

## 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        | <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> |



*Governor Steve makes the leap at Alpharetta's Polar Plunge fundraiser!*

From Our District  
Governor

## Here's to Water, Service and Camaraderie!

By Steve Ivory  
Happy Belated  
Birthday, Rotarians!  
Rotary just celebrated  
its 121st birthday on  
Feb 23! I want to  
thank each of you for  
making an impact in  
the world. Your service  
projects and  
generosity to polio  
plus are making  
differences in so many  
lives. In fact, our  
district just exceeded  
over \$906K total  
giving and we are well  
on our way to exceed  
\$1M this year.  
In this month's March  
Rotarian Magazine,  
President Francesco  
Arrezzo discussed how  
critical water is to  
connect communities.  
Rotary Foundation has  
invested over \$230M  
in projects on this area  
of focus!

Speaking of water,  
**freezing water** that  
is, I participated in the  
Alpharetta club's  
annual Polar Bear  
Plunge and helped  
them raise over \$230K  
in donations to help  
them make a big  
community impact.  
Overall the event  
raised over \$800K and  
was a master class in  
partnering up and  
making an impact in  
the community! I  
highly recommend  
other clubs look at this  
as a fundraiser in your  
area and "R&D" it  
\*("Rip it off and  
duplicate it!"). Great  
work!!

Read on for more  
about how we're doing  
on membership,  
service projects, and  
events set up for  
camaraderie and  
fellowship - including  
our upcoming District  
Conference at Lake  
Lanier Island.  
Thanks for all you are  
doing! [more]



# District Conference



April 16 – 19 2026



Lake Lanier Islands, GA

MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS

UNITE  
FOR  
GOOD

District  
Conference  
2026

**Come  
for  
Rotary;  
Stay  
for  
Fun!**

By Lisa  
Carlisle  
Looking for  
inspiration,  
connection  
and fun,  
your 2026  
District  
Conference  
is designed  
to balance  
meaningful  
Rotary  
content with  
relaxation  
and  
fellowship.  
Join us April  
16-19, 2026  
at Lake  
Lanier  
Island for all  
this and  
more! You  
can  
**register  
now on the  
District  
6900  
website !**  
[more]



*Rotary's Founders: Gustavus "Gus" Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram Shorey and Paul Harris*

Our Rotary  
Foundation  
**A Lot to  
Celebrate:  
Alpharetta  
Giving,  
Rotary's  
Birthday  
and PELS!**

By Bob Hagan  
It's always fun to trumpet out extremely good news. Therefore, with great pleasure, I want to congratulate The Rotary Club of Alpharetta on becoming a million-dollar club in Foundation giving. It is truly quite a feat! Achieving this in 43 years as a club is a tremendous achievement. They have made an outstanding difference as a club, for our district and Rotary International. A hearty and deserved congratulations!! As it would happen, I am writing this newsletter on February 23, 2026. A perfect date to do so as it is the anniversary of our founding. Happy 120th Birthday Rotary!!  
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By Ada Wikina  
Calling on D6900  
Rotarians who  
are ready to  
engage in RFE  
visit to D3182 in  
India during the  
first week of  
December 2026. For an  
unforgettable and  
truly inspiring  
Rotary Friendship  
Exchange, a ten-  
day visit  
(excluding travel  
days) would be  
absolutely  
perfect. This  
allows the team  
to soak in every  
moment at a  
relaxed yet  
vibrant  
pace—especially  
important for  
those  
experiencing  
India for the very  
first time. Rather  
than rushing from  
place to place,  
participants will  
have time to  
connect deeply,  
build lasting  
friendships, and  
fully embrace the  
warmth, color,  
and energy of  
India.

Explore  
the wonders around  
**HASSAN**



Be The  
**Lucky  
Ones** @RYLA

June 6-10, 2026

RYLA 2026

RYLA Update  
**LUCKY  
to have  
RYLA!**

By Jaclyn Donovan  
It's getting closer to RYLA time! With all the talk this month about "lucky" things and "being lucky" we thought we'd share why we think anyone who goes to RYLA is the luckiest of all for the many positives they gain from the experience - from personal development to teamwork, collaboration, meeting like-minded people and so much more! Take time to read the rest of the RYLA story - so that the students you care about are lucky enough to share in the RYLA experience this June 6-10. All the information about registering students and paying for their RYLA experience are in the rest of this story.  
[more]





Our Rotary  
Foundation  
**Why We  
Give:  
Enduring  
Impact,  
Fellowship  
at Work**

By Lee  
Hollingsworth  
As we consider  
giving money to  
The Rotary  
Foundation, it's  
important to  
consider how that  
money enables  
us to do good in  
the world and the  
lasting  
relationships and  
friendships it  
builds. Here's an  
example of just  
that ... In 2022,  
the **Roswell  
Rotary Club**  
partnered with  
the Rotary Club  
of Panama  
Nordeste on a  
Global Grant  
bringing clean  
water to remote,  
underserved  
communities in  
Panama. The  
project delivered  
lasting  
impact—and  
lasting  
friendships.  
Recently, we  
were able to help  
those friends  
again.  
Your  
contributions to  
The Rotary  
Foundation can  
make a difference  
here at home  
anywhere around  
the world to  
make lives better.  
Think about how  
you can help. And  
be sure to read  
the rest of this  
story. [more]

*Together, we're building character — one essay,  
one student, and one life lesson at a time.*

## School-Level Essay Judge Kick-off Training

2025-2026



### Laws of Life **Partnering with Kennesaw Capstone and Judging 2026 Essays**

By Carol Gray Walker  
Georgia Laws of Life is proud to partner with Kennesaw State University's College of Computing and Software Engineering through its Capstone Program to analyze workflows and implement a new CRM system that will strengthen our management of school partnerships, Rotary engagement, and statewide growth. At the same time, we are on the road to selecting State Winners in this year's Laws of Life Essay Contest. Read on and stay tuned for late March/early April contest results.  
[more]



Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)

## **RLI Movement Continues to Grow**

By Tracy Van Norman

2026 has continued to get off to a strong start for RLI, as 23 more members joined the District 6900 RLI movement in Marietta on February 21. There was a spirit of enthusiasm throughout the day despite the bad weather, as members learned, shared, and had fun. Members increased their Rotary knowledge while also increasing their leadership skills. Join us to enhance your facilitation skills, connect with peers, and enjoy a full day of learning and networking at the next onsite event, which will be announced soon.

Don't want to wait? You can access RLI online at [RLIsunshine.org/course-information/course-schedule/](https://RLIsunshine.org/course-information/course-schedule/) to secure your spot! [more]





Our Rotary  
Foundation  
**Paul  
Harris  
Society  
Welcomes  
New  
Member**

By Lauri Young  
Governor Steve  
welcomed **David  
Lighten of the  
Rotary Club of  
Lake  
Spivey/Clayton  
County** to the  
Paul Harris  
Society (PHS).  
Members of the  
PHS commit to  
making a \$1,000  
annual  
contribution to  
The Rotary  
Foundation to  
further its work  
of changing lives  
every day.  
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**ROTARY MEANS  
BUSINESS  
FELLOWSHIP**  
District 6900

Fellowship Opportunity  
**Rotary Means  
Business**

By Carter Stout  
Rotary Means Business  
(RMB) is a global  
fellowship that  
encourages Rotarians  
to support one  
another's professional  
success through  
business referrals and  
mentoring. Watch the  
newsletter for  
upcoming events. If you  
want to get involved,  
please contact Carter  
Stout at 770.349.8201  
or  
cstout@stoutkaiser.com





## Membership **Welcome to the New Rotaract Club of Southern Crescent!**

By Steve Ivory  
We are pleased to announce that our district chartered a new Rotaract Club, **Rotaract Club of Southern Crescent**, sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Griffin!**

A heartfelt thank you to faculty sponsor Dr. Shannor Huff for his leadership and dedication to empowering these outstanding students. We were honored by the presence of Dr. Irving Clark, President of Southern Crescent Technical College, along with many proud parents and supporters who joined the celebration.

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Club News

## Alpharetta Polar Plunge Raises Big Money

By Gail LaFleche  
The **Alpharetta Rotary Plunge**, held on February 7, raised \$230,000 for club community projects and almost \$800,000 for the 235 causes that participated in the plunge. The temperature was only in the mid 40's when scores of fundraisers, many in costumes, braved the cold by jumping into the Wills Park Pool. Organizations that benefited that day included the Lionheart Life Center, Meals by Grace, Jafuta Foundation, Champions Community Foundation and many more. The costumes included superhero outfits, penguins, and a Bavarian theme. More than 1,635 donors contributed that day.  
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*Brookhaven Rotarians joined other community groups for February's Arbor Day tree planting event cohosted by the Murphey Candler Park Conservancy and Brookhaven's Tree Canopy Preservation team*

Club News

## **Brookhaven Accepting Grant Applications**

By Linda Hatten  
The **Brookhaven Rotary Club** is excited to announce a new program designed to provide grants, through the Brookhaven Rotary Foundation, to local organizations that support the city of Brookhaven community. Club President Jennifer Yanulavich adds, "If you know of a Brookhaven non-profit organization that may have a need for financial support, you can be their Rotarian champion! Even if you're a Rotarian outside of Brookhaven." Please feel free to share this information with qualified organizations who may be interested. [more]

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Club News  
**North  
Fulton  
Brightens  
Seniors'  
Valentines  
Day**

By Lisa Gelber  
**North Fulton Rotarians** were thrilled to share our hearts and our hands at the Crabapple Senior Center in February. The morning kicked off with helping participants create beautiful individual floral arrangements to take home, followed by crafting Valentine-themed garland to decorate the center. These creative activities were not only fun, but also great for stimulating the brain.  
[more]





Club News  
**Alpharetta  
Celebrates  
Annual  
Golden  
Gala**

By Gail LaFleche  
The **Rotary Club of Alpharetta** held its second Annual Golden Gala on February 13 at the American Legion; it was a huge success. Over 120 seniors attended and enjoyed music, dancing, line dance lessons, refreshments, raffles and more! The guests wore their favorite party attire and joined their friends for this free event that included fun and community. They were honored at this event because Aging is not something to hide - it is something to celebrate!  
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Club News

## Rotary Club of Columbus Completes Meaningful Project in Meeting

By LeighAnn DiCesaris  
The **Rotary Club of Columbus** recently transformed its regular gathering into a hands-on act of service, demonstrating what it truly means to live out Rotary's motto, Service Above Self. Most recently, Rotarians paused their usual weekly meeting agenda to work side-by-side filling hygiene bags for neighbors in need. The completed bags will benefit three local organizations making a direct impact in the community: Valley Rescue Mission, Stewart Community Home, and Home for Good. [more]





Club News

## **Atlanta West End Strengthens Youth Through School Snack Initiative**

By Jared Evans  
The **Rotary Club of Atlanta West End (AWER)** has launched and delivered multiple rounds of food support to students at Booker T. Washington High School, ensuring that students have access to nourishment during school breaks when resources might be stretched thin at home. This initiative puts Rotary's Youth Service Avenue into action in a very tangible way. Through the Booker T. Washington Snack Initiative, AWER members have already completed two major deliveries of food and gift cards this Rotary year, with a third delivery scheduled for Spring Break in April 2026 and another planned for the last day of school in May. [more]

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Club News

## **Roswell Hosts Conference for Emerging High School Leaders**

By Becky Nelson  
**Roswell Rotary Club** hosted the annual Leadership 20/20 1-day conference this February with approximately 70 emerging student leaders from Roswell High School attending. Without a doubt, this over 30-year tradition was a quiet yet steady testament of collaboration between Roswell HS, Roswell HS PTSA and the Roswell Rotary Club.  
[\[more\]](#)

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## Club News **Buckhead Pairs School Kids and Shelter Dog Projects**

By Shelley Hammell  
The **Buckhead Rotary Club** brought two of its signature projects together in a Valentine's Day effort to benefit shelter dogs and children who have experienced homelessness themselves. Rotarians visited The Boyce L. Ansley School to make dog and cat toys with the students, grades K - 6 and write Valentine's Day messages for the animals at LifeLine Animal Project, and the club purchased more than 20 crates for the animals in the shelter. [\[more\]](#)





Club News

## Dunwoody Rotarians Help Anchor Place Respite Celebrate Valentine's Day

By Jackie Cuthbert  
Anchor Place Respite Care in Dunwoody held a very special "Harmony and Hearts" community Valentine's Day celebration for caregivers and their family members living with memory issues - all with some help and support from **Dunwoody Rotarians**. Past President Louise Barden helped with event planning and Charlie and Anita Augello provided a tasty Italian lunch from the East 48th Street Market. [\[more\]](#)



Club News

## Atlanta Southern Crescent Delivers Valentines

By Claudia Mertl  
The **Rotary Club of Atlanta Southern Crescent** delivered 50 Valentines for the residents and staff of the Jonesboro Senior Assisted Living. President Mahli Lowder and Rotarian Dawn Hartman enjoyed delivering the valentines and loved seeing the joy they brought.

# SPREADING VALENTINE'S DAY JOY!

The Rotary Club of Atlanta Southern Crescent delivered 50 valentines for the residents and staff of the **Jonesboro Senior Assisted Living** on Saturday, February 7th.

President, Mahli Lowder, and Rotarian, Dawn Hartman, enjoyed delivering the valentines and loved seeing the joy they brought. ♥



**Rotary** Club of  
**Atlanta Southern  
Crescent**



**50** valentines  
delivered to  
residents & staff! ♥





## SHELTERBOX IMPACT

**2025**  
ROTARY IN FOCUS



Club News

### **Alpharetta Named as Shelter Box Hero**

By Clark Savage  
The **Rotary Club of Alpharetta** has been recognized as a *ShelterBox Hero Club* for its outstanding commitment to providing emergency shelter and essential supplies to families displaced by disaster and conflict worldwide. For more information about ShelterBox, its Rotary origins, and how Rotary Clubs can become Hero Clubs, visit <https://shelterboxusa.org/> [more]





Club News

## North Cobb ... From McKenna Farms to Kennesaw to Women's Extension

By Jose Gonzalez

**North Cobb Rotarians** have been on the move in February - refreshing a closet at McKenna Farms' therapeutic play area for children with special needs, serving dinner at the Women's Extension for its recovery program, partnering with Kennesaw State University Rotaract Club to package food for needy community families. And they still found time to enjoy fellowship at an International Potluck and attend Rotary Leadership Institute training in Marietta. [\[more\]](#)





Club News  
**Griffin  
Daybreak  
Joins  
Read  
Across  
America**

By Kathyrene  
Fields  
**Griffin  
Daybreak  
Rotarians**  
Kathyrene  
Fields, Cresta  
Barber and  
Nicki Gore  
jumped at a  
chance to share  
some of their  
favorite stories  
with new mini  
BFFs at  
Moreland Road  
Elementary,  
part of the  
club's  
partnership  
with Griffin  
Spalding  
Schools to  
participate in  
Read Across  
America.  
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## Club News **Columbus Installs Peace Pole**

By LeighAnn DiCesaris  
The **Rotary Club of Columbus** hosted a Peace Pole Dedication Ceremony this February at the Columbus Public Library in Columbus, Georgia — a permanent symbol of our commitment to peace, goodwill, and understanding here at home and around the world. Inscribed with messages of peace in multiple languages, the Peace Pole reflects the shared values that define our community: inclusion, service, and unity. It stands as a reminder that while peace is a global mission, it begins right here in Columbus. This dedication reflects our continued commitment to building a stronger, more united Columbus for generations to come.  
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## FAMILY OF ROTARY

Our membership cares deeply about the needs and concerns of our members. We don't want to miss an opportunity to reach out in friendship when such concerns arise. The chairperson of this committee is Lynne Lindsey and all news should be directed to her at [lynnehlindsay@outlook.com](mailto:lynnehlindsay@outlook.com)

Club News

### **Roswell's Family of Rotary Committee**

By Becky Nelson  
With a heart for service, **Roswell Rotary Club** has a heart for each other too. We are a strong club that gets inside and behind a message or a need with full vibrato. Walking in partnership with this sense of service to our community, our district and our world, is a sense of intense caring for each other. Past President Lynne Lindsay has been the point person for our Family of Rotary Committee for years.  
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