

## 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                 | POLIO PLUS                      |
|----------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| I        | <b>Fayetteville</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>North Atlanta Professional Alliance</b> | <b>Roswell</b>       | <b>Peachtree City</b>           |

## Key Dates

|                          |                                            |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Saturday, June 6th, 2026 | <b>Americus RYLA - DISTRICT 6900</b>       |
| Saturday, June 6th, 2026 | <b>Americus 2026 Rotary Sheffield Gala</b> |



From Our  
District  
Governor

## **Whirlwind of Activity as We Unite for Good ... and for Fun!**

By Steve Ivory  
I hope all of you  
were safe and  
sound as the US,  
including GA,  
experienced  
major weather  
events recently  
including sleet,  
snow, rain,  
snow. I hope  
none of you had  
too much  
hardship from  
the rough  
conditions. **DGE**

### **Cynthia Edwards**

completed her  
International  
Assembly  
Training a few  
weeks ago so  
congrats to her!  
She also  
conducted  
training for  
district leaders  
in Peachtree  
City. And I  
survived another  
Rotary Youth  
Exchange trip to  
Disneyland -  
with 16  
teenagers,  
participated in  
service projects  
at Bainbridge  
and Rotary on  
the Flint, and  
recognized  
Rotary  
Foundation  
supporters and  
long time  
member Don  
Millen. There's  
so much more  
you should know

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District  
Conference  
2026

## Join Us at Lake Lanier Island - April 16-19, 2026

By Lisa  
Carlisle  
Join us for an  
unforgettable  
2026 District  
Conference  
as we  
celebrate the  
incredible  
2025-2026  
Rotary Year  
under District  
Governor  
Steve! We're  
excited to  
announce  
that we're  
moving the  
conference to  
the beautiful  
Lake Lanier  
Islands Resort  
this year —  
offering a  
fresh, fun  
setting for  
fellowship,  
inspiration,  
and  
celebration.  
We can't wait  
to see  
everyone  
there! We  
have made  
special  
arrangements  
for some fun  
outings  
Friday  
morning. Get  
more  
information  
and sign up  
now on the  
**District  
6900  
website** .  
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District 6900  
Opportunity  
**Showcasing  
Rotary  
International  
at the 2026  
FIFA World  
Cup**

By Dave McCleary  
Rotary District 6900 has an exciting opportunity to play a visible and meaningful role in one of the world's largest global events—the 2026 FIFA World Cup, coming to North America from June 11-July 19, 2026. Rotary International is exploring ways to strengthen Host City Leadership in key areas that align closely with Rotary's mission, including hospitality, human trafficking prevention, housing support, event services, and public image. This effort positions Rotary to demonstrate *Service Above Self* on a global stage. Rotarians interested in learning more or serving on the World Cup Host City Leadership Committee are encouraged to complete the **World Cup Volunteer Google Form**. Read more about the opportunity. [more]

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Our Rotary  
Foundation

## **The Foundation's Work Continues to Reach Further**

By Bob Hagan

As usual, there is lots to talk about and share with you all. I had the opportunity to put together some halfway through the year numbers of our DG Steve Ivory and he was extremely excited about where we found ourselves at this point in the year. So let me share them with you now. For District 6900, our annual fund goal for the year is \$307,000, and as of end of December we are already at \$347,000, which is 113% of the goal. Our Polio Plus goal for the year is \$158,000 and we are already at \$184,000 which is 116%! And there's much more good news ... including a global grant by the North Atlanta club that focuses on preventing birth defects associated with spina bifida in Ethiopia. [more]

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In Memoriam

## **Celebrating the Life of Will MacArthur**

By Margie Kersey  
Rotary's world shines a little less brightly today with the passing of William "Will" MacArthur of Sandy Springs, Georgia—a devoted Rotarian, a joyful servant leader, and a beloved friend to many.

Will's Rotary journey was marked by unwavering dedication and an infectious spirit. Most recently a member of the Rotary Satellite Club of Stone Mountain Passport, he served as Foundation Chair and resident champion of good humor, lifting spirits as naturally as he lifted service projects. Before joining the Passport club, Will contributed profoundly to the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs, where he faithfully served three years as Treasurer, four years as Foundation Chair, and ultimately as Club President in 2017-18. His commitment only deepened after his presidency, as he continued to guide and encourage fellow Rotarians through three years as Assistant Governor, helping clubs across the district reach new heights. [more]



GRSP Update

## GRSP's Biral, Jin Honored Duo for Thomas Peace Awards

By Katheryne Fields

**Julia Carlotto Biral of Brazil** and **Guang 'Loski' Jin of China** were recently

announced as the winners of the 2025-2026 Barbara M. and Donald L. Thomas Peace Award. The awards were presented in December by Rotary Club of Roswell Committee Chair John Carruth, alongside GRSP Executive Director Katheryne Fields and Past District Governor Cheryl Greenway. Following a mission trip to Costa Rica in 2000, the Thomases were inspired to establish this award to support GRSP students in financial need who exemplify the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self." Since 2002, the Rotary Club of Roswell has administered this annual award, which has grown to two scholarships with \$3,000 per recipient.

Why were these students recognized? [\[more\]](#)



## Why I Love RYLA

By Jaclyn Donovan  
If you know me, you know that RYLA is something that I am 110% passionate about. RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) is a summer camp that aims to give our District 6900 teenagers the opportunity to build their leadership skills. You can read more about the program on our RYLA page or check us out on Facebook and Instagram. Read on here to learn why I love RYLA ... and how you and your club can get involved! The time to take action is now! [more]

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RLI

## **Join the RLI Learning Opportunity: February 21 in Marietta**

By Tracy Van  
Norman

2026 has kicked off RLI with a bang! 37 members attended the RLI event in Thomasville on January 10. Great learning, sharing, and fun was had by all. They increased their knowledge of Rotary while also increasing their leadership skills. Many thanks to Joe Tarver, Nate Tyler, and the other members of the **Rotary Club of Thomasville** for hosting ... [\[more\]](#)

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Our Rotary  
Foundation at  
Work

## **R.I. President Arezzo to visit North Atlanta's Global Grant Project in Ethiopia**

By Jon Yaeger  
*"When spiders  
unite, they can  
tie up a lion"*  
– *Ethiopian  
Proverb*

When Rotary  
International  
President  
Francesco  
Arezzo and wife  
Anna Maria visit  
Rotary Ethiopia  
this month,  
they will see  
the **Rotary  
Club of North  
Atlanta's**  
(RCNA) global  
grant project  
first-hand – the  
sole project  
chosen for their  
visit.

Joined by two  
Rotary clubs in  
the United  
States and two  
in Addis Ababa,  
the RCNA is  
beginning the  
third year of a  
five-year  
initiative to  
prevent serious  
birth defects  
such as *spina  
bifida*, which  
are associated  
with a lack of  
an inexpensive  
vitamin (B9, or  
*folic acid*) in  
maternal diets.  
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Laws of Life  
**Once a  
Laws of Life  
Student -  
Now a UGA  
Bulldog**

By Carol Gray  
Walker

**More than two years after writing his Laws of Life essay in 10th grade, Georgia Laws of Life alumnus CJ Allen, linebacker for the University of Georgia Bulldogs, recently reminded us just how lasting one moment of reflection can be.**

CJ reposted his essay on Facebook with a simple caption: *"My 10th grade project on Laws of Life. Lol read this. Moral of the story—keep going."* His Law of Life — *"Everybody goes through something. It's all about persevering."* Do you want to read more of CJ's story? Are you and/or your club ready to work with schools, sponsor the program or judge this year's essays? Keep reading ... [more]

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Club News

## **Vinings Cumberland Cleans Up Community!**

By Thomas House  
The **Rotary Club of  
Vinings  
Cumberland**  
recently came  
together for a  
hands-on  
community clean-  
up, and the results  
were immediate  
and meaningful.  
More than 50 bags  
of trash and bulky  
debris were  
collected, helping  
make local streets  
cleaner and safer  
for all who live and  
work in the area.  
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Club News

## **North Cobb Rotarians Busy Making a Difference!**

By Jose Gonzalez  
**North Cobb Rotary Club**  
President Jose Gonzalez used the first meeting in January to present a mid-year review. He shared that the club has already gifted over \$30,000 to local and global non-profit organizations and completed many of its goals. The review set the stage for the rest of January, where the club joined in a unity walk with the City of Ackworth for the Martin Luther King holiday, painted the learning center that sponsors the Acworth Achievers Program, and restocked the Kennesaw State University food pantry. There's more to the story. [\[more\]](#)



Club News  
**North  
Atlanta  
Celebrates  
Don  
Millen, 58  
Years of  
Service**

By Steve Ivory  
**North Atlanta  
Rotarian Don  
Millen** has been a Rotarian for 58 years and was awarded a lifetime achievement award by the District and a Service Hero coin by DG Steve Ivory. Don became a Major Donor Level 2 and was recognized by PDG/DRFC Bob Hagan and Steve Ivory. He has been a huge service leader and has helped out so many people and organizations with his generosity and selfless methods to get things done. He does not seek out recognition and yet he has impacted so many lives. We all were entertained by the amazing stories told about Don's service.  
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Club News  
**North  
Fulton  
Serves  
Schools  
on MLK  
Day of  
Service**

By Lisa  
Gelber  
On January  
19, MLK Day  
of Service,  
members of  
**Rotary Club  
of North  
Fulton**  
cleaned and  
sanitized  
classrooms  
at Children's  
Development  
Academy.  
During this  
severe flu  
season, it is  
more  
important  
than ever to  
do what we  
can to keep  
children safe  
and healthy.  
When  
children  
become ill,  
their parents  
often must  
miss work,  
placing  
additional ...  
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## Griffin Daybreak Supports Backpack Food for Kids

By Debby Daniel-Bryant  
**Griffin Daybreak Rotary** members and friends, including Erin Mulder Director of Stepping Stones, and William Wilson from **Griffin Rotary**, participated in a morning of packing food bags for needy children in the local school system. Led by Will Doss of Backpack Foods for Kids, Daybreak Rotarians packed over 100 bags of non-perishable foods to help sustain children over weekends who do not have a consistent source of food because they lack financial resources. [more]



Club News

## North Cobb Rotarian Serves City of Acworth

By Kimberly Haase  
The **North Cobb Rotary** year kicked off with an inspiring celebration of service as North Cobb Rotarian Judge Jaret Usher proudly swore in fellow Rotarian Kimberly Haase to the office of Alderwoman for the City of Acworth. Judge Usher, whose decade-long commitment to the county, and as a State Court Judge since 2022 exemplifies the very spirit of "Service Above Self" helped mark a historic moment on January 2nd in the heart of Acworth, GA. This milestone not only highlights the leadership rising within our clubs, but also showcases how Rotarians continue to shape our communities with integrity, dedication, and purpose. Cheers to a year of impact, fellowship, and bold new beginnings! [more]

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# HERO-OF-THE-MONTH



Club News

## **Roswell Recognizes Hometown Hero: Fire Division Chief Cavender**

By Becky Nelson  
**Roswell Rotary**  
and President  
Trummie Lee  
Patrick III was  
proud to honor  
Roswell Fire  
Department  
Division Chief  
Christopher  
Cavender. Division  
Chief Cavender is  
a veteran of the  
fire service with  
nearly two  
decades of  
experience and a  
strong track  
record of  
leadership,  
keeping a focus on  
firefighter  
health/wellness  
and professional  
development.  
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CHAIRWOMAN DR. ALIEKA ANDERSON-HENRY PRESENTS  
 “END POLIO NOW” PROCLAMATION TO THE ROTARY CLUB

*Warren Bond*

Club News  
**Clayton  
 County  
 Issues End  
 Polio Now  
 Proclamation**

By Claudia Mertl  
 At a public Board meeting, the Chairwoman of the Clayton County Board of Commissioner, and all the Commissioners representing Clayton County, presented an "End Polio Now" proclamation to the **Rotary Club of Atlanta Southern Crescent**. The Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton County joined in the celebration. The proclamation was read to the audience and presented to President Mahli and President Gerriann. The professional photography was done by Warren Bond. [more]

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## Gratitude Wal: Members Helping Members



*This is a new section of the Rotoscope- highlighting a few of the many acts of service our members give to each other:*

From **Michael Curling** :

I just wanted to take a second to recognize **David White** . We ended up somewhat last minute needing a Civil Engineer for a permit with the City of Roswell and David and his firm **Civilogistix** , despite their busy schedule, took time over the Holidays to step up and assist us. The power of Rotary!

If you would like to share the extraordinary actions of a fellow Roswell Rotarian on the Gratitude Wall, please contact Alicia Hughes [ahughes@wsnielsen.com](mailto:ahughes@wsnielsen.com) or Kathy Igou [kligou@gmail.com](mailto:kligou@gmail.com)

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Club News

### **Roswell Adds Gratitude Wall to Weekly Newsletter**

By Becky Nelson  
With a focus on Service Above Self, the **Roswell Rotary Club** realized that it was not publicly recognizing fellow Rotarians when they showed up professionally for another member! In December President Trummie Lee Patrick III asked Kathy Igou (Rotoscope Editor) to add a new section to our weekly newsletter after a conversation with Roswell Rotarian Hal Schlenger who was complimenting fellow RRC member Joe Mazzeo, a master plumber, for his prompt and professional response for a personal matter. Thus, The Gratitude Wall was added.  
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