



DG Steve at District 6990 conference in Florida

From Our District Governor  
**Leadership Changeover Month- Unite(d) for Good**

By Steve Ivory  
May is a very business month! First, I want to thank all of our district mothers and thank you all for doing the incredibly important work that you do. I hope you all had a great **Mother's Day** and were indeed honored appropriately a few weeks ago. Thank you all too for remembering those that made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of our nation. I saw that several clubs had special events in remembrance of our brave armed forces on **Memorial Day**. Thank you all for your patriotism and efforts to honor these folks and their families. This is likely my last newsletter as your governor before **DGE Cynthia Edwards officially becomes DG on 1 July**. It has been an honor serving you all. You all stepped up and carried out not only RI's message to Unite for Good but also served so well with respect to our district theme Honoring **Service Heroes**. [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>North Atlanta Professional Alliance</b>	<b>North Atlanta</b>	<b>Brookhaven</b>
II	<b>North Columbus</b>	<b>North Fulton</b>	<b>Vinings Cumberland</b>
III	<b>Marietta</b>	<b>Dunwoody</b>	<b>Carrollton-Dawn Breakers</b>
IV	<b>Roswell</b>	<b>Roswell</b>	<b>Peachtree City</b>

**Key Dates**

- Saturday, June 6th, 2026 **Americus RYLA - DISTRICT 6900**
- Saturday, June 6th, 2026 **Americus 2026 Rotary Sheffield Gala**
- Monday, June 22nd, 2026 **RI President Francesco Arezzo Visits D6900!**

# RI PRESIDENT FRANCESCO AREZZO

JUNE 22, 2026  
12 NOON


PTC CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
500 KEDRON DRIVE  
PEACHTREE CITY, GA 30269

\$25 / PERSON  
\*LUNCH INCLUDED

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# ROTARY



 Buy Tickets

From Our District  
Governor  
**Exciting  
Events  
Happening  
in June!**

By Steve Ivory  
We still have one  
more month in  
this Rotary year  
and it's jam-  
packed with  
special events in  
addition to all the  
normal service  
and fellowship  
you are enjoying  
in your clubs and  
community.  
Among those  
events, a visit to  
District 6900 by  
Rotary  
International  
President  
Francesco Arezzo  
in late June  
immediately after  
the RI Convention  
in Taipei. Learn  
more about his  
visit and other  
important events  
here.  
[more]



Rotary  
Leadership  
Institute (RLI)  
**Register  
Now for  
RLI -  
June 20  
Sessions  
Open**

By Tracy Van  
Norman  
The **Rotary  
Club of  
Peachtree  
City** will host  
Rotary  
Leadership  
Institute (RLI)  
on June 20,  
2026, at  
Cooper  
Lighting, 1121  
Hwy 74 S,  
Peachtree  
City, GA  
30269. Parts  
1, 2, and 3 will  
be offered,  
along with a  
new graduate  
course,  
*Strategic  
Planning*.  
Registration is  
available at  
the **RLI  
website** . See  
more details  
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# PolioPlus Society

Kim Walden · 18h ·



*WE STOOD IN LINE AT THE SCHOOL GYM AND GOT OUR POLIO VACCINE ON A SUGAR CUBE – AND EVERY PARENT IN THAT LINE KNEW EXACTLY WHAT IT MEANT. THEY HAD WATCHED KIDS DISAPPEAR INTO IRON LUNGS. THIS LITTLE CUBE WAS A MIRACLE AND EVERYONE TREATED IT LIKE ONE.*



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7 comments 86 shares

Our Rotary Foundation

## Why We Do All This!

By Bob Hagan

Two years ago, I was asked to take on the role of the District Foundation Chair. I must admit, I was a little hesitant to do so at the time as it had been a while since I had carried a title and the duties of this highly visible and very important position in the district. Truly, I was very honored to be asked to do so by then District Governor Gordon Owen. Now I find myself already two years into it and have just one year remaining to hold this esteemed position. I've been so incredibly blessed to have such wonderful people working with me such as Mike Mudd, who just won the "Meritorious Service Award," along with Kay Williamson who last year won the district "Meritorious Service Award." And I feel blessed for being able to continue the important work to End Polio Now.

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*North Atlanta Professional Alliance*

From Our  
District  
Governor  
**Welcome  
New  
Rotary  
Clubs**

By Steve Ivory  
We are excited  
to welcome  
three new  
clubs to  
District 6900 -  
the **North  
Atlanta  
Professional  
Alliance**  
(sponsored by  
RC of Johns  
Creek North  
Fulton), the  
**Trilith  
Companion  
Club**  
(sponsored by  
Peachtree  
City), and the  
**Rotary Club  
of Johns  
Creek  
Central.**  
[more]



RYLA

## **RYLA or Bust ...**

By Jaclyn Donovan  
By the time you read this, RYLA 2026 will be full speed ahead. THANK YOU for believing in this program and sending your students to us. We are so grateful for the opportunity to invest a little bit of ourselves in these young leaders. You wouldn't believe how much we can accomplish in just five short days - sometimes it is just WOW amazing. It is our hope that you will invite them to visit your clubs upon their return from camp so you can hear their stories and see the impact your support has made on their lives. You are helping us grow some pretty awesome young leaders, and your communities will be better for it! From all the RYLA Family, thank you!!  
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GRSP Update  
**Four  
Georgia  
Students  
Head to  
Norway,  
Denmark**

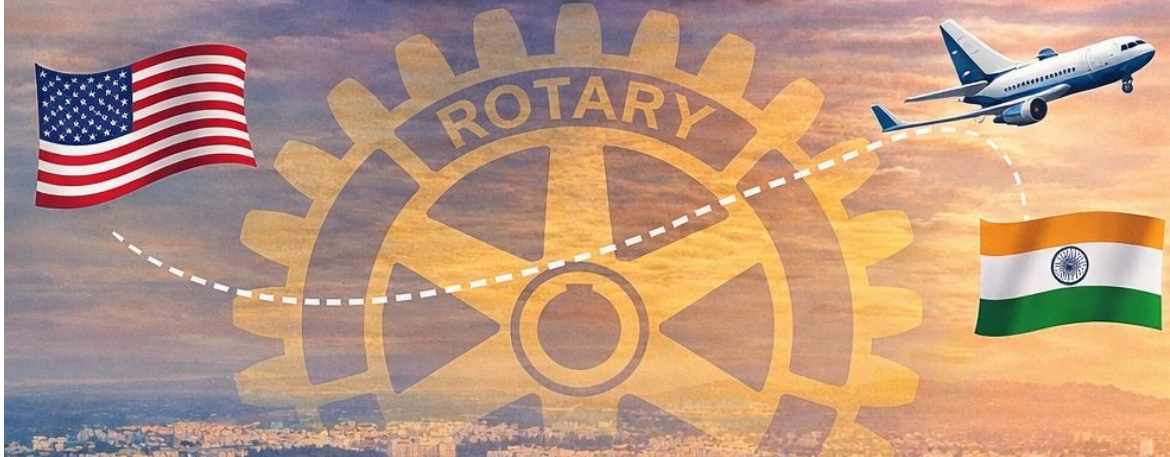
By Kathyne Fields  
The Georgia Rotary Student Program selected four outstanding Georgia college students the opportunity to participate in prestigious international academic programs in Norway and Denmark this summer. We are proud to support these exceptional students as they represent Georgia abroad and build lifelong connections across cultures in June and July. These programs bring together students from around the world for immersive academic study, cultural exchange, and the promotion of international goodwill. Rotarians in Norway and Denmark make participation in these programs possible as a thank you to Georgia Rotary for what we do through GRSP. [more]

End Human  
Trafficking  
**Volunteer  
at July 17  
Candlelight  
Vigil**

By Dave McCleary  
We invite you to  
join Rotary for a  
powerful and  
inspiring evening  
at a **Candlelight  
Vigil to Shine a  
Light on Human  
Trafficking**, co-  
hosted by Rotary,  
UPS, and the City  
of Atlanta. The  
event will take  
place at Piedmont  
Park in Atlanta on  
Sunday, July 19. It  
will feature  
remarks from  
distinguished  
leaders, including  
Mayor Andre  
Dickens, First Lady  
Marty Kemp, and  
Nikki Clifton,  
President of The  
UPS Foundation  
along with  
inspiring  
testimony from  
survivors and  
entertainment.  
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# JOIN US FOR A FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE TRIP TO INDIA



## Join Rotary Friendship Exchange to India - December 2026

By Ada Wikina  
India calling!! India calling!! D6900 RFE trip to India is in its final stages of planning. This is a trip of a lifetime. Check India off your bucket list. **There are just two spots left** on this fantastic voyage. Experience the rich culture of India. Do not be told about it. See flyer for details and contact Ada Wikina at 404-421-5825 or by email at [awikina@hotmail.com](mailto:awikina@hotmail.com) if you have additional questions or want to join the group!  
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## Laws of Life Registration Open for the 2026-2027 Contest Year

By Carol Gray Walker  
Registration is now open for the 2026-2027 Georgia Laws of Life Essay Contest! We invite Rotary Clubs across Georgia to reconnect with existing school partners and begin building relationships with new schools interested in participating. The Georgia Laws of Life Teacher & Rotarian Workshop Luncheon will be held on Friday, August 21, from 11:30 AM-1:15 PM at the Emory Conference Center Hotel in Atlanta - bringing together educators, Rotary Club members, volunteers and supporters to prepare for the upcoming contest cycle and celebrate the impact of student voice. [\[more\]](#)



## Atlanta Southern Crescent Hosts Women in Rotary

By Trina Kolawole  
Ladies from Rotary clubs across Metro Atlanta gathered on May 28 for an evening of fellowship, networking, leadership conversations, and community connection during the Women in Rotary Social hosted by the **Rotary Club of Atlanta Southern Crescent** at B'Mari Events & Art Studio in Historic Jonesboro. A highlight of the evening was an engaging panel discussion featuring three distinguished Rotary leaders: PDG Claudia Mertl, District Governor Elect Cynthia Dorsey Edwards, and District Governor Nominee Designate Amy Benton. [more]



Club News  
**Moultrie Honors Students Headed to Military Service**

By Jaclyn Donovan  
The **Rotary Club of Moultrie** recently hosted its sixth annual "Salute to Service" program honoring the local high school seniors who have committed to military service after graduation. This year the club recognized 10 students enlisting with the United States Army and the United States Marine Corps, along with one student who be entering service after attending the United States Merchant Marine Academy. [more]



Club News  
**Griffin  
Presents  
\$5,000 J.  
Henry  
Walker III  
Scholarship**

By Antoinette Hammond  
The **Rotary Club of Griffin** is proud to announce Jon Walker Blalock, a senior at Spalding High School, as the recipient of the 2026 J. Henry Walker III Scholarship, a \$5,000 scholarship awarded annually to a deserving Spalding County student. The scholarship honors the life and legacy of J. Henry Walker III, a distinguished Griffin businessman whose remarkable achievements included success as a collegiate athlete, business leader, community servant, and dedicated Rotarian for more than five decades, including service as Rotary Club president from 1969–1970. [more]

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Club News  
**Columbus Celebrates Laws of Life**

By LeighAnn DiCesaris  
There was something powerful in the room as students from Shaw High School and Chattahoochee County High School stood to share the personal values that guide their lives through the Georgia Laws of Life Essay Contest at the **Rotary Club of Columbus**. More than just an essay competition, the program gives young people the opportunity to reflect on the truths, lessons, and voices that shape who they are becoming. This year, students from Shaw High School and Chattahoochee County High School submitted more than 550 essays - among 24,000 student essays across Georgia.  
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Club News  
**Clubs Collaborate to Pack 1700 Weeks of Meals**

By Thomas House Members from the **Vinings Cumberland, Smyrna, and Atlanta Brasilia Rotary Clubs** came together in May for a joint service project at the Marietta warehouse of Rise Against Hunger, demonstrating the power of collaboration in action. Together, volunteers packed more than **1,700 weeks of meals**, helping support Rise Against Hunger's global mission to fight food insecurity. [\[more\]](#)



Club News  
**Smoke  
on the  
Lake  
Benefits  
Charities  
Far and  
Wide**

By Jose  
Gonzalez  
The **Rotary  
Club of North  
Cobb**'s  
Smoke on the  
Lake BBQ  
Festival is an  
annual  
tradition  
enjoyed each  
Mother's Day  
Weekend at  
Logan Farm  
Park in  
Acworth,  
Georgia.  
Thousands  
attend to  
enjoy BBQ  
cooked by  
competitive  
backyard cook  
teams. The  
club hosts this  
charity  
fundraiser  
event with  
90% of net  
proceeds  
benefiting  
local charities  
and 10%  
benefiting  
charities  
outside of the  
United States.  
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Club News  
**Brookhaven  
 Grants  
 Support  
 Local  
 Community**

By Jennifer Yanulavich  
 At a recent club meeting, **Brookhaven Rotary Club** President Jennifer Yanulavich announced \$9,000 in Community Grant to worthy organizations who are making a difference for Brookhaven residents of all ages when it comes to food, clothing, education and more.  
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Club News  
**Dunwoody  
 Supports  
 Special  
 Olympics**

By Jackie Cuthbert  
 In a month loaded with service opportunities, **Dunwoody Rotarians** took time out to do something extra special - volunteering at the Special Olympics State swimming competition! This event was part of the State Special Olympics - which Dunwoody supported with volunteers and a \$5,000 donation.  
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Club News  
**Roswell  
Celebrates  
Our  
Veterans**

By Becky Nelson  
The 27th award winning Roswell Remembers Memorial Day Ceremony was held on Memorial Day 2026 with the presentation of the colors at Roswell City Hall by representatives from all military branches.

**Roswell Rotary** sees this public service event as a great opportunity not only to serve, but also to remind and highlight those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy.  
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Club News  
**North  
Fulton  
Hosts  
24th  
Annual  
Prayer  
Breakfast**

By Lisa Gelber  
The **North  
Fulton Rotary  
Club** held its  
24th Interfaith  
Prayer  
Breakfast last  
month at St.  
David's  
Episcopal  
Church in  
Roswell. In  
contrast to the  
heavy rain  
outside, the  
room was filled  
with open  
hearts and  
minds as we  
gathered to  
hear inspiring  
messages of  
hope,  
generosity, and  
love. Our  
keynote  
speaker, Kirk  
Driskell,  
founder of  
Vision Warriors  
(and a District  
6900 PDG),  
shared a deeply  
personal story  
that shaped his  
philosophy of  
giving away  
what you have,  
even something  
as small as a  
kind interaction  
with a stranger,  
because it may  
change a life.  
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Club News  
**North  
Cobb  
Runs  
for  
Hope;  
Cooks  
End of  
School  
Dinner**

By Jose Gonzalez  
In support of youth,  
**North  
Cobb  
Rotarians** supported the first annual Run for Hope hosted by the Mountain Top Boys Home and provided labor and smiles for BBQ with the Blue, an End of School Dinner sponsored by Kennesaw PD and Walton Apartments. [more]

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