



GRSP carries on tradition of presenting their flags

From Our District Governor

Let's Start By Celebrating Youth Service Month!

By Steve Ivory
 This May, as Rotary celebrates **Youth Service Month**, District 6900 proudly shines a light on the students, young professionals, and emerging leaders whose lives are being shaped through Rotary. From Interact and Rotaract to GRSP, RYLA, Laws of Life, scholarships, and mentoring, we are not just serving youth — we are investing in the future of our communities and our world. Enjoy the photos from District Conference, where many of you saw an amazing show on Saturday morning. And learn more about what ... and why we're celebrating!
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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 | Fayetteville | North Atlanta | Brookhaven |
| II | North Columbus | North Fulton | Vinings Cumberland |
| III | Marietta | Dunwoody | Carrollton-Dawn Breakers |
| IV | Roswell | Roswell | Peachtree City |

Key Dates



Thanks for a Great District Conference!

By Steve Ivory
District Conference 2026 was an inspiring and fun event that celebrated the hard work of all of our clubs. Lake Lanier wasn't just a location for our district conference—it was a celebration of purpose, people, and powerful impact. From the moving Service Hero Parade ... to featuring voices like astronaut Captain Suni Williams, Dr. Mary C Kelly, and national leaders in public service, Derek Maltz, former DEA administrator, police, firefighters, nurses, mental health providers ... to hands-on service projects and dynamic breakout sessions - every moment reminded us why Rotary matters. [more]



Congratulations Sheffield Award Winners and All-Around Best Clubs!

By Nancy Prochaska
 At our District Conference, we were proud to honor the individuals pictured as Sheffield Award winners, and these clubs as Winners and Runner-Ups in their size categories as Club of the Year:

Clubs of the Year (and Runner-Ups)

- Category 1 - Meriwether County (winner), Tyrone (runner-up)
- Category 2 - North Fulton (winner), Vinings Cumberland (runner-up)
- Category 3 - Dunwoody (winner), Newnan (runner-up)
- Category 4 - Roswell (winner), Alpharetta and Peachtree City (runners-up)

Thanks to all for their outstanding service this Rotary year. [more]



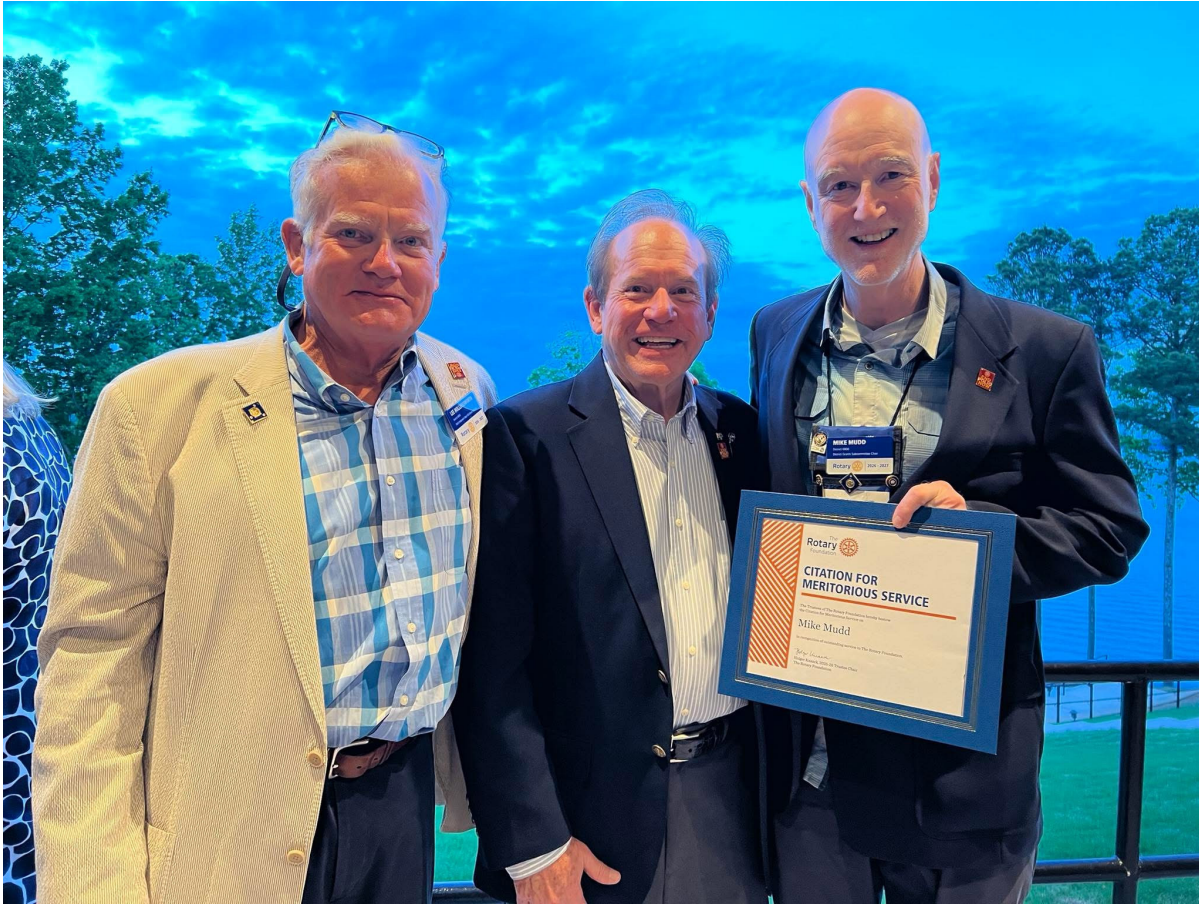
Sheffield Winners (from top left in a circle): Cliff Kelker, Marietta; Catherine Bernard, North Atlanta; Trummie Patrick, Roswell; and Lynn Lanier, Marietta Metro



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Nick Ramey Named Rotarian of the Year; Public Image Award Winners Honored

By Nancy Prochaska
DG Steve Ivory honored **Nick Ramey** from the **Rotary Club of Newnan** as the District's 2025-26 Rotarian of the Year. A passionate storyteller and community advocate, Nick brings his creative expertise to Rotary as the Public Image Chair for both the Rotary Club of Newnan and District 6900, helping clubs across Georgia share their impact through modern, strategic communication - and creating ways for them to make that process easier. Several clubs received recognition for their public image efforts this year. Find out who
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Our Rotary
Foundation
**Mike
Mudd,
Citation for
Meritorious
Service**

By Jackie Cuthbert
Each year a Rotary
district may
nominate one
person to receive
the Rotary
Foundation
Citation for
Meritorious
Service. This year,
District 6900
nominated **Mike
Mudd from the
Rotary Club of
North Fulton** for
this award -
recognizing his
long-term work on
international
service projects, on
promoting
individual giving to
the Foundation,
and his current
service on the
District's
Foundation
Committee.
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Amy Benton Receives Follow Me Award

By Jackie
Cuthbert
**Area
Governor
Amy Benton
from the
Rotary Club
of Peachtree
City** received
the "Follow Me"
award at this
year's district
conference.
Created by the
Rotary Club of
Stone Mountain
to honor PDG Al
Lipphardt, the
Follow Me
Award
recognizes an
outstanding
Assistant
Governor for
the year.
Congratulations
to Amy, who is
currently our
District
Governor
Nominee
Designate,
slated to be our
District
Governor in
2028-29.
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Our Rotary
Foundation
**Sometimes
It's Just
Extra
Special!**

By Bob Hagan
Every year at this time, Rotarians of District 6900 gather to examine and celebrate another year at what we call the District Conference. It is always a time of good fun, excitement and anticipation of which individuals and what clubs will lead the district in all the different categories of achievement. We are always treated to exceptional speakers, and for me, this year's talk by Ramesh Ferris, a Polio survivor and a Past District Governor out of Canada who shared a personal look into Polio, was extra special. It reinforced why we work so hard to End Polio Now and made me proud to take another look at how strongly District 6900 supports that effort. [more]



Our Rotary
Foundation
**Thanks to
Our Top
Foundation
Supporters**

By Bob Hagan
At District
Conference, we
honored
individuals and
clubs providing
high levels of
support for our
Rotary Foundation
and Rotary's fight
to End Polio Now.
The **Albert and
Esther Thomson
Award** for highest
overall per capita
giving to The
Rotary Foundation
went to **North
Atlanta** (pictured
here); runner-up
was **Smyrna** -
both with more
than \$1,000 in per
capita giving. Read
on to learn more
about the rest of
our honorees.
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GRSP Update
**Joe Jones
and
D6900
Highest
GRSP Per-
Capita
Giving
Clubs
Honored**

By Katheryne Fields
At District 6900 Conference,
Sandy Springs Rotarian Joe Jones was honored with the Frank E. Bentley GRSP Leadership Award for his 32 years of serving GRSP (pictured here with Sandy Springs Club President Megan Harris and GRSP Chair Ian Bond). The Rotary Club of Griffin also honored the four clubs with the Jake Cheatam Memorial Awards for the highest per-capita givers to the GRSP Foundation in their categories - Sandy Springs (Cat 1), North Columbus (Cat 2), Dunwoody (Cat 3) and Thomasville (Cat 4). [more]

ALMOST TIME FOR

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RYLA
**Almost
Time
for
RYLA!**

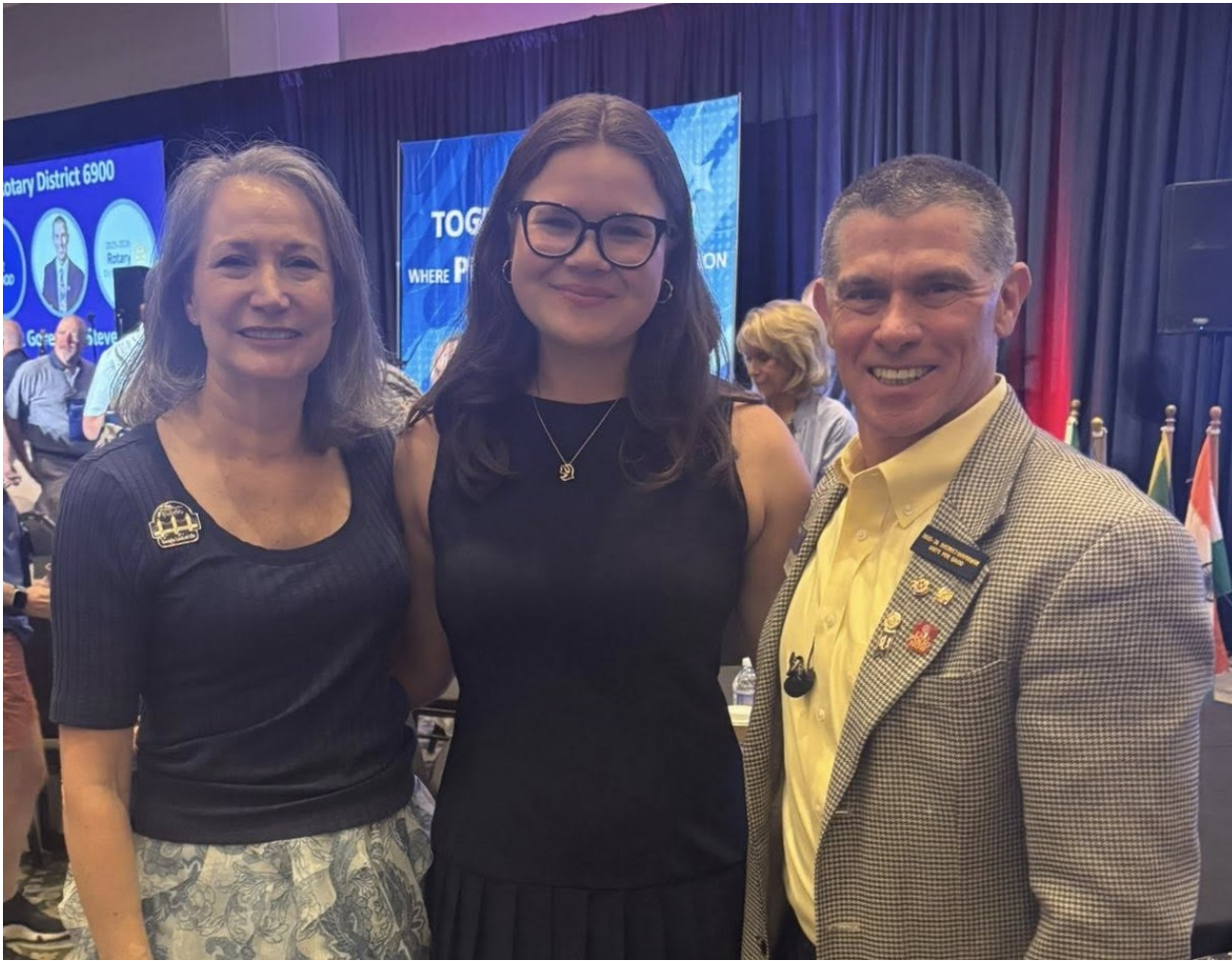
By Jaclyn Donovan
Only ONE Month until RYLA!! We are so excited that our favorite time of year is rolling back around again. We've been working all year to make RYLA an amazing experience for every single student. If your club is sponsoring a student (or multiple students) to attend RYLA 2026, take a look at a few final reminders for you to check off. [more]



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Recognizing Our Membership Growth Stars

By Nancy Prochaska
Membership growth is a key focus of Rotary International and District 6900. At District Conference, we recognized individuals and clubs with significant impact on our goal for growth. Two individuals - **Rick Clark of North Fulton and Meredith Ragains of Atlanta Midtown** - received the Al Daniel Membership Impact Award, for their significant addition to Rotary's numbers in District 6900. Other individuals were recognized for their recruiting work too, and clubs in each size category were recognized for their net increase in membership so far this Rotary year. [more]



Carole Gray Walker, essay winner Susannah Tusher, and DG Steve at District Conference

Laws of Life **Learn from Laws of Life Essay Winners**

By Carol Gray Walker

We are pleased to announce that you can hear more from this year's Laws of Life State Winners now - by downloading the 2025-26 Essay book. We were also proud that D6900's conference featured two moving Laws of Life presentation - the first from alum Jackie Harmon (a winner 10 years ago) on Friday night about her journey from student essay writer to professional success, and the second when this year's State Winner and 2nd Runner-Up Susannah Tusher shared her essay at Saturday morning's session. [more]



Two Service Hero MVPs

By Jackie Cuthbert
DG Steve recognized two "Service Hero MVPs" this year: **Dave McCleary (Roswell Rotary Club)** for all his work to end human trafficking, and **Mandy Timmons (Rotary Club of Peachtree City)** for her work as our District Secretary and beyond. Thanks to Dave and Mandy for all they do to make a difference in the world!
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Recognizing Our Rising Stars and Our Above and Beyond Award Winners

By Jackie Cuthbert
DG Steve
recognized several
rising stars as well
as a group of
Rotarians who have
gone "above and
beyond" in the
D6900 Rotary
world. Some of the
rising stars are
pictured here with
Awards Chair Nancy
Prochaska (left) and
DG Steve (right).
See the full list!
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PEOPLE OF ACTION



District Conference
2026

Celebrating Our Service Project Winners!

By Nancy Prochaska
Rotarians pride themselves on being People of Action - y - and we are all winners for the work we do to make a difference. That said, we congratulate several clubs for their outstanding service projects this Rotary year in the area of Service Hero Projects, Community, Vocational, International and Senior service. Take a look at the list and reach out to the clubs for more about their projects.
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Exchanging banners: PDG Bob Hagan, Serbian DGN Vlad Laloservic, PDG Vlad Matic, DMGO and International Service Director Lee Hollingsworth, and Roswell President Trummie Patrick.

Our Foundation at Work

How Your Rotary Foundation Contributions Unite the World

By Lee Hollingsworth
The Rotary Foundation - and your contributions to it - changes our role in the world. As an example, District 6900 welcomed and celebrate Serbian District 2483's delegation, Vladimir Matic and Vladimir Laloservic at our District Conference. The ongoing partnership between our districts has fostered multiple Global Grants that organize elementary, middle, and high school student competitions in Robotics and AI — cutting-edge knowledge and engaging educational processes that can be shared across school systems globally.
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Club News
Roswell Celebrates Students and Teachers of the Year

By Becky Nelson
Holding programs and events to promote 'Service Above Self' in our Youth Services is an important part of the **Rotary Club of Roswell**'s identity and is the Club takes seriously. In addition to those Rotary-centric/specific things (Interact, Leadership 20/20, Roswell Youth Council, Scholarships, etc.), our club also branches outside of the "Rotary walls" to recognize the Student and Teacher of the Year from 15 local public and private elementary, middle and high schools. [more]



Club News
**What's
New at
North
Cobb
Rotary?**
By Jose Gonzalez
It's not enough
for **North Cobb
Rotary** to stock
the Kennesaw
State food
pantry, serve
dinner to the
women
participating in
The Extension's
12-step recovery
program, gather
for a social that
featured
Czechoslovakians
cuisine, and
attend District
Conference
(pictured here).
See what else
they were
involved in this
April. [more]



Club News

Roswell Continues Long-Standing (or Not Standing) Tradition

By Becky Nelson
The District 6900 Conference is always a highlight for the **Roswell Rotary Club**. RRC is known for a legendary Hospitality Suite as well as a few other stand-out traditions. With that said, current RRC President Trummie Lee Patrick III not only was proud to bring home the Sheffield and Rotary Club of the Year for Category IV awards but he also got to make sure that upcoming RRC President Leslie Bassett was thrown into the pool ... carrying out a 20-year tradition! [more]