

DISTRICT 6040 NEWS FOR JANUARY, 2018



From the District Governor  
**Rotary Youth Exchange**  
By Ann Swanson  
Please remember your club should take a serious look at Rotary Youth Exchange when doing your planning for next year. [more]



Rotary People in Action  
**Dr. Otis Wesley Smith, Rotary Club of Atlanta West End: A Retrospective for MLK Week**  
By Judith Topp  
When Dr. Otis Wesley Smith passed away in 2007, he was a prominent member of the **Rotary Club of Atlanta West End**. More than that, he was an important part of Civil Rights history here in Atlanta and across the country. [more]



Club News  
**Perspectives of a 2017-18 Rotary Youth Exchange Student ...**  
By Judith Topp  
As we are in the midst of our first year of Rotary Youth Exchange, Dennywood High student Henry O'Connell, one of our current outboard students who is studying in Thailand, sent this update to his sponsor club, the **Rotary Club of Dennywood**. [more]

The Rotary Foundation  
**Are You on Track for 2017-18?**  
By Margie Kerner  
Congratulations! You are half way through this Rotary year! This is a great time to stop and check your map to see if you are on track. This year both the Rotary Club and the District Awards are driven by reporting to My Rotary. Read about some of the Rotary Club and Foundation goals you can check. [more]

Rotary Youth Exchange  
**\$24,000 Scholarships Awarded to Local High School Students for 2018-19 School Year Award**  
By John Taylor  
Twenty-four high school students from District 6040 were selected to receive the Rotary Youth Exchange scholarship for the 2018-19 school year, valued at over \$24,000. See who was selected and what they will be doing for the next year. [more]



GRSP Update  
**Grades and Holidays ... to New Student Selection ... to GRSP through a Student's Eye**  
By Lynn Cramer  
As the Christmas holidays ended, we were all happy to have our students, who had the good fortune to travel, return to the GRSP and begin classes. So far, the grades coming in to the GRSP home office have been good. Encourage your students to keep up that good work and maintain good grades, as transcripts will be available to them at the end ... [more]



District Disaster Relief Efforts  
**Our Disaster Relief Efforts for the First Half of the Rotary Year**  
By Steve Swanson  
Rotary Year 2017-2018 didn't start off right. Natural disasters around the world and close to home seemed to occur on a daily basis. Read more about how we are helping. [more]



Club News  
**Computers Further AVRIDE Education Efforts**  
By John Swanson  
The **Rotary Club of Fayette Daphne**, in collaboration with Affinity Computers, made a donation of computers, anti-virus software, and technical support to AVRIDE's After School and Enrichment Program. [more]



Club News  
**Emory Druid Hills Celebrates Holidays with Toys for Tots Support**  
By Barbara Hargrave  
Rotary Club of Emory Druid Hills is pleased to announce the successful completion of its Toys for Tots drive for the US Marine Corps during the Christmas season and wish to thank all the children and families who donated so generously. So many children will be blessed with the gifts sent by you this season! The community ... [more]



Club News  
**The Giving Side of Christmas**  
By Christine Taylor  
Through this Lake Agency/Daphne County Club program, DPACS children actually get to shop for gifts for others. [more]



Club News  
**Rotary Club of Stone Mountain, Georgia Gifts Local Refugees with Dictionaries**  
By Lashell Dean  
The **Rotary Club of Stone Mountain** has leveraged a Rotary District grant to gift 1,200 dictionaries to members of the refugee community recently resettled in Clarkston, Georgia. The club hopes the dictionaries, designed for third-grade students who already speak English, will help the new arrivals develop their English language skills and prepare them for naturalization. The **Rotary Club of Stone Mountain** has leveraged a Rotary District grant to gift 1,200 dictionaries to members of the refugee community recently resettled in Clarkston, Georgia. The club hopes the dictionaries, designed for third-grade students who already speak English, will help the new arrivals develop their English language skills and prepare them for naturalization. [more]



Club News  
**Marietta Packs Gifts for Rotary/PAL Christmas Party**  
By Dale Cunningham  
When disadvantaged youth arrived at the Marietta Rotary/PAL Christmas party, each received a holiday bag from the **Rotary Club of Marietta**. [more]



Club News  
**Rotary Club of Bainbridge Helps Build Wheelchair Ramp**  
By Dale Cunningham  
The **Rotary Club of Bainbridge** helps to support its local Friendship House and its programs to make a difference for at-risk children and youth. [more]

#### Upcoming Key Dates

Thursday, January 18th, 2018	Carrollton Governor Visit
Wednesday, January 19th, 2018	Carrollton Breakers Governor Visit
Thursday, January 25th, 2018	Kullman Atlanta
Friday, January 26th, 2018	GRSP Student Leadership Conference
Friday, January 26th, 2018	Rotary Youth Exchange Outboard Orientation
Friday, January 26th, 2018	Sevens Governor Visit
Saturday, January 27th, 2018	GRSP Student Leadership Conference, Atlanta
Sunday, January 28th, 2018	International Assembly
Monday, January 29th, 2018	Sevensville Governor Visit
Tuesday, January 30th, 2018	Paulding County / Walker
Thursday, January 30th, 2018	Kullman Atlanta
Friday, January 30th, 2018	GRSP Trustees Meeting - Savannah
Friday, January 30th, 2018	RII, Rotary Leadership Institute
Monday, January 31st, 2018	Daphne County Governor Visit
Tuesday, January 31st, 2018	Paulding County Governor Visit
Tuesday, January 31st, 2018	Kullman Columbus
Thursday, January 31st, 2018	Rotary Youth Exchange Outboard Trip - New York
Thursday, January 31st, 2018	Daphne County Governor Visit
Thursday, January 31st, 2018	Sevensville Governor Visit
Thursday, January 31st, 2018	Kullman Peachtree City
Thursday, January 31st, 2018	2nd Ball District New Breakers Meet the Pod
Monday, February 5th, 2018	Marietta Maria Governor Visit
Tuesday, February 6th, 2018	Sevensville Governor Visit
Wednesday, February 7th, 2018	Marietta Governor Visit