



District Conference Registration Open

By Gordon Owens
We hope you are excited as we are to head to San Destin for District Conference April 29 - May 2. The focus of the weekend is for Rotarians from around District 6900 to get away and enjoy a long weekend reconnecting with friends. There will be a few sessions, a couple of planned parties and of course the hospitality suites, but there is also plenty ... [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 FUND	ANNUAL FUND	POLIO PLUS
I	Fayetteville	North Atlanta	Brookhaven
II	North Columbus	North Fulton	Vinings Cumberland
III	Marietta	Dunwoody	Carrollton-Dawn Breakers
IV	North Atlanta Professional Alliance	Roswell	Peachtree City

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!**



From Our District
Governor

Here's to All the Opportunities!

By Kirk Driskell

What opportunities
await us this coming
year. As we look ahead
to 2021 it is our choice
to look past the obstacle
to find the opportunity.
Sometimes the
opportunity is disguised
as a 500-pound gorilla.
My Dad always stops
me when I start to
complain about
something. He simply
says that I am viewing it
wrong, because there is
someone in this world
that would love to have
what I view as a
problem.

It has been so
encouraging to see
Rotarians taking action
and making a difference
in our communities. I
continuously receive
emails and phone calls
as it relates to the
impact that you are
having. While there are
those sitting waiting for
help, District 6900
Rotarians are on the
move and serving our
community. [more]



From Our
District
Chaplain
**Resolve
to
Consider
Others
and Let
Our
Hearts
Guide
Us**

By Gregory
Adams
As we come
into the New
Year of 2021, I
know that
some of you
will making
resolutions
that sound
good to you.
But as the
year goes by,
those
thoughts,
begin to be
obscure and
no longer in
reach,
because other
obstacles got
in the way. I
always say
that it is bad
to make a
promise to
yourself that
you can't
keep.
Therefore I will
simply make a
suggestion
that if a
resolution is
made, let it
be; that we
will consider
others as we
go through out
the day, and
let our hearts
be our guide.
Happy New
Year 2021!
[more]



District News
Thomasville Celebrates District 6900's Newest Future District Governor Selection

By Michael Bixler
From Fulton County to Thomasville covering one third of the state, the 71 Rotary Clubs in Rotary District 6900 with nearly 4,300 members will be represented by Thomasville's own Andre' Marria when she assumes the title of District Governor for the Rotary year 2023-2024. [more]



RYLA
It's Time to Start Planning!

By Jaclyn Donovan
Club Presidents check your emails for more information. Assistant Governors please remind the presidents to check their emails.

Take The Plunge For Charity!



**Rotary Club of Alpharetta
Polar Bear Plunge
Feb. 6th, 2021**

From Facebook
**Join
Alpharetta
for the
Polar
Plunge!**

By Jackie Cuthbert
The **Alpharetta Rotary Club** is hosting the 3rd Annual Alpharetta Polar Bear Plunge on Feb. 8, 2020! We are challenging local non-profits, school clubs and churches to put a team together and raise money for the benefit of their choosing! Organizations such as NFCC, The Drake House, The Lionheart School, BrewAble Cafe, Stand Up for Kids, The Alpharetta Public Safety Foundation, Atlanta Dream Center, and more!! As Rotarians, we can join the plunge, create a team or support the causes already identified. Visit the **Alpharetta Rotary Polar Plunge website.** [more]



Our Foundation at Work

Paulding County Grant Funds Fishing and Mentoring Opportunities

By Roy Strickland
Rotary Club of Paulding County has had some amazing project successes of late making use of Rotary Foundation Grants. Check this one out: Paulding County Rotarians are seen here making delivery of new jon boats that will engage more than 100 boys from our community, providing them and their adult male mentors with fishing and bonding opportunities in a safe environment on a 25-acre lake. The mentors invest their time and talents with fatherless boys and boys from single parent homes. The influence of a positive male role model helps equip, encourage and guide the boys to find a healthy and useful purpose. [more]



Sandy Springs Supports Distance Learning

By Todd Lawrimore
The **Rotary Club of Sandy Springs** celebrated the holiday season by giving back to the community. Living up to their motto of "Service Above Self", the club proudly donated \$1,920 to the Sandy Springs Charter Middle School to help distance learning during the COVID crisis. John Neill, SSRC President says that the club was incredibly pleased ... [more]



Club News
Rotary Clubs of Stone Mountain and Tucker Collect Five Tons of E-Waste in Recent Recycling Event

By Lizbeth Dison
During the recent Electronics Recycling Day, sponsored by the **Rotary Clubs of Tucker and Stone Mountain**, volunteers collected over five tons of working and non-working electronics and home medical equipment (HME), as well as almost \$2,000 in cash donations. Proceeds benefited Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC), a non-profit organization providing recycled mobility equipment for children and adults during or after a health crisis. [more]



Club News
**Douglas
County
Shares
Shop
with a
Cop
Photos**

By Samantha Rosado
Sixty deserving elementary and middle school students were ready with their Christmas lists and picked up lots of toys and clothes at Shop with a Cop on December 15. Spearheaded by the DCSS Police Department, the joyful event was a collaboration with other law enforcement agencies, including the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, the Douglasville Police Department and the Georgia State Patrol. [more]



Club News

Lake Spivey/Clayton County Celebrates The Giving Side of Christmas

By Ron Swofford

Christmas came to the Kinship Care children Thursday evening of December 17 in an unconventional way. The Kinship Care Center provides assistance to grandparents and other family raising children in parent absent homes. Usually, people give presents to the children, but not so this time! The children actually got to shop for gifts for others. The idea was the brainchild of Tom Mertl, former President of the **Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton County**. He noticed the children were receiving gifts but did not have the opportunity of experiencing the joy of giving. He started the "Giving Side of Christmas" and the event has been a huge success and has been bringing joy for 13 years. It is an effective concept that simulates both the buying and the giving experience.

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ROSWELL ROTARY PRESENTS

ADOPT A PLATOON

TOGETHER,
WE WILL BE PACKING BOXES TO SEND OFF TO THE BRAVE
MEN AND WOMEN DEFENDING OUR FREEDOM.

**BRING ANY DONATIONS FROM THE FOLLOWING LIST TO
ROTARY MEETINGS IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER:**

QUICK PROTEIN, POWDERED DRINK MIX, CANDY, HAND SANITIZER,
SHAMPOO, WIPES, SOAP, TOOTHPASTE,
MAGAZINES, BATH BOMBS, BODY LOTION, FACE MASKS,
CROSSWORD PUZZLES, SUDOKU, WORD SEARCHES,
BOBBY PINS, HAIR TIES, ROBES, FUZZY SOCKS,
BODY SCRUB, FEMININE PRODUCTS, BEEF JERKY,
COFFEE, BATTERIES, DRIED PINEAPPLES, DRIED PAPAYAS,
DRIED PLANTAINS, SNACKS CONTAINING COCONUT, SUNGLASSES



Club News

Roswell Continues Adopt a Platoon Tradition

By Trummie Patrick
Founded in 2009
under the leadership
of **Roswell Rotary's**
President, Elwyn
Gaisert, "Adopt A
Platoon" is an
annual fundraiser to
support troops with
a Roswell
connection. The
name was settled on
because the first
year's recipient was
a platoon leader.
In honor of those
who served, for our
Veterans Day
Program, Roswell
Rotary identified 14
local sailors
deployed on the USS
Nimitz in the Persian
Gulf, the USS Dwight
D. Eisenhower in the
Red Sea and USS
Ronald Regan in the
South China
Sea. The Nimitz
operates and trains
alongside regional
and coalition
partners and
provides naval
aviation support to
Operation Inherent
Resolve. The Ronald
Regan conducts
maritime air defense
operations in
support of a free and
open Indo-Pacific.
The Dwight D.
Eisenhower provides
a wide range of
flexible mission
capabilities,
including maritime
security operations,
expeditionary power
projection, crisis
response,
counterterrorism,
and security
cooperation.
[more]



Club News
**Smyrna
Spruces
Up
Campbell
Middle
School
Courtyard**

By Narayan Sengupta
Smyrna's Campbell Middle School's expansive courtyard needed some leaves raked and TLC. It has a few trees, many bushes, a sidewalk with a nice little circle at center, etc.

Smyrna Rotary Club's Kevin Young, Jae Scarborough, Paul Powers, Patricia Huff and Narayan Sengupta got their rakes, leaf blower, pruners and more, organized leaves into large piles and got some trimming done too. Says Sengupta, "We had fun, wore masks, stayed socially distant, got the project done in a couple of hours, and it already looks a lot better. A big part of Rotary is community service projects. We're always looking for more." To get involved or to suggest a project, contact Sengupta at f25@nfiweb.com. [more]



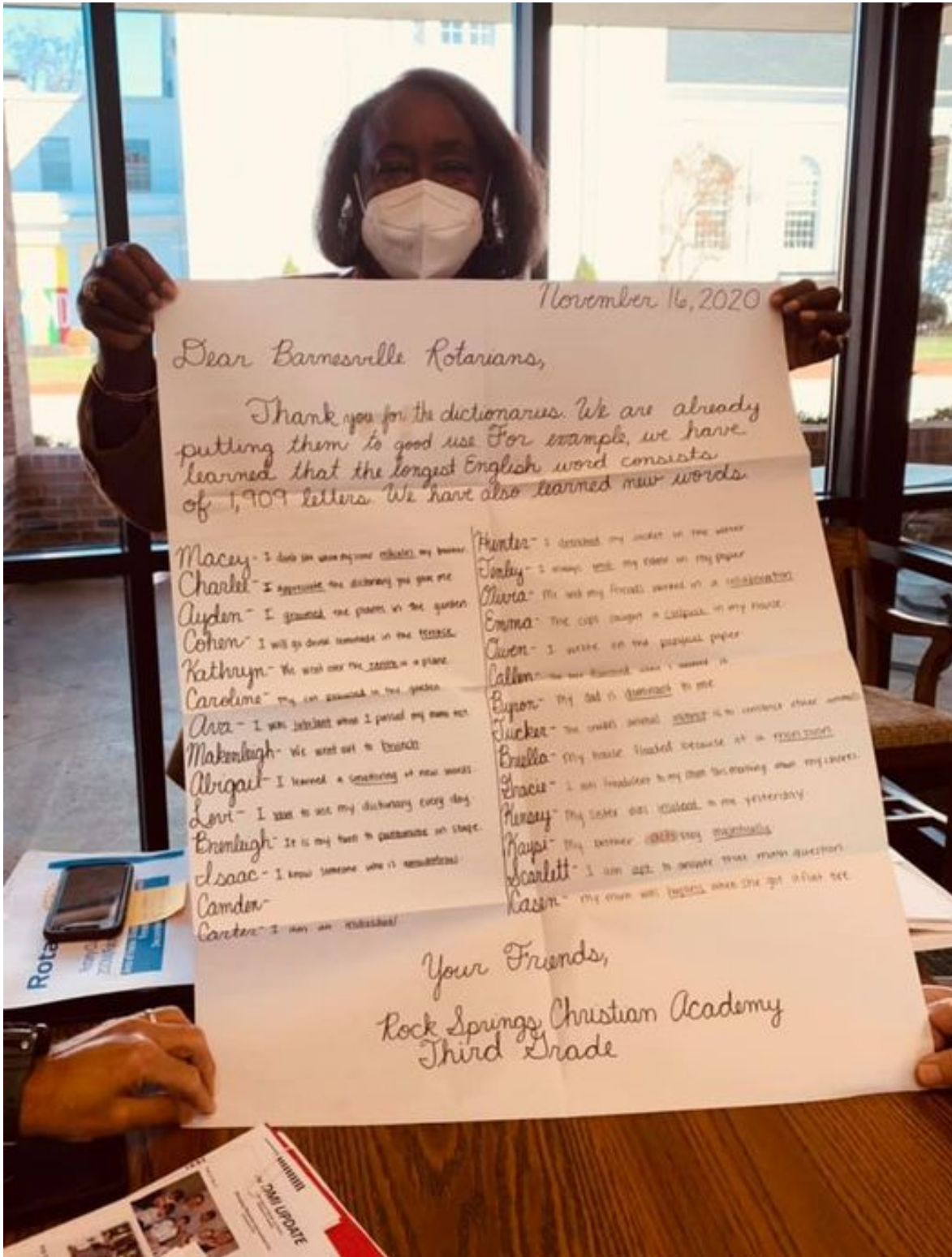
Club News
Fayetteville Supports Shop with a Cop

By Jackie Cuthbert
The **Rotary Club of Fayetteville** was happy to partner with the Fayetteville Police Department with a donation for their annual Shop With A Cop program!



From Facebook
**Honoring
Our
Veterans
and First
Responders**

By Jackie Cuthbert
In **Americus**,
Rotarians honored
veteran's this
holiday season with
Wreaths Across
America, while
**Buckhead and
East Cobb**
delivered food to
firefighters,
Marietta Metro
recognized first
responders with a
lunch program
honoring
Hometown Heroes.
In the meantime,
Peachtree City
prepared holiday
food baskets for
each fire station
and hospital break
room and **South
Cobb** fed over
1500 hospital
employees. Check
out these Facebook
pictures and
stories. [more]



From Facebook
Clubs
Making a
Difference in
Their
Communities

By Jackie Cuthbert
 The thank you note from Rock Springs Christian Academy third graders is just the beginning of this story. Check out the attached collection of pictures and stories to see the difference everything from dictionaries and Little Free Libraries to bell ringing, gifts and food for families can make in the communities we serve. Here we've captured Facebook stories from **Barnesville, Camilla, Quitman, Dougherty County, Milton, LaGrange, North Atlanta, Moultrie and Senoia.** [more]

November 16, 2020

Dear Barnesville Rotarians,

Thank you for the dictionary. We are already putting them to good use. For example, we have learned that the longest English word consists of 1,709 letters. We have also learned new words.

Macey - I don't see why my name is called my name.	Hunter - I decorated my jacket in the winter.
Charbel - I appreciate the dictionary you gave me.	Torley - I always use my ruler on my paper.
Ayden - I planted the plants in the garden.	Olivia - We had my friends around in a celebration.
Cohen - I will go down tomorrow in the forest.	Emma - The cat caught a catfish in my house.
Kathryn - We went over the castle in a plane.	Chen - I wrote on the purple paper.
Caroline - My car is parked in the garden.	Callan - We are learning when I learned it.
Aria - I was excited when I passed my exam test.	Eyton - My dad is thankful to me.
Makenleigh - We went out to brunch.	Ducker - The teacher asked <u>what</u> is the number three number.
Albright - I learned a something of new words.	Briella - My house flooded because of a <u>rain storm</u> .
Levi - I used to use my dictionary every day.	Erasmus - I am thankful to my dad for staying with my sisters.
Brennigh - It is my best to purchase on stage.	Erasmus - My sister got <u>excited</u> in the yesterday.
Isaac - I know someone who is <u>ambitious</u> .	Kelsey - My teacher <u>asked</u> my <u>mathematics</u> .
Camden -	Kaysi - My teacher <u>asked</u> my <u>mathematics</u> .
Carter - I am an <u>ambitious</u> .	Scarlett - I am not to answer their math questions.
	Cason - My mom was <u>excited</u> when she got a fish for.

Your Friends,
 Rock Springs Christian Academy
 Third Grade