our community in more meaningful ways," said President John. "I firmly believe that as our members commit more fully to living the Four-Way Test, we'll also become better people—in our businesses, our families, our friendships, our churches, and in every other way we connect to the community."  
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## OUR UNIQUE PROGRAM

Partners in Change (PIC) is without doubt an aggressive and visionary plan to significantly affect Atlanta's biggest threat — the severe economic challenges of so many of her people.

Rather than create a new addition to the crisis service model, PIC applies coaching's proven strategies to adults in low-income situations, enabling individuals to self-empower and change the trajectory of their lives.



From  
Facebook  
**Atlanta  
West  
End  
Partners  
for  
Change**

By Jackie  
Cuthbert  
**Atlanta West  
End Rotarian  
Neil**

Shorthouse is spending his retirement founding a new organization, Partners in Change (PIC), that pairs trained volunteer coaches with adults who want to assert greater control over circumstances and challenges holding them back. Neil has recruited several Atlanta West End Rotarians to join him in this important work.  
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Serving During the Pandemic

## **A Community Partnership to Engage Employers with Job Seekers**

By Trummie Patrick

Every community in our nation is dealing with massive unemployment and big changes in the employment world. Many careers/jobs are no longer what they were. Unemployed workers must remake themselves for this new marketplace and develop new skills in order to survive. How do they get the coaching, resources and networking skills needed to make this happen? With surprisingly little time, the answer could be, your Rotary Club! Since 2010, the Roswell Rotary Club and Roswell United Methodist Church Job Networking have teamed up to help hundreds of job seekers with workshops, personal networking, LinkedIn headshots, spiritual support, Attire to Hire and Mini Job Fairs. Now the meetings have gone virtual, and they continue to attract hundreds. [more]



Serving  
During the  
Pandemic  
**Paulding  
County  
Feeds  
Hungry  
Children**

By Roy  
Strickland  
**Paulding  
County  
Rotarians**  
recently  
completed an  
amazing local  
project. They  
applied for  
and received a  
competitive  
district grant  
to help feed  
hungry  
children in  
their county  
during the  
time schools  
were closed  
for Covid-19.  
In partnership  
with District  
6900, The  
Rotary  
Foundation,  
Chick-Fil-A,  
Prime  
Engineering,  
and CAYA  
Ministries,  
more than  
1,300 bags  
containing  
6,500 lunches  
(and an  
equivalent  
number of  
breakfast  
items) were  
sourced and  
delivered.  
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Serving During the  
Pandemic  
**Vinings  
Cumberland  
and Smyrna  
Join Forces  
for Schools**

By Narayan  
Sengupta  
**Vinings  
Cumberland  
Rotary and  
Smyrna Rotary**  
have both spent  
years supporting  
area public schools.  
Vinings Cumberland  
Past President Neill  
Ferrill led a recent  
ad hoc service  
project to provide  
backpacks and  
supplies for  
Compton  
Elementary School  
in Cobb County -  
raising \$500 per  
club for \$1,000  
total. "Historically,"  
says Ferrill, "this  
Title I elementary  
school relied heavily  
on the contributions  
of nearby churches  
to meet the needs  
of its 500 students.  
With church-giving  
disrupted in this  
COVID environment,  
the generous  
Rotarians of the  
Vinings Cumberland  
and Smyrna Clubs  
took on this need  
that would have  
otherwise left many  
of Compton  
Elementary  
students without  
critical school  
supplies as they  
work remotely."  
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## Serving During the Pandemic **Tablets for Nursing and Rehab Center Patients**

By Samantha Rosado  
It was **Douglas County Rotary's** pleasure to serve the Douglasville Nursing and Rehab Center on Thursday, August 13! The club was able to bless them with brand new tablets for the residents to use during isolation. These allow them to see their families and loved ones. Extreme Images (a small business in our community) helped us brand them with our logo and the facilities logo! Pictured left to right: Stromboli Carter, Samantha Rosado (Rotarian), Kristine Aibangee, Alicia Steel, Brenda Waters and John Baker (Rotarian). [more]



Club News

## **Creating Rotary Reads ... A Story of the Lake Spivey/Clayton County Book Club**

By Ron Swofford

In early 2018 while searching for quietly active ways to promote interaction among members, the Public Image Committee of the Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton County encouraged interested Rotarians to think about developing a book club. Several members responded and following a low key approach, they conducted their first session on February 19, 2018 (pictured here). The participants named the book club Rotary Reads, and in the belief that not many Rotary Clubs also include book clubs, chose to call themselves "pioneers."

The basic outline of Rotary Reads is that, as a general rule beginning in February, it meets between 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm on the third Monday of every other month. During the first fifteen minutes or so of each meeting, the Pioneers discuss potential future selections with the understanding that the person who recommends a selection will be the moderator of the discussion that focuses on that book. All genres are welcome, including history, fiction, science, philosophy, biography, etc.

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Club News  
**Starfish  
Ministries  
Project  
Serves  
India's  
Differently  
Disabled**

By LISA Thompson  
In keeping with Rotary's commitment to Polio, the **Rotary Club of Meriwether County** and Starfish Ministries are serving the people of India affected by Polio and other life altering disabilities. The club celebrates this young man's new knee joint for this prosthesis - donated by our project partner FODAC and transported to India by Past President Bob Prater. The doctor who fitted this young college student was so excited by the opportunities that Rotary has provided these differently disabled patients, he has offered to sponsor a "Fitment camp" in November, where he would give about 50 prosthetic legs to individuals in need. Parts to make these 50 prosthetic legs will cost about \$100 per prosthesis. [more]

From Facebook

# Share Your Story of Making a Difference on Facebook and in the Newsletter

By Jackie Cuthbert

Many clubs are doing great work in their communities even during the pandemic. This Rotary year, I have been visiting each club's Facebook page as part of creating the newsletter, to give clubs a spotlight for work they are doing. The photo collages that follow this article all come from that journey through Facebook. I plan to continue this but would love to have you send in the stories you are proudest to share - about service projects, fundraising ideas in a difficult time, ways your club or individual Rotarians are making a difference in the community. **Our deadline is the 25th of each month for publication in the next month's newsletter.** We love pictures - and a paragraph or two on your story (or more if there's more you'd like to tell) in a Word document or typed in the body of an email.

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**Milton** made over three gallons of yummy banana pudding ice cream for Miss Mary's Ice Cream Crankin' in Roswell – benefiting The Drake House



**North Atlanta** recently joined "Sweep the Hooch - No trash Saturday" at the Proctor Creek site

For the  
community



**Carrollton Dawnbreakers** join Great Carrollton Greenbelt Cleanup!



**Peachtree City** packed over 800 bags of canned goods to be distributed to more than 300 agencies

North Cobb held a very special fundraising event benefiting CCYA – who provides food, shelter, clothing and supervision for children in need



For the community

Tucker's Community Service Chair Bob Wallace and President Jonathan Clark presented \$2,000 to Tucker food bank – from a District matching grant



Senoia proudly hosted a first responder & veteran appreciation lunch

For first responders



Alpharetta "celebrated new soldiers" at the USO





**Columbus Rotary and Greater Columbus Rotaract** donate 150 earphones with microphones to assist with distraction free virtual learning (thanks Joe Young)

**Bremen Rotarian Bob Winiarczyk and Pioneer Ford** for donating 50 cases of water for student use



# For the schools



**Barnesville** helping fill school bags



**Meriwether County** supports Back to School Bash