

DISTRICT WIDE NEWS FOR DECEMBER, 2017



From the District Governor
Membership
By Alan Davidson
Like all organizations, Rotary clubs are expected to lose 10% to 15% of their members each year. If we are to achieve our mission, each club needs an organized process for attracting leaders to Rotary. **This year the District will pay half the cost of club attraction events up to \$400.** [more]



Rotary People in Action
Backhead Rotarian Katie Cyphers and Education Cures
By Jackie Callahan
When Katie Cyphers fortuitously met Richard Wernick while teaching a flight in Paris, France she had no idea that he would be a gateway to her finding true purpose in life. This month we are honoring Backhead Rotarian Katie Cyphers as our Rotary Person of Action for her work with the nonprofit she founded - Education Cures [more]



The Rotary Foundation
Super Heroes Walk Among Us
By Anne Glass
It's the season of giving thanks for our blessings. And, for saying thanks for the life we enjoy as Rotarians. This month, I thank you - Rotarians of District 6900 - for caring deeply about the future of our world's mothers and children. Your generosity teaches people who are unlovers. It is unlikely you will ever meet any of them personally. ... [more]



The Rotary Foundation
Looking for a Global Grant Project?
By Anne Glass
If your Club has never participated in a Global Grant Project, or if it has been a while since you did, please consider financial support for another District 6900 Rotary Club on projects they are preparing to start this year. Right now, there are two Global Grant Projects that welcome your help. [more]

The Rotary Foundation
Jasmine Burton Completes Her Year as a Rotary Scholar in London
By Stephanie Gentry
There really don't fly when you're hosting her! Jasmine Burton has just completed her year as a Rotary Scholar - sponsored by Rotary District 6900! She is an awesome young lady! Here are some of her thoughts and pictures from the year. [more]



News
Does Your Club Have a Youth Protection Officer and Policy?
By Ken Crowell
Most clubs in District 6900 participate in service projects involving youth. This year District 6900 is asking clubs to designate a Youth Protection Officer and to adopt a policy that follows steps recommended by the Rotary International Youth Protection policy. You can contact our District Youth Protection Officer, Ken Crowell, for more information. [more]



GRSP Update
Include GRSP Students in Your Holiday Plans ... and Consider 2018 Opportunities
By Lynn Cadden
Some clubs are about planning to include your GRSP student in your holidays ... more info on the Thomas Peace Award and the Club Scholarships. [more]

District Conference 2018 Update
Rotarcon You - Learning about Rotary's Most Exciting Programs
By Peter Cameron
This year's District Conference has several major new elements, one of which is the introduction of educational breakout sessions on the afternoons of Friday, April 27. The objective in planning these sessions is to highlight impactful Rotary programs, leadership opportunities, and creative ways to engage Rotary. Join us at Rotarcon You. [more]



Rotary International Convention 2018
Join District 6900 and Rotarians from Around the World in Toronto Next June
By Jackie Callahan
It's a great time to register for the 2018 Rotary International Convention in Toronto! **Register online by December 15** and the registration fee is \$225. After that, it goes up by \$75/person. [more]



Club News
Dunwoody Police Chief Dances to Stop Domestic Violence
By Jackie Callahan
When the DeKalb County Solicitor General, Thomas Calabrese-Storling, asked Dunwoody Police Chief (and Dunwoody Rotarian) Billy Grapen to consider being one of the "Stars" in its first ever Dancing With the Deafals Stars event, he eagerly agreed. The event raised funds and awareness about Domestic Violence. [more]



Club News
Marietta Reads! Celebrates 12 Years of Promoting Literacy
By Julie Cunningham
Every Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Marietta visited all seven elementary schools in the Marietta City School system recently to read a book to all 37 second-grade classes as part of a 12-year Club partnership with the MCS Marietta Reads! program. [more]



Club News
North Fulton Adds Trees Near its Rotary Reflection Garden
By Susan Sengul
Fifteen volunteers from the Rotary Club of North Fulton (17 Rotarians and 11 family and friends) gathered to plant 30 trees in honor of Rotary International President Tom Riffe. The Club's newest Rotarian, Tom Solida, worked with the City of Alpharetta Urban Forestry Program Manager Will Dierly to ... [more]



Club News
Alpharetta Celebrates Holidays with Care Packages to Military
By Chuck Sengul
For 13 years the Rotary Club of Alpharetta has been purchasing, packaging and shipping goods to men and women serving our country. The club collects an assortment of everyday items like food staples, hygiene products, cookies and games. This Holiday Season, the club is sending two sets of care packages. [more]



Club News
Bowen Basketball Invitational Raises over \$7,000 for Honor Air Flights
By Chuck Sengul
Bowen Rotary and Bowen High School raised over \$7,000 during the inaugural "Bowen! High School and Bowen! Rotary Honor Air Invitational" basketball tournament in November at the school's Tom Zachary Court in the "Honor's Nest". All proceeds from ticket sales were donated towards Bowen's next year's Honor Air Flight, the tenth in the club's history. [more]



Club News
Vietnam Veterans Help Griffin Remember Veterans Day
By Christine Williamson
Griffin Rotarians Jim King and Philip Smith, two highly decorated U.S. Army veterans of the Vietnam War era, presented a Vietnam's Day program honoring the more than 30 veterans in the Rotary Club of Griffin. Each veteran had proudly served and, after being discharged, returned to civilian life, lived away the horrors and ... [more]



Club News
Dunwoody Donates Operating Table to Haiti
By Anne Rotarian
The Rotary Club of Dunwoody recently supplied funding to provide a much needed operating table to the Medical Clinic of Hope in Terre Bleueche, Haiti. [more]

Upcoming Key Dates

Thursday, December 7th, 2017
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Saturday, December 9th, 2017
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Monday, December 11th, 2017
Tuesday, December 12th, 2017
Wednesday, December 20th, 2017

Rotary Youth Exchange Home Weekend
Peachtree City Board Meeting
Peachtree City Governor Visit
District Nominating Committee Meeting
Planning a Rotary Yearling
Fayetteville Governor Visit
Fayetteville Governor Visit
Stone Mountain Bear's Head Feast