



DG Steve Ivory had a great time at his official visit with the Rotary Club of Senoia, with a pizza social and service project to pack out cans of peaches and spaghetti sauce at Midwest Food Bank Georgia! Club members were joined by students from East Coweta High School!

From Our District Governor
Celebrating All Your Good Work

By Steve Ivory
July is wrapping up and I have visited many clubs already. My club visits have all been fun and inspiring so far and have included officer and president installations, service projects, board meetings and club meetings. I truly look forward to seeing you all soon and seeing the impact your clubs are having in the community. [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 | North Atlanta Professional Alliance | North Atlanta | Brookhaven |
| II | North Columbus | North Fulton | Vinings Cumberland |
| III | Marietta | Dunwoody | Carrollton-Dawn Breakers |
| IV | Roswell | Roswell | Peachtree City |

Key Dates

- Saturday, June 6th, 2026 **Americus RYLA - DISTRICT 6900**
- Saturday, June 6th, 2026 **Americus 2026 Rotary Sheffield Gala**
- Monday, June 22nd, 2026 **RI President Francesco Arezzo Visits D6900!**

Gary C.K. Huang
RI President, 2013-2014
"The more members we have, the more people we can help."

JOIN US

MEMBERSHIP SUMMIT
Saturday, August 16
9 am - 2 pm
Jonesboro, GA

Rotary District 6900  www.rotary6900.org

August 16 | 9AM-2PM
Let's Grow Rotary Together: Don't Miss the D6900 Membership Summit
By Audley Knight
Membership is the heartbeat of Rotary - and this August, Rotarians from across District 6900 will come together to energize, innovate and strengthen our clubs at the 2025 Membership Summit. Join us for the latest tools, strategies and models for building and sustaining vibrant clubs.
• Location: Fellowship Hall at Jonesboro Baptist Church
• Date and Time: Saturday, August 16, 2025 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
• Includes lunch, coffee breaks and free parking
Register at <https://rotary6900.org/event/8566> before July 19 to take advantage of the early bird rate of \$10. [more]



District 6900 & FODAC Deliver Vital Medical Equipment to Texas Flood Survivors

By Nicholas Ramey

When disaster strikes, Rotary action shows up. In late July, District 6900 Disaster Relief Chair Chris Brand, who also serves as President of FODAC (Friends of Disabled Adults and Children), led a critical mission to Texas to support communities recovering from devastating floods - delivering 250 pieces of durable medical equipment to aid survivors in urgent need. District 6900 continues our commitment to disaster response and to the work of FODAC. You can read more about our Texas efforts, our FODAC collection initiatives, and find a link to Chris's recent interview on WABE radio about FODAC's work. [more]



Our Rotary Foundation
Seeing the Forest

By Bob Hagan
Everyone has heard the adage, "You can't see the forest for the trees." It's easy for us to get so caught up in what we are doing and our own projects that we sometimes fail to see how our projects roll up into the big, no really the huge picture of The Rotary Foundation. Even though we don't yet have the final numbers from last year, the numbers we do have are quite impressive. The Rotary Foundation worldwide and the District had a great year. Just in District 6900, we had 19 Global Grants submitted which was a record for the district. And the District contributed over \$69,000 to Zone 34 for Polio Plus, and awarded 59 Community Grants and seven Competitive Grants. And that's just a piece of the story. [more]

While we're talking trees, Nassau Sunrise Rotarians and Rotaractors plant mangrove trees at Bonefish Pond National Park in Nassau as part of a project to restore the mangrove ecosystem and help protect the coast against hurricanes.



GRSP Update
GRSP Approves Budget, Elects New Leadership & Honors Christopher at Summer Meeting

By Kathyeryne Fields
The Georgia Rotary Student Program and GRSP Foundation held its annual summer business meeting in mid-July in Macon. During the session, members approved the 2024 audit and upcoming fiscal budget, elected officers for 2025-2026, recognized new trustees and directors, and honored distinguished service and donor contributions. Lorri Christopher, Rotary Club of Dunwoody, was named Trustee Emeritus for her extensive service to GRSP and the Foundation. [more]



At Work for Our Rotary Foundation

Crazy - Rotarian's Death Valley Jog for Those Can't

By Lee Hollingsworth
On August 1, 2025, one D6900 Rotarian - Lee Hollingsworth (Roswell) - is doing something crazy for the Rotary Foundation: jogging across Badwater Basin in Death Valley, the lowest, hottest place in North America— at age 70! What started as a personal challenge has become a mission to raise \$15,000 for two Rotary causes all of us believe in - PolioPlus and literacy. Read on to learn about how you can help! Or contact Lee Hollingsworth at lee@leehollingsworth.com or by phone at 678-576-4838. [more]

The CART Fund is dedicated to raising funds to provide "seed money" for cutting-edge, high-impact research to find a prevention, treatment or cure for Alzheimer's Disease. CART Fund by-laws require that 100% of all donated funds go directly to Alzheimer's research.

www.cartfund.org



CART Help Change the Future of Alzheimer's — One Coin at a Time

By Nancy Alterman
Have you ever dropped change in the blue CART bucket at a Rotary meeting? That spare change supports early-stage Alzheimer's research through the Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust (CART), founded by Rotarians in 1996. Every penny goes directly to research — no admin costs deducted. Read more about how you can help. [more]



Sharing the Story of Our Bob Hope

By Steve Ivory
Bob Hope is known in District 6900 for the annual service trip he leads to Honduras, his work on the 2017 Rotary International Convention, and so much more. He has a long and storied career in public relations, including many years with the Atlanta Braves. Recently Bob shared a story about his time with the Braves from the weekly Saporta Report from the Atlanta History Center. [Click here and take a minute to listen to this special moment in history.](#) [more]

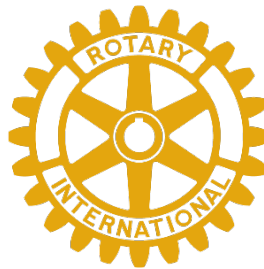


**THE WORLD IS CLOSER
TO ERADICATING
POLIOMYELITIS**

End Polio Now **Meet Our Polio Plus Foundation Team**

By Wynita Cannon
Your Polio Plus Foundation Team is thrilled to kick off this Rotary Year with energy and purpose! Over the next month, you'll receive detailed information about a unique opportunity for every Rotarian in our district to contribute in a new and meaningful way. For now, learn more about two matching opportunities and meet our District Polio Team. [more]

**Laws
of
Life**



THE GEORGIA ROTARY CLUBS LAWS OF LIFE ESSAY CONTEST

Laws of Life **Celebrating Character, Service, and the Impact of Rotary**

By Carol Gray Walker
As we kick off the new school year, we invite you to join us for the annual Teacher & Rotarian Workshop Luncheon on Friday, August 22, at the Emory Conference Center in Atlanta. This special event honors the educators who lead the Georgia Laws of Life Essay Contest in their schools and offers an opportunity for Rotarians to connect more deeply with this powerful character education program. All schools and Rotary clubs registered for the 2025-26 contest receive two free tickets. Reserve your luncheon tickets today at www.georgialawsoflife.org/events. Virtual option available. [more]



RYLA

June 6-10, 2026

GEORGIA SOUTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

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Jaclyn Donovan

District Chair

RYLA Save Room for RYLA!

By Jaclyn Donovan
As you and your club are making plans and moving forward into the new Rotary year, we hope you will save a spot in your lineup for RYLA. If you've never heard of RYLA, here's a quick introduction: Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive training program that targets young adults, ages 15-18, to further develop character and leadership skills and learn about Rotary. RYLA in District 6900 is a 5-day summer camp experience. We have the dates all set - June 6-10, 2026 - and the RYLA staff is already hard at work making plans. [more]



Club News

Lake Spivey/Clayton County Enjoys Fellowship and Fun at B'Mari Event & Art Studio

By Trina Kolawole
The Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton County recently came together for a wonderful lunch social at B'Mari Event & Art Studio, an inspiring event space and art gallery located in downtown Jonesboro, Georgia. Surrounded by local art and the vibrant atmosphere of B'Mari Event & Art Studio, members shared fellowship and meaningful conversation while celebrating the spirit of Rotary. [more]



Jarrod Turner, Sr compares stories - and biceps - with Roswell Police Chief James Conroy

Club News
**Roswell
Honors
Hometown
Hero**

By Hal Schlenger
Inspired by DG
Steve Ivory,
**Roswell Rotary
Club** President
Trummie Lee
Patrick has
committed to
honoring a
Hometown Hero
each month. Our
first RRC
Hometown Hero
honoree
recognized
decorated retired
Army Medic
Jarrod Turner, Sr.
Turner, an Army
medic who was
deployed twice to
Iraq and served a
total of 10 years,
is now Chief
Executive Officer
of Veterans
Technology
Solutions (VTS)
USA and serves
on the board of
The Shepherd's
Center in Atlanta.

[more]



Club News

Americus Creates J. Thurston Clay Memorial Scholarship

By Angela Smith
For more than four decades, listeners to local Americus radio station WISK/WDEC have been able to immediately recognize the distinct, familiar voice of Thurston Clary. Sadly, that voice has been so terribly missed since his passing on March 9. While a vital part of the radio station, Thurston was equally important to both the Rotary Club of Americus and Georgia Southwestern State University. To remember their dear friend, the Rotary Club of Americus, in partnership with the GSW Foundation, created the Americus Rotary Club's J. Thurston Clary Memorial Scholarship Endowment. Learn more about the scholarship and how you can help honor Thurston ...
[more]

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AND HYGIENE MATERNAL AND
CHILD HEALTH BASIC EDUCATION
AND LITERACY COMMUNITY ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENT



Rotary
Peachtree City

Club News Peachtree City Awards 13 Grants —With \$70K Surprise Boost from QTS Data Centers

By Jason Aldrich
The Rotary Club of Peachtree City recently awarded grants to 13 outstanding nonprofit organizations dedicated to transforming lives both locally and globally. These funded projects span a wide range of service areas, including inclusive play, mental health, education, food security, animal welfare, and support for individuals with special needs.
[more]



Club News
Dunwoody Bookbags Starts School Year Off Right

By Jackie Cuthbert
In partnership with Tapestri, Dunwoody Rotarians and members of the Dunwoody High School football team recently filled 92 "packed to order" backpacks that will be distributed to kids who need them. The organization had specific lists for 92 children about to start back to school and the Dunwoody club purchased the backpacks and needed school supplies. [more]



Club News
North Cobb Builds Bridges to the Community

By Jose Gonzalez
The Rotary Club of North Cobb is off to a fast start again this Rotary year - serving dinner for 70 participants at the Men's Extension, restocking the pantry for needy students at Kennesaw State, sponsoring Scouting America Camp, and building bridges with Rotarians from India. And with all that, finding time to enjoy a social at Mangiamo's Restaurant. Read more about how they are building bridges locally and across the world. [more]



Club News
**North
Fulton
Supports
NFCC
Back to
School
Efforts**

By Lisa Gelber
For its first community service project of the new Rotary year, Rotary Club of North Fulton organized a back-to-school supply drive for North Fulton Community Charities. The need for financial help in our community has drastically increased over the last year and our members donated funds so that we could purchase exactly what the students need to start the year off right. [more]



Club News
Newnan Welcomes 2025-26 GRSP Student

By Nicholas Ramey
The Rotary Club of Newnan is thrilled to welcome Gabriela Gomezese Rugeles of Colombia as our 2025-26 Georgia Rotary Student Program (GRSP) scholar. In high school, Gabriela co-founded an Interact Club through her mother's Rotary connections - a club that thrived under her leadership. She is a gifted communicator with a passion for storytelling. This fall, Gabriela will begin her studies at the University of West Georgia in Carrollton.
[more]



Club News

Americus Distributes Backpacks

By Angela Smith
In July, Americus Rotarians assembled packets of school supplies for area students in elementary, middle and high school. Included with the supplies was a message from the Rotary Club of Americus which included the 4-Way Test. The backpacks were distributed as part of the Back to School Bash coordinated by the Americus Police Department, alongside those from other collaborating organizations. Hundreds of children were served at this event which paired together a free school supply giveaway for all grade levels and other resources for families. [more]

Roswell honors veterans during Memorial Day ceremony



Roswell Memorial Day Observances: Honoring with Purpose

By Hal Schlenger
Memorial Day observances—distinct from celebrations—hold deep meaning for our communities. When Rotary amplifies the legacy of our fallen heroes, we help strengthen the soul of our neighborhoods. Roswell Rotary Club's Past President Lynne Lindsay made a powerful impact during Roswell's Memorial Day 2025 outreach by securing coverage from two major broadcast outlets for the 26th Roswell Remembers Memorial Day Ceremony - FOX 5 News and 11 Alive. View the coverage and learn more about Lynne's tips for successfully engaging the media. [more]