

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	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
Wednesday, August 5th, 2026	Columbus Governor Visit



From Our
District
Governor
**Whirlwind
of
Activity
as We
Unite for
Good ...
and for
Fun!**

By Steve Ivory
I hope all of you
were safe and
sound as the US,
including GA,
experienced
major weather
events recently
including sleet,
snow, rain,
snow. I hope
none of you had
too much
hardship from
the rough
conditions. **DGE**

**Cynthia
Edwards**

completed her
International
Assembly
Training a few
weeks ago so
congrats to her!
She also
conducted
training for
district leaders
in Peachtree
City. And I
survived another
Rotary Youth
Exchange trip to
Disneyland -
with 16
teenagers,
participated in
service projects
at Bainbridge
and Rotary on
the Flint, and
recognized
Rotary
Foundation
supporters and
long time
member Don
Millen. There's
so much more
you should know

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District Conference



April 16 - 19 2026



Lake Lanier Islands, GA

MARK YOUR
CALENDARS



UNITE
FOR
GOOD

District
Conference
2026

**Join Us
at Lake
Lanier
Island -
April
16-19,
2026**

By Lisa Carlisle
Join us for an unforgettable 2026 District Conference as we celebrate the incredible 2025-2026 Rotary Year under District Governor Steve! We're excited to announce that we're moving the conference to the beautiful Lake Lanier Islands Resort this year — offering a fresh, fun setting for fellowship, inspiration, and celebration. We can't wait to see everyone there! We have made special arrangements for some fun outings Friday morning. Get more information and sign up now on the **District 6900 website** .
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District 6900
Opportunity
**Showcasing
Rotary
International
at the 2026
FIFA World
Cup**

By Dave McCleary
Rotary District 6900
has an exciting
opportunity to play a
visible and
meaningful role in
one of the world's
largest global
events—the 2026
FIFA World Cup,
coming to North
America from June
11-July 19, 2026.
Rotary International
is exploring ways to
strengthen Host City
Leadership in key
areas that align
closely with Rotary's
mission, including
hospitality, human
trafficking
prevention, housing
support, event
services, and public
image. This effort
positions Rotary to
demonstrate *Service
Above Self* on a
global stage.
Rotarians interested
in learning more or
serving on the World
Cup Host City
Leadership
Committee are
encouraged to
complete the **World
Cup Volunteer
Google Form**. Read
more about the
opportunity.
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Our Rotary Foundation
The Foundation's Work Continues to Reach Further

By Bob Hagan
As usual, there is lots to talk about and share with you all. I had the opportunity to put together some halfway through the year numbers of our DG Steve Ivory and he was extremely excited about where we found ourselves at this point in the year. So let me share them with you now. For District 6900, our annual fund goal for the year is \$307,000, and as of end of December we are already at \$347,000, which is 113% of the goal. Our Polio Plus goal for the year is \$158,000 and we are already at \$184,000 which is 116%! And there's much more good news ... including a global grant by the North Atlanta club that focuses on preventing birth defects associated with spina bifida in Ethiopia. [more]



In Memoriam
**Celebrating
the Life of
Will**

MacArthur

By Margie Kersey
Rotary's world shines a little less brightly today with the passing of William "Will" MacArthur of Sandy Springs, Georgia—a devoted Rotarian, a joyful servant leader, and a beloved friend to many.

Will's Rotary journey was marked by unwavering dedication and an infectious spirit. Most recently a member of the Rotary Satellite Club of Stone Mountain Passport, he served as Foundation Chair and resident champion of good humor, lifting spirits as naturally as he lifted service projects. Before joining the Passport club, Will contributed profoundly to the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs, where he faithfully served three years as Treasurer, four years as Foundation Chair, and ultimately as Club President in 2017-18. His commitment only deepened after his presidency, as he continued to guide and encourage fellow Rotarians through three years as Assistant Governor, helping clubs across the district reach new heights. [more]



GRSP Update

GRSP's Biral, Jin Honored Duo for Thomas Peace Awards

By Katheryne Fields

Julia Carlotto Biral of Brazil and **Guang 'Loski' Jin of China** were recently

announced as the winners of the 2025-2026 Barbara M. and Donald L. Thomas Peace Award. The awards were presented in December by Rotary Club of Roswell

Committee Chair John Carruth, alongside GRSP Executive Director Katheryne Fields and Past District Governor Cheryl Greenway. Following a mission trip to Costa Rica in 2000, the Thomases were inspired to establish this award to support GRSP students in financial need who exemplify the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self." Since 2002, the Rotary Club of Roswell has administered this annual award, which has grown to two scholarships with \$3,000 per recipient.

Why were these students recognized? [more]



Why I Love RYLA

By Jaclyn Donovan
If you know me, you know that RYLA is something that I am 110% passionate about. RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) is a summer camp that aims to give our District 6900 teenagers the opportunity to build their leadership skills. You can read more about the program on our RYLA page or check us out on Facebook and Instagram. Read on here to learn why I love RYLA ... and how you and your club can get involved! The time to take action is now! [more]



RLI
**Join the RLI
Learning
Opportunity:
February 21
in Marietta**

By Tracy Van
Norman
2026 has kicked off
RLI with a bang! 37
members attended
the RLI event in
Thomasville on
January 10. Great
learning, sharing,
and fun was had by
all. They increased
their knowledge of
Rotary while also
increasing their
leadership skills.
Many thanks to Joe
Tarver, Nate Tyler,
and the other
members of the
**Rotary Club of
Thomasville** for
hosting ... [more]



Our Rotary Foundation at Work

R.I. President Arezzo to visit North Atlanta's Global Grant Project in Ethiopia

By Jon Yaeger
"When spiders unite, they can tie up a lion"
- Ethiopian Proverb

When Rotary International President Francesco Arezzo and wife Anna Maria visit Rotary Ethiopia this month, they will see the **Rotary Club of North Atlanta's** (RCNA) global grant project first-hand - the sole project chosen for their visit.

Joined by two Rotary clubs in the United States and two in Addis Ababa, the RCNA is beginning the third year of a five-year initiative to prevent serious birth defects such as *spina bifida*, which are associated with a lack of an inexpensive vitamin (B9, or *folic acid*) in maternal diets. [more]



Laws of Life

Once a Laws of Life Student - Now a UGA Bulldog

By Carol Gray
Walker

More than two years after writing his Laws of Life essay in 10th grade, Georgia Laws of Life alumnus CJ Allen, linebacker for the University of Georgia Bulldogs, recently reminded us just how lasting one moment of reflection can be.

CJ reposted his essay on Facebook with a simple caption: *"My 10th grade project on Laws of Life. Lol read this. Moral of the story—keep going."* His Law of Life — *"Everybody goes through something. It's all about persevering."*

Do you want to read more of CJ's story? Are you and/or your club ready to work with schools, sponsor the program or judge this year's essays? Keep reading ... [more]



Club News
**Vinings
Cumberland
Cleans Up
Community!**

By Thomas House
The **Rotary Club of
Vinings
Cumberland**
recently came together for a hands-on community clean-up, and the results were immediate and meaningful. More than 50 bags of trash and bulky debris were collected, helping make local streets cleaner and safer for all who live and work in the area.
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Club News
**North
Cobb
Rotarians
Busy
Making a
Difference!**

By Jose Gonzalez
**North Cobb
Rotary Club**
President Jose Gonzalez used the first meeting in January to present a mid-year review. He shared that the club has already gifted over \$30,000 to local and global non-profit organizations and completed many of its goals. The review set the stage for the rest of January, where the club joined in a unity walk with the City of Ackworth for the Martin Luther King holiday, painted the learning center that sponsors the Acworth Achievers Program, and restocked the Kennesaw State University food pantry. There's more to the story. [more]



Club News
**North
Atlanta
Celebrates
Don
Millen, 58
Years of
Service**

By Steve Ivory
**North Atlanta
Rotarian Don
Millen** has been a Rotarian for 58 years and was awarded a lifetime achievement award by the District and a Service Hero coin by DG Steve Ivory. Don became a Major Donor Level 2 and was recognized by PDG/DRFC Bob Hagan and Steve Ivory. He has been a huge service leader and has helped out so many people and organizations with his generosity and selfless methods to get things done. He does not seek out recognition and yet he has impacted so many lives. We all were entertained by the amazing stories told about Don's service.
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Club News
**North
Fulton
Serves
Schools
on MLK
Day of
Service**

By Lisa Gelber
On January 19, MLK Day of Service, members of **Rotary Club of North Fulton** cleaned and sanitized classrooms at Children's Development Academy. During this severe flu season, it is more important than ever to do what we can to keep children safe and healthy. When children become ill, their parents often must miss work, placing additional ...
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Griffin Daybreak Supports Backpack Food for Kids

By Debby Daniel-Bryant
Griffin Daybreak Rotary members and friends, including Erin Mulder Director of Stepping Stones, and William Wilson from **Griffin Rotary**, participated in a morning of packing food bags for needy children in the local school system. Led by Will Doss of Backpack Foods for Kids, Daybreak Rotarians packed over 100 bags of non-perishable foods to help sustain children over weekends who do not have a consistent source of food because they lack financial resources. [more]



Club News

North Cobb Rotarian Serves City of Acworth

By Kimberly Haase
The **North Cobb Rotary** year kicked off with an inspiring celebration of service as North Cobb Rotarian Judge Jaret Usher proudly swore in fellow Rotarian Kimberly Haase to the office of Alderwoman for the City of Acworth. Judge Usher, whose decade-long commitment to the county, and as a State Court Judge since 2022 exemplifies the very spirit of “Service Above Self” helped mark a historic moment on January 2nd in the heart of Acworth, GA. This milestone not only highlights the leadership rising within our clubs, but also showcases how Rotarians continue to shape our communities with integrity, dedication, and purpose. Cheers to a year of impact, fellowship, and bold new beginnings!
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HERO-OF-THE-MONTH



Club News
**Roswell
Recognizes
Hometown
Hero: Fire
Division
Chief
Cavender**

By Becky Nelson
Roswell Rotary
and President
Trummie Lee
Patrick III was
proud to honor
Roswell Fire
Department
Division Chief
Christopher
Cavender. Division
Chief Cavender is
a veteran of the
fire service with
nearly two
decades of
experience and a
strong track
record of
leadership,
keeping a focus on
firefighter
health/wellness
and professional
development.
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Division Chief Chris Cavender
Roswell Fire Department



Club News
**Clayton
County
Issues End
Polio Now
Proclamation**

By Claudia Mertl
At a public Board meeting, the Chairwoman of the Clayton County Board of Commissioner, and all the Commissioners representing Clayton County, presented an "End Polio Now" proclamation to the **Rotary Club of Atlanta Southern Crescent**. The Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton County joined in the celebration. The proclamation was read to the audience and presented to President Mahli and President Gerriann. The professional photography was done by Warren Bond. [more]



CHAIRWOMAN DR. ALIEKA ANDERSON-HENRY PRESENTS
"END POLIO NOW" PROCLAMATION TO THE ROTARY CLUB

Warren Bond

Gratitude Wal: Members Helping Members



This is a new section of the Rotoscope- highlighting a few of the many acts of service our members give to each other:

From **Michael Curling** :

I just wanted to take a second to recognize **David White** . We ended up somewhat last minute needing a Civil Engineer for a permit with the City of Roswell and David and his firm **Civilogistix** , despite their busy schedule, took time over the Holidays to step up and assist us. The power of Rotary!

If you would like to share the extraordinary actions of a fellow Roswell Rotarian on the Gratitude Wall, please contact Alicia Hughes ahughes@wsnielsen.com or Kathy Igou kligou@gmail.com

Club News

Roswell Adds Gratitude Wall to Weekly Newsletter

By Becky Nelson
With a focus on Service Above Self, the **Roswell Rotary Club** realized that it was not publicly recognizing fellow Rotarians when they showed up professionally for another member! In December President Trummie Lee Patrick III asked Kathy Igou (Rotascope Editor) to add a new section to our weekly newsletter after a conversation with Roswell Rotarian Hal Schlenger who was complimenting fellow RRC member Joe Mazzeo, a master plumber, for his prompt and professional response for a personal matter. Thus, The Gratitude Wall was added.
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