



End Polio Now  
**District Governor Steve Ivory Pushes for Polio Eradication**

**Literally!**

By Nicholas Ramey  
What better way to start our newsletter for Rotary Foundation month than with a story about End Polio Now! On **World Polio Day**, District Governor **Steve Ivory** took his commitment to Rotary's top humanitarian cause to the next level — by hitting the pavement for **push-ups to end polio** ! With the support of generous district sponsors, Governor Steve raised **nearly \$2,000** in donations for **Rotary's End Polio Now campaign**. **Watch the video!**  
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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	<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>



## Recognizing World Polio Day

By Wynita Cannon  
On **October 24**, Rotary International and communities around the globe came together to recognize **World Polio Day**—a day to reflect, raise awareness, and renew our commitment to the mission: **End Polio Now**. Rotary District 6900 showed up with heart, energy, and purpose. We are proud to highlight the incredible efforts of our clubs across the district who participated in events, fundraisers, and awareness campaigns to help eradicate polio from the planet. [\[more\]](#)

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Club News

## Join Atlanta Metro's Pickleball for Polio Tournament

By Caroline Lazaro

The **Rotary Club of Atlanta Metro** invites you and your club members to join us for our inaugural Pickleball for Polio tournament in support of Rotary International's End Polio Now campaign. Read the rest of the story for details; then sign up if you are interested at <https://luma.com/bslokxvn> [more]



By **Rotary**  
Atlanta Metro



 **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

 **1:30 PM - 5:00 PM**

 **SANDY SPRINGS RACQUET CENTER**  
**500 ABERNATHY RD NE,**  
**ATLANTA, GA 30328**

**COME WITH A PARTNER OR SIGN UP SOLO.**  
**WE'LL MATCH YOU WITH SOMEONE!**

**BRING YOUR OWN PADDLE.**

**WINNING TEAM RECEIVES A \$200 CASH PRIZE!**

**Rotary** 



EVERY DOLLAR RAISED SUPPORTS THE  
END POLIO FOUNDATION.  
[WWW.ENDPOLIO.ORG](http://WWW.ENDPOLIO.ORG)



Our Rotary Foundation  
**It's November  
- That's  
Spelled  
"FOUNDATION"**

By Bob Hagan  
November is a wonderful time of year! The hot weather in District 6900 has finally cooled off a bit, the trees are changing colors giving us good reasons to travel to the northern section of our district to enjoy them and Thanksgiving is now just around the corner. Having just had an outstanding World Polio Day, we now turn our attention to The Rotary Foundation - especially to the source of the dollars coming into the Foundation.  
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## Amy Benton Selected as District 6900's DG Nominee Designate

By Jackie Cuthbert  
 We are pleased to announce that the District 6900 nominating committee recently convened to interview candidates for District Governor Nominee Designate who were put forth by their respective clubs and has selected **Amy ...** [\[more\]](#)



## Atlanta Rotaract Supports Polio Awareness and More

By Rolanda Smalls  
 For the **Rotaract Club of Atlanta**, October was about polio awareness, supporting families and having fun together. The club sponsored a Pints for Polio night, as well as a billboard over Atlanta from October 21 - 24. And that's not all ... [\[more\]](#)



## End Polio Now Update From the Camino - “The Way” to Fight Polio Fundraiser

By Brad Groff  
This **East Cobb Rotarian** is happy to report that I completed my Camino walk from St. Jean Pied de Port, France to Santiago de Compostela, Spain on October 20. Total distance covered was about 780 km (about 485 miles) in 42 days. The experience was as wide-ranging as the distance was long - excitement, frustration, beauty, pain, exhilaration, exhaustion.... Many extreme highs and lows, both in terms of emotions and the actual hills along the Way. The first picture here is me, representing Rotary and “End Polio Now” in Santiago Cathedral Square - the traditional endpoint of the Camino. Thanks to everyone who has contributed, we have exceeded my original goal of \$10,000 on the fundraiser. So I’ve set a new goal of \$15,000. You can read more about my journey here, and learn how you can add to the Polio fundraiser or contact me about a presentation for your club.  
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RI Convention  
2026  
**Join Us in  
Taipei  
This June**

By Cynthia  
Edwards  
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room rate is  
8,050 Taiwan  
Dollars =  
**\$266.21 US  
Dollars per  
night**. Breakfast  
for two people in  
each hotel room  
is complimentary  
daily. Click here  
on "**make a  
reservation**" to  
go to District  
6900's dedicated  
reservation link.  
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## End Polio Now **Columbus Renews Effort to End Polio**

By LeighAnn DiCesaris  
The **Rotary Club of Columbus** is reigniting its commitment to eradicating polio through renewed awareness, education, and fundraising. For the first time in several years, the club is highlighting the PolioPlus initiative with videos, a public health guest speaker, and new fundraising opportunities featuring End Polio Now pins and stickers. At a recent meeting, Rotarian Dr. Asante Hilts introduced Brandi Nelson, Epidemiology Manager for the West Central Georgia Health District, who spoke about the district's three-step approach to polio prevention. [more]



## End Polio Now **Roswell Raises Money for Polio**

By Lee Hollingsworth  
In August, **Roswell** Rotarian Lee Hollingsworth jogged across Badwater Basin in Death Valley, the lowest, hottest place in North America— at age 70 - for two great Rotary causes: End Polio Now and the global grant for the KiBeam literacy program benefiting kindergarten through 3rd grade students in the US. At Roswell's meeting honoring World Polio Day, Rotarian Sid Disher “challenged the District with a \$2,500 matching Polio Plus donation” said District Foundation Chair Bob Hagan. Roswell responded by raising \$13,000 in one meeting - that translates to \$39,000 for polio eradication efforts with the Gates Match. [more]



Lauri Young, Lee Hollingsworth, Dan Jenkins, Erik Bykat, Rick Clark, Jonathan Stelling, Brad Serff, PDG Bob Hagan, Doug Higgins

Our Rotary Foundation  
**North  
Fulton  
Recognizes  
5 New Paul  
Harris  
Society  
Members**

By Lauri Young  
Recently, the **Rotary Club of North Fulton** recognized five members for making an important commitment to becoming a Paul Harris Society member. President Erik Byatt, Richard Clark, Dan Jenkins, Brad Serff and Jonathan Stelling were recognized by PDG Bob Hagan, D6900 Foundation chair. Read more about the event and how you can become a Paul Harris Society member. [more]



RI Convention 2026

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dedicated reservation  
link. Keep reading for  
more information about  
the hotel rates, what's  
included, and travel  
insurance information.  
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Laws of Life  
**Georgia Laws of Life Honors Donors and Student Voices at 2025 Founders Celebration**

By Carol Gray Walker  
The Georgia Laws of Life Essay Contest hosted its annual **Founders Celebration** on October 9 at the Piedmont Driving Club in Atlanta, welcoming, student writers, Rotarians, donors, educators, and friends from across Georgia for an inspiring evening dedicated to character, gratitude, and community. Read on to learn more. Individuals interested becoming a **Bridge Builder** and Rotary Clubs interested in learning more about sponsoring a contest or hosting a **Laws of Life presentation** are invited to contact **Carol Gray Walker, Executive Director**, at [carol@georgialawsoflife.org](mailto:carol@georgialawsoflife.org) or visit [www.georgialawsoflife.org](http://www.georgialawsoflife.org). Presentations can be customized for Rotary club meetings and often feature inspiring student speakers, Board Members or program staff.  
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RYLA Update  
**So  
Thankful  
for RYLA**

By Jaclyn  
Donovan  
RYLA is not  
just a summer  
camp - it is a  
whole  
experience. A  
wonderful,  
joyful,  
sometimes  
tiring, but  
always  
amazing and  
absolutely life-  
changing  
experience for  
all involved.  
As we look  
forward to  
RYLA 2026  
and all of the  
amazing  
students and  
moments it  
will bring us,  
we took a  
moment to  
reflect on  
what we are  
thankful for  
when it comes  
to RYLA - you  
can see our  
"top 25" and  
get links to  
help you RSVP  
for 2026 by  
reading the  
rest of this  
article. You'll  
be thankful  
you did!  
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Our Rotary  
Foundation at  
Work

## **Alpharetta Celebrates Continuing Progress of Brazilian Down Syndrome Education & Training Center**

By Bob Koncerak  
Another milestone  
has been reached  
with second  
phase completion  
of the APADPEL  
Down Syndrome  
Training &  
Education Center  
in Pelotas, RS  
Brazil.

**Alpharetta  
Rotarian** Bob  
Koncerak traveled  
to Pelotas in  
August to  
participate in  
planning sessions  
and a celebration  
with the project's  
many corporate  
and civic partners  
- including Brazil  
Rotary District  
4680. APADPEL is  
shorthand for the  
Association of  
Parents of Downs  
Persons In  
Pelotas.  
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Our Rotary  
Foundation  
**D6900  
Rotarians  
Honored  
as Arch  
Klumph  
Society  
Members**

By Nicholas  
Ramey  
hat an amazing  
honor! Out of  
38 honorees  
being inducted  
into the Rotary  
Foundation's  
Arch Klumph  
Society in  
October, two  
are from our  
district—and  
both are from  
the **Rotary  
Club of  
Peachtree  
City!**

Congratulations  
to:

- District  
Governor Steve  
Ivory, Past  
President and  
Sheffield  
Leadership  
Award  
recipient
- Mary  
Chapman - Past  
President and  
Sheffield  
Leadership  
Award  
recipient,  
former District  
6900 Rotarian  
of the Year, and  
lifelong  
champion of  
Rotary service.  
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Club News

## Satellite Club Asks for Help with Annual Coats for Kids Drive

By Angeli Abrol Duggal  
This fall, the **Rotary Satellite Club of Atlanta Southern Crescent/Clifton-Emory** is just getting started on this year's Acts of Kindness winter service project - under the leadership of charter founder and Club President Yamin Farhat, Angeli Abrol Duggal and her daughter Avya (a first grader at Westminster Schools). Avya will be working on the 2nd Annual Coats for Kids Project (winter clothing collection) in her school, while members of the RCCE global e-club will be conducting Acts of Kindness in their local communities around the world this month. You can help with the coats project - read on to find out how!  
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Thanks for Your Service

## Dunwoody Dishes Up Lots of Food and Good Will!

By Bob O'Brien  
Dunwoody Rotarians dished up a lot of good work in October - making sandwiches for The Sandwich Project, serving lunch at the USO and getting ready for the annual Whiskey Raffle fundraiser that supports part of our work. There's still time to buy tickets for the raffle that supports part of our work in the community - visit [whiskey-raffle.com](http://whiskey-raffle.com) before November 20. [more]



Club News  
**North  
Cobb's  
Mountain  
Top Boys  
Home  
BBQ  
Continues  
38-Year  
Tradition**

By Dr. Jose Gonzalez  
For nearly four decades, **North Cobb Rotarians** have upheld a cherished tradition of traveling to North Georgia to serve the Mountain Top Boys Home with a delicious, home-cooked barbecue. This annual event not only brings together members, their families, and the local community, but also celebrates a long-standing commitment to supporting the restorative care provided by the Mountain Top Boys Home.  
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## Buckhead and LifeLine: Pet Adoption and So Much More!

By Shelley Hammell  
The **Rotary Club of Buckhead** selected LifeLine Animal Project as one of its three-year signature projects, expanding community support efforts to address shelter overcrowding. Their work with LifeLine focuses on much more than promoting pet adoption, addressing:

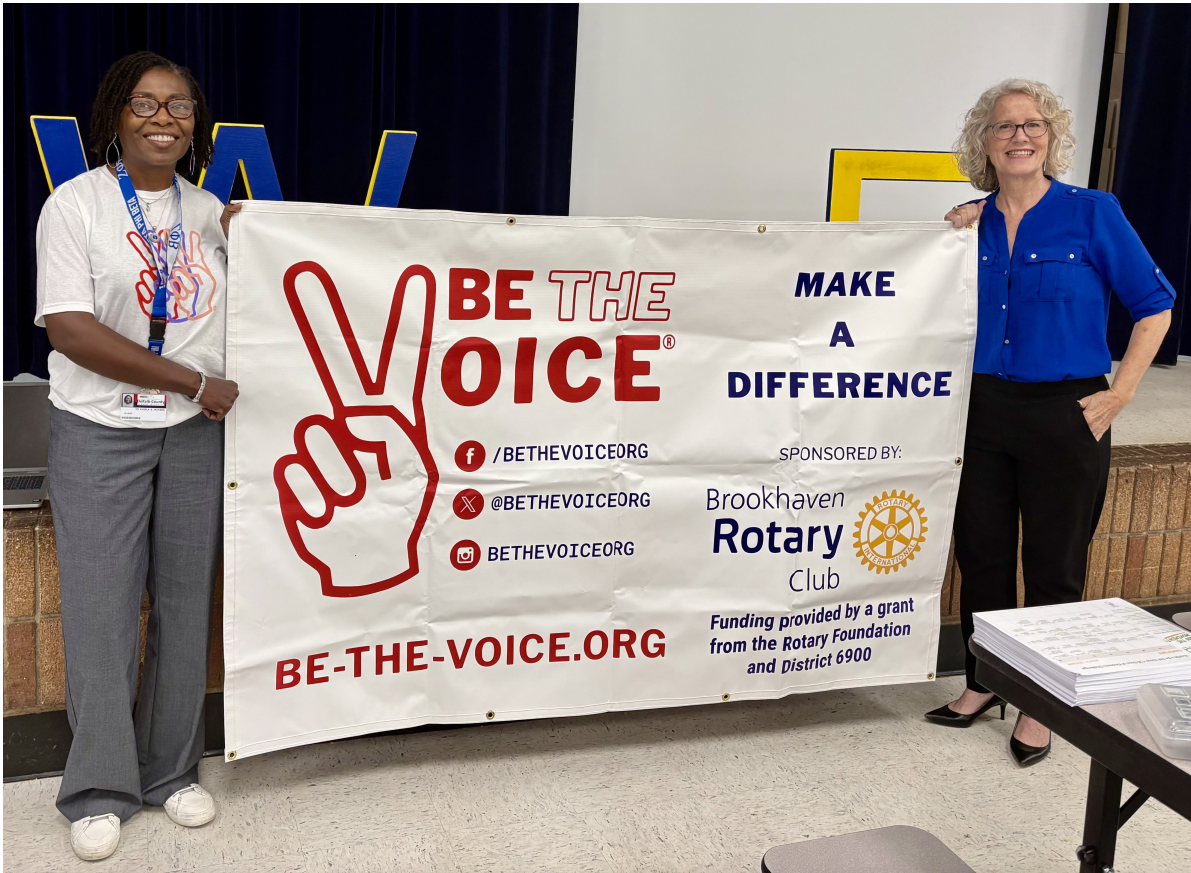
- Food insecurity - through a partnership with LifeLine and Open Hand Atlanta to provide monthly pet food supplies
  - Keeping pets with their owners - by helping provide pet health services such as vaccines and microchips
  - Barking good times for dogs and people - with adoption support and even a Bark-A-Que event that included Rotarians, guests, four-legged friends and the people who adopt them!
- Read on to learn more about these initiatives and how Interact and Rotary Youth Exchange have been involved. [more]



Club News  
**Roswell  
Rotary's  
Family  
Farm Day  
Honors  
First  
Responders**

By Lynne Lindsay  
On Sunday, October 12, over 200 **Roswell Rotarians** joined members of the **Roswell Fire Department, Police Department, EMTs, 911 dispatchers, and their families** on a beautiful fall day to honor those who serve our community every day. Family Farm Day was a celebration of appreciation, relaxation, and connection. Thanks to a district grant, over 100 birdhouses were painted red, white, and blue, each proudly bearing the Roswell Rotary Club emblem - a heartfelt symbol of community pride. We invite you to watch a video of the day's events - **[Roswell Rotary Farm Day for First Responders Oct. 12, 2025 - YouTube](#)** - and read the rest of the story [\[more\]](#)

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Club News  
**Brookhaven  
Launches  
Be the  
Voice and  
Suther's  
Second  
Saturday**

By Jennifer Yanulavich  
The **Brookhaven Rotary Club** is celebrating the city of Brookhaven - looking for new local projects and getting to know the city and its parks better. With the help of a District Grant, the club helped kick off the Be the Voice program at Woodward Elementary School. The club also started Suther's Second Saturday, collecting food donations for the Suther's Center Food Pantry by participating in the Brookhaven Farmer's Market. [more]



## Tyrone Boasts Fantastic Turnout at Founders Day 5K!

By Dorothy Hart  
The **Rotary Club of Tyrone**'s annual Founders Day 5K was a resounding success, drawing over 100 enthusiastic runners to the scenic course. The community spirit was evident as participants of all ages enjoyed a morning of fitness, fun, and fellowship. A special highlight of the day was Rotary District Governor Steve Ivory, who didn't just stop by—he rolled up his sleeves and jumped right in to assist at the finish line, embodying the true spirit of service. [more]



Club News  
**North Cobb Reach Extends from Local Community to Africa**

By Dr. Jose Gonzalez  
This October, **North Cobb Rotarians** reached out to serve in the Lucky Dog Walk benefiting the Extension Alumni Association, a community festival at McKenna Farms that supports vital special needs services - and included a \$7,000 check to build a new playground, and assistance with loading a container with mobility devices going to Crutches 4 Africa. Note that while Rotarians are doing good, getting three dogs to look at the camera is impossible. [more]



Club News  
**Vinings  
Cumberland  
Rotary  
Helps Kids  
Ride with  
Free Bikes  
4 Kidz  
Atlanta**

By Thomas House  
Members of the  
**Rotary Club of  
Vinings  
Cumberland,**  
together with  
students from the  
**Campbell High  
School Interact  
Club,** recently  
volunteered with  
**Free Bikes 4 Kidz  
Atlanta,** an  
organization that  
provides bicycles to  
children and teens  
who might not  
otherwise have the  
opportunity to own  
one. Rotarians and  
Interactors worked  
side by side to  
inspect, repair, and  
refurbish donated  
bikes.

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## Buckhead Pink Honor Breast Cancer Awareness

By Shelley Hammell  
**Buckhead Rotarians** dressed in pink in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Our guest speaker, Christa Pitts, Founder and Co-CEO from The Lumistella Company, joined in the spirit by wearing pink as well. One of our newest members, Liz Loretta, shared her sunshine presentation, giving us a glimpse into her life and her new role as Executive Director of TurningPoint Breast Cancer Rehabilitation. We were proud to come together in recognition of such an important cause that touches so many lives.  
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