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District Newsletter

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Our Rotary Foundation

Let's Finish The Year Strong

By Bob Hagan

One of the many side benefits I am honored with as the District Foundation Chair is being asked to be the featured speaker at many of our District 6900 clubs - talking about the Foundation, Polio specifically, or both. In fact, you can't really speak on one without speaking on the other because they are tied to each other and are a part of each other. For those of you reading this article that might be newer to our Rotary family, you may be under the impression that Polio stands apart from the Foundation itself. It doesn't. It is a part of the Foundation and every dollar given to PolioPlus counts toward your Foundation Giving. The photo you see with this article is from an event earlier this month that focused on Polio. [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	**Atlanta Brasil**	**Emory-Druid Hills**	**Brookhaven**
II	**Bremen**	**Muscogee-Columbus**	**Muscogee-Columbus**
III	**North Atlanta Professional Alliance**	**Vinings Cumberland**	**Vinings Cumberland**
IV	**Dunwoody**	**Dunwoody**	**Marietta**
V	**Peachtree City**	**Alpharetta**	**North Cobb County**

Key Dates

Tuesday, December 1st, 2026	**Fayetteville Governor Visit**
Wednesday, December 2nd, 2026	**Tyrone Governor Visit**
Tuesday, December 8th, 2026	**Atlanta Metro Governor Visit**
Thursday, December 10th, 2026	**South DeKalb County Governor Visit**



End Polio Now

Closing the Gap to End Polio!

From Our District Foundation Chair

By Bob Hagan

I personally LOVE the photo used with this month's article on Polio! I know what you are saying, "Of course you do Bob it's a photo of you"! Okay, I'll accept the good-natured ribbing you are most likely giving me over it. Yes, this one is me doing the pose you have seen many times of the much more famous one of Bill Gates doing the pose of making the point that we are "This Close" to ending Polio. The pose is a little more farfetched than what the reality is, however, closing that gap and actually eradicating the disease is perhaps closer than what you might think and really does need to be explained a bit better than perhaps you have heard it in the past.

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RYLA Update

Give the Gift of RYLA

By Jaclyn Donovan

'Tis the season to be jolly and joyful and merry and to enjoy all the fun things that come with the holidays. And if you are in the gift-giving mood and can't decide what to get for that future leader teenager in your life… give the gift of RYLA!! RYLA 2027 will be held June 5-9 on the campus of Georgia Southwestern State University. [more]



Our Rotary Foundation

Your Foundation Dollars at Work + Year-end Tax Tips

By Lee Hollingsworth

Learn how Rotary Foundation giving enabled a D6900 Global Grant with the Rotary Club of Olivos, Argentina (pictured) to buy needed respiratory equipment, and check out some tax-smart ways to give to The Rotary Foundation as we approach the end of 2026. [more]



Service Opportunity

Exploring Opportunities to Support Education in Serbia

From David Bernard

By Jackie Cuthbert

During his October 1–13, 2026, trip to Serbia, Dave Bernard represented District 6900 on a Georgia–Serbia Rotary Intercountry Committee delegation of seven Rotarians representing all three Rotary districts in Georgia. Here's what he had to say about opportunities to help support education in Serbian Schools.

At Filip Kljajić Fića Primary School in Belgrade, I watched and spoke at length with two high school students helping younger pupils learn robotics. Later, at a technical school in Ruma, an articulate high school robotics student explained his program and what he was learning. I saw young people practicing exploration, invention, and communication. And there's so much more we can help support. [more]



Pillars of Peace

Good Business is Good for Peace

From Our District Community Service Chair

By Laura McConatha

This month, let's turn to a pillar that is part of Rotary's very DNA: Sound Business Environment. In plain terms, peaceful communities are places where people can start a business, find good work, get credit on fair terms and build a livelihood. Why does this matter for peace? A paycheck does more than pay the bills. It brings dignity, stability and hope. When people are shut out of opportunity, frustration grows, and frustration can turn into conflict. When people can support their families, they have a stake in their community's future. The good news is that Rotarians right here in District 6900 are already doing this work, in big cities and small towns alike. See how **Atlanta West End, Vinings Cumberland, Thomasville, Meriwether County, Carrollton Dawnbreakers and Rotary Means Business** are involved. [more]



Club News

Bridging the Gap Sends 250 Families Home with Two Weeks of Food

By Nicholas Ramey

Families who pulled into Bridging the Gap's drive-through line on Wednesday, November 18, went home with twice the usual food. The Newnan nonprofit won't hold a food distribution the week of Thanksgiving. So each family got one big box, the size of two regular ones, packed to last two weeks. By the end of the day, Bridging the Gap had filled and handed out 250 of them. About 15 members of the **Rotary Club of Newnan** helped with the first 100. [more]



Laws of Life

An Evening of Gratitude, A Year of Impact

Georgia Laws of Life Celebrates Student Voices and Rotary Support

By Carol Gray Walker

The 2026 Georgia Laws of Life Founders Celebration, *An Evening of Gratitude*, brought together Rotarians, educators, donors, and friends for a memorable evening celebrating the power of student voices and the community that makes the Contest possible. [more]



Our Foundation at Work

Vinings Cumberland Traveling to Bolivia for Service and Fellowship

By Brant Campbell

In January, volunteers from the **Rotary Club of Vinings Cumberland** will travel to Santa Cruz, Bolivia, to participate in service activities and enjoy fellowship with members of the Rotary Club of Sirari and the Rotary Club of Pitajú. The visit represents the continuing friendship and international partnership among our clubs. One important focus of our international partnership is RotaFeliz, a Rotary Global Grant initiative supporting comprehensive care for approximately 80 children and young adults with cleft lip and/or cleft palate in Santa Cruz. Rather than focusing exclusively on surgery, the program brings together surgical care, dental and orthodontic treatment, nutrition, speech therapy, psychological support and other rehabilitation services. [more]



Club News

Peachtree City Foundation Football: Where College Rivalries, Laughter, and Giving Score Big!

By Andy Borders
November is Rotary Foundation Month, and at the **Rotary Club of Peachtree City**, we've found a winning way to combine college football, friendly rivalries, plenty of laughter, and a little good natured trash talk with supporting The Rotary Foundation! Welcome to Foundation Football, where college loyalties run deep, bragging rights are priceless, and The Rotary Foundation is always the biggest winner! [more]



Club News

Roswell Hosts Farm Day for First Responders

By Geoff Smith

The **Roswell Rotary Club** made a call to the first responders to our city. But it wasn't a call of distress. It was a call to come spend an afternoon on a 300-acre farm with their families. [more]



Club News

North Cobb Sets New Partnership with Clothing Swap Georgia

By Stephen Whittier

North Cobb Rotarians rolled up their sleeves for a new service partnership with Clothing Swap Georgia, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides free clothing, shoes, and accessories to local families. At the swap hosted at Shiloh Hills Baptist Church, club volunteers sorted and organized donations by size, gender, and category as they arrived, helping keep the racks stocked as dozens of families shopped — at no cost — for men's, women's, and children's clothing. A great first outing with this organization, and hopefully the start of something that becomes a regular on the club's service calendar!

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Club News

Blakely Rotarian Leads Efforts to Improve Rural Education

By Mac Gordon

Dr. Bronwyn Ragan-Martin, a member of the **Rotary Club of Blakely**, addresses her club in November about the State Department of Education's Rural Initiative program which she directs from Atlanta. Dr. Ragan-Martin was named five years ago to head the new state K-12 program designed to improve rural education in Georgia. [more]



Club News

Dunwoody: New Chapter, Old Tradition, Shared Vision

Looking Back to Lead Forward: The Wisdom of Our Past Presidents

By Alison Norris

Hello, fellow Rotarians! I'm Alison Norris, President-Elect of the **Rotary Club of Dunwoody**, and I'll be stepping into the role of Club President on July 1, 2027. As I prepare for the year ahead, I find myself both excited and, I must admit, a little nervously enthusiastic about the journey!

I recently learned of a wonderful tradition in our club where the incoming president gathers with past presidents to seek their advice, share experiences, and perhaps discover a few pitfalls worth avoiding! What better way to prepare for the future than to learn from those who have already walked the path? [more]



Club News

Peachtree City Raises Over $115,000 to Make a Difference in Community

By Andy Borders

The **Rotary Club of Peachtree City** celebrated an extraordinary evening of generosity and community spirit at its 4th Annual Bourbon & Bow Ties / Pinot & Pearls fundraiser, raising more than $115,000 to support local charities, community service projects, and initiatives that improve the lives of others. [more]



Club News

North Cobb Partners with American Legion, Acworth Achievers

By Stephen Whittier

North Cobb Rotarians were proud to lend a hand as American Legion Post 304, in partnership with the City of Kennesaw, honored our nation's veterans and active-duty service members with a complimentary Veterans Day luncheon at the Kennesaw Recreation Center. They also returned to the Rise Against Hunger warehouse in Marietta, this time bringing students from the Acworth Achievers mentoring and after-school program along to serve - packing 4,300 nutritious meals for underserved communities around the world.

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