



From Our District Governor

Facing Challenges; Adapting to Change; Delivering Hope

By Kirk Driskell
As we welcome in 2021 with a renewed sense of hope, encouragement and goals it is without question they will intersect with the challenges of COVID-19. I can honestly say that I was praying we would be in further along in restoring our "normal" lives. This pandemic is serious as it affects the health and lives of many with little known about it. Uncertainty is uncomfortable and is inconvenient as we have to adapt our plans. Uncertainty is a part of life and how we react to it will direct our paths. Our intentions do not determine our destination; our actions do. [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.

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|----------|------------|--------|-------|
| 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 |

2021 ROTARY CONVENTION NOW VIRTUAL

2021 VIRTUAL
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION

#Rotary21

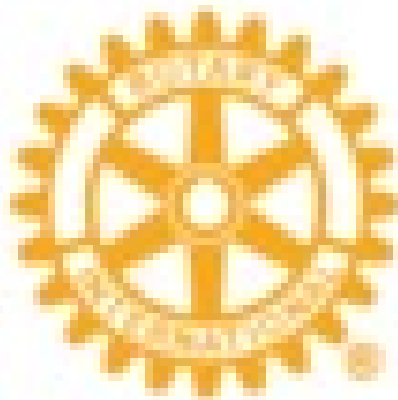
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RI Convention and
District Conference
2021

Rotary International Convention Goes Virtual; District Conference Cancelled

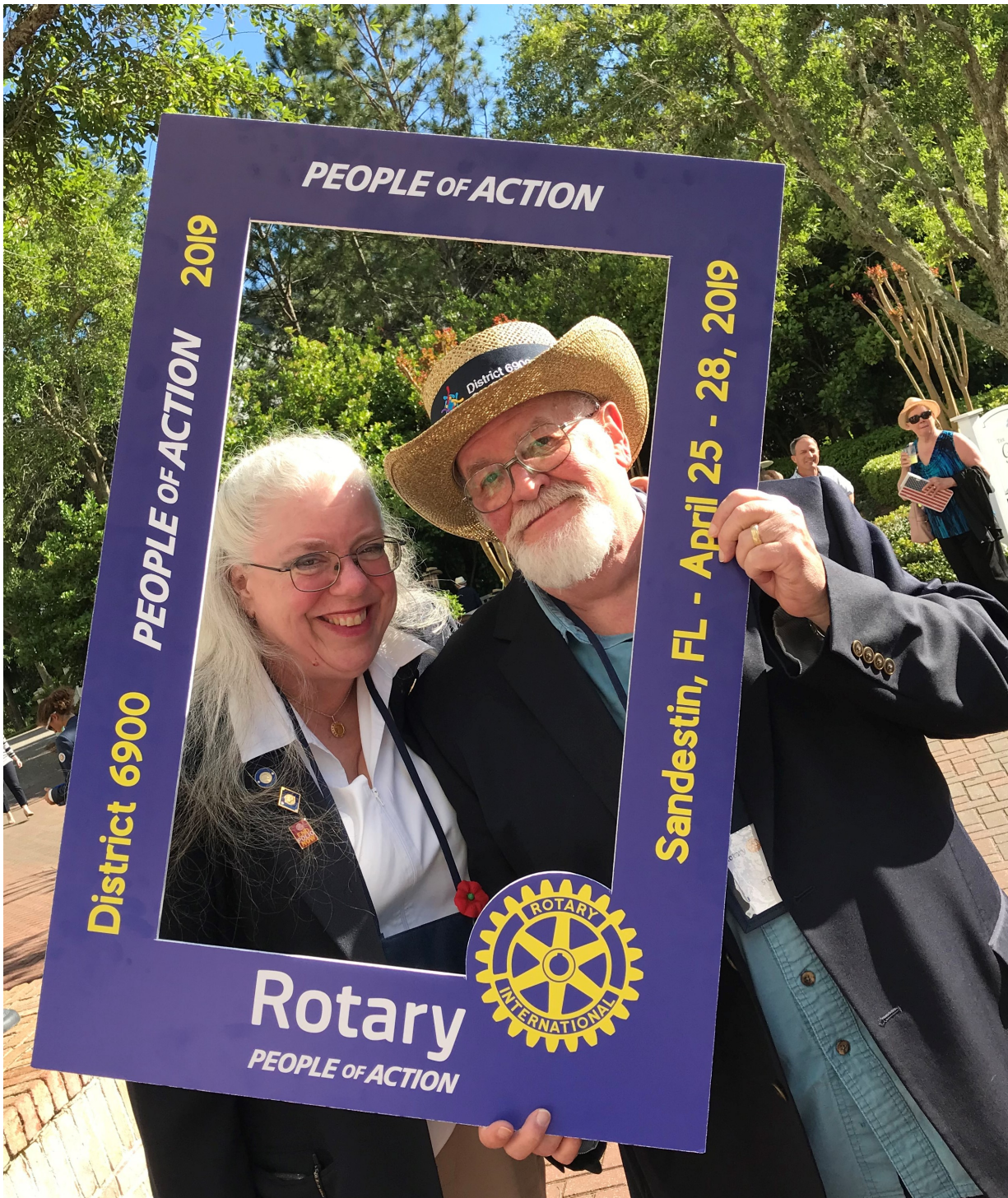
By Jackie Cuthbert
Since our last
communication with
you, COVID
conditions have
continued to forecast
difficulty with
ensuring Rotary can
safely hold large
gatherings. [more]

The
Rotary
Foundation



The Rotary Foundation 2020-2021 District Grants Upcoming Deadline

By Gillian Leggett
The time to close
out all District
Grants for
2020-2021 is
near. If you have
an open District
Grant ALL
documentation is
to be uploaded to
the district
website,
reviewed, and
ACCEPTED by the
District Grants
team no later
than March 31,
2021. If you have
a grant that is
currently in
overdue status,
documentation is
to be uploaded
immediately.
Thank you to
those clubs that
have already
uploaded their
spending
documentation.
[more]



Rotary
Leadership
Institute
**Our Own
PDG
Margie
Kersey
Named to
New RLI
Board**

By Stephanie Windham
Under the direction of Michael McGovern, Rotary International Chair and Past Rotary International Vice President, Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) International will seat its inaugural board of directors this month. The RLI Board includes two Rotarians from the RLI Sunshine Division (covering Florida, Georgia, Puerto Rico and the Caribbean) including our own PDG Margie Kersey (pictured with husband Ron) and PDG Timothy Schuler of District 6950. [more]



GRSP Update
**Celebrate
75 Years of
GRSP This
August in
Thomasville**

By Scott Rich
A tremendous project is underway in downtown Thomasville, Georgia to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Georgia Rotary Student Program. To be located at the main entrance to a strikingly new downtown hotel, Rotary Districts 6900, 6910 and 6920 have the opportunity to name the main hotel entrance plaza and fountain in honor of the 75th GRSP anniversary year, 2021. You can join in the celebration and see the fountain when the **Rotary Club of Thomasville** hosts the 75th Anniversary GRSP Conclave in August 2021. The event is scheduled for August 20-21 ... mark your calendar now and watch for details. [more]



GRSP
**Katheryne
Fields
Named GRSP
Marketing
and
Development
Director**

By Jackie Cuthbert
Georgia Rotary
Student Program
(GRSP) Chair Bert Guy
recently announced
Katheryne A. Fields as
the inaugural
Marketing and
Development
Director. In her role at
GRSP, Fields will work
to strengthen the
program's strategic
initiatives, fundraise
and market the
student scholarship
program throughout
the state. In the role,
Fields will be working
... [more]



Club News
**Vinings
Down Hill
5K Run
for the
Kids Sets
Records
During
Pandemic**

By Ross
Henderson
On January 27,
2021, the
**Vinings
Cumberland
Rotary Club**
gathered
virtually to
celebration its
donation of over
\$100,000 to 17
charities
specifically
targeting
children's
projects. All this
raised by a 66-
member Rotary
Club with
money during
the pandemic in
the August
2020 Vinings
Down Hill 5K
run for the Kids.
[more]



Club News

For Club's 100th Birthday, the Gift is Trees ... to the City

By Carol Jones

It's not every year that an organization celebrates its centennial anniversary. May 2021 will mark the **Rotary Club of Thomasville's** 100th birthday - and the club intends to celebrate all year long. Rotary Past President Jeff Zoller (pictured with President John Brown) summed up the core spirit of the club and its membership when he said, "Over the past 100 years, the Club and its members have made significant and diverse service contributions to the city, with innumerable members involved in service projects to youth and the community. Members have served in diverse leadership roles within the business, education, medical, and government spheres, including members who have served in city, county, and state governments."
[more]



Serving During
the Pandemic

District Clubs Join to Distribute Masks and Sanitizer

By Jackie
Cuthbert
Our District was
approached to
help facilitate
getting
thousands of
masks and
bottles of
sanitizers
distributed to
non-profits and
others that our
Clubs support!
Thanks go to the
**Emory Clifton
Rotary Club**
and the Georgia
Center for non-
profits that
secured the
donation, and
Chris Brand and
FODAC for
helping
coordinate this
effort.
[more]

MANY THANKS
TO OUR
FRIENDS AT
THE
ROTARY CLUB
FOR PROVIDING
US WITH
LUNCH!

WE APPRECIATE
YOUR SUPPORT!

EMERGENCY
DEPARTMENT STAFF

St. Francis

EMORY HEALTHCARE



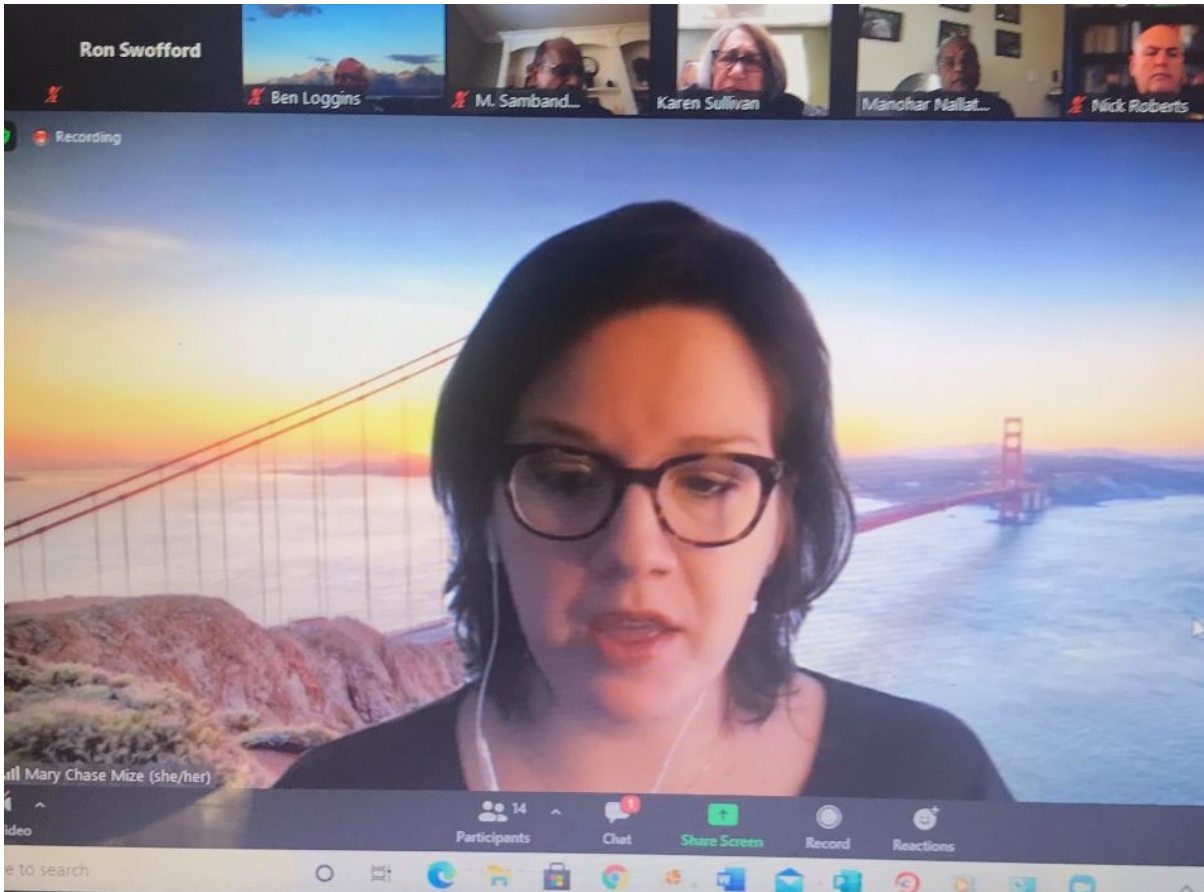
Serving During the Pandemic **Columbus Shares Lunches with Hospital Workers**

By Julie Bond
Even though the **Rotary Club of Columbus** isn't meeting in person, the great work of Rotary continues. Having both in person and virtual meetings for a few months, the Board decided that because with case counts and hospital occupancy rates are still much higher in January than where they were in December, the club would suspend the in person meetings. It was also decided to give the meals that we would have had at the Trade Center (where we would normally meet) to those in the Health Care community and frontline workers in our community battle against COVID-19. This step would also benefit the trade Center by providing work for their food services team, a win-win! [more]



Our Rotary
Foundation at
Work
**District
Grant
Supports
Jacobs
Ladder
Taste of
Love
Kitchen**

By Trummie
Patrick
Jacobs Ladder
offers tailored
services to
children of all
ages with
Autism, ADHD,
Brain Injury, CP,
Down
Syndrome,
Learning
Differences, or
any
developmental
syndrome. Their
interpersonal
Whole Brain
Model of Care is
individually
customized and
daily
implemented in
loving
environments to
ensure every
child and young
adult reaches
their full
potential, no
matter the
neurological or
behavioral
challenges
faced. The
District Grant
awarded to
Roswell Rotary
and the **Rotary
Club of Milton**
funded a much-
needed
commercial
oven for the
Taste of Love
kitchen.
[more]



Club News
Graduate Student Focuses on Assisting Seniors; Preventing Suicides

By Ron Swofford
In January, members of the **Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton County** were treated to a special presentation from Mary Chase Mize, a PhD candidate at Georgia State University (GSU). What made the program special? First, her description of a new way Rotarians can serve their communities. And second, her background - Ms. Mize received her undergraduate degree from Mississippi State University in 2013, with scholarship assistance provided by her hometown Rotary Club, the Rotary Club of Somerville Tennessee. [more]



Serving During
the Pandemic
**Americus
Delivers
Protective
Equipment**

By Angela Smith
Thanks to Karen
Beaver at the
Georgia Center
for Non-profits
and Chris Brand
with FODAC, the
**Rotary Club of
Americus** was
able to distribute
PPE to
organizations and
agencies
experiencing a
critical need
during the post-
holiday spike in
COVID-19 cases.
Americus
Rotarians
delivered 5,500
masks (including
4,000 KN95) and
nearly 300 bottles
of ... [more]



From Facebook
**Making a
Difference in
Our
Communities**

By Jackie Cuthbert
Our clubs have been busy in the community! **Milton and Alpharetta** supported a Meals on Wheels for Pets program for the local Senior Program, while **Buckhead Rotarians** were working with Livable Buckhead and Doc's Healing Hives to create a bee habitat. **Marietta Metro** participated in the Keep Cobb Beautiful tree chipper program, **Emory Druid Hills** sponsored a program on COVID-19, and **North Cobb** worked with the Ladies of KSU to collect coats, hats, gloves and scarves. See more about these projects. [more]



From Facebook
**Serving Up
Thanks to
First
Responders and Health
Workers**

By Jackie Cuthbert
As we continue to work through the pandemic, here's how the **Rotary Clubs of Barnesville, Moutrie, Thomaston Upson and Thomasville** have served up their thank you's to first responders and health care workers. [more]



From Facebook
Making a Difference in Our Education; Inspiring Youth for the Future

By Jackie Cuthbert
Our clubs continue to inspire youth and support education.
Peachtree City has been sponsoring new Interact Clubs, while **Paulding County** supports the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, **Cordele** participates in the Growing Garden program, **East Cobb** supports AVID at Wheeler High School, and **Carrollton** provides technology for special needs students. Be inspired by their ideas. Two of these clubs used District Grants from the Rotary Foundation to fund their projects. [more]

From Our GRSP Alumni

Open Letter to District 6900 Rotarians from GRSP Class of 1996-97

By Angela Smith

Carolina Mateus was Carl and Judy Tott's GRSP student in 1996 when Carl was Americus Rotary President. Carolina married their son Glenn a number of years later. In Carolina's text to Carl following a group chat with her GRSP class, she stated "After the situation in DC on Wednesday [January 6, 2021], the GRSP class of 1996-97 decided to write a letter to GRSP headquarters mentioning our love and deep belief in US democracy and thanking the program for shaping us to be ambassadors of peace as we moved into our adult lives. After sending the letter, many other GRSP classes joined in signing it and we have since received warm responses from Rotarians." Carolina shared the information and following letter with Carl.

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A Closing Thought From Our District Chaplain

It Starts with Thinking for Ourselves ...

By Gregory Adams

Shackles on our minds and bars around our hearts will imprison our souls. That's why it is so important not to allow any one person to control the way we think.

I remember when I was a child, my parents would often time tell me, Greg think for yourself. It's funny now, but I understand why they were telling me to do that. And I'm sure a ... [more]
