

<p><b>From Our District Governor</b></p> <p><b>Thanks for All You Do!</b></p> <p>By Jim Squire, District Governor Donna and I have been engaged in what we believe is part of our mission as District Governor. The work you are doing in our communities and the world is amazing, and this newsletter offers a good taste of all that has happened throughout the world. In the last few weeks, we have all been involved in the health improvements organized by the <b>Rotary Foundation</b> to help the <b>Atlanta Braves</b> team. Last Saturday, October 5, we were a group of Rotarians at the Atlanta Braves game - where the Braves lost but Rotary won - with a \$2500 contribution from the Braves toward ending polio that matched the amount given by the Gables Foundation match. We have an opportunity to focus on an important effort again at our <b>World Polio Day Event</b> at the Varsity on October 24. All the details for this event are included in this newsletter; we hope to see you there. [more]</p>	
<p><b>Training in the use of cell phone health monitoring technology</b></p> <p>Join <b>Weniger</b> <b>Cambodia</b> on October 25</p> <p><b>Global Grants Making a Difference in Health for Kenyan Mothers and Infants</b></p> <p>By Wally Horcher In 2015, the <b>Rotary Club of Vining Cumberland</b> embarked upon the latest in a series of Global Grants to improve health conditions for mothers and infants in rural Kenya. The latest is focused on the Elgeyo Marakwet region and seeks to assist 2500 mothers and their children. Efforts were supported by several District 6900 clubs ... [more]</p>	
<p><b>Spay/Neuter Clinic</b></p> <p><b>Dunwoody Hosts Free Community Informational Event About Human Trafficking</b></p> <p>By Jackie Cuthbert The <b>Rotary Club of Dunwoody</b> is hosting a free, informative event addressing the issue of human trafficking on Wednesday, October 23 at 6:30 P.M. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Atlanta Perimeter at Ravinia, 4355 Ashford Dunwoody Road, Atlanta. Complimentary admission and onsite self-parking is available. The event includes: • A screening of the movie, "9 Days" telling the story of one 12-year-old girl's life in trafficking and how her family and community got her back. • A candid discussion with representatives from local, state and federal law enforcement will offer facts, insight and resources to shed light on the nature and scope of the issue in our communities. [more]</p>	
<p><b>New Mourtrie Maggie Davidson works with</b></p> <p><b>McRae-Campbell Parks &amp; Recreation</b></p> <p><b>Membership</b></p> <p><b>Keep On Growing!</b></p> <p>By Jim Squire Take the <b>LEAD and Run with It!</b> We have new <b>membership leads</b> coming into the District each day from Rotary International. Get to know you that DC Jim Squire wants help your club have a party? It's true! In an effort to promote fellowship and membership growth, District 6900 will provide Matching Funds up to \$250 to clubs for the express purpose of hosting a club membership social. [more]</p>	
<p><b>Rotarian Sean Kishon, one of this year's RFP Global Scholars sponsored by the Rotary Club of Columbus and District 6900 Sean is pictured with his wife Amy</b></p> <p><b>Why Rotary Presidents?</b></p> <p><b>Who Spends the Money You Donate to the Annual Fund?</b></p> <p>By Cheryl Greenway Answers to you and other Rotarians: In fact, only Rotarians decide how to use the money. When you donate to the Annual Fund, half the money comes back to District 6900 three years later to be used for our District Grants, Global Grants, and Global Scholars. The rest remains with The Rotary Foundation to provide matching funds for Global Grants. No charity or other organizations can apply to our Foundation for funds. The money you donate to the Annual Fund, known as SHAME, are the primary source of funding for a broad range of local and international grants that change lives. So what did your club do for a District Grant this year? The Rotary Club of Moultrie shares in this newsletter about its grant that helped a local elementary school. How has your club made a difference in your community through the use of District Grants? Did your club do a District Grant this year? If not, why? Do you need help with obtaining a District Grant? If so, please contact Gillian Leggett of the Milton Rotary Club. [more]</p>	
<p><b>RI Convention</b></p> <p><b>Join Us in Beautiful Honolulu, Hawaii</b></p> <p>By Kirk Drisko Take time now to register for the 2020 RI International Convention. RI Convention is an amazing experience on its own - with opportunities to: • network with Rotarians from around the world • learn about our local and global work to make a positive difference in people's lives [more]</p>	
<p><b>How You Can Help the Victims of Hurricane Dorian</b></p> <p>By Jackie Cuthbert Last week we highlighted an opportunity to donate money to Disaster Relief; now we are highlighting an opportunity to donate supplies for the Bahamas. The <b>Rotary Club of Roswell</b> is collecting those supplies on Saturday, October 19 from 9 am to noon at the Roswell United Methodist Church - in the church's corner parking lot on Mimosa Blvd. Click more for a list of the items they are looking to collect. [more]</p>	
<p><b>The Rotary Foundation at Work</b></p> <p><b>Let the Adventures Begin!</b></p> <p>By Kathy Brant <b>FIRST, HOW DID WE GET HERE?</b> My journey to becoming a Rotary Global Grant Scholar started many years ago. After graduating West Point in 2013, it was a matter of biding my time until I could take a year to complete a Master's program abroad. [...][more]</p>	
<p><b>GRSP Update</b></p> <p><b>New Websites, Scholarship Opportunities, Columbus Weekend</b></p> <p>By Lynn Clarke Our new website developer leaders who promote understanding and peace around the world. <b>New GRSP Websites Unveiled at Conclave: First Class of 2019-20 Newsletter is Out</b> The new website is now live and it has been updated with GRSP's every week new content is added to the website, so please be sure to check it out at <a href="http://www.grsp.org">www.grsp.org</a>. And don't miss the first newsletter created by our new class of GRSP students outlining what they've experienced and what the GRSP experience already means to their lives. [more]</p>	
<p><b>GRSP Scholar Update</b></p> <p><b>GRSP: An Experience of a Lifetime</b></p> <p>By Lynn Clarke I had been abroad for a long period of time before. Despite that, I did not hesitate when I, almost a year ago, found out that I had been offered the Georgia Rotary Student Program scholarship. I was not completely sure what I was expecting from my year far away from home. I was certain I was going to miss my family, but I was also sure that this would be a one in a lifetime opportunity for me. I figured that I would experience a new culture and gain memories that would last me a lifetime. But despite getting on a plane with all those hopes and thoughts in my head, I was unprepared for what would really make my year in Georgia amazing. I had not taken into account the people I would meet. [more]</p>	
<p><b>District Conference 2020</b></p> <p><b>Jekyll Island is Waiting!</b></p> <p>By Jim Squire Planning is well underway for next April's District Conference as located in Jekyll Island, scheduled from April 30 to May 3. Join us for: • Thursday night - "Taste of Jekyll" featuring the famous seafood specialties of many of the Jekyll clubs. Is there a recipe your club or town is known for? Get the recipe and send it to <a href="mailto:young285@earthlink.net">young285@earthlink.net</a>. We'll gather the best ones to kick off the weekend. • Friday night - "Georgia's Fish Camp", featuring Coastal Georgia native DG Jim's local seafood selection • Saturday night - "Kentucky Derby" celebration and welcome for 2020-21 Governor Kirk Driskell You can register by going to the <a href="http://district6900.org">District 6900 website</a> and clicking the green "jekyll 2020 Conference button at the top. [more]</p>	
<p><b>Chapman Conference</b></p> <p><b>Affirming the Power of Rotary's Reach!</b></p> <p>By Mark Barber Let's review. The call for a good and VIBRANT Rotarians is the call to be vigorously dedicated to <b>take action to create lasting change</b> - across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. So, our objective is to be <b>Relational</b>, Opportunity oriented, and yes, <b>Vibrantly Transformational</b>! Humble, thereby, and whereby promoting our <b>Relational</b> objective to connect with folks around us - ... [more]</p>	
<p><b>Club News</b></p> <p><b>Vinings Cumberland Rotary's "Run for the Kids" 5K Downhill Race</b></p> <p>By Donna Drisko As always, Vining's Cumberland Rotary Club hosted its 23rd annual "Run for the Kids" 5K Downhill Race. This race has become one of the most popular in the city, as it is a Peachtree Road Race qualifier, and boasts an array of "fun factor" attributes, including a 1K Kids' Race, Doggie Dash, Best Dog Costume Contest, Children's Play Area (featuring hula hoops this year), various vendors, giveaways and delicious treats (i.e. ice cream and snow cones; some healthy stuff is made available as well - LOS). This year's event drew a record 1600 runners and raised approximately \$100,000. Since its start in 1997, the race has raised more than \$1.1 million. [more]</p>	
<p><b>RYLA</b></p> <p><b>Save the Date for 2020!</b></p> <p>By Jim Squire RYLA 2020 is on the calendar for June 20-24, and we are already getting excited! Application materials will be updated on the website - <a href="http://www.ryla6900.com">www.ryla6900.com</a> - and sent out to clubs by January 1. So start making plans now to sponsor a student or two. Or 10... we'll take them all! [more]</p>	
<p><b>Club News</b></p> <p><b>Moultrie Give Face Lift to Local School</b></p> <p>By Jodyna Dousman The <b>Rotary Club of Moultrie</b> recently completed a beautification project at the main entrance of Cox Elementary School. One of ten elementary schools in Colquitt County, and on the lower income scale compared to the rest, Cox Elementary had a front entrance with a less-than-desirable appearance. Since first impressions are extremely important, the faculty and staff desired a better forward-facing image to parents, visitors and students entering the school... So Moultrie Rotary stepped in to help - with help from a District 6900 grant. [more]</p>	
<p><b>Club News</b></p> <p><b>Roswell Rotary Golf and Tennis Tournament Raises \$150,000 for 30 Local Charities!</b></p> <p>By Jim Squire The 41st Annual Adukey Greenway Golf Tournament and 7th Annual Hagan Cup Classic Tennis Tournament on September 8th at the Country Club of Roswell drew over 500 enthusiastic golfers, tennis players, sponsors and volunteers to raise funds for local organizations that are making a difference in our communities. [more]</p>	
<p><b>Club News</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Jim Herron Recognized as a Pillar of Service and Beloved Rotarian</b></p> <p>By Angela Smith At our recent September weekly meetings, Rotary Club of Americas President Renee Smith recognized Dr. Jim Herron with the District Governor's Golden Jubilee Commendation, in honor of Dr. Herron's 50 years of service above self as a Rotarian. The award was given on behalf of DG Jim Squire and District 6900 - to an individual who has remained active in Rotary even in his golden years of retirement. DG Jim and his wife Donna recognized two long-serving Americas Rotarians at his special visit to the club. The second - Brodus Whitley, has been a Rotarian for nearly 65 years (now honorary). [more]</p>	
<p><b>Club News</b></p> <p><b>Lake Spivey/Clayton County Golf Tournament Supporting Endure Polo</b></p> <p>By Bill Swofford In September, the Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton County held its Polo Awareness Golf Tournament at the Lake Spivey Golf Club in Jonesboro. Sponsors of teams and dozens of sponsors and volunteers came forward to support the event. The tournament has been one of the club's annual events for several years - designed to raise funds to support service projects in our community. This year, however, the club chose to focus on Endure polo and Rotary International efforts to eradicate polo - an initiative started almost 40 years ago by Rotary International. [more]</p>	
<p><b>Club News</b></p> <p><b>Rotary Reads in Cuthbert, Georgia</b></p> <p>By Heather McRae The <b>Cuthbert Rotary Club</b> had its first Rotary Reads at Randolph County Elementary School!!! It was such a blessing to read to the kids!!! They were great!!!</p>	
<p><b>Club News</b></p> <p><b>Rotary and Rotaract Join Forces to Support Atlanta Race</b></p> <p>By Hadii Maurof The <b>Rotary Club of Atlanta Metro</b> and the <b>Rotaract Club of Atlanta</b> collaborated with the Adult Disability Medical Healthcare (ADMH) in the run that they held this September. This run helps adults with disabilities and took place at the Dunwoody campus of the Georgia State University. It was a phenomenal day filled ... [more]</p>	
<p><b>Upcoming Key Dates</b></p> <p>Thursday, October 10th, 2019 Thursday, October 10th, 2019 Thursday, October 10th, 2019 Monday, October 14th, 2019 Monday, October 14th, 2019 Monday, October 14th, 2019 Monday, October 14th, 2019 Tuesday, October 15th, 2019 Tuesday, October 15th, 2019 Tuesday, October 15th, 2019 Wednesday, October 16th, 2019 Wednesday, October 16th, 2019 Thursday, October 17th, 2019 Friday, October 18th, 2019 Friday, October 18th, 2019 Monday, October 21st, 2019 Monday, October 21st, 2019 Monday, October 21st, 2019 Tuesday, October 22nd, 2019 Tuesday, October 22nd, 2019 Wednesday, October 23rd, 2019 Wednesday, October 23rd, 2019 Thursday, October 24th, 2019 Thursday, October 24th, 2019 Thursday, October 24th, 2019 Tuesday, October 29th, 2019 Tuesday, October 29th, 2019 Wednesday, October 30th, 2019 Wednesday, October 30th, 2019 Thursday, October 31st, 2019 Thursday, October 31st, 2019 Thursday, October 31st, 2019 Tuesday, November 5th, 2019 Tuesday, November 5th, 2019 Wednesday, November 6th, 2019 Wednesday, November 6th, 2019</p>	
<p>West Point Board Meeting West Point Governor Visit North Fulton Concert in the Park Marietta Metro Board Meeting Marietta Metro Governor Visit Jackson-Batts County Club Social Jackson-Batts County Board Meeting Jackson-Batts County Governor Visit North Atlanta Rotaract Vining Cumberland Board Meeting Vining Cumberland Governor Visit North Cobb District Governor Jim Squire Visit and Board meeting North Cobb RCNC Board Meeting with District Governor Jim Squire South Cobb Board Meeting South Cobb Governor Visit Dunwoody District Governor Board Dinner Dunwoody Governor Visit Dunwoody Board Meeting Buckhead Governor Visit Buckhead Governor Visit Fayette Darkoak Governor Visit Fayette Darkoak Board Meeting Lake Spivey Governor Visit Lake Spivey Board Meeting Peachtree City Board Meeting Peachtree City Governor Visit World Polio Day at the CDC Bridgeman Board Meeting Bridgeman Governor Visit Cairo Board Meeting Cairo Governor Visit Quinlan Board Meeting Quinlan Governor Visit Smyrna Board Meeting Smyrna Governor Visit Emory-Clifton Board Meeting Emory-Clifton Governor Visit Emory-David Hills Board Meeting Emory-David Hills Governor Visit</p>	