



Save The Date  
**Join Us for District Conference ... April 29 - May 2, 2021**

By Dave Schmit  
We all missed seeing our Rotary friends and family at the beach in 2020 so let's make up for it in 2021! So mark your calendars April 29 through May 2 and plan on being in San Destin for the return of District Conference. Registration will open in January so be on the look out for more details soon.  
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**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	<b>Cordele</b>		
II	<b>Moultrie</b>		
III	<b>Carrollton</b>		
IV	<b>Alpharetta</b>		

**Key Dates**

Thursday, July 9th, 2026	<b>North Atlanta Professional Alliance Governor Visit</b>
Tuesday, July 14th, 2026	<b>Paulding County Governor Visit</b>
Tuesday, July 28th, 2026	<b>Jackson-Butts County Governor Visit</b>
Thursday, July 30th, 2026	<b>North Cobb County Governor Visit</b>
Monday, August 3rd, 2026	<b>Marietta-Metro Governor Visit</b>
Tuesday, August 4th, 2026	<b>North Columbus Governor Visit</b>
Wednesday, August 5th, 2026	<b>Columbus Governor Visit</b>
Thursday, August 6th, 2026	<b>Muscogee-Columbus Governor Visit</b>



From Our District  
Governor

## **Celebrating Rotary's Commitment to a Healthier World**

By Kirk Driskell

I hope that you all had a great Thanksgiving. It was great to gather with family and friends giving thanks. I had mixed emotions throughout the day as it was different than years past. While I could have focused on what and who was missing, I chose to focus on the opportunity that we had and who was there. As this year comes to an end, I have confidence that next Thanksgiving will look more like years past. In part that is because of Rotarians like you who are dedicated to fighting and preventing disease.  
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From Our District Chaplain

## **Words of Inspiration This Holiday Season**

By Gregory Adams

I always like to give honor to whom honor is due - and that includes my wife Jacqueline as well as District Governor Kirk Driskell, the Assistant Governors and all the Presidents of Rotary, especially Lawrence Short, the Interim President of South DeKalb Rotary. I call him a friend, and a true leader who considers others above himself. I'm reminded that to whom much is given, much is required. So with that being said, we expect nothing but greatness under the leadership of all of these people.

I'm also thankful that Rotary has been at the front of helping and providing for so many families during this Holiday season by giving so that others may have. 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.

As we prepare for the New Year, we trust and hope that everyone stays safe and enjoys time with family and friends. Thank you Rotarians and Happy Holidays!

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Rotary Leadership  
Institute  
**Check Out  
Your RLI  
Learning  
Opportunities  
for December**

By Jackie Cuthbert  
RLI is now offering  
courses in English and  
Spanish. In December  
alone, you can  
participate in these  
one-hour sessions:

- December 7, 10 am:  
Session 1.2 of RLI  
Online in Spanish -  
Rotary Opportunities.
- December 7, 8 pm:  
RLI Online Session 1.3  
in Spanish - Ethics &  
Vocational Service.
- December 8, 10 ...

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GRSP  
Perspectives

## **A** **Traditional Russian New Year**

By Ian Bond  
New Year is a big holiday in Russia. Families gather for a big feast and a celebration. Christmas is celebrated on January 7, but usually it is just a quiet family evening. The celebration usually begins in the evening because December 31 is not a holiday. Families get together and around 9:00 pm when the feast begins. Many people believe that the tables must be overloaded with food so that the New Year will be rich and fruitful. The main dishes on the table are salads, potatoes, meat, often red caviar, and champagne. There is a belief that the better you “greet” the New Year, the better it will “treat” you. So, people dress up in their best outfits, throw away old and broken things, and try not to borrow or return money around the holidays.  
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Our Rotary  
Foundation at Work  
**Thomasville  
Rotary  
Ignites A  
Spark**

By Carol Jones  
Many who know  
Thomasville will  
agree it is an  
incredibly special  
and beautiful  
community. What  
seems to set it  
apart is a spirit of  
commitment by its  
citizenry to provide  
opportunities in all  
facets of life to  
those who wish to  
participate. One  
important  
contributor to this  
commitment is the  
**Rotary Club of  
Thomasville.**

This year Rotary  
Club President John  
Brown has chosen  
to direct the club's  
\$1,500 District  
Grant funds to do  
good locally. John  
tapped SPARK  
Thomasville to  
receive these funds  
which will assist  
budding minority  
entrepreneurs to  
launch their  
businesses from a  
solid foundation.  
Also highly involved  
in SPARK  
Thomasville are  
Rotary past  
presidents Andre'  
Marria and Teri  
White, as well as a  
host of other local  
Rotarians who  
serve the program  
as mentors,  
coaches and  
judges.  
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The Rotary Foundation at Work

## Columbus Area Rotarians Finding Ways To Meet Today's Challenges

By Julie Bond  
In September, Rotarians from Columbus, North Columbus, Muscogee and Rotaract Clubs met enthusiastically and safely at the Trade Center Parking garage, to carry out our collaborative club service project. The venue provided an ideal open-air setting. All club members wore masks and packaged boxes for Hope Harbour, the third largest domestic violence shelter in the state of Georgia. [more]



The Rotary  
Foundation at  
Work

## Greetings from

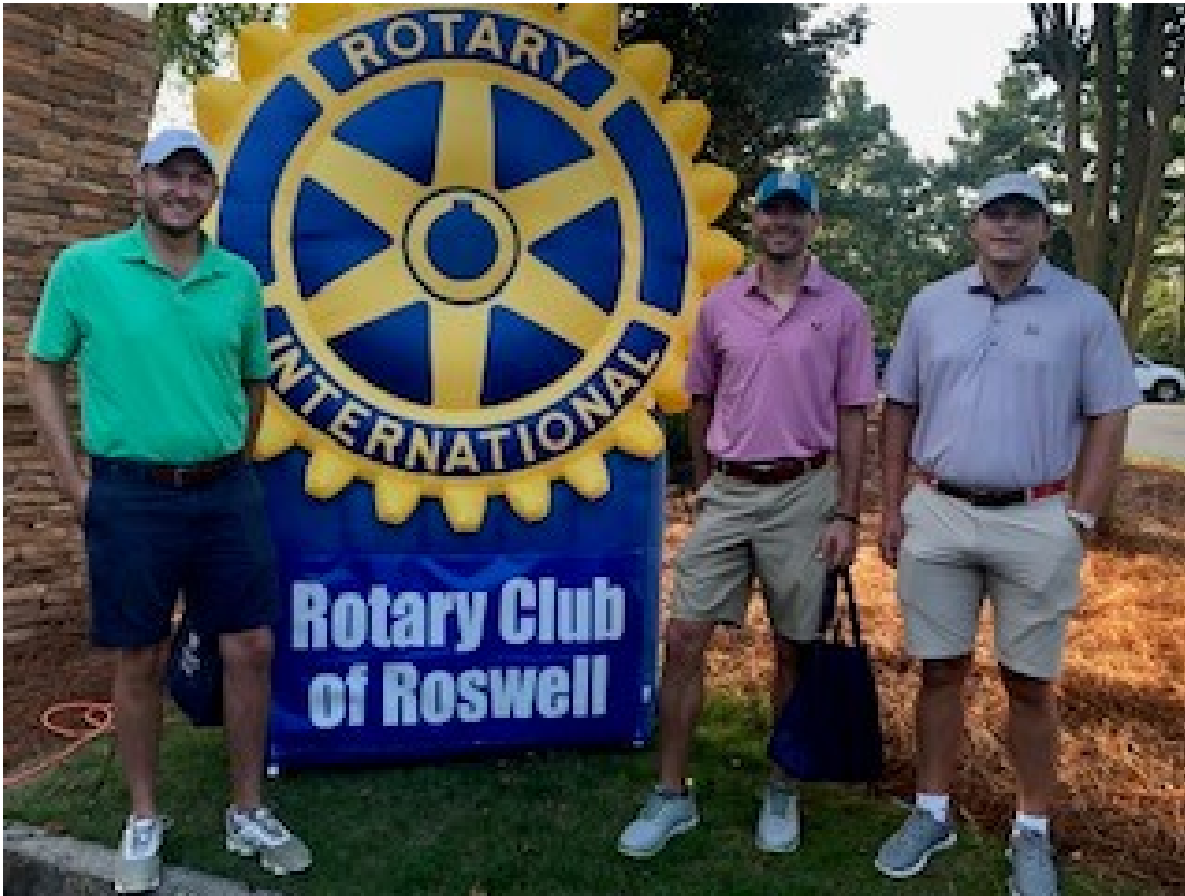
By Kathy Brandt  
Global Grant  
Scholar Jared  
Hampson has  
started his  
studies for a  
Masters degree  
in Peace and  
Security at  
King's College  
London. Jared is  
sponsored by  
District 6900,  
recommended  
by the **Rotary  
Club of North  
Columbus.**

Robbie Green,  
Past President  
and Past AG  
from North  
Columbus is the  
District  
Scholarship  
Committee  
member who  
serves as  
Rotary Mentor  
for Jared. His  
wife and son are  
with him in  
London. Check  
out Jared's  
progress here.  
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Serving During  
the Pandemic  
**Fayette  
Daybreak  
Partners  
with Real  
Life  
Center**

By Lee Dodds  
These are challenging times for all of us, and like other Rotarians, our **Fayette Daybreak Club** has been looking for ways to serve our community while staying safe during the pandemic. In September, we held a food drive and all of our members took part. Some of us collected canned goods, others made online donations or donated gift cards. Some made donations through food drives at their churches, collected items from neighbors and friends, or checked with local schools about families in need. One of our newest members contacted her friends at Delta Cargo who donated \$500 plus several large boxes of non-perishable food items.  
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Club News  
**Roswell  
Golf and  
Tennis  
Tournament  
Raises  
\$140,000**

By Trummie Patrick  
The 42nd Aubrey Greenway Golf and 8th Hagan Cup Tennis Classic Tournament was held this September at Country Club of Roswell; 130 golfers and 100 tennis players participated. The day also included an auction and the annual golf ball drop. Roswell Rotary raised \$140,000 to support local charities and international projects. This tournament had its start in 1978.  
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## Club News **Douglas County Helps Support Shop with a Cop**

By Samantha Rosado  
The **Rotary Club of Douglas County** donated \$2,800 to the first annual Shop with a Cop hosted by the Douglas County School System Police Department. The money will sponsor 56 children for the holidays. We look forward to joining the children, police officers and others in the community later this month to help the children shop for Christmas ... [more]