

**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

## **It's a Year of Imagining and Making a Difference - Help Us Celebrate**

By George Granade

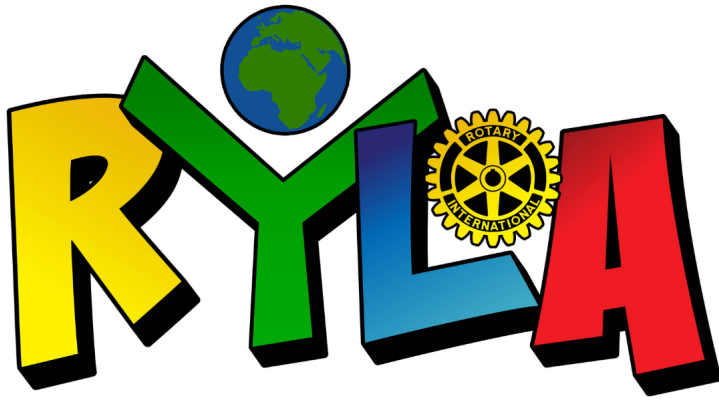
We are three quarters through our Rotary year. Thank you for all you are doing for Rotary. Everywhere I go, I see the impact Rotary is having on all the communities in our District and many places around the world. I was particularly touched recently by the work of the Peachtree City Rotary Community Corps - as they fund and train service dogs for people who need them in the community - and was happy to be able to provide a district grant to help them expand their reach in this area. You can read more about them later in this newsletter. And take time here to read more about disaster relief for our district, district assembly and our upcoming District Conference in SanDestin - April 27-30, 2023. Green Acres is the place to be and I hope you will join us.  
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GRSP Update  
**Pelham  
hosts GRSP  
Students for  
57th  
International  
Weekend**

By Kathyrynne Fields  
Taking time to slow the pace and learn to say pecan seemed to be the theme for Georgia Rotary Student Program scholars who spent four days learning about rural life in South Georgia during a student weekend at the end of March. The Rotary Clubs of Pelham, Bainbridge, Camilla and Thomasville hosted the 40 GRSP scholars as they stayed with area Rotarians for the Larry Frosteg Pelham International Weekend, which served as 57<sup>th</sup> annual International Weekend event. Ana Perez of Columbia attends Georgia Gwinnett College and is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Sugarloaf. "It was interesting to be out of the city and experience a small town," Perez said. [more]

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**June 17-21, 2023**

GEORGIA SOUTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

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RYLA Update  
**Don't Miss  
Out ...  
Register and  
Pay Now**

By Jaclyn Donovan  
There's still time to submit your Club Commitment Forms and verify that you are sponsoring a student to attend RYLA this summer. You can email to [susanruckman@att.net](mailto:susanruckman@att.net) or fax to 229-924-7617. If you have already committed to sponsor a student or two (or ten), registration ... [more]



Rotary Foundation  
at Work

## **Grant with Matching Funds for the Peachtree City Rotary Community Corps**

By Mandy  
Timmons  
District Governor  
George Granade  
presented  
the Peachtree City  
Rotary Community  
Corps with a  
District Grant for  
\$500 along with  
matching funds  
from an  
anonymous D6900  
Rotarian to help  
the RCC with its  
annual service  
project of donating  
a service dog to  
someone in need  
in the local  
community. The  
RCC started this  
program several  
years ago and  
increased their  
impact to be able  
to donate two  
dogs last year  
through additional  
fund raising.  
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Our Rotary Foundation

## **District Grants Are Now Community Grants**

By Gillian Leggett

As you can see by the headline, the District Grants program is changing. We are now COMMUNITY Grants. This change is made to avoid ongoing confusion with the District Designated Funds (DDF) that are passed along to the District from The Rotary Foundation (TRF) as one block grant. This block grant is also a District Grant. Another reason for the change is to remind ourselves that 50% of our donations to TRF Annual Fund comes back to D6900 three years later for use in our communities. What a wonderful way to create hope right in our own back yard! Read more about improvements to the Community Grant program right here! So what do you need to do to take advantage of this program? Read a little farther ... [more]

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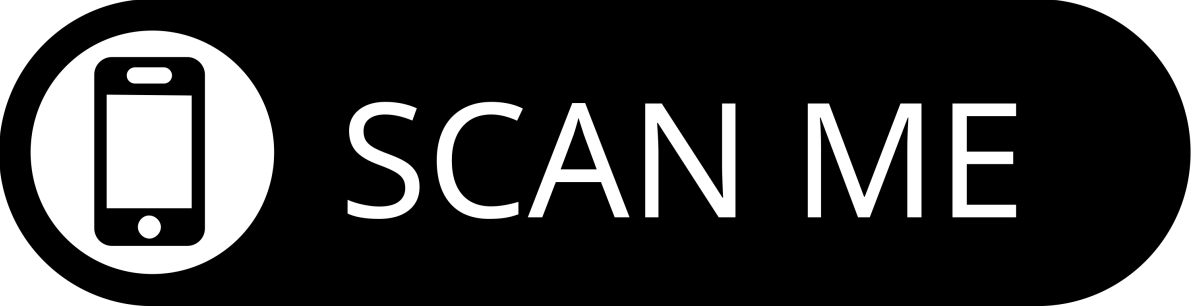
## Our Rotary Foundation at Work **Rotary Club of Atlanta Southern Crescent Good Shepherd Clinic Project**

By Claudia Mertl  
Atlanta Southern Crescent used its community grant was to provide Uber Health Rides for those patients going to the Good Shepherd Clinic who have transportation difficulties. The patients can't get to their medical appointments, which often results in no-shows, and not getting the care they need. Uber Health provides rides to medical appointments. One of the single most impactful services we could provide is this one. Rotarians volunteered at the Good Shepherd Clinic throughout the year. The Clinic reaches uninsured residents of Clayton County and the Doctors, who work there, volunteer their time. Neither the patients not the Uber drivers could be photographed, so staff and Atlanta Southern Crescent Rotarians posed for the picture. Tom Mertl, Claudia Mertl, Joyce Baul, GSC staff, and Dawn Massenburg. [more]

Club News

## Join Sandy Springs Pickleball Tournament

By Scott Einfeldt  
The Rotary Club of Sandy Springs is hosting a Pickleball fundraiser on April 14 at the Sandy Springs Tennis Center near the intersection of Roswell Road and Abernathy. A portion of the proceeds will go to one of our community partners, Vision To Learn. Vision To Learn is a not-for-profit organization that provides free eye exams and glasses to children in low-income communities across the United States. This year, the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs partnered with Vision to Learn, and our club donated more than 800 pair of eyeglasses to elementary and middle school students in Sandy Springs. [more]





Club News

## **Marietta Metro Scores Big with SOUPer Bowl**

By Sally Platt

While the NFL had the Super Bowl, the Rotary Club of Marietta Metro scored big with its SOUPer Bowl.

During the month of January 2023, teams of club members competed to see which could contribute the most cans of soup.

The final tally was nearly 800 cans, which were divided equally between the food pantries at Georgia Highlands College and Chattahoochee Technical College.

Many students struggle to make ends meet while they're in college and having access to a food pantry can be a determining factor when it comes to staying in school.

Marietta Metro is proud to partner with both Georgia Highlands and Chatt Tech to provide scholarships and provide other assistance to help students stay in school.

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Club News  
**Stone Mountain Recognizes Champions of Education**

By Cynthia Edwards  
The Rotary Club of Stone Mountain hosted its Second Annual Champions of Education fundraiser event, Saturday, March 18, at the Georgia Piedmont Technical College DeKalb Conference Center. The event featured the presentation of awards to 19 individuals who included retired legendary educators and current inspirational educators as well as law enforcement professionals, public servants, community-based organizations, and businesses that have provided extraordinary support to students, teachers, and local education systems, especially during the pandemic. [more]

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Club News  
**North Cobb  
Educates  
about Sex  
Trafficking  
Issues**

By Hicks Malonson  
Earlier this year, the North Cobb Rotary hosted “The Truth About Sex Trafficking” in partnership with Rescuing Hope (rescuinghope.com) and through grant funds from Rotarian Action Group Against Slavery that is a collaboration between RC of Marietta, RC of Smyrna, RC of Alpharetta and RC of North Cobb. More than 150 people attended the event.  
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## Club News **North Fulton Serves Up Literacy**

By Lisa Gelber  
The Rotary Club of North Fulton sponsored a Literacy Night at Children's Development Academy on March 23. Rotarians provided dinner for families at the school, supplies for an art project, literacy packs and the cost of an artist/performer. Members of the club served dinner, set up for the entertainment and did clean up duty. The families and students had a great time eating dinner together and enjoying a musical performance centered around reading. [more]



Club News

## Rotarians Awarded National Presidential Volunteer Service Award

By Cynthia Edwards  
At the end of the **Rotary Club of Stone Mountain's** fundraising event, President Cesar announced that there were two other awards to present. These surprise awards were Presidential Volunteer Service Awards and were presented to Past Presidents Cynthia Dorsey Edwards (2013-2014 and 2020-2021) and Irvine Weekes (2021-2022). The President's Volunteer Service Award is a civil award bestowed by the President of the United States. Established by executive order by George W. Bush, the award was established to honor volunteers that give hundreds of hours per year helping others through the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.  
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Club News  
**Douglas  
County  
Serves the  
Homeless,  
Honors  
Top  
Students**

By Nell Boggs  
The Rotary Club of Douglas County brightened the day for residents of the homeless camp located beside the courthouse on a sunny but chilly January day when Rotarians served lunch of smoked ribs, pork barbecue, chicken, beans, and slaw. Many thanks to Rotary member Joe Williams who coordinated the project and did the cooking. The Club also hosted its annual luncheon recognizing the STAR Student and STAR Teacher from every high school in Douglas County. Their speeches were inspiring. Students selected as STAR Students must have the highest score on a single test date on the SAT and be in the top 10% or top 10 students of their class. [more]



Club News  
**Carrollton  
Dawnbreakers  
Supports K-9  
Unit**

By Jessica Ainsworth  
The Carrollton Dawnbreakers Rotary Club had a special guest at their Wednesday meeting, Kilo, one of Carrollton Police Department's K-9 Unit. Kilo is one of four from the K-9 unit and he is retiring soon. A check for \$10,000 was presented to Carrollton's police department for the purchase of a police dog, training of the dog and the dog's handler. [more]