Rotary District 6900

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District Newsletter

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GRSP carries on tradition of presenting their flags

From Our District Governor

Let's Start By Celebrating Youth Service Month!

By Steve Ivory

This May, as Rotary celebrates **Youth Service Month**, District 6900 proudly shines a light on the students, young professionals, and emerging leaders whose lives are being shaped through Rotary. From Interact and Rotaract to GRSP, RYLA, Laws of Life, scholarships, and mentoring, we are not just serving youth — we are investing in the future of our communities and our world. Enjoy the photos from District Conference, where many of you saw an amazing show on Saturday morning. And learn more about what ... and why we're celebrating! [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
I	**Fayetteville**	**North Atlanta**	**Brookhaven**
II	**North Columbus**	**North Fulton**	**Vinings Cumberland**
III	**Marietta**	**Dunwoody**	**Carrollton-Dawn Breakers**
IV	**Roswell**	**Roswell**	**Peachtree City**

Key Dates



Thanks for a Great District Conference!

By Steve Ivory
District Conference 2026 was an inspiring and fun event that celebrated the hard work of all of our clubs. Lake Lanier wasn't just a location for our district conference—it was a celebration of purpose, people, and powerful impact.
From the moving Service Hero Parade ... to featuring voices like astronaut Captain Suni Williams, Dr. Mary C Kelly, and national leaders in public service, Derek Maltz, former DEA administrator, police, firefighters, nurses, mental health providers ... to hands-on service projects and dynamic breakout sessions - every moment reminded us why Rotary matters.
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Sheffield Winners (from top left in a circle): Cliff Kelker, Marietta; Catherine Bernard, North Atlanta; Trummie Patrick, Roswell; and Lynn Lanier, Marietta Metro

Congratulations Sheffield Award Winners and All-Around Best Clubs!

By Nancy Prochaska

At our District Conference, we were proud to honor the individuals pictured as Sheffield Award winners, and these clubs as Winners and Runner-Ups in their size categories as Club of the Year:

Clubs of the Year (and Runner-Ups)

• Category 1 - Meriwether County (winner), Tyrone (runner-up)

• Category 2 - North Fulton (winner), Vinings Cumberland (runner-up)

• Category 3 - Dunwoody (winner), Newnan (runner-up)

• Category 4 - Roswell (winner), Alpharetta and Peachtree City (runners-up)

Thanks to all for their outstanding service this Rotary year. [more]

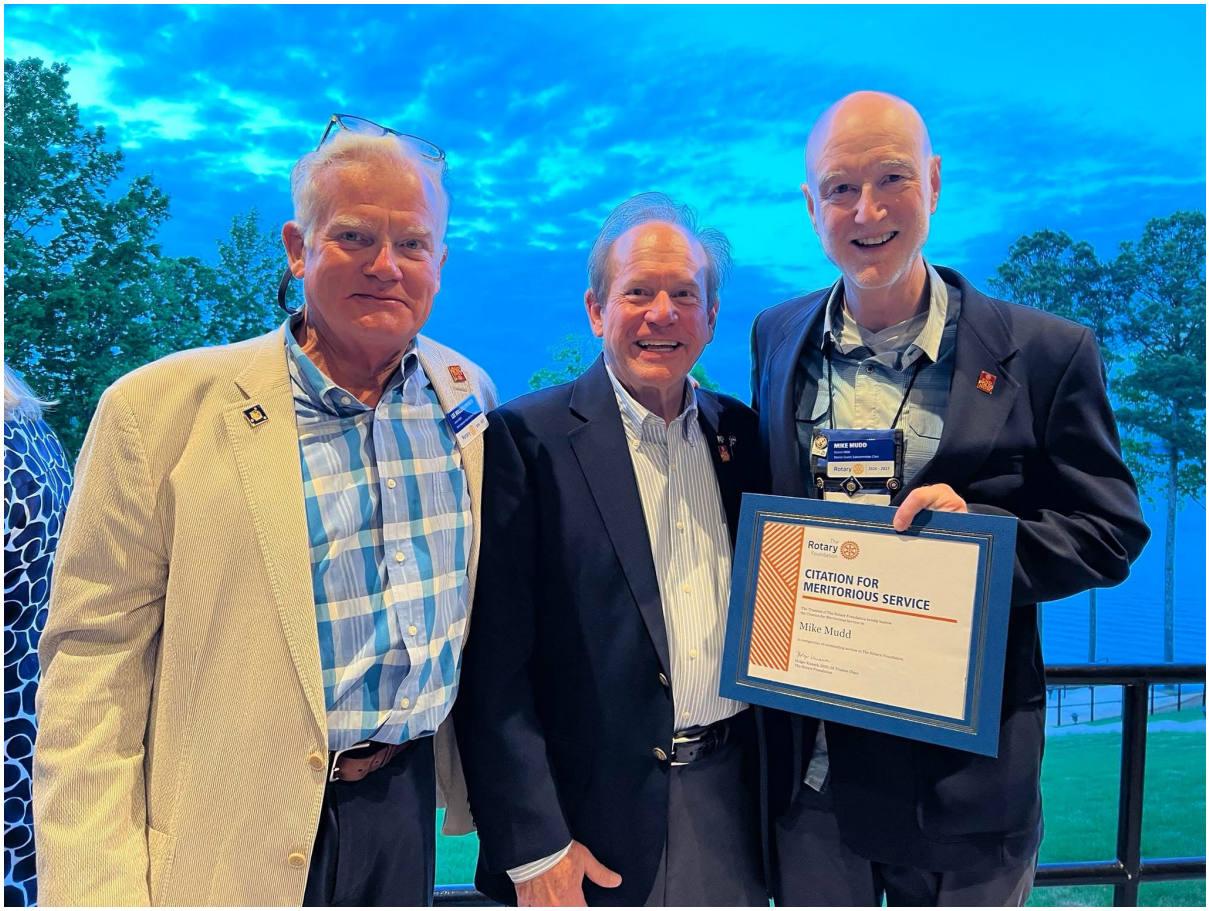


District Conference 2026

Nick Ramey Named Rotarian of the Year; Public Image Award Winners Honored

By Nancy Prochaska

DG Steve Ivory honored **Nick Ramey** from the **Rotary Club of Newnan** as the District's 2025-26 Rotarian of the Year. A passionate storyteller and community advocate, Nick brings his creative expertise to Rotary as the Public Image Chair for both the Rotary Club of Newnan and District 6900, helping clubs across Georgia share their impact through modern, strategic communication - and creating ways for them to make that process easier. Several clubs received recognition for their public image efforts this year. Find out who .... [more]



Our Rotary Foundation

Mike Mudd, Citation for Meritorious Service

By Jackie Cuthbert
Each year a Rotary district may nominate one person to receive the Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service. This year, District 6900 nominated **Mike Mudd from the Rotary Club of North Fulton** for this award - recognizing his long-term work on international service projects, on promoting individual giving to the Foundation, and his current service on the District's Foundation Committee. [more]



District Conference 2026

Amy Benton Receives Follow Me Award

By Jackie Cuthbert

Area Governor Amy Benton from the Rotary Club of Peachtree City received the "Follow Me" award at this year's district conference. Created by the Rotary Club of Stone Mountain to honor PDG Al Lipphardt, the Follow Me Award recognizes an outstanding Assistant Governor for the year. Congratulations to Amy, who is currently our District Governor Nominee Designate, slated to be our District Governor in 2028-29. [more]



Our Rotary Foundation

Sometimes It's Just Extra Special!

By Bob Hagan

Every year at this time, Rotarians of District 6900 gather to examine and celebrate another year at what we call the District Conference. It is always a time of good fun, excitement and anticipation of which individuals and what clubs will lead the district in all the different categories of achievement. We are always treated to exceptional speakers, and for me, this year's talk by Ramesh Ferris, a Polio survivor and a Past District Governor out of Canada who shared a personal look into Polio, was extra special. It reinforced why we work so hard to End Polio Now and made me proud to take another look at how strongly District 6900 supports that effort. [more]



Our Rotary Foundation

Thanks to Our Top Foundation Supporters

By Bob Hagan

At District Conference, we honored individuals and clubs providing high levels of support for our Rotary Foundation and Rotary's fight to End Polio Now. The **Albert and Esther Thomson Award** for highest overall per capita giving to The Rotary Foundation went to **North Atlanta** (pictured here); runner-up was **Smyrna** - both with more than $1,000 in per capita giving. Read on to learn more about the rest of our honorees. [more]



GRSP Update

Joe Jones and D6900 Highest GRSP Per-Capita Giving Clubs Honored

By Katheryne Fields

At District 6900 Conference, **Sandy Springs Rotarian Joe Jones** was honored with the Frank E. Bentley GRSP Leadership Award for his 32 years of serving GRSP (pictured here with Sandy Springs Club President Megan Harris and GRSP Chair Ian Bond). The Rotary Club of Griffin also honored the four clubs with the Jake Cheatam Memorial Awards for the highest per-capita givers to the GRSP Foundation in their categories - Sandy Springs (Cat 1). North Columbus (Cat 2), Dunwoody (Cat 3) and Thomasville (Cat 4). [more]



RYLA

Almost Time for RYLA!

By Jaclyn Donovan

Only ONE Month until RYLA!! We are so excited that our favorite time of year is rolling back around again. We've been working all year to make RYLA an amazing experience for every single student. If your club is sponsoring a student (or multiple students) to attend RYLA 2026, take a look at a few final reminders for you to check off. [more]





District Conference 2026

Recognizing Our Membership Growth Stars

By Nancy Prochaska
Membership growth is a key focus of Rotary International and District 6900. At District Conference, we recognized individuals and clubs with significant impact on our goal for growth. Two individuals - **Rick Clark of North Fulton and Meredith Ragains of Atlanta Midtown** - received the Al Daniel Membership Impact Award, for their significant addition to Rotary's numbers in District 6900. Other individuals were recognized for their recruiting work too, and clubs in each size category were recognized for their net increase in membership so far this Rotary year. [more]



Carole Gray Walker, essay winner Susannah Tusher, and DG Steve at District Conference

Laws of Life

Learn from Laws of Life Essay Winners

By Carol Gray Walker

We are pleased to announce that you can hear more from this year's Laws of Life State Winners now - by downloading the 2025-26 Essay book. We were also proud that D6900's conference featured two moving Laws of Life presentation - the first from alum Jackie Harmon (a winner 10 years ago) on Friday night about her journey from student essay writer to professional success, and the second when this year's State Winner and 2nd Runner-Up Susannah Tusher shared her essay at Saturday morning's session. [more]



Two Service Hero MVPs

By Jackie Cuthbert

DG Steve recognized two "Service Hero MVPs" this year: **Dave McCleary (Roswell Rotary Club)** for all his work to end human trafficking, and **Mandy Timmons (Rotary Club of Peachtree City)** for her work as our District Secretary and beyond. Thanks to Dave and Mandy for all they do to make a difference in the world! [more]



District Conference 2026

Recognizing Our Rising Stars and Our Above and Beyond Award Winners

By Jackie Cuthbert
DG Steve recognized several rising stars as well as a group of Rotarians who have gone "above and beyond" in the D6900 Rotary world. Some of the rising stars are pictured here with Awards Chair Nancy Prochaska (left) and DG Steve (right). See the full list! [more]

District Conference 2026

Celebrating Our Service Project Winners!

By Nancy Prochaska

Rotarians pride themselves on being People of Action - y - and we are all winners for the work we do to make a difference. That said, we congratulate several clubs for their outstanding service projects this Rotary year in the area of Service Hero Projects, Community, Vocational, International and Senior service. Take a look at the list and reach out to the clubs for more about their projects.

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Exchanging banners: PDG Bob Hagan, Serbian DGN Vlad Laloservic, PDG Vlad Matic, DMGO and International Service Director Lee Hollingsworth, and Roswell President Trummie Patrick.

Our Foundation at Work

How Your Rotary Foundation Contributions Unite the World

By Lee Hollingsworth
The Rotary Foundation - and your contributions to it - changes our role in the world. As an example, District 6900 welcomed and celebrate Serbian District 2483's delegation, Vladimir Matic and Vladimir Laloservic at our District Conference. The ongoing partnership between our districts has fostered multiple Global Grants that organize elementary, middle, and high school student competitions in Robotics and AI — cutting-edge knowledge and engaging educational processes that can be shared across school systems globally. [more]



Club News

Roswell Celebrates Students and Teachers of the Year

By Becky Nelson

Holding programs and events to promote 'Service Above Self' in our Youth Services is an important part of the **Rotary Club of Roswell**' s identity and is the Club takes seriously. In addition to those Rotary-centric/specific things (Interact, Leadership 20/20, Roswell Youth Council, Scholarships, etc.), our club also branches outside of the "Rotary walls" to recognize the Student and Teacher of the Year from 15 local public and private elementary, middle and high schools. [more]



Club News

What's New at North Cobb Rotary?

By Jose Gonzalez
It's not enough for **North Cobb Rotary** to stock the Kennesaw State food pantry, serve dinner to the women participating in The Extension's 12-step recovery program, gather for a social that featured Czechoslovakians cuisine, and attend District Conference (pictured here). See what else they were involved in this April. [more]



Club News

Roswell Continues Long-Standing (or Not Standing) Tradition

By Becky Nelson

The District 6900 Conference is always a highlight for the **Roswell Rotary Club** . RRC is known for a legendary Hospitality Suite as well as a few other stand-out traditions. With that said, current RRC President Trummie Lee Patrick III not only was proud to bring home the Sheffield and Rotary Club of the Year for Category IV awards but he also got to make sure that upcoming RRC President Leslie Bassett was thrown into the pool ... carrying out a 20-year tradition! [more]