

DISTRICT 6900 NEWS FOR NOVEMBER, 2020

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✎	<p>GRSP Update</p> <p>Planning for 2020-21</p> <p>By Ian Boyd</p> <p>I know that Rotarians throughout the District miss having "GRSP's" in our Club meetings, at our socials, and engaged in our service projects. Here's a picture of our most recent GRSP class (2019-2020) last summer at Georgia Southern University, just to remind us of these amazing young people!</p> <p>However, Clubs and host families and Trustees are in communication with our alumni around the world on a weekly, if not daily, basis.</p> <p>[more]</p>
✎	<p>Club News</p> <p>Thomasville Dedicates Memorial to GRSP Founder</p> <p>By Mike Bolder</p> <p>Friday afternoon, October 16, members of the Thomasville Rotary Club and others toured the Marriott Courtyard Hotel under construction at the corner of Dawson and Remington streets in Thomasville, Georgia. Developers of the new hotel are allowing Georgia Rotary to help design the entry plaza as a tribute to the Georgia Rotary Student Program (GRSP) and the fountain as a memorial to the GRSP founder.</p> <p>[more]</p>
✎	<p>Rotary Leadership Institute</p> <p>RLI Sunshine Training Sessions Are Now Live Online!</p> <p>By Stephanie Windham</p> <p>Leadership is critical for managing change. COVID-19 has presented an opportunity for all leaders to step up, and RLI Sunshine Division is meeting the challenge. The Sunshine Division is offering live online presentations with outstanding discussion leaders from all over Georgia, Florida and the Caribbean. As always, RLI is interactive discussion-based training. We are offering the same great content in a convenient, online format at the RLI Sunshine Division website.</p> <p>[more]</p>
✎	<p>Immediate Service Opportunity</p> <p>Volunteer Opportunities with DeKalb County Students</p> <p>By Jon Tugler</p> <p>DeKalb County students are sequestered at home, taking lessons online. This is very challenging for the students and their families. Deprived of normal social contact, some children are experiencing isolation, depression, and impaired learning during critical development stages. You can help to make a positive impact in the lives of these children in our community by donating just a little of your time. Learn more about the Book Buddy Program and the Merry Hounding tutoring program - both from the South Dekalb Improvement Association Education (SDIAE).</p> <p>[more]</p>
✎	<p>Club News</p> <p>Come One, Come All!! Come Virtually!</p> <p>By Jasmine Northrup</p> <p>On August 4 at 4 am, President Ray Gadd of the Vinings Cumberland Rotary Club sent an email blast to start the 2020 VIRTUAL 5K RACE - the 24th year of the Vinings Down Hill 5k - "Run for the Kids." By the time the virtual race ended at 11:59 pm on August 9, the club raised over \$100,000 for children's charities. The virtual race drew 343 participants from 18 states and seven countries. Those participants and the club's 21 committee members rose to support our Vinings Cumberland community where needs are exponentially higher this year.</p> <p>The success of this race started with Charles Hince, 24 years ago. Through hard work and constant tweaking of the race, the eventually became a Peachtree Road Race Qualifier and has carried on even after Charles died of cancer on March 3. As any good Rotarian knows, it is easy to fill the big shoes of a truly committed Rotarian with a vision. What? Wait a minute. It was NOT easy.</p> <p>[more]</p>
✎	<p>Serving During the Pandemic</p> <p>Emory Clifton Hosts Third Annual Health Symposium</p> <p>By Anne Jasson</p> <p>The Third Annual Polo and Health Symposium sponsored by the Rotary Club of Emory Clifton was held virtually on Saturday, September 26 with over 250 participants from Georgia, several other states and countries attending the event. The theme for this year's symposium was "Overcoming the Challenges of COVID-19 to Achieve a Global Health Legacy" and focused on the challenges that Covid-19 presents to disease eradication efforts, specifically the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. The program was co-sponsored by the Roswell Rotary Club, Rotary Club of North Atlanta, Morehouse School of Medicine, the Medical Association of Georgia, The United Advance Practice Registered Nurses (UAPRN) and Shriners Children's Hospitals.</p> <p>Continuing Medical Education and Continuing Nursing Education credits were offered to health professional attending sessions.</p> <p>[more]</p>
✎	<p>Serving During the Pandemic</p> <p>Roswell Treats First Responders to Drive Thru Cookout</p> <p>By Trueman Patrick</p> <p>Roswell Rotary served over 200 burgers and dogs at its first Drive Thru Cookout on September 19. Hosted at Fire Station #4 in Roswell, local law enforcement, fire and rescue, 911 dispatchers and first responders drove through in firetrucks and police cars to pick up packed meals that also included cookies courtesy of Rhodes Bakery and King of Pop Popsicles. Many stayed to visit. First responders also received a tee shirt with the Rotary Wheel and "Roswell Rotary has your back" printed on the back. It was a great day serving those who keep us safe.</p> <p>[more]</p>
✎	<p>Club News</p> <p>Atlanta Virtual Fundraising Brings in Over \$130,000 for Honduras Schools</p> <p>By Bob Hope</p> <p>The Honduras Hope annual fundraising event and silent auction of the Rotary Club of Atlanta was held on the evening of September 15. The event was virtual for the first time this year and raised over \$130,000 to support the schools Rotarians have helped build in the rural Agalta Valley. The annual trip organized by Atlanta Rotary is ... [more]</p>
✎	<p>From Facebook</p> <p>Together We Fight Hunger</p> <p>By Jackie Cuthbert</p> <p>See Rotarians from the Rotary Clubs of North Cobb, Sandy Springs, Dunwoody, Marietta, Douglas County and Moultrie in action as they partner with community resources to help make sure needy families have enough to eat. [more]</p>
✎	<p>Serving During the Pandemic</p> <p>Douglas County Rotary Donates Technology Fees for 400 Students</p> <p>By Samantha Rosado</p> <p>While members of the Rotary Club of Douglas County were grateful that the school system had acquired enough Chromebooks and laptops to provide to every student for online learning in August, they recognized that some families might have trouble coming up with the required \$25 technology fee. To assist families in need and to support the education of students in Douglas County, the Rotary Club presented a check for \$10,000 to the Board of Education on November 2.</p> <p>[more]</p>
✎	<p>Celebrating Lives Lived</p> <p>Dr. Palamalai Mahizhnan, Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton County</p> <p>By Ron Swafford</p> <p>On June 25, 2020, when Palamalai Mahizhnan, MD died, the Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton County, the region we serve, and the broader world of Rotary lost a respected citizen, a humble and generous friend, and a quietly effective leader. About eight years ago, PM, which we called him for ease of pronunciation, was diagnosed with a crippling illness for which there is no cure. PM accepted the diagnosis with his usual positive attitude. An oncologist, he continued his medical practice until about a year and a half ago. He also continued his participation in Rotary until only a few months ago, including attending several of our virtual meetings on Zoom. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Ms. Karpagam Mahizhnan, and a daughter, Ms. Malathi Mahizhnan, of Louisville, Kentucky.</p> <p>[more]</p>
✎	<p>Club News</p> <p>Rotary Makes the Billboard!</p> <p>By Jaclyn Dossman</p> <p>There's a new digital billboard in town... and the Rotary Club of Moultrie is on it! All made possible by a Rotary connection visiting from another club with the design idea borrowed from a Rotary connection in Australia. A great example of how Rotary truly does Open Opportunities!!</p>
✎	<p>From Facebook</p> <p>Making a Difference in Our Communities ... From Arts and Health to Education, Fundraising and Teddy Bears</p> <p>By Jackie Cuthbert</p> <p>See how the Rotary Clubs of Quitman, Atlanta Brazil, Paulding County, Johns Creek North Fulton and Fayette Daybreak are touching lives in their communities. [more]</p>
✎	<p>Roswell Joins in Park Cleanup</p> <p>By Trueman Patrick</p> <p>Roswell Rotary and Historic Roswell Beautification Project joined forces Saturday, Oct. 17 to landscape one of Roswell's most visible parks. Volunteers spread 100 bales of pine straw, pruned, removed dead shrubs, and restored the Heart of Roswell Park back to its natural beauty with their landscaping love.</p>
✎	<p>Club News</p> <p>You are Invited to the Rotary Club of Atlanta ...</p> <p>By Jackie Cuthbert</p> <p>The Rotary Club of Atlanta has some great weekly programs planned and invites you to join to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 11:00: Burke Whisman, Ret. Major General, US Marine Corps "Veterans Day Inspirations"• 11:00: Dr. Dwight D. Andrews, Senior Minister, 1st Organizational Church "Thanksgiving Jazz Hourly"• 11:00: George Ash, CEO, LeaseQuery "David Cummings Favorite Entrepreneurs" <p>These virtual webinars (in lieu of weekly in-person meetings) take place every Monday from 12PM - 1PM, the link is included on the club's website. You can also view some past programs there under the News tab. If you have questions, contact Gina Simpson at ginsimpson@atlantarotary.org.</p> <p>[more]</p>
✎	<p>From Facebook</p> <p>Here's to Fellowship!</p> <p>By Jackie Cuthbert</p> <p>was in time of pandemic, Rotarians find ways to enjoy each other's company. Check out social activities for North Atlanta, Columbus and East Cobb.</p> <p>[more]</p>
✎	<p>From Facebook</p> <p>Clubs Recognize Excellence</p> <p>By Jackie Cuthbert</p> <p>Join Peachtree City in congratulating its Rotaract Club's membership growth and Marietta Metro in celebrating Kim Creek as the 2020 Association of Fundraising Professionals Volunteer Philanthropist of the year, and the Rotary Club of Albany in recognizing the late David Birch for more than 45 years of perfect attendance. [more]</p>
✎	<p>Club News</p> <p>Honoring our Soldiers and First Responders</p> <p>By Jackie Cuthbert</p> <p>While Alpharetta Rotary provided a great barbecue lunch at the Atlanta Airport USO, Backhead Rotary partnered with community groups to serve lunch for Atlanta firefighters. [more]</p>

Upcoming Key Dates

Wednesday, November 11th, 2020	East Cobb Board & Official Visit
Tuesday, November 17th, 2020	Moultrie Board & Official Visit
Wednesday, November 18th, 2020	Marietta Board & Official Visit
Tuesday, December 1st, 2020	Dallas-Paulding County Board & Official Visit
Tuesday, December 1st, 2020	Polk County Board & Official Visit
Wednesday, December 2nd, 2020	South Dekalb Board & Official Visit
Thursday, December 3rd, 2020	Browns Board & Official Visit
Tuesday, December 8th, 2020	Jackson-Butts County Board & Official Visit
Wednesday, December 9th, 2020	Atlanta Brazil Board & Official Visit
Thursday, December 10th, 2020	Milton Official Visit & Board Meeting

From Our District Governor

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I have been amazed to see how each of you and your clubs continue to give to your local communities and

the Foundation. I know that there are needs in our local communities now more than ever and I understand your commitment to fulfill them. I realize that in many cases your attention is going to be drawn to those needs first. During these times please look ahead to all the work that will need to be done as well in the future. We need our Foundation to be strong and well-funded like it is now so we can continue to serve and fund projects like we have for over a 100 years.

Our Foundation is very unique in the way that it is structured. The money that is given to the annual fund this year is invested for three years and the investment earnings go toward the expenses of the Foundation. The principal is then split 50/50 between the District Designated Fund and the World Fund to continue the work around the globe. With over 92% of the funds spent on program awards and operations we continue to maintain Charity Navigator's highest level of recognition of 4 Stars.

While this month is Foundation month, you will be hearing more all year about the good works our members, our clubs and our district are doing. If you have any questions or need any additional information about the Foundation, please reach out to me or anyone on our District Foundation team. I am excited to see all that we are able to do as a District because of our members' commitment to our Foundation - and hope that commitment continues well into the future.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all!

Kirk

*Editor's Note: Pictures include DG Kirk at **Emory Druid Hills and Bainbridge.***

PHOTOS:



Posted by Kirk Driskell
November 10, 2020

From Our District Chaplain

Words of Inspiration

I always like to give honor, to whom honor is due, first to God, my wife Jacqueline and District Governor Kirk Driskell and the Assistant Governors of Rotary, along with all the Presidents of Rotary especially my President Diane Adoma of South DeKalb Rotary. And honor to all whom honor is due that are in Rotary 6900 and Rotary International.

As I sit and reflect on what the world is dealing with today - issues such as COVID-19, homelessness, racial injustice, racial unrest and pure hatred for mankind, I am extremely pleased to be a part of Rotary, mainly because this organization embodies the very thing that God expected of us who are believers. This organization has helped so many people young and old, male and female , and of all nationalities, showing what brotherly and sisterly love is all about.

This is similar to the love that God showed towards us according to St. John 3:16 when he gave his only begotten son. And his son Jesus gave of himself all the way to the cross according to Matthews 27:46-50 I find this to be so uplifting and encouraging, especially in a time when we really need to be there for each other. Not necessarily going to the cross, but willing to show the love of God through our deeds.

As the Apostle Paul said in 1 Corinthians 13:3-4, "And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor and though I give my body to be burned and have not charity (love), it profited me nothing. Charity, suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up." in conclusion the Apostle Paul said in Verse 13, "Now: abides faith, hope, charity (love) these three; but the greatest of these is charity (love)."

That speak truly about the deeds of Rotary. So let's stay encouraged and continue the course by working together so that God will get the Glory.

Posted by Gregory Adams
November 5, 2020

Serving During the Pandemic

Rotary Partners in Farmers-to-Families Food Box Program



District 6900
Rotary
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The Hunger Challenge

Editor's Note: See the picture collages below the story.

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- On October 22, the **Rotary Club of Americus** collaborated with Harvest of Hope Food Pantry to host a massive food distribution event was held in the parking lot of First Baptist Church. Residents of Sumter County could drive through and pick up food and other items, as well as the boxes of refrigerated food procured by Rotary. Additionally, Harvest of Hope added bags with chicken thighs, small hams, orange juice, toilet paper, and a variety of additional items. Nearly 70 volunteers were on site to provide assistance, logging a cumulative 216 hours. In addition to Americus Rotarians, GSW athletes and nursing students, employees from The Staffing People, First Baptist Church, and community volunteers were on hand to ensure each family was served. The Rotary Club of Americus would like to thank Harvest of Hope Food Pantry, First Baptist Church, Georgia Cold Storage, Minor Farms, Steve Stanfield, and Jerry Dill for their help in getting food into the hands of Sumter County families.
- The **Rotary Clubs of Carrollton, Carrollton Dawnbreakers** and **Bremen** joined forces to distribute to families in Haralson, Carroll, and surrounding areas.
- The **Rotary Club of Newnan** collaborated with Bridging the Gap, Real Life Center, I-58 Mission, One Roof and Meals on Wheels to distribute a truckload to Coweta County residents. In *The Newnan Times-Herald*, the director of Bridging the Gap said, "We see Rotary as a valued partner in our mission to help people in Coweta County as they struggle with food insecurity and lack of connection to available resources. This gift of food will go a long way to feeding, serving and supporting their restoration."
- In Crisp County, families received an amazing "Halloween treat" - with **Cordele Rotarians** gathering early in the morning to participate in the distribution. You can see the cars lined up in the field hosting the event.
- Other sponsoring clubs included **South DeKalb Rotary Club and Stone Mountain/Tucker/East Cobb, Camilla/Dougherty County, and Lake Spivey/Clayton County.**

Posted by Angela Smith
November 1, 2020

From Stories Submitted and Facebook

Farmers-to-Families Food Box Project



Posted by Jackie Cuthbert
November 1, 2020

The Rotary Foundation

Our Rotary Foundation ... Helping Us Make a Difference



It is Rotary Foundation Month ... a time we can celebrate all the projects that The Rotary Foundation has helped us to do in our communities and around the world. And a great time to consider how we would like to invest in that Foundation, so that it can continue to help us make a difference!

Your 2019-20 Giving

District 6900 continues to be a generous supporter of The Rotary Foundation. In the 2019-20 Rotary year that ended in June, our total giving as a District totaled **\$978,233**. That includes:

- Annual fund giving of \$670,070
- Polio donations of \$180,738
- Endowment fund giving of \$84,500
- Other donations totaling \$42,925

Special recognition goes to our top three per capita giving clubs for the year:

1. **Muscogee-Columbus** at an average of \$1,947.18 per member
2. **Emory Druid Hills** at \$1,803.57 per member
3. **Alpharetta** at \$818.31 per member.

Rotary Foundation Dollars Power Our Work at Home and Around the World

In the 2019-20 Rotary year that ended June 30, District 6900 received money from The Rotary Foundation based on our annual fund giving in the 2016-17 Rotary year. As a result, we were able to invest \$476,000 in Global Grant projects, scholars and disaster relief, and an additional \$162,308 in district grants to our clubs who in turn made a difference in their communities. Two of those district grants are featured in this newsletter - one allowed the **Rotary Club of Griffin Daybreak** to donate 10 educational tablets to its school district to support remote learning and another helped the **Rotary Club of Senoia** support our veterans. And there are many more stories like that - locally and around the world - thanks to your creativity in identifying projects, The Rotary Foundation's financial support, and your generosity in supporting the Foundation.

In this newsletter, you can also read about one of recent Global Grant Scholars, Jasmine Burton, who has just been named one of the Top 40 under 40 by the Georgia Tech Alumni Association for her work in bring sanitation (toilets) to places in Africa. And look at two of the Global Grant projects we're working on for this Rotary year - in our new "Through Rotary's International Window" feature. It's exciting to know that we can invest in young people who are already starting to make a difference in the world, and that we can work together to achieve great things in the Rotary Foundation's seven areas of focus.

Posted by Cheryl Greenway
November 8, 2020

The Rotary Foundation

World Polio Day in Photos



Past President Pia, RC of Emory Clifton



Above: PDG Bob Hagan at Roswell event; Below: Interactor at RC of Milton



Above: Carrollton Rotary extends Many, many thanks to the Central High School Interact Club for its donation to our End Polio Now campaign!

Posted by Bob Hagan
November 8, 2020



The City of Barnesville (left) acknowledged Rotary International and proclaimed World Polio Day in Barnesville! Pictured: Mayor Peter Banks, Club President Linda Olivier and Foundation Chair Kathy Davis Oxford.



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Kicking off our "Through the Window" column, we are feature two different Global Grant Projects, both sharing Partner Clubs inside this District, and both needing financial and maybe "hands on" technical assistance from other Clubs and individual Rotarians.

- **Global Grant Proposal #1** envisions clean water and a sanitation program (WASH) in 100 remote village households of approximately 2000 people in Panama. The Project is budgeted at approximately \$65,000 total and they are planning to initiate work in Rotary Year 2020-2021. The **Rotary Club of Roswell** will be District 6900's International Partner Club - [you can read more about this project and funding needs on the district website.](#) Please contact Kay Love in the Roswell Club for more information about the help they hope to have from us.
- **Global Grant #2** offers training and equipment supporting the development of a vocational training center on "Heart for Africa's" farm - school - orphanage in Eswatini (formerly Swaziland). District 6900's International Partner Club is the **Rotary Club of North Fulton** who is looking for funding assistance with a \$150,000 budget. Yyou can [read more about this project and funding needs on the district website.](#) Please contact North Fulton Past President and Foundation Director Mike Mudd for more information and donations.

When your Club chooses to support Global Grant applications like the ones shown here, it will be credited with Global Grant participation and District 6900 will match the Club's monetary contribution \$1 for \$1 through our Annual District Designated Funds. When a Global Grant Application is approved by The Rotary Foundation and accepted, the Foundation adds another \$1 for \$1 match for all the money pledged from District 6900 and the Clubs.

Without a doubt, we are making an incredible investment in the World's Future - "Through Rotary's International Window." If you have opportunities or are looking for one, you may always contact me, Anne Glenn, your Global Grants chair.

Posted by Anne Glenn
November 8, 2020

Our Rotary Foundation at Work ... From Facebook

District Grants Support Remote Learning and Our Veterans



The **Griffin Daybreak Rotary Club** used its District Service Grant to donate 10 educational tablets to the Fairmont Community Center computer lab. The presentation of the tablets took place during a Spalding County Board of Commissioners meeting. Daybreak Rotary President Janet Wilkerson with club Rotarians presented the tablets to Renee Simon, Fairmont Community Center Supervisor.

The **Rotary Club of Senoia** directed its District Grant to Operation Tackle Box in support of our Veterans! Operation Tackle box's mission is to help our veterans heal through fishing and help them get on track with their benefits they are entitled to. Taking veterans on camping trips, fishing tournaments, fishing expos, and anything else we can provide to help our warriors!

PHOTOS:



Posted by Jackie Cuthbert
November 6, 2020

Global Grant Scholarship Alumnus

Jasmine Burton Named One of Georgia Tech's Top 40 under 40



We are proud to report that Georgia Tech alumnus and former Global Grant Scholar Jasmine Burton was recently named one of the Top 40 Under 40 for 2020. Sponsored by District 6900 and the Rotary Club of Dunwoody, Jasmine now serves as CEO, Executive Director and Founder of Wish WASH.

The Georgia Tech Alumni magazine for Fall 2020 says: "Jasmine Burton is not afraid to break the silence surrounding taboo topics like toilets in order to bring innovative solutions to global water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH). In 2014, she was part of the first all-female team to win the Georgia Tech InVenture Prize competition for a modular toilet that was designed to help the nearly 2.6 billion people who lacked access to hygienic bathrooms. As the founder of Wish for WASH, which seeks to bring innovation to sanitation and hygiene with a gender equity lens, Jasmine has led iterative toilet innovation pilots and research across sub-Saharan Africa and in Atlanta-based resettled refugee communities. "I identify as a social impact designer who seeks to utilize design thinking and business acumen to build a more inclusive world," she says.

Fun fact: She's summited Mount Kilimanjaro and is a traditional dancer of the Nanticoke Nation with the tribal name Bright Smiling Sage."

Posted by Kathy Brandt
October 28, 2020

Membership

RI Membership Minute - Engage Alumni to Strengthen Rotary



Each year, thousands of people become part of the family of Rotary by participating in Rotary programs, including Rotary Peace Fellowships, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), and New Generations Service Exchange. After a positive experience in these programs, Rotary alumni often wish to join a Rotary or Rotaract club.

In a recent Membership Feedback Survey, Rotary found that:

- 52% of membership candidates in our online membership leads system are current or former Rotary program participants or scholarship recipients
- 41% of Rotary program participants would like more information about Rotary membership

If you want to help alumni continue their Rotary journey, here are three ways to engage them:

1. Feature their success stories in your club and district communications to show that you value their dedication to service.
2. Invite them to participate in your club and district service projects and social events.
3. Work with your district chairs to find your local alums and get in touch with them.

Learn how District 7780 (Maine and New Hampshire, USA) engaged with program participants to start the Rotary Club of New Voices District 7780, a dynamic club of younger professionals who are alumni of the district's RYLA program.

Ultimately, when we make alumni feel appreciated and show them how their contributions enhance Rotary, we strengthen our organization and increase Rotary's capacity to do good in the world.

Posted by Jaclyn Donovan
November 8, 2020

Planning for 2020-21

by Ian Bond, District GRSP Chair (RC of Columbus)



I know that Rotarians throughout the District miss having “GRSPs” in our Club meetings, at our socials, and engaged in our service projects. Here’s a picture of our most recent GRSP class (2019-2020) last summer at Georgia Southern University, just to remind us of these amazing young people!

However, Clubs and host families and Trustees are in communication with our alumni around the world on a weekly, if not daily, basis. Case in point: when I left of Club meeting today (week 2 of in-person meetings – with masks, sanitizer and social distancing) I walked out with our 2019-2020 GRSP host. Ian: “Have you spoken with Michaela recently?” Mac: “I texted her yesterday evening so we could talk, but realized it was 2 am in Sweden. So as soon as I get home I’m calling her.” Multiply this across the District... well you get the picture.... GRSP global friendships are alive and well.

A couple of weeks ago we welcomed DG Kirk Driskell to Columbus. I appreciated being able to spend some time with Kirk to update him on where we are in planning for the GRSP class of 2021-2022. Here are some of the key points we discussed:

1. GRSP plans to host a class of 2021-2022; but this is dependent on outside factors such as falling COVID rates globally, opening up of international borders and travel, ability to obtain visas, policies regarding international students by the US Department of Education and USG, etc.
2. State-wide 33 of the 45 students accepted for the class of 2020-2021 have told us they would still to come in 2021-2022, and most of the Clubs and host families want them to come.
3. New applications for 2021-2022 are now closed. We have received 65 new applications (more than I expected!). Clubs whose 2020-2021 students are among those who do not want to come next year PLUS Clubs that were no planning to host this year, but plan to host in 2021-2022 will be able to select from this pool of applicants.

4. Some Clubs in the District are also considering the “pilot program” method of selection that proved very successful in 2019-2020 in its pilot year in District 6900. It resulted in GRSP’s first ever student from Ethiopia plus more controlled costs for the host Club. Please contact your Trustee for information on how the pilot program works.
5. Rotarians continue to make contributions to the GRSP Foundation – thank you District 6900!

PHOTOS:



Posted by Ian Bond
November 8, 2020

Club News

Thomasville Dedicates Memorial to GRSP Founder



Friday afternoon, October 16, members of the **Thomasville Rotary Club** and others toured the Marriott Courtyard Hotel under construction at the corner of Dawson and Remington streets in Thomasville, Georgia. Developers of the new hotel are allowing Georgia Rotary to help design the entry plaza as a tribute to the Georgia Rotary Student Program (GRSP) and the fountain as a memorial to the GRSP founder.

GRSP was founded by Thomasville, Georgia resident and Rotarian and Past District Governor William A. (Will) Watt. Having seen the damage of war in Europe, he founded the organization in the spring of 1946 at the end of WWII as a way to support world peace. It was his belief that "Peace through understanding" would be possible if students from foreign countries came to Georgia colleges and universities to study and develop a better understanding of their fellow man.

Each year, GRSP students from all over the world come to Georgia to study. These students make friends and learn about differing cultures and lifestyles. Georgia Rotarians believe "Peace is Possible," through GRSP as the organization promotes international goodwill through friendship and understanding. The students become adopted members of a Georgia "host family," living on-campus at the college or university they attend. GRSP is an ambassadorial scholarship program.

Since the founding, 3,791 students have participated in the GRSP program from all around the world. Rotary members in Rotary Districts 6900, 6910, and 6920 have donated over \$12,000,000 to GRSP. The hotel plaza will be named the GRSP Peace Plaza with the theme, GRSP Generations of Generosity. The

fountain will be named in recognition of William A. Watt, the founder of GRSP. Plans call for a Peace Dove to be woven into the design. Over 200 Rotary Clubs in Georgia support the program through dues, and members and friends support the program through donations.

Pictured: Standing in the courtyard of the new Marriott Courtyard left to right are Bill Edwards, consulting architect; Debbie Goodman, Rotary Club member; Jeremy Emmett, hotel developer; Terry Gordon, GRSP Treasurer; Wallace Goodman, Rotary Club member; Mike Sweigart, GRSP Vice-Chairman; Meg Sweigart, friend of GRSP; Scott Rich, Rotary Club member and GRSP Trustee; Tom Faircloth, hotel developer consultant and Past President of the Thomasville Club; and Jackie Ellis Johnson, hotel design consultant.

Posted by Michael Bixler
November 8, 2020

Rotary Leadership Institute

RLI Sunshine Training Sessions Are Now Live Online!



Leadership is critical for managing change. COVID-19 has presented an opportunity for all leaders to step up, and RLI Sunshine Division is meeting the challenge. The Sunshine Division is offering live online presentations with outstanding discussion leaders from all over Georgia, Florida and the Caribbean. As always, RLI is interactive discussion-based training. We are offering the same great content in a convenient, online format at the [RLI Sunshine Division website](https://www.rlitraining.org).

The sessions are broken into one to two hour sessions. RLI Online gives participants flexibility as sessions are scheduled on a variety of days and times. Individual sessions are \$15 each and you register and pay for each session individually. You can pick and choose the sessions you want to attend and in no particular order. You can customize the RLI experience to your individual needs. The online format allows for even more interaction with Rotarians from all over the Sunshine Division.

The Sunshine Division is also pleased to announce we are expanding to offer RLI Online in Spanish beginning in November. The materials will be in English, and all discussion will be in Spanish.

We hope to once again offer in-person RLI beginning in January, but we will continue to offer RLI Online as well. Please visit www.rlitraining.org for the course schedule.

The RLI Philosophy is "Having leadership skills does not alone assure good Rotary leadership. An efficient Rotary leader must ALSO have Rotary knowledge, perspective about where Rotary has been, where it is now going and a vision of what Rotary can be." You are invited to participate in RLI online to grow your

Rotary knowledge and make Rotary better for you, your club, your community, and the world.

Posted by Stephanie Windham

November 8, 2020

Immediate Service Opportunity

Volunteer Opportunities with DeKalb County Students



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- *Must be at least 15yrs old

DeKalb County students are sequestered at home, taking lessons online. This is very challenging for the students and their families. Deprived of normal social contact, some children are experiencing isolation, depression, and impaired learning during critical development stages.

You can help to make a positive impact in the lives of these children in our community by donating just a little of your time.

I'm aware of two opportunities presented through the South DeKalb Improvement Association Education (SDIAE):

1. Young students need reading assistance, as part of a "Book Buddy Program" - [click to see the flier](#). It involves at least a two-month commitment to read for 1/2 hour, one to three times per week.
2. Some students (a wide range of ages) need tutoring help with specific subjects. This involves a minimum of one hour commitment, once a week. I've attached a spreadsheet with specific information, entitled "[Mercy Housing SE OST Tutoring List](#)." Some of the students have already been matched with tutors, as indicated under the Notes column. Approximately eight students are awaiting a match. The interactions with students will be virtual (via Zoom).

The coordinator for both volunteer opportunities is Ms. Ella Davis of the SDIAE: Anyone wishing to sign up or learn more should contact her directly: Ms. Ella Davis, South DeKalb Improvement Association Home: (770) 987-3506, Work: (404) 626-3780, Email: davisella@bellsouth.net.

Like most school systems everywhere, DeKalb County has a policy that anyone working with children must undergo a background check. The fingerprinting requirement for virtual interaction has been waived, but the qualification process is still essential. Note that you don't have to be a resident of DeKalb County or Georgia to participate. The number to call for the background check is 770-724-7740. Press 4, and ask the clerk for a background check form. The clerk will USPS the form to the requester. It must be completed and returned via mail with a money order or cashiers check for \$20. The entire process takes about two weeks, so the sooner, the better. It is what it is.

Because of the urgent need, Ms. Davis' organization is willing to purchase certified checks (ahead of time) to meet that requirement and save folks from having to make a trip to the bank or post office. That's a very thoughtful and generous accommodation. However, their funds aren't unlimited. I would like to encourage people to reimburse the SDIAE for the \$20 expense and perhaps make an additional donation via their website at: www.sdiae.org.

Posted by Jon Yaeger
October 13, 2020

Club News

Come One, Come All!! Come Virtually!

by Jolene Northrop and Betty Smith



The VININGS Down Hill 5K *Run for the Kids*

In Memory of Charles Heinz

VIRTUAL RACE: AUGUST 8 & 9, 2020

On August 8 at 8 am, President Ray Gadd of the **Vinings Cumberland Rotary Club** sent an email blast to start the 2020 VIRTUAL 5K RACE - the 24th year of the Vinings Down Hill 5k - "Run for the Kids." By the time the virtual race ended at 11:59 pm on August 9, the club raised over \$100,000 for children's charities.

The virtual race drew 343 participants from 18 states and seven countries. Those participants and the club's 21 committee members rose to support our Vinings Cumberland community where needs are exponentially higher this year:

- The foster care facility is reaching out for food - a basic need.
- The Good Samaritan Health Center personally requested basic medical supplies.
- Kids who are dealing with AIDS, whether their own or of a parent, have a level of stress that's unfathomable.
- Many of the boys and girls living among us are at "home" feeling they are no good, don't matter and

have no hope. They don't even have ANY in-school days with wonderful teachers and peers who could uplift their spirits and build their self-esteem.

- The Canine Companion charity, supported by the Dog Dash portion of the race, is overwhelmed with training needs.

The success of this race started with Charles Heinz, 24 years ago, Through hard work and constant tweaking of the race, the eventually became a Peachtree Road Race Qualifier and has carried on even after Charles died of cancer on March 3.

As any good Rotarian knows, it is easy to fill the big shoes of a truly committed Rotarian with a vision. What? Wait a minute. It was NOT easy. Yes, Charles had the race down to a well-oiled machine right down to race day where the Vinings Cumberland Rotary Club started showing up in the dark pre-dawn to set up parking, the course, participant check-in, sponsor tents, T-Shirts, snacks, and a really fun area with a great local DJ getting kids dancing and hoola hooping in the Vining's Jubilee.

But this year was, well, it was the "somewhat blind" leading a "blind" race committee, who was faced with the pandemic and needed to recruit new members to the committee, decide if the race should be canceled this year, and explaining what a VIRTUAL race is when we had not known that such a thing even existed prior to hearing the name. A great deal of time was spent encouraging others and trying to engage people of all ages to participate in this effort.

The Pope High School Interact Club helped with hats, tee-shirts and swag, and we reached out to Rotary Youth Exchange and other International students for participation in the run.

We generated enthusiasm for sponsorships through personal outreach and inspired giving by the challenge of a matching grant which had not only a financial but also a participation goal. As Charles, and any good Rotarians reading this, would humbly say, "We did it for the Kids!"

PHOTOS:



Pope High School Interactors help with tee-shirts and hats for this year's race



***David
(Taiwan), Lars
(Norway),
Lucila and
Nilton (Brazil)
participated
far away from
Georgia***

Posted by Jolene Northrop
November 1, 2020

Serving During the Pandemic

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The Third Annual Polo and Health Symposium sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Emory Clifton** was held virtually on Saturday, September 26 with over 250 participants from Georgia, several other states and countries attending the event. The theme for this year's symposium was "Overcoming the Challenges of COVID-19 to Achieve a Global Health Legacy" and focused on the challenges that Covid-19 presents to disease eradication efforts, specifically the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. The program was co-sponsored by the Roswell Rotary Club, Rotary Club of North Atlanta, Morehouse School of Medicine, the Medical Association of Georgia, The United Advance Practice Registered Nurses (UAPRN) and Shriners Children's Hospitals. Continuing Medical Education and Continuing Nursing Education credit were offered to health professional attending sessions.

A number of nationally and internationally known presenters spoke at this at this year's conference including:

- Patrice Harris, M.D. , the Immediate Past President of the American Medical Association who talked on how Covid-19 has impacted health care and possible future trends in "Current and Future Directions of Health Care"
- John Vertefeuille, Ph.D. of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention presented on the impact of Covid-19 on the global polio effort in "Impact of COVID-19 on Global Polio Eradication: Current Status and Future Global Directions"
- Carol Pandak, Ed.D. of Rotary International presented how Rotary has adjusted to continue its global work on polio eradication in "Impact of COVID-19 on Global Polio Eradication: Implications for Rotary International"
- Steve Cochi, MD MPH of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention spoke on how the polio program has helped many countries prepare for Covid-19 in "The Legacy of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative: Pathway for Progress Against COVID-19"
- Brittaney J. Bethea, MPH, CCPH of Morehouse School of Medicine briefed participants on outreach efforts to high risk persons most affected by Covid-19 in "National COVID-19 Resiliency Network: Communication, Technology and Community Engagement Strategies to Mitigate the Impact on Vulnerable"
- Scott Kozin, MD the Chief of Staff at Shriners Hospital for Children in Philadelphia presented an update on his research on Acute Flaccid Myelitis (AMF) during "Progress During a Pandemic: An Update on the "New Polio"
- Carlos del Rio, MD Distinguished Professor of Medicine at Emory University School of Medicine provided participants with his present and future insights on the Covid-19 outbreak during "COVID-19: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow"
- Laurence Sperling, M.D. Katz Professor in Preventive Cardiology Emory University spoke on future complications from Covid-19 infections in the "Post COVIDfuture of Cardiovascular Prevention"
- Ashley Blackmon MS. FNP provided participants with the latest on the care and treatment of Covid-19 in Care of Covid-19 Patient in a Primary Care Setting
- Lisa Wright Eichelberger, PhD RN Dean and Professor Clayton State University presented "Becoming a Voice for Change: Serving on a Policy Making Board"

As part of the community outreach, the presentations have been placed on the symposium website (www.emorycliftonrotary.com) for additional viewing. As was the case with last year's program, Rotarians, health professionals and other civic members, can view these presentations at their club meetings or individually.

Posted by Alan Janssen
November 8, 2020

Serving During the Pandemic

Roswell Treats First Responders to Drive Thru Cookout



Roswell Rotary served over 200 burgers and dogs at its first Drive Thru Cookout on September 19. Hosted at Fire Station #4 in Roswell, local law enforcement, fire and rescue, 911 dispatchers and first responders drove through in firetrucks and police cars to pick up packed meals that also included cookies courtesy of Rhodes Bakery and King of Pop Popsicles. Many stayed to visit.

First responders also received a tee shirt with the Rotary Wheel and "Roswell Rotary has your back" printed on the back. It was a great day serving those who keep us safe.

Posted by Trummie Patrick
November 1, 2020

Atlanta Virtual Fundraising Brings in Over \$130,000 for Honduras Schools



The Honduras Hope annual fundraising event and silent auction of the **Rotary Club of Atlanta** was held on the evening of September 15. The event was virtual for the first time this year and raised over \$130,000 to support the schools Rotarians have helped build in the rural Agalta Valley. The annual trip organized by Atlanta Rotary is the largest annual Rotary trip in the world, averaging 60 travelers.

The next trip is March 6. The group established the HAVE Foundation (Honduras Agalta Valley Education) to pay for the schools.

For more information, contact Bob Hope from the Rotary Club of Atlanta.

Posted by Bob Hope
November 8, 2020

From Facebook

Together We Fight Hunger



North Cobb Rotary has joined with the Northwest Cobb Family YMCA to fight hunger! President Joe Stockman, together with Rotarians Sharon Pell, Nancy Prochaska, Christine Coffman, Trina Griffiths, Jennifer Wires, and Friends of Rotary Jacki and The KSU Owls Women's Lacrosse Team joined together in service. HUGE shout out to KSU, Go Owls! Since Mid-March, The Y has served 300,00 meals to families in need through their COVID-19 hunger relief programs. The YMCA is so much more than a gym.

The **Sandy Springs Rotary Club** raised more than \$1,300 for the Community Assistance Center (CAC). Left to right: Sandy Springs Rotary President John Neill, Benjy Dubovsky, Nancy Schroeder, Todd Lawrimore, Will MacArthur, and CAC CEO Tamara Carrera.

Last Saturday, nine **Dunwoody Rotarians** and their Rotary Youth Exchange alumnus Daniella spent

Saturday morning at the CAC food pantry, processing food donations and helping them get ready for their Monday "market." Dunwoody has also donated money to buy turkeys for Kingsley Elementary harvest baskets - and is driving to collect 160 boxes of oatmeal for those baskets.

The **Rotary Club of Marietta** is off to a great start doing its part to help as "SMART STUFFERS." Rotarians will fill and donate Thanksgiving Meal boxes to the Center for Family Resources between now and mid-November. The **Rotary Club of Douglas County** has a similar drive underway.

The **Moultrie Club's** "Fill the Food Bank" is under way - supporting the Colquitt County Food Bank with nonperishable items

PHOTOS:









FILL THE FOOD BANK

October 22 – November 17



Posted by Jackie Cuthbert
November 8, 2020

Serving During the Pandemic

Douglas County Rotary Donates Technology Fees for 400 Students



While members of the **Rotary Club of Douglas County** were grateful that the school system had acquired enough Chromebooks and laptops to provide to every student for online learning in August, they recognized that some families might have trouble coming up with the required \$25 technology fee. To assist families in need and to support the education of students in Douglas County, the Rotary Club presented a check for \$10,000 to the Board of Education on November 2.

The donation will cover the technology fees for 400 DCSS students. The fee covers minor repairs, replacement of batteries and other costs associated with electronic devices. The One-to-One Technology initiative, which provides a learning device for all students, was underway before the pandemic. Due to COVID-19, the school system accelerated the timeline for the initiative.

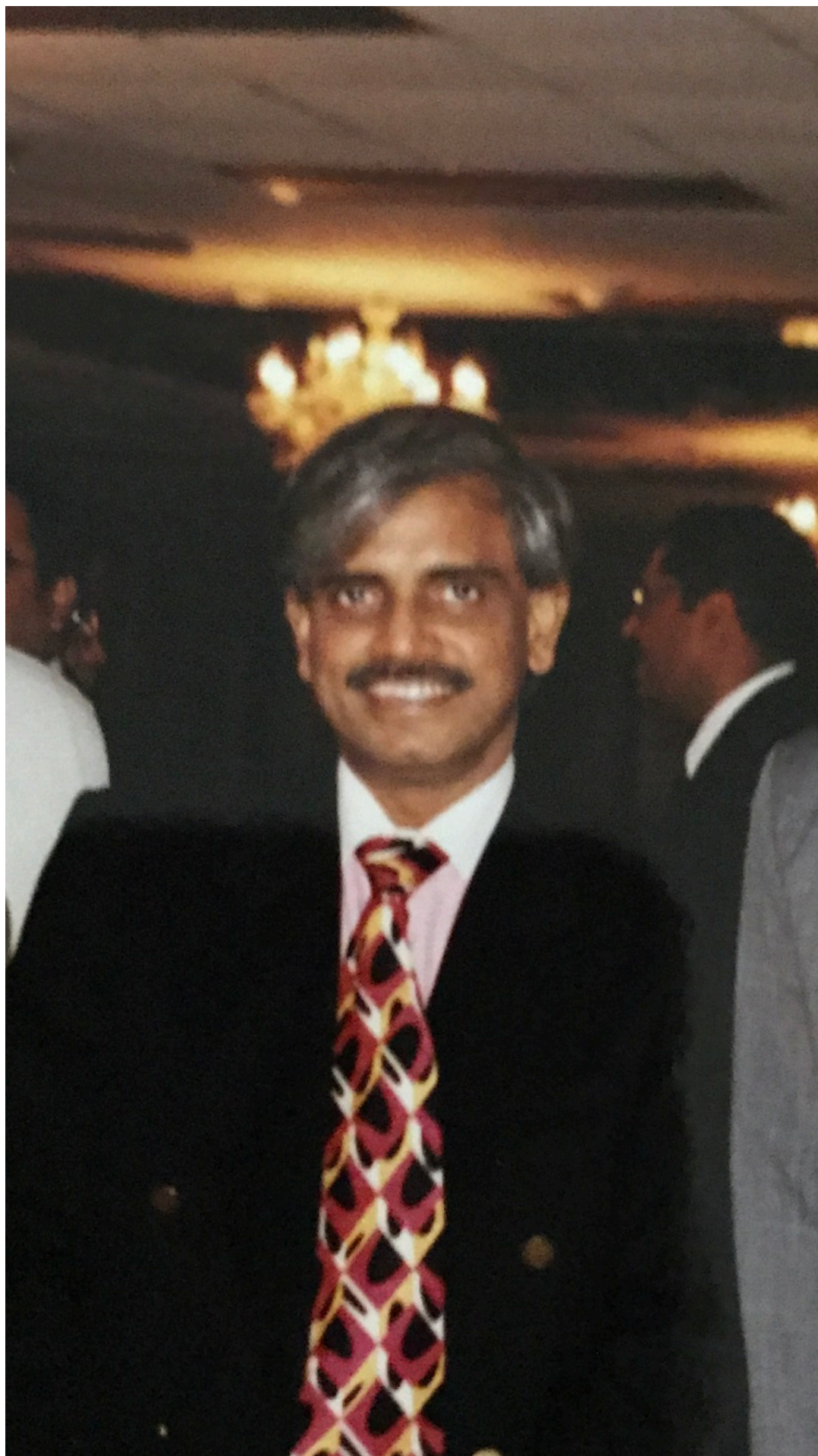
The Douglas County School System is also grateful to the nonprofit Beyond the Front Porch and other generous individuals who donated technology fees for students over the last few months.

Making the presentation at the Board of Education meeting were Rotary members (front row, left to right): John Baker; Gil Shearouse; Joe Williams; Tekmekia Gilchrist; and James Harper. Pictured in the back row: Superintendent North; Board Chair Tracy Rookard; Board Member Devettrion Caldwell; Vice Chair Michelle Simmons; and Board Members Rita Fasina-Thomas and D.T. Jackson.

Posted by Samantha Rosado
November 6, 2020

Celebrating Lives Lived

**Dr. Palamalai Mahizhnan, Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton
County**



On June 25, 2020, when Palamalai Mahizhnan, MD died, the **Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton County**, the region we serve, and the broader world of Rotary lost a respected citizen, a humble and generous friend, and a quietly effective leader. About eight years ago, PM, which we called him for ease of pronunciation, was diagnosed with a crippling illness for which there is no cure. PM accepted the diagnosis with his usual positive attitude. An oncologist, he continued his medical practice until about a year and a half ago. He also continued his participation in Rotary until only a few months ago, including attending several of our virtual meetings on Zoom. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Ms. Karpagam Mahizhnan, and a daughter, Ms. Madhavi Mahizhnan, of Louisville, Kentucky.

PM graduated from Thanjavoor Medical College, an affiliate of the University of Madras in India, at the top of his class, followed by a residency in pathology at Harlem Hospital of Columbia University, New York, another residency in internal medicine, and then a fellowship in hematology and oncology at the Medical College of Georgia, after which he established his practice—serving Atlanta’s Southern Crescent for 35 years. In describing the work of Dr. PM, a physician colleague said, “Most of the physicians in this area sought his help to take care of themselves and their families.... He saved a lot of lives with his expert and compassionate care – including someone near and dear to me.... Dr. PM embodied the true spirit of a physician, dedicated to the art of healing his whole life.

At the personal level, colleagues describe him as friendly to all, available when needed, and interested in things and events he encountered. As a hobby, for example, he studied ancient texts in the Tamil language, the mother tongue of Tamilnadu, which is the region of India where he was born in 1949. PM also became a world traveler but correspondingly, to quote a colleague, “he chose to live in a modest home all his life, did not drive flashy cars.” Instead, he became a philanthropist, but always quietly, never seeking attention for his generosity. In doing so, he donated frequently to charities in his home country of India, supporting individuals for their educational needs, and also in America where in addition to other generous acts he became a Rotary Foundation Level Four Bequest Donor, meaning he provided the Rotary Foundation a \$100,000.00 gift in his will.

When PM made the Level Four commitment in such an authentic and quiet way and in the context of how he has lived in other circumstances, he provided an important incident of leadership by example. Our Foundation Director has commented that soon after PM made his commitment, several other club members expressed interest in being Bequest donors. PM truly demonstrated a life of generous friendship, service above self, and quiet leadership.

Posted by Ron Swofford
November 8, 2020

Club News

Rotary Makes the Billboard!



There's a new digital billboard in town... and the **Rotary Club of Moultrie** is on it!! All made possible by a Rotary connection visiting from another club with the design idea borrowed from a Rotary connection in Australia. A great example of how Rotary truly does Open Opportunities!!

Posted by Jaclyn Donovan
November 8, 2020

From Facebook

Making a Difference in Our Communities ... From Arts and Health to Education, Fundraising and Teddy Bears



Sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Quitman**, this year's Skillet Festival Student Art Exhibit highlights art provided by students in Ms. Tammy Hamm's classroom and Ms. Ella Mobley's classroom from Brooks County Middle School and Brooks County High School. Ms. Lindsy Jones, a local photographer, has been providing therapeutic art lessons to the students. The focus of art intervention therapy is to refine motor skills, improve social skills, explore emotions, and raise self-esteem, among other positive outcomes. For this year's Skillet Festival Student Art Exhibit, the BCHS students' worked on their motor skills by creating string paintings. The BCMS students explored abstract expressionism by creating collaborative painting using their hands, fly swatters, and balloons.

The **Rotary Club of Atlanta Brasil** recently supported an important community event aimed at women's health! The event included: lectures with doctors and health professionals on cancer detection, prevention and risk reduction; reconstructive plastic surgery; child cancer awareness and prevention.

Every year the **Paulding County Rotary Club** delivers fresh apples to all elementary schools in Paulding County. This 2020 was no exception as the Paulding Rotarians met and loaded up apples to deliver all over the county. Our club members love the opportunity to continue this tradition. A simple gift and an act of recognition can mean a lot to those who serve as educators. From the Paulding County Rotary Club to all the teachers in Paulding County we express our heartfelt thank you for all your service.

The **Johns Creek North Fulton Rotary Club** volunteered at the Johns Creek Chamber of Commerce annual golf tournament. Club President Kathryn Albright and Past President Ronald Jones are pictured

with Alex Almanza and Trey Tomkins.

The **Rotary Club of Fayette Daybreak**. donated small teddy bears to both the Police Department and the Fire and EMS Department serving Tyrone. The officers, firefighters, and medical teams will hand out the bears when needed, to help provide comfort to children in stressful or frightening situations. Our club has committed to replenishing the supply when they are needed throughout the year. Club also has virtual walk/run

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Posted by Jackie Cuthbert
November 8, 2020

Roswell Joins in Park Cleanup



Roswell Rotary and Historic Roswell Beautification Project joined forces Saturday, Oct. 17 to landscape

one of Roswell's most visible parks. Volunteers spread 100 bales of pine straw, pruned, removed dead shrubs, and restored the Heart of Roswell Park back to its natural beauty with their landscaping love.

PHOTOS:



Posted by Trummie Patrick
November 1, 2020

Club News

Tucker Welcomes New Members

Tucker Rotary
welcomes two
new members!

Top: Nate
Martin (CEO,
NX2 Agency)
sworn in by
club Secretary
Marc Lisenby
(left) and
President
Johnathan Clark
(right). Bottom:
Jim Rodeghiero
(Senior Account
Manager,
Priority1 POS).



Posted by Lizbeth Dison
November 8, 2020

Club News

You are Invited to the Rotary Club of Atlanta ...

The **Rotary Club of Atlanta** has some great weekly programs planned and invites you to join in:

- 11/16: Burke Whitman, Ret. Major General, US Marine Corps "Veterans Day Inspirations"
- 11/23: Dr. Dwight D. Andrews, Senior Minister, 1st Congregational Church "Thanksgiving Jazz Homily"
- 11/30: George Azih, CEO, LeaseQuery "David Cummings Favorite Entrepreneur"

These virtual webinars (in lieu of weekly in-person meetings) take place every Monday from 12PM - 1PM; the link is included on the [club's website](#). You can also view some past programs there under the News tab.

If you have questions, contact Gina Simpson at gsimpson@atlantarotary.org.

From Facebook

Here's to Fellowship!



Even in time of pandemic, Rotarians find ways to enjoy each other's company. For example:

- Several **North Atlanta Rotarians** and families gathered at A-R-T & Associates for the club's October social. The club has been meeting online so this was one of the first times some of us have seen each other in person in quite a while. We had a lot of fun catching up, meeting Penny the new Drew family dog, checking out Christopher's refurbished Miata and the offices of A-R-T & Associates.
- COVID has done a lot of things, but it hasn't taken away people's enthusiasm for celebrating Halloween! This picture sums up Columbus' Spooktacular event at the Columbus Civic Center . The **Rotary Club of Columbus** was proud to partner with the **Rotaract Club of Greater Columbus** tonight to share a little cheer.
- The **Rotary Club of East Cobb** enjoyed another virtual cooking demonstration from Chef E! The

tuna cakes were delicious, but the apple fritter bread was YUMMY! What a great evening with our Rotary family.

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Clubs Recognize Excellence



The **Rotary Club of Peachtree City** gave a shout out to its Rotaract Club – “way to grow!” Here we grow again!!! Rotaract reported, “We inducted two new members tonight – Emily & Ryan Peurifoy. Emily and Ryan have a heart for service and have already participated in our most recent project with RCC, Rotary and Interact to support United Way Project Shoebox. We were also excited to have four of our PTC Rotary Board members (and five if you count our Rotaract President and Rotary Community Service Director, Azell) to talk to us about Rotary, why they joined and why they stay. We also had two prospective members in attendance tonight – James and Kaylee. Looking forward to seeing them again at our next event!”

At **Marietta Metro**, talk centers around Rotarian KIM GRESH, who was named the 2020 Association of Fundraising Professionals Volunteer Philanthropist of the Year! Because of her leadership skills, many organizations have flourished and fundraising goals have been achieved and exceeded. Her interests have included healthcare, the arts, scouting, civic organizations and many others. She has not only dedicated her time and expertise, she has also been very generous financially. Our community owes a great debt of gratitude to Kim and we are very proud that she is a member of the Rotary Club of Marietta Metro. Congratulations to Kim and a huge, huge THANK YOU!!!!

And finally, DG Kirk was on hand at the **Rotary Club of Albany** to present a plaque to Mrs. David Blich, honoring her late husband for 45+ years of perfect attendance and service to Rotary and the community.

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Club News

Honoring our Soldiers and First Responders



Members of the **Alpharetta Rotary Club** sponsored and served a great Barbecue lunch to the many soldiers at USO ATL.

Buckhead Rotary partnered with Livable Buckhead and Atlanta Fire Rescue Foundation On an October Friday for a cookout to provide lunch for firefighters at the five Atlanta Fire Rescue Department fire stations in Buckhead.

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