



DG Steve in Honduras

From Our District Governor

## A Season of Growth, Service, and Connection

By Steve Ivory  
As we move into April, we find ourselves in one of the most exciting and active seasons of the Rotary year. With spring in full swing, this is a time of renewed energy, continued service, and strong momentum across District 6900. As I continued to travel around the district, I had my last "official visit" with Emory Druid Hills, traveled to Honduras with Atlanta Rotarian Bob Hope and Rotarians from eight clubs, helped Roswell celebrate 75 years and \$2 million in contributions to The Rotary Foundation, honored teachers and Rotarians at the DeKalb Rotary Council breakfast, attended Peach State PELS training for next year's leaders, and more! And there's so much more coming this Rotary year - read on to learn about new Rotary and Rotaract Clubs, our April 11 District Learning Assembly and District Conference at Lake Lanier.  
[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>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>



# District Conference



April 16 – 19 2026



Lake Lanier Islands, GA

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS**

**UNITE  
FOR  
GOOD**

District  
Conference 2026  
**Almost  
Time for  
Fun and  
Fellowship  
at Lake  
Lanier!**

By Lisa Carlisle  
Looking for  
inspiration,  
connection and  
fun, your 2026  
District  
Conference is  
designed to  
balance  
meaningful  
Rotary content  
with relaxation  
and fellowship.  
Join us April  
16-19, 2026 at  
Lake Lanier Island  
for all this and  
more! You can  
**register now on  
the District  
6900 website !**  
[more]



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Our Rotary Foundation

## Up and Over!

By Bob Hagan  
How wonderful it is that month after month we have something to celebrate! This month it may seem oddly self-serving, but I certainly am pleased to do so for this. My home club, the **Rotary Club of Roswell**, has exceeded the \$2 million mark for total giving all time. Roswell is the second club in the district to attain that level. The first to do so, very appropriately, was the **Rotary Club of Atlanta**, as they are the oldest club in Georgia. As the District Foundation Chair, my role is to help raise and track the funding coming into The Rotary Foundation; let me share some of the numbers and encourage you to keep pushing on Foundation giving to make an even bigger difference in the future. [more]

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# RYLA

## Chaperones Rock!

**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 be a Chaperone?**

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

**6-10  
June 2026**



Give Us

**#OneDayforRYLA**

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RYLA Update

### **One Day for RYLA**

By Jaclyn Donovan

Hey Rotary District 6900 members! Do you ever wish you could experience RYLA for yourself? Do you want to peek behind the curtain and see where all the magic happens each summer? If you answered yes, and if you can give us just \*One Day\* of your summer we can make the magic happen for you too!

We are always looking to bring new Rotary members into the wonderful world of RYLA, offering the opportunity to experience the RYLA energy and explore a new avenue of Rotary service. Chaperones help us keep things running smoothly each night and each morning but have no assigned duties during the day. We think you are perfect for the job! If you are willing and able - even just for 1 day out of the 4 - to give us One Day for RYLA we would love to have you! And you never know, it just might change your life too. Reach out to Jaclyn Donovan or Susan Ruckman for more details and they'll sign you up!  
[more]

JOIN US FOR A



**Friendship  
Exchange  
Trip to India**

**Rotary**



Club of North Cobb

Partnership with  
District 3182 and 6900



**Leaving December 1<sup>st</sup> and returning  
December 10th.**

See preliminary  
program in the back

Contact Ada Wikina ph.  
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6388 or Lao Rimanelli ph.  
781-844-0667

**Join Rotary  
Friendship  
Exchange to  
India -  
December  
2026**

By Ada Wikina  
Come along on this fantastic adventure. India's Rotary District 3182 is ready to welcome us with open arms during the first week of December 2026. An extraordinary combination of vibrant city life, profound Rotary fellowship, meaningful service projects, cultural immersion, vocational exchange, and stunning landscapes creates a journey that is not just a visit—but a transformative experience. Participants will leave Karnataka not only with incredible memories and photographs, but with lifelong friendships, renewed inspiration, and a deep connection to the spirit of Rotary in India. The detailed itinerary follows. We have six spots left. If you'd like to join us for this amazing trip or you have added questions, email me on [awikina@hotmail.com](mailto:awikina@hotmail.com) or call me on 404-421-5825. [more]

*...and the winners are...*



Laws of Life  
**Announcing  
Your  
2025-26  
Georgia  
Laws of  
Life Essay  
Contest  
School  
Winners**

By Carol Gray Walker  
We are proud to announce the school-level winners of the 2025-26 Georgia Laws of Life Essay Contest! View the complete list of this year's School Winners on our [\*\*website\*\*](#). We extend our sincere thanks to the 136 volunteer essay judges who dedicated their time and thoughtfulness to reviewing more than 1,300 submissions . Through their efforts, 138 Grade Winners and 48 School Winners were selected and recognized for their exceptional writing and reflection. In total, \$19,250 in cash awards and honorariums was distributed to students and educators. [more]



*DG Steve Ivory & DFC Bob Hagan with North Atlanta Club President Catherine Bernard, Major Donors Christopher Drew, Mike Emanuele, Tom Friedrichs and Major Donor 2 Don Millen.*

Our Rotary Foundation  
**Inspire  
Generosity  
- Giving by  
Receiving**

By Lee Hollingsworth  
How can a 22-member Club LEAD the District in per capita Foundation giving? **Do a great global grant project!** Just ask the **Rotary Club of North Atlanta** about its Spina Bifida project half a world away, and how the club saw three Rotarians become Major Donors, one of them at Level 2 (\$25,000). Incredibly, they lead the District by far with \$1,189 in per capita giving to The Rotary Foundation through March! How does a global grant inspire giving? [more]



Club News  
**Roswell:  
Celebrating  
75 Years of  
Making a  
Difference**

By Trummie Patrick, III  
*"Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all the others." Cicero*  
There are moments in life when "thank you" doesn't feel like an adequate response. Saturday night, March 14, was one of those moments. As I stood in a room filled with more than 200+ Rotarians celebrating the 75th anniversary of the **Roswell Rotary Club**, I couldn't help but feel a deep sense of appreciation. Appreciation for the people in that room, for the generations who came before us, and for the privilege of leading this club during such a meaningful year. [more]



**ROTARY MEANS  
BUSINESS  
FELLOWSHIP**  
District 6900

Rotary Means Business

**Engage  
Rotary Means  
Business to  
Grow  
Membership**

By Carter Stout  
Rotary Means Business is a great way to grow and retain your Club's membership. RMB gatherings provide an opportunity for fellowship, fun and learning that can help with member retention and attraction, engaging younger professionals, offering value-added programming and mentoring. To learn more about what RMB can do for you, contact Carter Stout, [cstout@stoutkaiser.com](mailto:cstout@stoutkaiser.com) or 770-349-8201.  
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**TEAM REGISTRATION OPEN**

**May  
8th**



**SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE**



**At Beautiful Big Red Oak Plantation**



**Team & Individual Awards**



**Raffles & Prizes**



**Great Fellowship for a Great Cause**

**Rotary**

Club of Senoia



**REGISTER YOUR TEAM TODAY →**

**Benefiting Backpack Buddies & i58 Mission**

Club News

## **Join Senoia's "Aim for Impact" Charity Clay Shoot**

By Beth Hughes

The **Senoia Rotary Club**

invites fellow Rotarians across

District 6900 to join us for our "Aim for Impact" Charity Clay Shoot on May 8, 2026, at the beautiful Big Red Oak Plantation.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Backpack Buddies and i-58 Mission.

To register your team, simply scan the QR code in the picture. Learn more about the event ...

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Club News

## Celebrating an Atlanta Southern Crescent Rotarian

By Trina Kolawole  
The **Rotary Club of Atlanta Southern Crescent** celebrates the recognition of Dr. Annapurna Bhat, Rheumatologist, who received the National Women's History Month Award - "Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future" from the City of Stockbridge. [more]

**Rotary** 

**National Women's History Month Award**  
*Presented to*  
**Dr. Annapurna Bhat**  
**Rheumatologist**  
*Leading the Change:*  
*"Women Shaping A Sustainable Future"*  
City of Stockbridge

**Rotary Club of Atlanta Southern Crescent**  
#Service Above Self



Club News  
**Buckhead  
Serves  
Dinner at  
Shepherd  
Center**

By Shelley Hammell  
Patients recovering from spinal cord and brain injuries at the Shepherd Center enjoyed a family-style dinner served by 15 **Buckhead Rotarians** and their guests who turned out for an evening of volunteering serving a family-style dinner for the patients and their families before joining in on a spirited game of bingo. [more]



Club News

## **A Night of Gratitude: Peachtree City Celebrates Rotary Foundation Major Donors**

By Jason Aldrich  
The **Rotary Club of Peachtree City** continued a cherished tradition this week as we gathered for our annual Major Donor Dinner — graciously hosted by the “*hostess with the mostest*,” Mary Chapman. This special evening is our opportunity each year to celebrate the extraordinary generosity of our club members who make significant contributions to The Rotary Foundation.  
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Club News  
**Vinings  
Downhill  
5K Fuels  
Nearly  
\$100,000  
in  
Support  
for  
Children's  
Charities**

By Thomas House  
The Vinings Downhill 5K, an annual community tradition hosted each second Saturday in August, continues to make a meaningful impact across Atlanta and Cobb County. Thanks to strong community support, the **Vinings Cumberland Rotary Club** was able to distribute nearly \$100,000 from the 2025 race to organizations dedicated to serving children in need. We are gearing up now for the 30th running of the race on Saturday, August 8, 2026 - you can read all about it and **[register to run on the race website.](#)** [more]



Club News  
**Peachtree City, Tyrone and Senoia Make Beds for Children**

By Jason Aldrich  
Rotarians experienced an incredible day of service in action this March. Our friends at Sleep in Heavenly Peace are on a mission to make sure no child sleeps on the floor, and the need is real — they built and donated over 400 beds last year, yet more than 200 children in Fayette County are still waiting for a bed of their own. Thanks to a **Peachtree City Rotary** grant, we were able to fund materials for 20 beds, and we were proud to host the build at Cooper Lighting Solutions. We also loved partnering with the **Rotary Clubs of Tyrone and Senoia**, [more]



Club News  
**South  
DeKalb  
Dedicates  
Peace Pole**

By Yolanda Dixon  
In conjunction with the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, the **Rotary Club of South DeKalb** proudly dedicated a Peace Pole at Privi' at Stonecrest, marking a meaningful milestone in the club's ongoing commitment to service, unity, and global goodwill . The Peace Pole stands as a permanent and visible symbol of Rotary's mission of "Service Above Self." Inscribed with the message "*May Peace Prevail On Earth,*" the pole features four languages—English, French, Hindi, and Spanish—reflecting the diversity of our local community and the international reach of Rotary.  
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Club News

## Three Columbus Clubs Partner to Raise \$50,000

By LeighAnn DiCesaris  
On February 28, the three Rotary Clubs in Columbus came together as one to host the Run for MercyMed 5K, raising more than \$50,000 to support the mission of MercyMed and to benefit Georgia Rotary Student Program (GSRP). This marked the first time the **Rotary Club of Muscogee-Columbus**, **Rotary Club of Columbus**, and the **Rotary Club of North Columbus** partnered together to lead the event. Through this unified effort, the clubs more than doubled the funds raised in previous years. [more]



Club News  
**Roswell  
Hosts  
31st  
Roswell  
Relays  
Track  
Meet**

By Becky Nelson  
The Coaches' Hospitality Suite for the Roswell Relays is the reason you want to volunteer by itself!  
Celebrating over 30 years of collaboration between the Roswell HS Track & Field team, the Booster Club and the **Roswell Rotary Club**, Saturday, March 21 was a great day to be at the track for the largest AND longest continually running track meet in the State of Georgia. This year we hosted 27 teams - welcoming 47 coaches and almost 1,000 athletes from across the state who threw, jumped, and ran - with over 1100 tickets sold!  
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# Rotary Club of Atlanta Southern Crescent



## Club News **Atlanta Southern Crescent Enjoys Pizza Night**

By Trina Kolawole  
In February, the **Rotary Club of Atlanta Southern Crescent** hosted a memorable Club Social. The evening featured a fun and interactive homemade pizza-making experience, where members had the opportunity to create their own personal pizzas. [more]



## **Pizza Making Social**



Our Rotary Foundation at Work

## **Senoia Installs Raised Garden Beds at Park of Hope**

By Beth Hughes  
The **Senoia Rotary Club**

recently completed a community service project at the Park of Hope in Senoia, installing raised vegetable beds with support from a Rotary District 6900 grant. Club members worked together to prepare the site, install landscape fabric, set the beds, and spread gravel, creating a space designed to support community gardening and hands-on learning. [more]



Club News  
**North  
Cobb  
Competes  
in Adult  
Spelling  
Bee to  
Support  
Students**

By Jose  
Gonzalez  
On March 13,  
the **North Cobb  
Rotarians**  
stepped up to  
the microphone  
- competing in  
the Adult  
Spelling Bee to  
support  
Communities In  
Schools of  
Georgia in  
Marietta/Cobb.  
Rotary members  
are known for  
their dedication  
to service and  
leadership in our  
community, and  
now they're  
bringing that  
same energy to  
the spelling  
stage. Will their  
teamwork, quick  
thinking, and  
spelling skills  
carry them all  
the way to the  
championship?  
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Club News  
**Buckhead Holds Paws in the Park, a Family of Service Day**

By Shelley Hammell  
**Buckhead's** recent Dog for a Day outing brought together 28 volunteers, (22 Rotarians and guests plus six girls from Scouting America), and seven shelter dogs (with three extra pups joining the fun) for a 2½-mile stroll. It was truly a walk in the park, filled with fresh air, wagging tails, and lots of laughs. The dogs enjoyed a well-deserved break from the shelter and the chance to explore new sights and smells.  
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Club News  
**Columbus  
Partners  
with  
Jordan  
Vocational  
High  
School**

By LeighAnn DiCesaris  
In partnership with students and faculty from Jordan Vocational High School College and Career Academy, the **Rotary Club of Columbus** recently completed the construction of a new storage shed at the Girls Rise Home, a program of Micah's Promise, meeting a tangible and meaningful need for the organization. [more]



Club News  
**North  
Cobb  
Rotarians  
On the  
Go!**

By Jose Gonzalez  
**North Cobb Rotarians** were on the go in the month of March: Serving community seniors, restocking the Kennesaw State University student pantry, and continuing their commitment to the Acworth Expanding Horizons Program with a ribbon cutting for the newly renovated North Cobb Rotary Club Learning & Leadership Center. [more]