

January 5, 2026



Membership

"Discovery Rotary" - An Event for Prospective Rotarians Only

by Audley Knight, District Membership Chair

Connect with Rotary in the Greater Atlanta Area

REGISTER NOW for an evening of networking, food and drinks (cash bar). Learn more about Rotary, how to join, serve, and make an impact in your community.

January 13, 2026
Copelands of New Orleans - Vinings-Cumberland, GA
6:00 pm-7:30 pm

A photograph showing four people (three women and one man) sitting around a round table in a modern library or community center, engaged in conversation. Bookshelves are visible in the background.

Rotary

District 6900

District 6900 is planning a special evening of networking, food and drinks (cash bar) to give **prospective Rotarians in the Greater Atlanta** area an opportunity to learn more about Rotary, and how to join, serve and make an impact in our Georgia communities. The event will take place on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at Copelands of New Orleans - Vinings-Cumberland, GA from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

Clubs in the Greater Atlanta area are invited to encourage their prospective members to join in this night of Rotary fellowship and connections - to help solidify their interest in joining our great organization! Prospective members can use this link to register to attend: [Register for Prospective Member Event.](#)

Invitations will be sent to potential Atlanta area members who are identified in Rotary International's leads platform - and to individuals your club asks to have added to the list.

Posted by Audley Knight

Club News

Decatur Celebrates Bedros Sharian Jr. at 100 Years



Bedros Sharian Jr. and Decatur Club President Alison Weissinger

On Friday, November 21, at the Historic Decatur Courthouse, the **Rotary Club of Decatur** and the City of Decatur, Georgia honored long-time member **Bedros Sharian Jr.** as he approached his 100th birthday on Thanksgiving Day. City Manager and Rotary member, Andrea Arnold, read the proclamation signed by Mayor Patricia M. Garrett that proclaimed November 25, 2025, as Bedros Sharian Jr. Day. Former Decatur Mayor Walt Drake also provided a historical perspective on Bedros' rich life and his impact on the Decatur Community.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS , Bedros Sharian, Jr. was born on November 25, 1925 to Armenian immigrants who arrived in the United States in the early 1900s, whose journey to this country has been an integral part of his rich family legacy; and

WHEREAS , in 1931, Bedros' parents established the Sharian business, initially starting with a rug

cleaning operation in their backyard on Drexel Avenue, which eventually grew to become a cornerstone of the Decatur business community; and

WHEREAS , Bedros graduated from Decatur Boys High School, attended Emory University at Oxford, and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, epitomizing the courage and sacrifice of the "Greatest Generation"; and

WHEREAS , upon returning to Decatur in 1946, Bedros completed his education at Emory University, joined the family business, and became its President, and later Chair of the Board of Directors, always leading with integrity, dedication, and an unwavering commitment to excellence; and

WHEREAS , Bedros has been instrumental in guiding Sharian, Inc. through four generations of ownership and management, fostering not only its success but also a strong legacy of service to the community, and

WHEREAS , Bedros' contributions to the Decatur community extend beyond business, as he served as President of the Decatur Rotary Club and the Executive Club of Decatur, with nearly 50 years of active service to both organizations; and

WHEREAS , it is fitting that we celebrate Bedros Sharian, Jr. on the occasion of his 100th birthday, recognizing his remarkable legacy as a Decatur business leader, a proud American, a distinguished World War II veteran, and the patriarch of the Sharian family, whose contributions to our city have been immeasurable.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patricia M. Garrett, Mayor of the City of Decatur, the “City of Homes, Schools, and Places of Worship,” do hereby proclaim November 25, 2025 as **BEDROS SHARIAN, JR. DAY** in honor of his 100th birthday and in recognition of his lifelong dedication to Decatur, his service to our nation, and his exemplary leadership in business and community life.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Decatur to be affixed this 21ST day of November, 2025

Patricia M. Garrett

Mayor

Posted by Dudley Larus
December 3, 2025

Club News

Rotary Club of North Fulton Launches Phase 3 of the Greenway Mural Project



Fall was the time for another exciting phase of the **Rotary Club of North Fulton's** Greenway Mural Project!

Our latest efforts began in late September with a **Design Workshop**, where student artists learned how to translate their creative concepts onto a challenging cylindrical, concrete canvas.

In early October, club members turned their attention to preparing the mural sites. After power washing, members primed **14 raised sewer covers—each over six feet tall!** (Extension poles definitely earned their keep this year.) The following day, volunteers organized all art supplies for the student artists, wrapping up the week with a lively Happy Hour at Lazy Dog—because Rotary always knows how to blend service with fellowship.

All that preparation paid off the next weekend, as the Alpharetta Greenway came alive with color, creativity, and collaboration. Rotary members and student artists worked side by side to bring their visions to life. Reflecting one of Rotary's seven areas of focus, this year's theme was **"Clean Water for All."** We were thrilled to receive **36 concept submissions** from local high school students—proof that word is spreading about how meaningful this project has become for young artists.

With Phase 3 now complete, the Greenway proudly showcases 32 vibrant murals spanning two miles. This achievement wouldn't be possible without the invaluable support of Fulton County Public Works, Arts Alpharetta, Alpharetta Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services, and the City of Alpharetta.

A special thank-you goes to club members **Amie Blanton, Richard Matherly, and Thomas Nolf,** whose dedication and leadership drove this project forward—and to our talented professional muralist, **Annalysa Kimball**, whose artistry continues to inspire us all.

PHOTOS:







Posted by Lisa Gelber
December 3, 2025
