

DISTRICT 6900 NEWS FOR OCTOBER, 2019

From Our District Governor

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In the last few weeks, our District Pulse News efforts were highlighted in the Health Symposium organized and hosted by the **RIE of Emory-Clayton**, supported by a golf tournament hosted by **Lake Superior-Clayton County** as well as a great night of fellowship at the Atlanta Braves game - where the Braves lost but Rotary won - with a \$2500 contribution from the Braves toward ending polio that equaled to \$7500 for the Gates Foundation event. We have an appointment to focus on this important effort again at our World Polio Day event on 23 October 2013. All of the work that is done for this newsletter, we hope you see there.

Join Vinings Cumberland on October 25

Global Grants Making a Difference in Health for Kenyan Mothers and Infants

By Wally Hefschler

In 2015, the **Rotary Club of Vinings Cumberland** embarked upon the latest in a series of Global Grants to improve health conditions for mothers and infants in rural Kenya. The latest is focused on the Elgeyo Marakwet region and seeks to assist 2500 mothers and their children. Efforts were supported by several District 6900 clubs ... [\[more\]](#)

Dunwoody Hosts Free Community Informational Event About Human Trafficking

By Jackson Cuthbert

The **Rotary Club of Dunwoody** is hosting a free, informative event addressing the issue of human trafficking on Wednesday, October 23 at 6:30 P.M. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Atlanta Perimeter at Ravenna, 4355 Ashford Dunwoody Road, Atlanta. Complimentary admission and onsite self parking is available. The event includes:

- A private showing of the movie, "9 Days" telling the story of one 14-year girl's life in trafficking and how her family and community got her back.
- A candid discussion with representatives from local, state and federal law enforcement will offer insight, insight and resources to shed light on the nature and scope of the issue in our communities.

[Source]

 New Member: Retiree Maggie Davidson works with Astoria-Columbia County Park & Recreation.

Membership

Keep On Growing! By Lucille Doreau

Take the LEAD and Run with IT! We have new membership leads coming into the District each day from Rotary International.

Get Social! Tell you know that Club? Do you? Sign up today your club has a party! It's time for us to effect to grow.

As we continue to see a decline in membership growth, District 6960 will provide Matching Funds up to \$250 to clubs for the express purpose of hosting a club membership social. [more]

The Rotary Foundation
Who Spends the Money You Donate to the Annual Fund?
 By Cheryl Greenman
 Gifts to you and other Rotarians. In short, any Rotarians decide how to use the money. When you donate to the Annual Fund, but the money comes from Rotarians to District 6900 three years later to be used for our Rotary Clubs, Global Grants, and Global Scholars. So the remains that the Rotary Foundation to provide matching funds for Global Grants. No charity or other organizations can apply to our Rotary Foundation for funds. No board of trustees looks at the money and decides how to distribute it. Answers to the Annual Fund. Also known as SHARE, are the primary source of funding for a broad range of local and international grants that change lives. So what did you do for a District Grant this year? The Rotary Club of Montrose shares in this newsletter about the grant that helped a local elementary school. How has your club made a difference in your community through

RI Convention 2020
Join Us in Beautiful Honolulu, Hawaii
 By Jack Crockett
 Take time now to register for the 2020 Rotary International Convention. RI Convention is an amazing experience on its own - with opportunities to:

- network with Rotarians from around the world
- learn about our local and global work to make a positive difference in people's lives
- hear from world leaders on key ... (more)

Disaster Relief
How You Can Help the Victims of Hurricane Dorian
 By Jackie Cathbert

Last month, we spotlighted an opportunity to donate money to Disaster Relief, now we are highlighting an opportunity to donate supplies for the Bahamas. The **Rotary Club of Russell** is collecting those supplies on Saturday, October 19 from 9 am to noon at the Russell United Methodist Church - in the church's corner parking lot on Mimosa Blvd. Click more for a list of the items you are looking to collect.

The Rotary Foundation at Work
Let the Adventures Begin!
 by Kathy Fouad

FIRST, HOW DID WE GET HERE?
 My journey to becoming a Rotary Global Grant Scholar started many years ago. After graduating West Point in 2013, it was a matter of finding my time until I could take a year to complete a Master's program abroad. €... (open)

GRSP Update
New Websites, Scholarship Opportunities, Columbus Weekend
 By Lynn Clarke
Our Vision: To develop leaders who promote understanding and peace around the world.
GRSP Website: Launched at Conclave! First Class of 2019-20 Newsletter is Out.
 The new website provides a fresh new look at what it means to be involved with GRSP. Every week new content is added to the website, so please be sure to check it out at www.grsp.org. And don't miss the first newsletter created by our new class of GRSP students – outlining what they've experienced and what the GRSP experience should be for them!

GRSP: An Experience of a Lifetime

By Lynn Clarke

I had never been abroad for a long period of time before. Despite that, I did not hesitate when I, almost a year ago, found out that I had been offered the Georgia Rotary Student Program scholarship. I was not completely sure what I was expecting from my year far away from home. I was certain I was going to miss my family, but I was also sure that this would be a one in a lifetime opportunity for me. I found I could not have been more right.

District Conference 2020

Jekyll Island is Waiting!

By Laura Young

Planning is well underway for next April's District Conference on beautiful Jekyll Island - scheduled from April 30 to May 3. Join us for:

- Thursday night - Taste of the District, featuring the hometown specialties of many of the 10000+ clubs. Is there a recipe your club or town is known for? Get the recipe and send it to lyoung285@earthlink.net. We'll gather the best ones to kick off the weekend.
- Friday night - Jimmy's Fish Camp, featuring Coastal Georgia native DG Jim's local seafood selection
- Saturday night - Kentucky Derby celebration and welcome for 2020's Governor Kirk Reveal

You can register for either the District 6500 website and click on the event Jekyll Island 2020 Conference button at the top. [more]

Chaplain's Corner

Affirming the Power of Rotary's Reach!

By Mark Bartholow

Let's review. The call for all good and VIBRANT Rotarians is the call to be vigorously dedicated to **take action to create lasting change** – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.¹ So, our objective is to be **Relational**. Opportunity originates, and yes, vibrantly Transformational! Horribly, thereby, and where promoting our Relational objective to connect with folks around us intentionally by using good, articulated, and engaging conversations about who we are and what we are and why we are who we are and what we are ensuring that every acquaintance experiences our "Rotary Glow" and gains insight about our ideals of community, regional, national, and global service. [source]

Vinings Cumberland Rotary's "Run for the Kids" 5K Downhill Race

By Donna Drakes

In August, the **Vinings Cumberland Rotary Club** hosted its 23rd annual "Run for the Kids" 5K Downhill Race. This race has become one of the most popular in the area, and boasts an array of "fun factor" attractions, including a 1K Kid's Race, Doggie Dash, Best Dog Costume Contest, Children's Play Area (featuring hula hoops this year), various vendors, giveaways and delicious treats (ie. ice cream and lemonades) and more. Local businesses and individuals are invited to donate items, and prizes are awarded to the winners. This year's event drew a record 1600 runners and raised approximately \$100,000. Since its start in 1997, the race has raised more than \$1.1 million (total).

RYLA
Save the Date for 2020!
 By Jaclyn Dooveran
 RYLA 2020 is on the calendar for June 2024, and we are already getting excited! Application materials will be updated on the website - www.rylaf9000.com - and sent out to clubs by January 1. So start making plans now to sponsor a student or two. Or 10... we'll take them all! [more]

Club News

Moultrie Gives Face Lift to Local School

By Jaclyn Deonora

The **Rotary Club of Moultrie** recently completed a beautification project at the main entrance of Cox Elementary School. One of ten elementary schools in Colquitt County, and on the lower income scale compared to the rest, Cox Elementary had a first entrance with a less-than-desirable appearance. Since first impressions are extremely important, the faculty and staff desired a better entrance to give visitors a better impression of the school. Six Moultrie Rotary members in the photo, with help from a Rotary 68000 grant, [more]

Roswell Rotary Golf and Tennis Tournament Raises Over \$150,000 for 30 Local Charities!
 by Anne Greid
 The 41st Annual Aubrey Greenway Golf Tournament and 7th Annual Hazen Cup Classic Tennis Tournament on September 9th at the Country Club of Roswell drew over 500 enthusiastic golfers, tennis players, sponsors and volunteers to raise funds for local organizations that are making a difference in our communities. [more]

Dr. Jim Herron Recognized as a Pillar of Service and Beloved Rotarian

By Angela Smith

At one of its September weekly meetings, Rotary Club of Americas President Rene Smith recognized Dr. Jim Herron with the District Governor's Golden Jubilee Commendation, in honor of Dr. Herron's 50 years of service above self as a Rotarian. The award was given on behalf of DG Jim Squire and District 6900 – to an individual who has remained active in Rotary even in his golden years of retirement.

DG Jim and his wife Donna recognized two long-serving Americas Rotarians at his special visit to the club. The second – Broadus Willoughby, has been a Rotarian for nearly 65 years (now honorary). [more]

Club News
Lake Spivey/Clayton County Golf Tournament Supports Ending Polio
By Ron Swedford
In September, the **Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton County** holds a Polio Awareness Golf Tournament at the Lake Spivey Golf Club in Jonesboro. Seventeen golf teams and dozens of sponsors and volunteers came forward to support the event. The tournament has been one of the club's annual events for several years - designed to raise funds to support service projects in our community. This year, however, the club chose to focus on District 5600's efforts to eradicate polio. The Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton County is proud to be a part of the effort.

 © Mark Barbare, Marietta Williams, President Elmer Mary Anslay Southerland, Abbott Hall and Jeff Cooper start books.

Club News

Marietta Reads!

By Dale Corington

The **Rotary Club of Marietta** joined in the mid-September **Marietta Reads!** kick-off for the 2019-20 school year. Rotarians City Schools clubhouse are celebrating its 17th anniversary. Informing reading and literacy in the community. The kick-off celebration offered a variety of literacy activities including school performances, free books, literacy based activities, balloon art, live music, a dance contest, and guest appearances. The Rotary Club supports the program all year round. Marietta Donor Drive is coordinating with all the elementary schools in Cobb County where Marietta Rotarians will begin reading this fall at approximately 800 second grades. [more]

Club News
Rotary Reads in Cuthbert, Georgia
 By Heather Meltus
 The **Cuthbert Rotary Club** had its first Rotary Reads at Randolph County Elementary School!!!!. It was such a blessing to read to the kids!!! They were great!!!

Rotary and Rotaract Join Forces to Support Atlanta Race

By Hadli Maunorf

The **Rotary Club of Atlanta Metro** and the **Rotaract Club of Atlanta** collaborated with the Adult Disability Medical Healthcare (ADMFH) in the run that they held this September. This run helps adults with disabilities and took place at the Dunwoody campus of the Georgia State University. It was a phenomenal day filled ... [more]

Upcoming Key Dates

Thursday, October 10th, 2019	West Point Board Meeting
Thursday, October 10th, 2019	West Point Governor Visit
Thursday, October 10th, 2019	North Fulton Concert in the Park
Monday, October 14th, 2019	Marietta Metro Board Meeting
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Monday, October 14th, 2019	Jackson-Beths County Club Social
Tuesday, October 15th, 2019	Jackson-Beths County Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 15th, 2019	Jackson-Beths County Governor Visit
Tuesday, October 15th, 2019	North Atlanta Rotaract
Wednesday, October 16th, 2019	Viplings Cumberland Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 16th, 2019	Viplings Cumberland Governor Visit
Thursday, October 17th, 2019	North Cobb District Governor Jim Squire Visit and Board meeting
Thursday, October 17th, 2019	North Cobb NCNC Board Meeting with District Governor Jim Squire
Thursday, October 17th, 2019	South Cobb Board Meeting
Thursday, October 17th, 2019	South Cobb Governor Visit
Thursday, October 17th, 2019	Dunwoody District Governor Board Dinner
Friday, October 18th, 2019	Dunwoody Governor Visit
Friday, October 18th, 2019	Dunwoody Board Meeting
Monday, October 21st, 2019	Buckhead Board Meeting
Monday, October 21st, 2019	Buckhead Governor Visit
Tuesday, October 22nd, 2019	Fayette Daybreak Governor Visit
Tuesday, October 22nd, 2019	Fayette Daybreak Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 23rd, 2019	Lake Spivey Governor Visit
Wednesday, October 23rd, 2019	Lake Spivey Board Meeting
Thursday, October 24th, 2019	Peachtree City Board Meeting
Thursday, October 24th, 2019	Peachtree City Governor Visit
Thursday, October 24th, 2019	World Palis Day at the CDC
Tuesday, October 28th, 2019	Bainbridge Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 28th, 2019	Bainbridge Governor Visit
Wednesday, October 30th, 2019	Cairo Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 30th, 2019	Cairo Governor Visit
Thursday, October 31st, 2019	Quilman Board Meeting
Thursday, October 31st, 2019	Quilman Governor Visit
Tuesday, November 5th, 2019	Smyrna Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 5th, 2019	Smyrna Governor Visit
Tuesday, November 5th, 2019	Emory-Cliffen Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 5th, 2019	Emory-Cliffen Governor Visit
Wednesday, November 6th, 2019	Emory-Drozd Hills Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 6th, 2019	Emory-Drozd Hills Governor Visit