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**AUGUST IS  
MEMBERSHIP & NEW  
CLUB DEVELOPMENT**

From Our District Governor

**Let's Grow Our Membership!**

By George Granade August is Rotary International's Membership and New Club Development Month - what better time for each of us to imagine how we can make our clubs stronger, tell our stories better, and introduce new people to our world of fellowship and community service. One of RI President Jennifer Jones requests is for districts to grow membership by increasing the number of club members and by creating two new club models - like the satellite clubs we have in place in Stone Mountain and Roswell, for example. She also would like to see women represent 30% of our total membership by Rotary year end; here in District 6900 we are already at 29.1%! There are several avenues for assistance on finding new members. [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	<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>



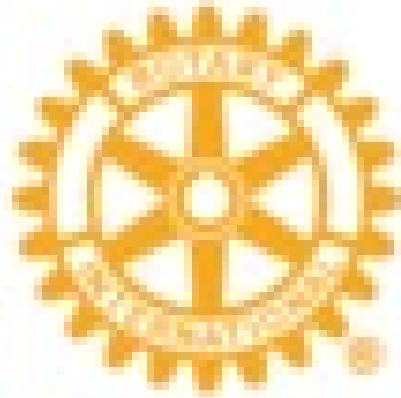
## **D6900 Finish Line Celebration Coming Soon!**

By Mandy  
Timmons

If you've registered, we look forward to seeing you at our Finish Line celebration lunch at Atlanta Motor Speedway on August 20. We will be recognizing clubs for their achievements during the 2021-2022 Rotary year and provide an annual report for the district. Registration is open and thrill seekers can sign up for a hot lap around the AMS track in a pace car! In addition, incoming District Membership Chair Dave Schwickerath is offering a membership summit on the same day which is a perfect time to hear the latest in ideas and resources to help you with your membership plans. [more]

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The  
**Rotary**  
Foundation



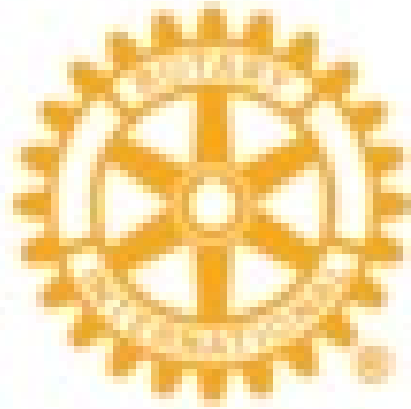
Our Rotary  
Foundation  
**District  
6900  
“Doing  
Good at  
Home and  
around  
the  
World”**

By Anne Glenn  
Thank you to every Rotarian who made last year so special for our Rotary Foundation. Your generous donations and passionate concern for people you know in your community as well as people you will never meet, or see, continues to display decency and “good” in a world growing poor and needy. As your newest District Rotary Foundation Director, I remain humbled by your commitment to Rotary and The Rotary Foundation. I look forward to helping you achieve your goals. And as a starter -

NEWSFLASH - all District Grant and Special District Grant checks are in the mail to all of you! [more]

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# The Rotary Foundation



## Our Rotary Foundation at Work **Where Did the Money Go in 2021-22?**

By Anne Glenn  
We encourage you to keep donating to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) - and we share information along the way about some of our projects - but we wanted to give you access to reports show [what TRF allowed us to do in 2021-22 in our communities](#) - and what we did and continue to do on the [five Global Grant projects approved in 2021-22](#). Click either of these links to get some specifics Some simple facts about how we got the money for 2021-22 ...  
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**J. MICHAEL SWEIGART, CHAIR**  
*Rotary Club of Duluth*



**GRSP OFFICERS 2022-2023**



**IAN BOND, VICE CHAIR**  
*Rotary Club of Columbus*



**LORRI CHRISTOPHER, SECRETARY**  
*Rotary Club of Dunwoody*



**JACKIE CUTHBERT, ASST. SEC.**  
*Rotary Club of Dunwoody*



**STEVE HARROLD, ASST. TREASURER**  
*Rotary Club of Athens*

GRSP Update  
**Welcome  
2022-23  
Leaders and  
Students**

By Katheryne Fields  
We are pleased to announce the Georgia Rotary Student Program's new slate of officers for 2022-23 - elected at GRSP's Summer Trustee Meeting earlier this month. J. Michael (Mike) Sweigart of the Rotary Club of Duluth (**D6910**) moves up to serve as Chair and Ian Bond of the Rotary Club of Columbus has been elected to serve as Vice Chair. Both Mike and Ian have served as host families and trustees. Mike most recently served as Treasurer then Vice Chair while Ian served the last several years as District 6900 Chair. Secretary Lorri Christopher and Assistant Secretary Jackie Cuthbert, both from the Rotary Club of Dunwoody, and Assistant Treasurer Steve Harrold of the Rotary Club of Athens (D6910) were also thanked for their contributions to the program and re-elected for another year. [more]



Rotary Leadership  
Institute  
**Top 10  
Reasons to  
Consider  
Attending  
RLI**

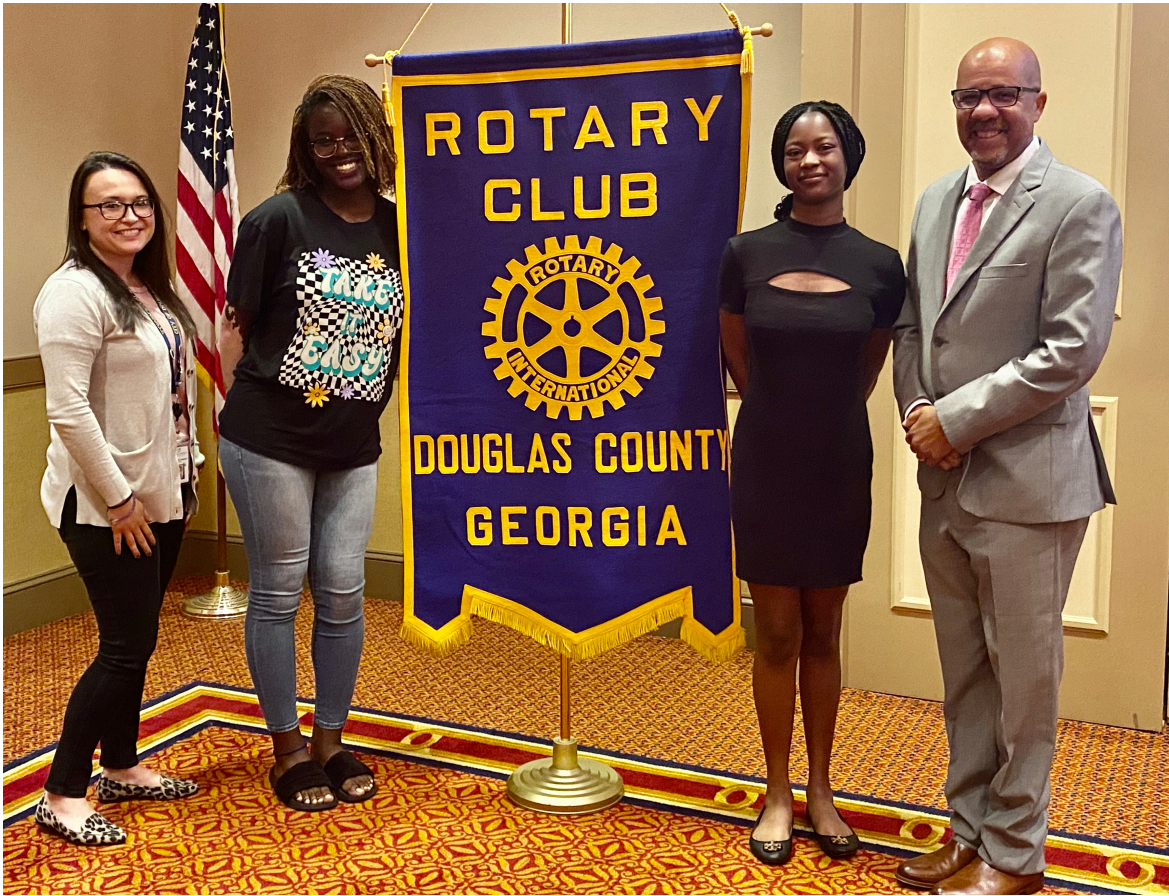
By Stephanie  
Windham  
Did you know you  
could register for live  
online sessions and  
in-person events to  
complete your Rotary  
Leadership Institute  
experience? Just  
visit [rlitraining.org](https://rlitraining.org).  
In-person events are  
currently scheduled  
for AUGUST 13, 2022  
in Columbus,  
NOVEMBER 19, 2022  
in Kennesaw, and  
JANUARY 14, 2023 in  
Thomasville. So what  
are the 10 top  
reasons to participate  
in RLI? [more]

RYLA Update  
**2022**  
**RYLA**  
**Was a**  
**Blast!**

By Jaclyn Donovan  
Summertime in District 6900 mean it's time for the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, better known as RYLA!! RYLA is designed for young adults with proven leadership ability and a commitment to community service. The District 6900 RYLA camp was hosted by the Rotary Club of Americus and held June 18-22 on the campus of Georgia Southwestern State University and included 82 students sponsored by over 30 clubs. This year was also the first RYLA gathering since 2019, so the RYLA Family of counselors had a great reunion! [more]







*Rotary President Samantha Rosado, Hannah Byssainthe, Tiffany Grier, and Rotary Member and Douglas County School Superintendent Trent North.*

Club News

## **RYLA Students Speak at Douglas County**

By Nell Boggs  
The **Rotary Club of Douglas County** recently enjoyed hearing from students who attended RYLA - an intensive leadership experience organized by Rotary where young people can develop leadership skills while having fun and making connections. This year, the club sponsored four students to attend RYLA in June on the campus of Georgia Southwestern State University in Americus Three of the students attend Douglas County High School: Hannah Byssainthe, Amelia Hasan, and Ronzell Mullen. Tiffany Grier attends Lithia Springs High School. Hannah and Tiffany attended the meeting and answered questions about their experience. Hannah enjoyed it so much she plans to volunteer as a counselor at RYLA in the future! [more]



Our Rotary  
Foundation at  
Work  
**Year-end  
Brazil  
Trip  
Planned  
to Visit  
Global  
Grant  
Project  
Funded  
by D6900  
Clubs**

By Bob  
Koncerak  
*Bom Dia!* Six  
clubs are  
supporting a  
project that is  
doing amazing  
good the world!  
The Rotary  
Clubs of Stone  
Mountain,  
Dunwoody,  
Peachtree City,  
Atlanta Brazil,  
Roswell and  
Alpharetta have  
successfully  
funded Down  
Syndrome  
Education  
Global Grant  
2231616—and  
a year-end trip  
is planned to  
visit this  
impressive  
project. *This is  
your invitation  
to travel with  
Rotarians to  
southern  
Brazil -  
a truly beautiful  
place in the  
world. [more]*

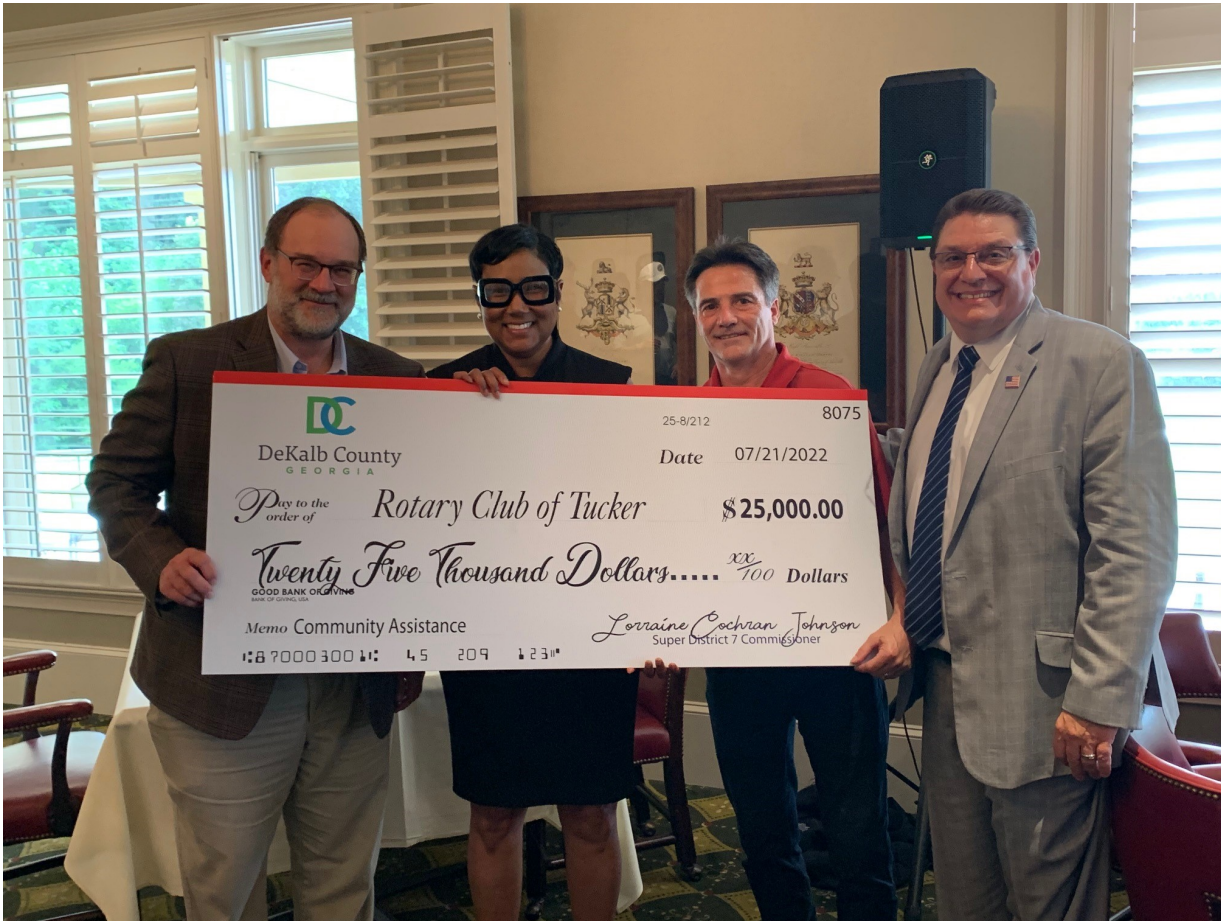
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Club News  
**Dunwoody Fundraising Efforts Net Almost \$40,000 for Our Charitable Endeavors**

By Bob O'Brien  
The **Rotary Club of Dunwoody** had a great year in service projects with two new fundraising efforts. The club held its first Whiskey & Cigar Raffle in October, November and December of last year and raised more than \$6,500 for our Dunwoody Rotary Charitable Fund, and its inaugural charity golf tournament called FORE! the Memories at St. Marlo Country Club on May - providing \$20,000 to Alzheimer's of Georgia and \$13,000 to our Dunwoody Charitable Fund. [more]





(left to right) David Fisher, executive director of NETWorks; DeKalb County Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson; Jim Rodeghiero, special events coordinator, and Kirk Fordham, director of community services, Rotary Club of Tucker, accepting the check.

## Club News **Tucker and DeKalb County Help Families Impacted by COVID**

By Lizbeth Dison  
DeKalb County has approved in \$25,000 Super District 7 American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding appropriation from Commissioner Lorraine Cochran-Johnson for the **Rotary Club of Tucker** to support mortgage and rent assistance and purchase school supplies to eligible residents of ...  
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