



Expanding Our Reach

## RI President Stephanie Visits Atlanta

By Gordon Owens  
It's rare for a sitting Rotary International President to visit our district, but on Monday, July 29 we had the honor of spending the day with RIP Stephanie Urchick at the Atlanta Rotary Club. The club had a packed schedule for her that included meeting with their senior leadership, learning more about the Early Childhood Champions program, **speaking at their club meeting** and **recording a podcast**. The highlight of the day was a reception before lunch that included club presidents from around our district.  
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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>Johns Creek Central</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



District Rotary  
Foundation  
Committee

## **Meet The Team**

By Bob Hagan

The district designated funds we receive from our Rotary Foundation are the life blood of the impact our clubs have in their communities and around the world. Based on Rotarians generously giving to our Rotary Foundation a few years ago, our district has been granted \$345,779 to use for global grants, peace fellowships, scholarships and district grants this year. The group tasked with managing these funds and raising future funding is the District Rotary Foundation Committee. I was honored to be nominated by our DG, DGE and DGN to serve as the chair of this committee and look forward to helping our clubs maximize every opportunity to do good in the world through our Rotary Foundation. We have assembled a great team  
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Magic of Rotary

## **What Would You Do With A Magic Wand?**

By Gordon Owens

I have been asking clubs during my visits, "If you had a magic wand and could do anything to help your community, what would it be?" So far, early childhood education is the common theme with literacy being the primary focus. I've heard statements like, "I would make sure every child could read before they start school" from several clubs. I encourage you to think about this question and dream big! There isn't a thing we can think of that a group of dedicated Rotarians can't turn into reality in your community. Let's show them the Magic of Rotary. [more]

## SCOREBOARD

### NEW MEMBERS

#### CATEGORY I (0 - 25)

Club	New Members	Not New
North Polaris	1	0
Monte Carlo County (Wrens Springs)	1	0
South DeKalb	1	0

#### CATEGORY II (26 - 50)

Club	New Members	Not New
Waldely	1	0
Southridge	1	0
East Cobb	1	0
North Springs	1	0
Stone Mountain	1	0

#### CATEGORY III (50 - 99)

Club	New Members	Not New
Midtown Atlanta	0	0
Dewar	0	0
Aspirant	0	0
Constitutional Democrats	0	0

#### CATEGORY IV (100 - 5000)

Club	New Members	Not New
Bonwell	0	0
Alpharetta	1	0
LaGrange	1	0
Thomasville	1	0

### TOP SPONSORS

#### CATEGORY I (0 - 25)

Rotarian	Club	Three Years	This Year
Rob Clark	North Polaris	0	0
Isabella Dixon	South DeKalb	0	0

#### CATEGORY II (26 - 50)

Rotarian	Club	Three Years	This Year
Colin Bostwick	Waldely	0	0
Jessie Brown	Waldely	0	0

#### CATEGORY III (50 - 99)

Rotarian	Club	Three Years	This Year
Wendell Rappin	Midtown Atlanta	0	0
Jane Cox Cox	Dewar	0	0

#### CATEGORY IV (100 - 5000)

Rotarian	Club	Three Years	This Year
Angie Williamson	Thomasville	0	0
Bonwell	Bonwell	0	0

## District Awards District & Club Scoreboards

By Gordon Owens

While we may focus on an issue like mental health last year or spreading the idea of peace through peace poles this year, the goals for Rotary remain consistent year over year; growing your club's impact by adding new members, giving more to our annual fund to increase our capacity to do good around the world and have every Rotarian contribute to Rotary's effort to end polio. With the help of our district webmaster, Alec Smythe, we have created a district & club scoreboard that tracks how each club is doing on these three goals in comparison to the other clubs in their same category. Every month in the footer of the newsletter we will include a leaderboard that shows the top clubs. We encourage you to check out your club's scoreboard on our district website. [\[more\]](#)



District Grants  
**Don't Spend It Until You Get It**  
By Kay Williamson  
We have requested our District Designated Funds from our Rotary Foundation which will fund the community and competitive grants in our district and we expect to receive that funding this month. **As a reminder, do not start to spend any money associated with district grants until you receive a check from us.**  
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# 100 TICKETS SOLD!

**ROTAVETTE** 



# WIN A CORVETTE C8

RotaVette.com

## The Race To 1000 Tickets

By Will Daniel  
We've sold the first 100 tickets for the RotaVette Raffle! When we sell 1000 tickets we are guaranteed to give away a Corvette C8 or \$50,000 to one lucky winner. Be sure to get your tickets early and often as there are only 3000 available. Click to purchase **1 entry for \$100** or get **6 entries for \$500**. All the proceeds from the raffle go to our Rotary Foundation so it's a win-win. [more]



Next MAP Webinar

# ENJOYABLE CLUB MEETINGS IMPROVING THE MEMBER EXPERIENCE

📅 MONDAY | AUGUST 12 ⌚ 5:30 PM EDT  
REGISTER ON [DACdb](#)



MAP Webinar -  
August 12 |  
5:30PM

## Improving The Member Experience

By Dave Schwickerath  
RIP Stephanie has challenged all the clubs around the world to make the membership experience, *Simply Irresistible*. If you want to learn more about how to improve your club's membership experience join the next Membership Action Plan webinar on Monday, August 12 at 5:30PM. Here from Rotary leaders about how they have taken their own club's membership experience from good to great and how that translates into membership growth. An awesome experience is key to keeping existing members engaged and welcoming new members into the family of Rotary. **Register on [DACdb](#).**  
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Global Grants

## Let's Talk About Your Project

By Olga Narvaez

Does your club have an idea for a new global grant project? Let's talk! Our first chat will help your club summarize the grant project and consider what to include in your project budget. Our District Rotary Foundation Committee reviews these project summaries and budgets as it considers how to allocate the District Designated Funds (DDF) we have available from our Rotary Foundation. If your project is ready to go, then submit a summary of the project and budget estimate to me by August 30, 2024 so we can review all of the projects and allocate available funds accordingly. The Global Grant application process can be intimidating but **I am here to help** clubs make sure their grant project checks all the right boxes. Let's go do some good in the world together! [more]



# Polio PICK'EM

# \$250

PolioPickem.com

## Who Will Win Our First Pool

By Gordon Owens  
The Olympics have started and so has our first Polio Pick'em game. Based on the number of entries purchased we have a pool of \$250 to give away to one lucky winner and the other half of the money will go to support Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio. As the medal counts get updated, keep an eye on our district Facebook page for updates on who's leading the Polio Pick'em Olympics. [more]

# Rotary

Zones 33/34



Public Image

## Templates For Monthly Themes

By Mandy Timmons

Our zone public image team has created a template tool that helps you spread the word about Rotary's monthly theme's. These are easy to use and setup to meet Rotary's brand standards. Just make one for your club and share the theme on your social media accounts. This is a great way to show your audience the impact Rotary has around the world in our 7 areas of focus.

Visit <http://elevaterotaryzones3334.org/Design-Template-App/> to create these for your club.  
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Member  
Engagement  
**It tastes  
good to  
be a  
North  
Cobb  
Rotarian!**

By Nancy Prochaska  
The **Rotary Club of North Cobb** has 110 members, 27 of whom were born outside of the US, or are married to someone born outside the US! Our club's international flavor is strong and beautifully helps create the "Magic of Rotary!" We celebrated with an International Potluck Social, where all members were asked to bring a dish representing their heritage. We enjoyed favorite dishes from Jamaica, Kenya, Nigeria, Ireland, England, and many other countries, plus some American fried chicken and apple pie. YUM! It tastes good to be a North Cobb Rotarian!  
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International  
Convention 2025  
**Exciting  
Times  
Ahead:  
Join Us in  
Calgary!**

By Steve Ivory  
The Rotary  
International  
Convention is set  
to take place in  
the vibrant city of  
Calgary, Canada,  
from June 21 to  
June 25, 2025.  
This annual event  
brings together  
Rotarians from  
around the globe  
to share ideas,  
engage in  
impactful  
discussions, and  
celebrate the  
achievements of  
Rotary clubs  
worldwide. Read  
on for more  
information  
about Early Bird  
registration and  
accommodations.  
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*Help Us*

# MEET OUR MATCH

*October 1*

Laws of Life Essay Contest

## **Double Your Sponsorship For Free**

By Carol Gray Walker

We are thrilled to announce a matching program from the John Templeton Foundation, available until October 1st. This means every dollar raised - up to \$60,000 will be doubled, making your club's sponsorship go twice as far in supporting the Georgia Laws of Life Essay Contest. The Contest has made a tremendous impact on the lives of over 840,000 Georgia teens. For twenty-five years your dedication to fostering strong character and ethical literacy in our youth is unparalleled. Now, more than ever, we need to stand together to continue this vital work. Please make your sponsorship contribution before September 15th and help us Meet Our Match!  
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GRSP News

## **GRSP Conclave Slated Aug. 23-25 in Columbus**

By Katheryne Fields

Rotarians and guests are invited to Conclave to welcome the **Georgia Rotary Student Program Class of 2024-25 in Columbus August 23-25, 2024**. Conclave is hosted this year by District 6900 and under the direction of the **Rotary Clubs of Columbus, Muscogee-Columbus and North Columbus**. Conclave is the kickoff event for GRSP and allows the international college scholarship students to interact with one another as well as Georgia Rotarians. Students, trustees, officers and host families will participate in important informational sessions beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Friday at the Columbus Convention & Trade Center and throughout the day on Saturday.

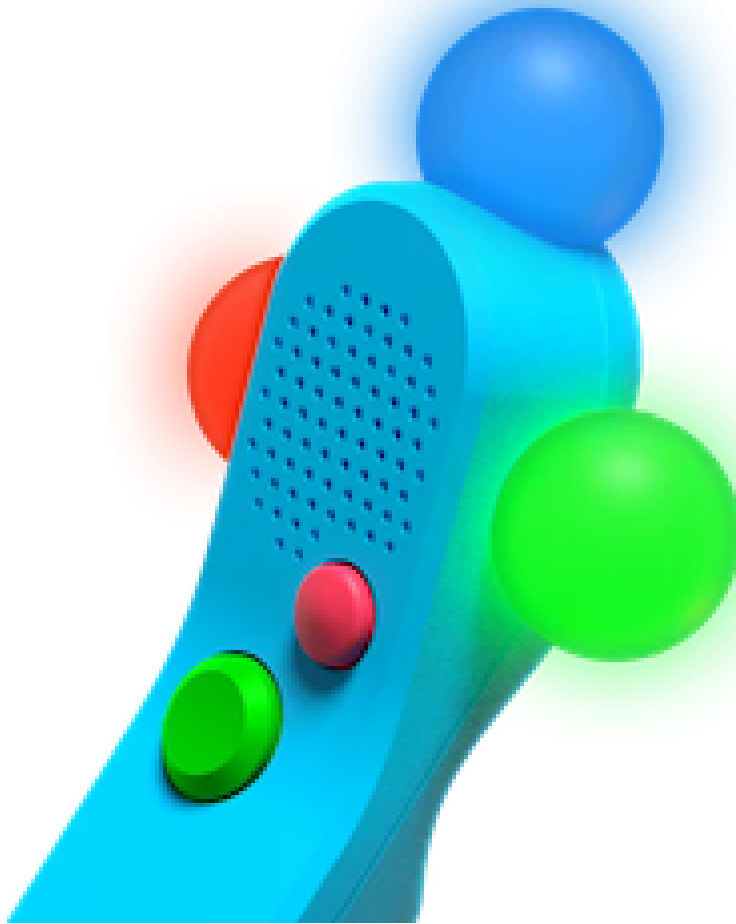
**Registration is still open for Conclave**, please visit the GRSP Calendar at

<https://grsp.org/calendar-of-events/> [more]

# **CONCLAVE 2024**

***Columbus, Georgia***





An Innovative  
Approach To  
Literacy

## **Emerging Technology Supports One Of Rotary's 7 Areas Of Focus**

By David Cochran  
In alignment with  
Rotary's mission to  
create lasting  
change, we are  
excited to  
introduce a  
groundbreaking  
initiative aimed at  
transforming  
literacy across the  
globe. Utilizing the  
innovative Kibeam  
Reading System,  
this program  
leverages  
emerging  
technology to  
foster a love of  
reading in children,  
enhance literacy  
rates, and  
empower  
communities.  
Through the  
collaborative  
efforts of Rotary  
members and  
clubs, we are  
lighting the path to  
a brighter future  
where every child  
has the  
opportunity to  
prosper.  
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Club News

## Rotarian of the Year Fernando Duenas Makes a Difference

By Patti Kadkhodaian

Every so often you get to cross paths with an extraordinary person. A member for less than two years and a retired executive of FedEx, Fernando Duenas has attended every service project, every social and every lunch meeting. As a recipient of the 2023 Rookie of the Year award as well as 2024 Rotarian of the Year award, there is no question about his dedication to Rotary. At the Peachtree City 4th of July parade, consisting of 20 Rotarians and their families, made a memorable impression.

In addition to the meticulous planning, stunning decorations, and perfect weather, Fernando had a touching encounter with a young parade spectator. When Fernando ran out of candy but offered an American flag to a little girl, she graciously accepted and even presented him with a beautifully crafted Independence Day drawing as a token of her appreciation. Moved by the girl's kindness, Fernando reflected on the emotional impact of the gesture, emphasizing how heartwarming and special the moment was for him.

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Club News  
**Run with  
Vinings  
Cumberland  
on August  
10**

By Thomas House  
The Vinings  
Cumberland Rotary  
Club is gearing up  
for the much-  
anticipated Vinings  
Downhill 5K Run for  
the Kids. For nearly  
thirty years, this  
event has been a  
beloved tradition  
and a highlight in  
the Atlanta running  
community. What  
started as a simple  
race has blossomed  
into a fun-filled  
family event, now  
featuring a Kids 1K  
race and a Doggie  
Dash. This year's  
race takes place  
August 10 at the  
top of Vinings  
Mountain.  
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Club News  
**Griffin  
Daybreak  
Helps  
Provide  
Food for  
Kids and  
Seniors**

By Debby Daniel-Bryant  
The Griffin Daybreak Rotary Club President Dylan Blasingame was happy to start off the new Rotary year by presenting checks to Backpack Food for Kids Program Coordinator Trebony Dillard (center) and Senior Center Nutrition Supervisor (Meals on Wheels) DC Carter (right).  
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Club News  
**LaGrange  
Leads  
March  
into New  
Year**

By Jeff Wright  
The Rotary Club of  
of

LaGrange was proud to begin the new 2024-2025 Rotary year with our first service project on July 6. Each year LaGrange Rotarians serve as parade marshalls for the Annual Sweet Land of Liberty 4th of July Parade which is now hosted by the Junior Service League of LaGrange. The LaGrange parade is unique in that only children march in the procession. The parade is now in its 40th year and LaGrange Rotarians are proud to march along with the children ensuring their safety along the route.  
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Club News  
**Paulding  
County  
Supports  
CAYA  
Summer  
Lunch  
Program**

By Roy Strickland  
The Rotary Club of Paulding County has donated \$10,000 to CAYA's Summer Lunch Program. The program has provided individual lunches to needy children in the County each weekday, Monday through Friday throughout the nine-week summer break from school. More than 27,000 meals were delivered to the children by the end of July. Paulding County Rotary helps make that possible not just with donations but also with volunteer service.  
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# REAL LIFE CENTER

Real help. Real hope.



Rotary  
Peachtree City



## Club News **Peachtree City Helps Harvest for Real Life**

By Mandy Timmons  
Established in 2011, the Harvest for Real Life Orchard is a vibrant haven with blueberry bushes, blackberry vines, grape vines, peach trees, apple trees, pomegranate bushes, plum trees, fig trees, pear trees, and persimmon trees.

The Rotary Club of Peachtree City recently participated in the U-Pick 4 Others program - a FUN and FREE activity for families and groups who want to make a difference in their community. All produce goes directly to the families of the Real Life Center, distributed weekly through their Market. Fresh, nutritious food can be hard to come by on a limited budget, making the Orchard and Garden (and the volunteer work this morning) a true blessing to those in our local community!  
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Club News  
**Roswell Rotary After Hours Raises Nearly \$5,000 at Annual Comedy Show**

By Kathryn Igou  
**After Hours, Roswell Rotary Club's young professionals satellite club,** recently held their second annual Comedy for a Cause fundraiser. ... [more]



Club News  
**North Fulton Provides Back-to-School Supplies**

By Lisa Gelber  
To start off the new year, the Rotary Club of North Fulton supported North Fulton Community Charities in their back-to-school supply drive for needy families in the North Fulton Community. More than 450 families registered to participate in this program, so the backpacks and supplies we provided and organized were definitely needed. Our club believes every child deserves to have the things they need to start the new school year! [more]



Club News

## **Dunwoody Creates Augello People of Action Award**

By Jackie Cuthbert  
At its year-end gathering, the Rotary Club of Dunwoody presented its first annual Augello People of Action Award to Anita and Charlie Augello award. We honored Rotarian Charlie and Honorary Rotarian Anita for their never-ending support of people. Their work extends to Alzheimers, the USO, the students at Kingsley Elementary School and so much more.  
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Club News  
**Being a  
North  
Cobb  
Rotarian  
Tastes  
Good  
Volume  
2!**

By Ada Wikina  
Meet the man,  
Keith Altobelli,  
the Master Chef  
of North Cobb  
Rotary Club. His  
day job is  
Accounting/CPA.  
Multiple times  
winner at  
'Smoke on the  
Lake' bbq  
competition.  
The wings  
master  
extraordinaire.  
This photo was  
taken at our  
service project  
at The Men's  
Extension.

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# Bourbon & Bow Ties Pinot & Pearls

Thursday, October 17, 2024

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Central Plaza at Town of Trilith

Join us for Little Bites, Bourbon & Wine,  
Jazz Music, Silent Auction and LOTS OF FUN!

Couples: \$200 | Individuals: \$125  
VIP Access: \$100



Food by:

**ENZO**

Spirits by:

**TWISTED TACO**

**CAYMUS**  
VINEYARDS

**BULLEIT**  
BOURBON

**CAT HEAD**  
DISTILLERY

Entertainment by:

**THE Bourbon Brothers**  
BAND

Hosted by:

**Rotary**  
Peachtree City



## Club Fundraiser Join Peachtree City for Evening of Elegance and Entertainment!

By Mandy Timmons  
Join the Rotary Club of Peachtree City for Bourbon and Bow Ties, Pinot and Pearls on Thursday, October 17, 2024 in the Central Plaza at Trilith. Indulge in an unforgettable night of glamour and goodwill at the Rotary Club of Peachtree City's exclusive fundraiser! Whether you're celebrating with friends, a loved one, or colleagues, this event promises an evening of fine dining, live music, and top-tier spirits. Proceeds from the event support local charitable initiatives and community projects led by the Rotary Club of Peachtree City. Read more about the event and how to get your tickets now! [more]

District Newsletter Update

## August 25 Newsletter Deadline: Share the Magic

By Jackie Cuthbert

Keep the stories about the magic of what's happening in your clubs going for September; articles received by **August 25** will be included! We hope you will share the ways you are serving your communities and the world, the youth programs you support, your strategies for membership and fellowship and more! We will publish the newsletter on the ... [more]