Rotary District 6900

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District Newsletter

AUGUST 5, 2025



DG Steve Ivory had a great time at his official visit with the Rotary Club of Senoia, with a pizza social and service project to pack out cans of peaches and spaghetti sauce at Midwest Food Bank Georgia! Club members were joined by students from East Coweta High School!

From Our District Governor

Celebrating All Your Good Work

By Steve Ivory

July is wrapping up and I have visited many clubs already. My club visits have all been fun and inspiring so far and have included officer and president installations, service projects, board meetings and club meetings. I truly look forward to seeing you all soon and seeing the impact your clubs are having in the community. [more]



August 16 | 9AM-2PM

Let's Grow Rotary Together: Don't Miss the D6900 Membership Summit

By Audley Knight

Membership is the heartbeat of Rotary - and this August, Rotarians from across District 6900 will come together to energize, innovate and strengthen our clubs at the 2025 Membership Summit. Join us for the latest tools, strategies and models for building and sustaining vibrant clubs.

• Location: Fellowship Hall at Jonesboro Baptist Church
• Date and Time: Saturday, August 16, 2025 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
• Includes lunch, coffee breaks and free parking

Register at https://rotary6900.org/event/8566 before July 19 to take advantage of the early bird rate of $10. [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	**Atlanta Brasil**	**Emory-Druid Hills**	**Brookhaven**
II	**Sandy Springs**	**Muscogee-Columbus**	**Muscogee-Columbus**
III	**North Atlanta Professional Alliance**	**Vinings Cumberland**	**Vinings Cumberland**
IV	**Dunwoody**	**Dunwoody**	**Marietta**
V	**Peachtree City**	**Alpharetta**	**North Cobb County**

Key Dates

Monday, November 16th, 2026	**Sandy Springs Governor Visit**
Tuesday, November 17th, 2026	**Forsyth-Monroe County Governor Visit**
Tuesday, November 17th, 2026	**Discover Rotary - Columbus Area**
Wednesday, November 18th, 2026	**Emory-Druid Hills Governor Visit**
Thursday, November 19th, 2026	**Roswell Governor Visit**
Thursday, November 19th, 2026	**Atlanta Ascent GOVERNOR VISIT**
Tuesday, December 1st, 2026	**Fayetteville Governor Visit**
Wednesday, December 2nd, 2026	**Tyrone Governor Visit**
Tuesday, December 8th, 2026	**Atlanta Metro Governor Visit**



District 6900 & FODAC Deliver Vital Medical Equipment to Texas Flood Survivors

By Nicholas Ramey

When disaster strikes, Rotary shows up. In late July, District 6900 Disaster Relief Chair Chris Brand, who also serves as President of FODAC (Friends of Disabled Adults and Children), led a critical mission to Texas to support communities recovering from devastating floods - delivering 250 pieces of durable medical equipment to aid survivors in urgent need. District 6900 continues our commitment to disaster response and to the work of FODAC. You can read more about our Texas efforts, our FODAC collection initiatives, and find a link to Chris's recent interview on WABE radio about FODAC's work. [more]

Thursday, December 10th, 2026	**South DeKalb County Governor Visit**



While we're talking trees, Nassau Sunrise Rotarians and Rotaractors plant mangrove trees at Bonefish Pond National Park in Nassau as part of a project to restore the mangrove ecosystem and help protect the coast against hurricanes.

Our Rotary Foundation

Seeing the Forest

by Bob Hagan, District 6900 Rotary Foundation Chair

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Everyone has heard the adage, “You can’t see the forest for the trees." It’s easy for us to get so caught up in what we are doing and our own projects that we sometimes fail to see how our projects roll up into the big, no really the huge picture of The Rotary Foundation. Even though we don’t yet have the final numbers from last year, the numbers we do have are quite impressive. The Rotary Foundation worldwide and the District had a great year. Just in District 6900, we had 19 Global Grants submitted which was a record for the district. And the District contributed over $69,000 to Zone 34 for Polio Plus, and awarded 59 Community Grants and seven Competitive Grants. And that's just a piece of the story. [more]



GRSP Update

GRSP Approves Budget, Elects New Leadership & Honors Christopher at Summer Meeting

by Katheryne Fields, GRSP Executive Director

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The Georgia Rotary Student Program and GRSP Foundation held its annual summer business meeting in mid-July in Macon. During the session, members approved the 2024 audit and upcoming fiscal budget, elected officers for 2025–2026, recognized new trustees and directors, and honored distinguished service and donor contributions. Lorri Christopher, Rotary Club of Dunwoody, was named Trustee Emeritus for her extensive service to GRSP and the Foundation. [more]



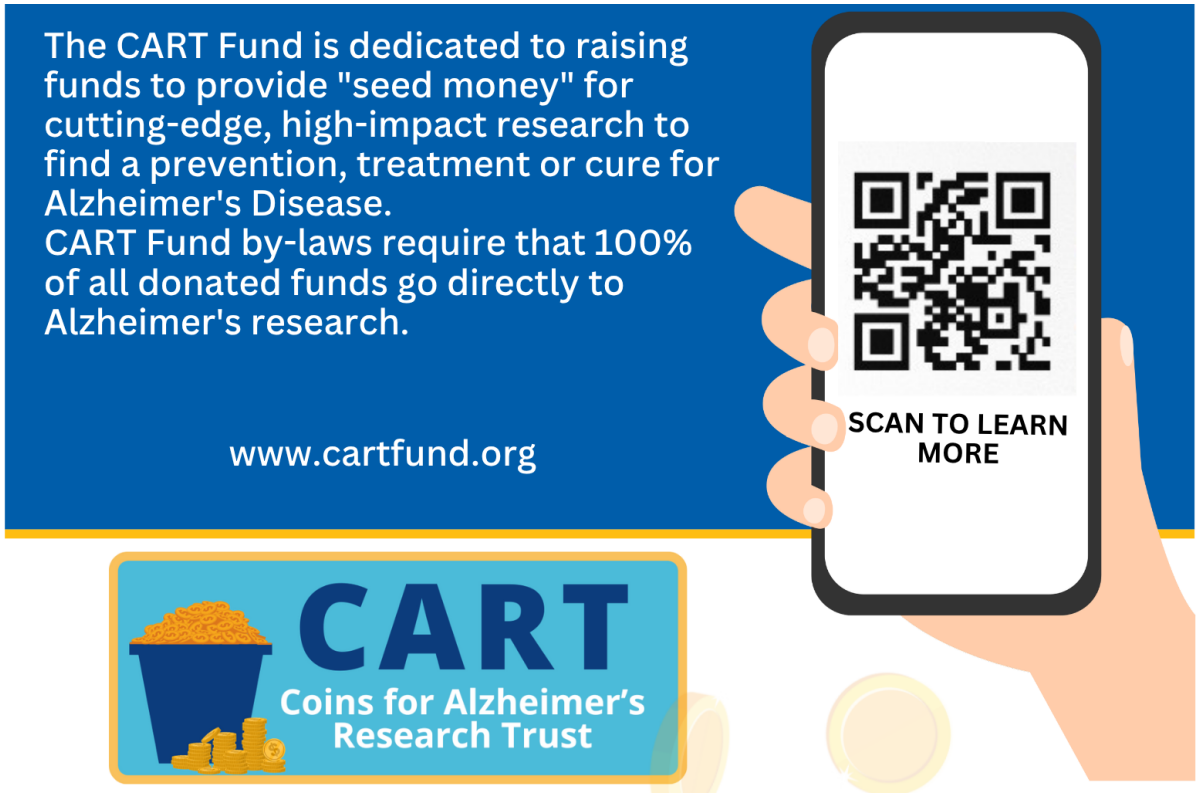
At Work for Our Rotary Foundation

Crazy – Rotarian's Death Valley Jog for Those Can't

Alert Medicare!

By Lee Hollingsworth

On August 1, 2025, one D6900 Rotarian - Lee Hollingsworth (Roswell) - is doing something crazy for the Rotary Foundation: jogging across Badwater Basin in Death Valley, the lowest, hottest place in North America— at age 70! What started as a personal challenge has become a mission to raise $15,000 for two Rotary causes all of us believe in - PolioPlus and literacy. Read on to learn about how you can help! Or contact Lee Hollingsworth at lee@leehollingsworth.com or by phone at 678-576-4838. [more]



CART

Help Change the Future of Alzheimer's — One Coin at a Time

By Nancy Alterman

Have you ever dropped change in the blue CART bucket at a Rotary meeting? That spare change supports early-stage Alzheimer's research through the Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust (CART), founded by Rotarians in 1996. Every penny goes directly to research — no admin costs deducted. Read more about how you can help. [more]



Sharing the Story of Our Bob Hope

By Steve Ivory

Bob Hope is known in District 6900 for the annual service trip he leads to Honduras, his work on the 2017 Rotary International Convention, and so much more. He has a long and storied career in public relations, including many years with the Atlanta Braves. Recently Bob shared a story about his time with the Braves from the weekly Saporta Report from the Atlanta History Center. Click here and take a minute to listen to this special moment in history. [more]



End Polio Now

Meet Our Polio Plus Foundation Team

by Wynita Cannon, District Polio Chair

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Your Polio Plus Foundation Team is thrilled to kick off this Rotary Year with energy and purpose! Over the next month, you'll receive detailed information about a unique opportunity for every Rotarian in our district to contribute in a new and meaningful way. For now, learn more about two matching opportunities and meet our District Polio Team. [more]

Laws of Life

Celebrating Character, Service, and the Impact of Rotary

By Carol Gray Walker
As we kick off the new school year, we invite you to join us for the annual Teacher & Rotarian Workshop Luncheon on Friday, August 22, at the Emory Conference Center in Atlanta. This special event honors the educators who lead the Georgia Laws of Life Essay Contest in their schools and offers an opportunity for Rotarians to connect more deeply with this powerful character education program. All schools and Rotary clubs registered for the 2025-26 contest receive two free tickets. Reserve your luncheon tickets today at www.georgialawsoflife.org/events. Virtual option available. [more]



RYLA

Save Room for RYLA!

By Jaclyn Donovan

As you and your club are making plans and moving forward into the new Rotary year, we hope you will save a spot in your lineup for RYLA. If you've never heard of RYLA, here's a quick introduction: Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive training program that targets young adults, ages 15-18, to further develop character and leadership skills and learn about Rotary. RYLA in District 6900 is a 5-day summer camp experience. We have the dates all set – June 6-10, 2026 – and the RYLA staff is already hard at work making plans. [more]



Club News

Lake Spivey/Clayton County Enjoys Fellowship and Fun at B’Mari Event & Art Studio

By Trina Kolawole

The Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton County recently came together for a wonderful lunch social at B’Mari Event & Art Studio, an inspiring event space and art gallery located in downtown Jonesboro, Georgia. Surrounded by local art and the vibrant atmosphere of B’Mari Event & Art Studio, members shared fellowship and meaningful conversation while celebrating the spirit of Rotary. [more]



Jarrad Turner, Sr compares stories – and biceps – with Roswell Police Chief James Conroy

Club News

Roswell Honors Hometown Hero

By Hal Schlenger
Inspired by DG Steve Ivory, **Roswell Rotary Club** President Trummie Lee Patrick has committed to honoring a Hometown Hero each month. Our first RRC Hometown Hero honoree recognized decorated retired Army Medic Jarrad Turner, Sr. Turner, an Army medic who was deployed twice to Iraq and served a total of 10 years, is now Chief Executive Officer of Veterans Technology Solutions (VTS) USA and serves on the board of The Shepherd's Center in Atlanta.

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Club News

Americus Creates J. Thurston Clay Memorial Scholarship

By Angela Smith

For more than four decades, listeners to local Americus radio station WISK/WDEC have been able to immediately recognize the distinct, familiar voice of Thurston Clary. Sadly, that voice has been so terribly missed since his passing on March 9. While a vital part of the radio station, Thurston was equally important to both the Rotary Club of Americus and Georgia Southwestern State University. To remember their dear friend, the Rotary Club of Americus, in partnership with the GSW Foundation, created the Americus Rotary Club's J. Thurston Clary Memorial Scholarship Endowment. Learn more about the scholarship and how you can help honor Thurston ... [more]

Club News

Peachtree City Awards 13 Grants—With $70K Surprise Boost from QTS Data Centers



By Jason Aldrich

The Rotary Club of Peachtree City recently awarded grants to 13 outstanding nonprofit organizations dedicated to transforming lives both locally and globally. These funded projects span a wide range of service areas, including inclusive play, mental health, education, food security, animal welfare, and support for individuals with special needs. [more]



Club News

Dunwoody Bookbags Starts School Year Off Right

By Jackie Cuthbert

In partnership with Tapestri, Dunwoody Rotarians and members of the Dunwoody High School football team recently filled 92 "packed to order" backpacks that will be distributed to kids who need them. The organization had specific lists for 92 children about to start back to school and the Dunwoody club purchased the backpacks and needed school supplies. [more]



Club News

North Cobb Builds Bridges to the Community

By Jose Gonzalez
The Rotary Club of North Cobb is off to a fast start again this Rotary year - serving dinner for 70 participants at the Men's Extension, restocking the pantry for needy students at Kennesaw State, sponsoring Scouting America Camp, and building bridges with Rotarians from India. And with all that, finding time to enjoy a social at Mangiamo's Restaurant. Read more about how they are building bridges locally and across the world. [more]



Club News

North Fulton Supports NFCC Back to School Efforts

By Lisa Gelber

For its first community service project of the new Rotary year, Rotary Club of North Fulton organized a back-to-school supply drive for North Fulton Community Charities. The need for financial help in our community has drastically increased over the last year and our members donated funds so that we could purchase exactly what the students need to start the year off right. [more]



Club News

Newnan Welcomes 2025-26 GRSP Student

By Nicholas Ramey

The Rotary Club of Newnan is thrilled to welcome Gabriela Gomezese Rugeles of Colombia as our 2025-26 Georgia Rotary Student Program (GRSP) scholar. In high school, Gabriela co-founded an Interact Club through her mother's Rotary connections - a club that thrived under her leadership. She is a gifted communicator with a passion for storytelling. This fall, Gabriela will begin her studies at the University of West Georgia in Carrollton. [more]



Club News

Americus Distributes Backpacks

By Angela Smith

In July, Americus Rotarians assembled packets of school supplies for area students in elementary, middle and high school. Included with the supplies was a message from the Rotary Club of Americus which included the 4-Way Test. The backpacks were distributed as part of the Back to School Bash coordinated by the Americus Police Department, alongside those from other collaborating organizations. Hundreds of children were served at this event which paired together a free school supply giveaway for all grade levels and other resources for families. [more]



Roswell Memorial Day Observances: Honoring with Purpose

By Hal Schlenger
Memorial Day observances—distinct from celebrations—hold deep meaning for our communities. When Rotary amplifies the legacy of our fallen heroes, we help strengthen the soul of our neighborhoods. Roswell Rotary Club's Past President Lynne Lindsay made a powerful impact during Roswell's Memorial Day 2025 outreach by securing coverage from two major broadcast outlets for the 26th Roswell Remembers Memorial Day Ceremony - FOX 5 News and 11 Alive. View the coverage and learn more about Lynne's tips for successfully engaging the media. [more]