



From Our District Governor

## Update on the State of the District: a small view as we...Finish Strong!

By André Marria

As we approach the end of the Rotary year, I want to thank you for the work you have done. We have focused on membership and the Rotary Foundation for the last months and here is just a snapshot on where we stand. Next month I hope to give a more comprehensive look at all of the things we have accomplished as we celebrate an awesome year!

Membership (let's hold and not lose if we can): Our district continues to thrive with 3,916 members. Special congratulations to our club presidents for their leadership - starting with **Peachtree City** President Amy Benton (number 1 in the district). Peachtree City's remarkable growth symbolizes the collective potential within our clubs when we work together toward common goals! PTC is followed by:

- North Cobb President: Nancy Prochaska
- North Fulton President: Lisa Gelber
- Brookhaven President: Elishia Thompson
- Meriwether County President: Dawn Woodward
- Cuthbert Rotary Club: Patricia Goodman
- On The Flint President (new club): President Walter Kelly

Foundation Giving - Demonstrating Our Commitment (funds are still coming in): Your commitment remains strong with our Foundation Contributions with total contributions to date of **\$788,280**. [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>

The  
**Rotary**  
Foundation



Our Rotary  
Foundation at Work  
**2024-2025  
District  
Community  
Grant  
Applications  
Due By May  
15, 2024**

By Kay Williamson  
Did you know there  
are District 6900

Grant Funds  
available for  
projects that begin  
during the  
2024-2025 Rotary  
year? Each club can  
be eligible for up to  
\$2,000 to support a  
compelling project  
that will:

- fall within Rotary's  
seven areas of  
focus, and
- involve the active  
participation of  
Rotarians, and
- meet an identified  
need in a  
community.

The District must  
receive the  
Community Grant  
application by May  
15, 2024. [more]

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## Room Block Opens May 1

By Gordon Owens

You won't want to miss the first ever multi-district conference on Jekyll Island from April 24-27, 2025. We are expecting 1000-1500 Rotarians to join us, so get your rooms booked before the sell out. We have blocks at every hotel and at a variety of price points, but these rooms will fill up quickly. Visit [GeorgiaUnitedDC.com](https://GeorgiaUnitedDC.com) to register and link to all the available room blocks. We can't wait to turn Jekyll into Rotary Island next spring! [more]

## Recognizing Mental Health Awareness Month

By André Marria

As we move through the month of May, let us be reminded that it is Mental Health Awareness Month. It's a time to recognize the difference we've made this year, as we worked on projects that focused on Alzheimer's and dementia, for example, and had amazing conversations with mental health professionals at our District Conference. And it's time to ... [more]

# RYLA

## Volunteers Needed

Join us as a Chaperone and be part of the greatest week of the summer!  
Your time and skills can help make a difference.

### Why Join Us?

- Rotary Service and Engagement
- Participate in Impactful Activities
- Leadership Development for Young Adults
- Invest in the Future of Your Communities

8-12  
June 2024



Give Us  
**#OneDayforRYLA**

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[www.RYLA6900.com](http://www.RYLA6900.com)

### RYLA Update **Can You Give Us One Day in June?**

By Jaclyn Donovan  
Hey Rotary District 6900 members!! Can you give us just \*One Day\* of your summer? We need a little extra help to make our fabulous event fly, and you are perfect for the job! Chaperones help us keep things running smoothly each night and each morning, but have no assigned duties during the day. If you are willing and able - even just for 1 day out of the 4 - to give us #OneDayforRYLA we would love to have you! Please reach out directly to Jaclyn Donovan or Susan Ruckman for more details and we'll sign you up!  
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RLI Update  
**Save the Date (June 8) for Our Next RLI Event**

By Tracy Van Norman  
Registration is open for the next RLI Event on June 8, 2024, at Cooper Lighting Solutions, 1121 Hwy 74 S, Peachtree City, Georgia. Curriculum includes Parts 1, 2, & 3, PLUS a graduate course on Public Speaking! Go to [rlitraining.org](http://rlitraining.org) to register. If you have any questions or issues, please contact me at [tracy.vannorman@gmail.com](mailto:tracy.vannorman@gmail.com). Look forward to seeing you there!!!  
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SESSION 21

**MAP WEBINAR**  
MEMBERSHIP ACTION PLAN

**MEMBERSHIP MAGIC**

crafting a **PLAN** for **SUCCESS**

Rotary Zones 33/34 | Membership Action Plan

MONDAY | MAY 13 | 6 PM EDT  
Register on DACdb

May 13 | 6PM  
**Attention Club Membership Chairs**

By Dave Schwickerath  
Let's start the 2024-2025 Rotary year with a plan for membership success! Club membership teams are encouraged to join these MAP Bite sized Informational Webinars to help them make a plan and grow their clubs! This ever growing group of dedicated Rotarians uses the information in these webinars to grow the Magic of Rotary in their community. **Register for the next webinar.**  
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GRSP Update  
**Students  
Confirm  
Joy of  
Having a  
Host  
Family**

By Katheryne Fields  
Having a host Rotarian who welcomes you into their family simply sweetens the experience for Georgia Rotary Student Program scholars. Just ask the pair studying at Kennesaw State University this year - Tinashe "Tina" Mukuro of Zimbabwe (sponsored by the **RC of Paulding County and the RC of East Cobb**) and Roosa "Julia" Toytari of Finland (sponsored by the **Roswell RC**).  
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## Rotary Means Business Join Us May 21 for Fellowship! Special Meeting Day

By Carter Stout  
Rotary Means Business ("RMB") is a fellowship of Rotary International. District 6900 has a local RMB Chapter. Rotarians are embracing the original foundation of what Rotary was based on as we adhere to the Four Way Test. The RMB Fellowship provide an opportunity for all Rotarians to network on a local and global basis to enhance their businesses.

The District 6900 RMB regularly meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month for networking and socializing. HOWEVER DUE TO MEMORIAL DAY AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION WE ARE MEETING ON THE THIRD TUESDAY IN MAY. The next meeting is May 21 from 6:00PM to 8:00PM at Politan Row at Ashford Lane (near Perimeter Mall) (<https://ashfordlane.politanrow.com/>). There is plenty of free parking in the parking deck behind the building. **Register now!** [more]



## Rotary Women of Impact Awards Gala a Huge Success!

By Syd Padala  
The Rotary Women of Impact (RWI) Awards and Fundraiser was a resounding successful sold-out event, exceeding all expectations. The event aimed to celebrate the achievements and contributions of women in various fields while raising funds for charitable causes supported by Rotary International. The awards ceremony honored outstanding women who have made significant impacts in their communities, whether through leadership, innovation, philanthropy, or advocacy. These women were recognized for their dedication and commitment to creating positive change. The RWI team nominated 33 women leaders such as CTOs, VPs, SVP, Founders, Doctors from Fortune 100 companies who not only were at the pinnacle of their careers but are also giving back to the society. Out of the 33 nominees, 11 women won awards for different categories and 3 women were awarded with Lifetime achievement award. [more]



## **Americus Rotarian Named to Join International Rotary Positive Peace Activator Program**

By Michelle Parker  
Laura Bauer McConatha, Board Member of the Americus Rotary Club, has been chosen for the next cohort in Rotary International's Positive Peace Activator Program. Created in 2020, the p Program is the most comprehensive training and educational program hosted jointly by Rotary International and its strategic partner the Institute for Economics & Peace.

The Activator Training Program includes a competitive application process and a multi-day intensive training that is curated for each region. After the training, Activators agree to a two-year service commitment, providing presentations, leading trainings, and supporting projects with Rotary clubs, districts, and other stakeholders. Activators are considered representatives of the Rotary-IEP Partnership.  
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DB From Amie >



**RISE AGAINST HUNGER**

**CAMBRIDGE HIGH  
SCHOOL**

Milton, GA

Club News  
**Rotarians and Interact Rise Against Hunger**  
By Lisa Gelber  
Rotary Club of North Fulton members recently partnered with Cambridge High School Interact Club to pack over 12,000 meals with Rise Against Hunger. These meals will be sent to an area experiencing food insecurity, whether it be from natural disasters, political instability, or ongoing poverty. Rotarians enjoyed getting to know the students while working for a worthy cause. In addition, we had the help of Milton, GA firefighters to round out our work crew!  
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Club News  
**Douglas  
County  
Joins  
Earth Day  
Festivities**

By Nell Boggs  
The **Rotary  
Club of  
Douglas  
County** joined  
in the Earth  
Day event at  
Douglasville's  
new Town  
Green! Kids  
young and old  
had fun making  
bead bracelets  
... [more]



Club News

## Join Roswell Fun Any Third Thursday - Now through September

By Becky Nelson  
Roswell, Georgia hosts a street party the third Thursday of each month between April and September. Boasting 3,000-5,000 in attendance, neighbors greet neighbors, locals meet visitors and Roswell Rotarians enjoy it all from the Hagan Center Corner. We have our tents, someone is grilling the hamburgers and hot dogs, drinks are self-serve, and everyone is chatting. It is not only a great time for fellowship but also for marketing our club to the greater community. Roswell Rotarian Alan Greensmith and team set up the spread with all the fun of a neighborhood cook-out with a few thousand of your nearest and dearest friends. Long-term member and PDG Bob Hagan owns the parking lot and allows our tent to be set up where cars are not allowed to park. Please let this serve as your invitation to join us should you be in the area! Just walk right on up!  
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Club News

## **Blue Jeans and Blueprints Festival Supports Habitat for Humanity**

By Judith Fuller

**Brookhaven Rotarians** helped out at the first ever Habitat for Humanity Dekalb Chapter's BBQ, Blue Jeans, and Blueprints festival. Rotarians greeted guests at the Tucker, Georgia festival where there was live music, building competitions, and great food. All money raised went to support rehabilitating homes for Dekalb County ...  
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Club News  
**Henry  
County  
Celebrates  
National  
Arbor Day**

By Amy Lemelin  
Henry County  
Rotary partnership  
with Girl Scouts  
and the UGA  
Extension of  
Henry County to  
celebrate Arbor  
Day. Did you  
know trees  
provide social,  
communal,  
environmental,  
and economic  
benefits? Tim  
Daly from the UGA  
Extension shared  
his knowledge and  
experience with  
us to help us learn  
more about trees  
including the best  
kinds to grow  
based on where  
we live, how and  
when to plant  
trees, as well as  
how to care for  
them. Renfroe  
Valley Tree Farm  
kindly donated 55  
trees to give to  
each of our  
participants to  
take home and  
plant. We  
encourage you to  
plant a tree and  
improve the air  
around you.  
Happy planting!  
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Club News  
**Marietta  
Metro  
Enjoys  
the Sun,  
Makes a  
Difference**

By Sally Platt  
How do you spend a sunny, springtime Saturday? If you're a Marietta Metro Rotarian, you might spend it as some of our club members did, building benches for the garden in the outdoor classroom at Hayes Elementary School. The following weekend, they were back at the school, planting flowers in the garden. Outdoor classrooms allow children to learn about the world around them and enhances creativity and imagination. The project spans the Rotary theme for April, the Environment, and June's Youth Service theme. [more]

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Club News  
**Griffin  
Downtown  
Council  
Manager  
Visits  
Daybreak  
Club**

By Debby Daniel-Bryant  
Heather  
Robinson, District  
Manager of the  
Griffin Downtown  
Council, is  
pictured here  
with Griffin  
Daybreak  
Rotary President  
Katheryne Fields.  
Ms. Robinson  
recently met with  
the Club and  
informed them of  
the Summer  
Concert Series  
beginning in May  
and continuing  
through October.  
She shared about  
businesses  
coming to Griffin,  
including a  
boutique hotel  
and breweries, as  
well as recent  
activities and  
future  
enhancements to  
the downtown  
area.  
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