



Save The Date
**Join Us for
District
Conference
... April 29
- May 2,
2021**

By Dave Schmit
We all missed seeing our Rotary friends and family at the beach in 2020 so let's make up for it in 2021! So mark your calendars April 29 through May 2 and plan on being in San Destin for the return of District Conference. Registration will open in January so be on the look out for more details soon.
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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	POLIO
	MEMBERSHIP	FUND	PLUS

I **Cordele**

II **Blakely**

III

IV **Alpharetta**

Key Dates

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



From Our District
Governor

Celebrating Rotary's Commitment to a Healthier World

By Kirk Driskell

I hope that you all had a great Thanksgiving. It was great to gather with family and friends giving thanks. I had mixed emotions throughout the day as it was different than years past. While I could have focused on what and who was missing, I chose to focus on the opportunity that we had and who was there. As this year comes to an end, I have confidence that next Thanksgiving will look more like years past. In part that is because of Rotarians like you who are dedicated to fighting and preventing disease.
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From Our District Chaplain

Words of Inspiration This Holiday Season

By Gregory Adams

I always like to give honor to whom honor is due - and that includes my wife Jacqueline as well as District Governor Kirk Driskell, the Assistant Governors and all the Presidents of Rotary, especially Lawrence Short, the Interim President of South DeKalb Rotary. I call him a friend, and a true leader who considers others above himself. I'm reminded that to whom much is given, much is required. So with that being said, we expect nothing but greatness under the leadership of all of these people.

I'm also thankful that Rotary has been at the front of helping and providing for so many families during this Holiday season by giving so that others may have. This organization has helped so many people young and old, male and female, and of all nationalities, showing what brotherly and sisterly love is all about.

As we prepare for the New Year, we trust and hope that everyone stays safe and enjoys time with family and friends. Thank you Rotarians and Happy Holidays!

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Rotary Leadership
Institute
**Check Out
Your RLI
Learning
Opportunities
for December**

By Jackie Cuthbert
RLI is now offering
courses in English and
Spanish. In December
alone, you can
participate in these
one-hour sessions:

- December 7, 10 am:
Session 1.2 of RLI
Online in Spanish -
Rotary Opportunities.
- December 7, 8 pm:
RLI Online Session 1.3
in Spanish - Ethics &
Vocational Service.
- December 8, 10 ...

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GRSP
Perspectives

A **Traditional Russian New Year**

By Ian Bond
New Year is a big holiday in Russia. Families gather for a big feast and a celebration. Christmas is celebrated on January 7, but usually it is just a quiet family evening. The celebration usually begins in the evening because December 31 is not a holiday. Families get together and around 9:00 pm when the feast begins. Many people believe that the tables must be overloaded with food so that the New Year will be rich and fruitful. The main dishes on the table are salads, potatoes, meat, often red caviar, and champagne. There is a belief that the better you “greet” the New Year, the better it will “treat” you. So, people dress up in their best outfits, throw away old and broken things, and try not to borrow or return money around the holidays.
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Our Rotary
Foundation at Work
**Thomasville
Rotary
Ignites A
Spark**

By Carol Jones
Many who know
Thomasville will
agree it is an
incredibly special
and beautiful
community. What
seems to set it
apart is a spirit of
commitment by its
citizenry to provide
opportunities in all
facets of life to
those who wish to
participate. One
important
contributor to this
commitment is the
**Rotary Club of
Thomasville.**

This year Rotary
Club President John
Brown has chosen
to direct the club's
\$1,500 District
Grant funds to do
good locally. John
tapped SPARK
Thomasville to
receive these funds
which will assist
budding minority
entrepreneurs to
launch their
businesses from a
solid foundation.
Also highly involved
in SPARK
Thomasville are
Rotary past
presidents Andre'
Marria and Teri
White, as well as a
host of other local
Rotarians who
serve the program
as mentors,
coaches and
judges.
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The Rotary Foundation at Work

Columbus Area Rotarians Finding Ways To Meet Today's Challenges

By Julie Bond
In September, Rotarians from Columbus, North Columbus, Muscogee and Rotaract Clubs met enthusiastically and safely at the Trade Center Parking garage, to carry out our collaborative club service project. The venue provided an ideal open-air setting. All club members wore masks and packaged boxes for Hope Harbour, the third largest domestic violence shelter in the state of Georgia. [more]



The Rotary
Foundation at
Work

Greetings from

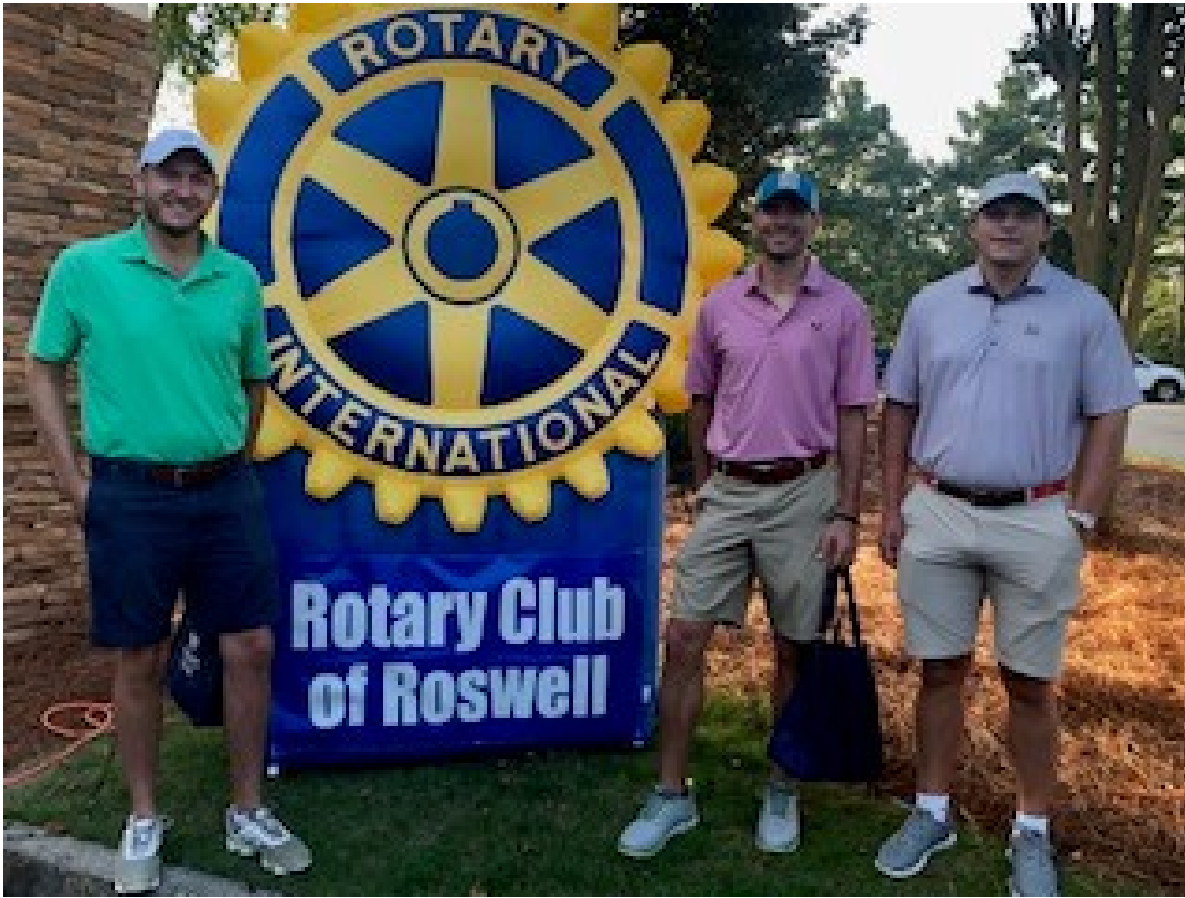
By Kathy Brandt
Global Grant
Scholar Jared
Hampson has
started his
studies for a
Masters degree
in Peace and
Security at
King's College
London. Jared is
sponsored by
District 6900,
recommended
by the **Rotary
Club of North
Columbus.**

Robbie Green,
Past President
and Past AG
from North
Columbus is the
District
Scholarship
Committee
member who
serves as
Rotary Mentor
for Jared. His
wife and son are
with him in
London. Check
out Jared's
progress here.
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Serving During
the Pandemic
**Fayette
Daybreak
Partners
with Real
Life
Center**

By Lee Dodds
These are challenging times for all of us, and like other Rotarians, our **Fayette Daybreak Club** has been looking for ways to serve our community while staying safe during the pandemic. In September, we held a food drive and all of our members took part. Some of us collected canned goods, others made online donations or donated gift cards. Some made donations through food drives at their churches, collected items from neighbors and friends, or checked with local schools about families in need. One of our newest members contacted her friends at Delta Cargo who donated \$500 plus several large boxes of non-perishable food items. [more]



Club News
**Roswell
Golf and
Tennis
Tournament
Raises
\$140,000**

By Trummie Patrick
The 42nd Aubrey Greenway Golf and 8th Hagan Cup Tennis Classic Tournament was held this September at Country Club of Roswell; 130 golfers and 100 tennis players participated. The day also included an auction and the annual golf ball drop. Roswell Rotary raised \$140,000 to support local charities and international projects. This tournament had its start in 1978.
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Club News **Douglas County Helps Support Shop with a Cop**

By Samantha Rosado
The **Rotary Club of Douglas County** donated \$2,800 to the first annual Shop with a Cop hosted by the Douglas County School System Police Department. The money will sponsor 56 children for the holidays. We look forward to joining the children, police officers and others in the community later this month to help the children shop for Christmas ... [more]