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Upcoming Key Dates

Thursday, January 13th, 2022	Camilla Camilla Official DG Visit
Tuesday, January 18th, 2022	Dunwoody Rotary Means Business
Tuesday, January 18th, 2022	Rotary Means Business - District Vocational Committee
Tuesday, January 25th, 2022	Cuthbert Cuthbert Official DG Visit
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- Joining a Rotary Action Group - and lending your skills and support to service projects around the world (visit rotary.org/actiongroups). You can read about one of those Action Groups in this newsletter, as we share a story from the Rotary Service Blog about RFHA, an action group started right here in District 6900.
- Joining or starting a Rotary Fellowship - Right here in District 6900, you can be part of the Rotary Means Business fellowship; see the article later in the newsletter. You may also choose to join an international group of Rotarians,
- family members, and program participants and alumni who share
- a vocational or recreational interest (visit rotary.org/fellowships)

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Service: With just 12 clubs reporting their completed projects in Rotary Club

Central so far, our work involved 2168 volunteers - with a total of 8883 hours and \$75,690 invested in these projects. That's just under 20% of our clubs; think of what the numbers would show if all clubs reported all the good work we're doing.

Membership: You should all know by now that "Grow More (so we can) Do More" means a lot to

our RI President and to me - membership is critical to all we can accomplish. Congrats to the clubs listed here for leading the district's membership growth!

Club	Members 7/1/21	Members 1/3/22	Up by	% up
Johns Creek-North Fulton	29	43	14	48.3%
Carrollton-Dawn Breakers	62	70	8	12.9%
South DeKalb County	22	29	7	31.8%
Camilla	41	47	6	14.6%
Columbus	279	285	6	2.2%
Midtown Atlanta	73	78	5	6.8%
Griffin	97	101	4	4.1%
Peachtree City	112	116	4	3.6%
Polk County	13	17	4	30.8%
Roswell	221	225	4	1.8%
Marietta	78	81	3	3.8%
Thomasville	125	128	3	2.4%
North Cobb	61	64	3	4.9%

Our Rotary Foundation Giving: I appreciate the 29 clubs who submitted their Polio Plus goals for the year - and especially the clubs who have already met those goals - Carrollton Dawnbreakers, East Cobb, Griffin Daybreak, LaGrange, Marietta, Meriwether County, Moultrie, Muscogee-

Columbus, North Atlanta, North Columbus, Roswell, Smyrna, Thomasville, Tucker and Vinings Cumberland. Thanks also to the 515 individuals who have given at least \$100 in support of The Rotary Foundation this year - considered Sustaining Members for the Rotary Foundation. I appreciate all that each and every one of you is doing to help Rotary make a difference in our communities and the world. Keep up the good work!

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January 10, 2022

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- Increasing our impact
- Expanding our reach
- Enhancing participant engagement
- Increasing our ability to adapt

Be sure to sign up for the *Poppins Pony Prix*, bring your *tuppence* for Polio Plus, visit *Cherry Tree Lane*, be ready for the *Chim Chimney* sweep, an *Admiral Booming* good time and you never know who may *Measure Up* for recognition.


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Disaster Relief


Monetary donations can be made to:

Rotary District 6710 Disaster Relief Fund

ABA Routing Number: 083001314
Account Number: 59568984
 - or mailed to -
7906 Westover Drive
Prospect, KY 40059

Supply Drop-off:
 To make arrangements for drop-off, please
 contact Kaytlin Flowers at 270-287.2214 or
kedwards.rotary@gmail.com

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Our little town of Dresden, pop. 3500, was hit by a massive tornado Friday night. Over 100 buildings and homes were severely damaged or destroyed. Our Dresden Rotary Club has established a Tornado Relief Fund to help with the response in our area. Any support would be most appreciated. We will use these funds to meet the needs of our community as they arise, as our club has for the past 75 years. Your clubs may contribute through Venmo to @DresdenRotaryTornadoReliefFund, or GoFundMe at <https://gofund.me/327cecf5>. Checks may be mailed to: Dresden Rotary Club Tornado Relief Fund P.O. Box 652 Dresden, TN 38225

And the 2nd option represented with this picture and note.

Friends, we cannot thank you all enough for your kindness and support. Your generosity will not go unnoticed. Please see the graphic below for donation details. We are able to provide tax receipts for anyone interested. Please send our love and thanks back to your district and clubs and know that we are eternally grateful.

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Posted by Jaclyn Donovan
November 1, 2021

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- Decatur - RJ Jawanda
- Forsyth-Monroe - Margaret Holloway
- Midtown Atlanta - Mahlet Solomon, George Boyd, Debbie Christensen
- North Cobb - Sharn Skelton
- Polk County - Amanda Hogan, Marianne Wood, Pat Lusted

- South Cobb – Heath King, Claude Gatlin, Jim Ginocchio
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by Sneha Saloni and the Rotary Action Group for Family Health and AIDS Prevention



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The Rotary journey

"I joined the Rotary family in 2004." Reminiscing about her first meeting with Marion Bunch, RFHA Inc founder, Kann says, "I called up Marion and asked her if I could come and see her. She invited me the next weekend. I knew about her interest in working to help people with HIV and during that time, the program that I was working with in the CDC was also AIDS-focused. We had a lot of things to talk and discuss about. She ended up being my Rotary sponsor (in the Rotary Club of Dunwoody) and a few years down the line, I started helping RFHA with consulting."

"One of the things that attracted me towards Rotary was that this organization was into public health. I was working for public health on an international level, but I wasn't working on the ground. Providing direct services to the people was what I wanted to do, and Rotary gave me that opportunity," she

says.

“As part of the Rotary Polio Mission, I got an opportunity to travel to India. With the CDC, I was only working with the high-level government officials. With Rotary, I was administering vaccines to babies, learning about the problems at the ground level. The experience was drastically different. Rotary works in a unique way within a country. It works with the people, bringing solutions to the tiniest villages. And this sets it apart from many other NGOs,” shares Kann.

What is RFHA?

Describing the RFHA model, Kann says, “When people ask me what RFHA is, I always say that it is an organization that brings life-changing impact in the communities it serves. RFHA’s model is such that it allows family health days to focus on the problem of the moment. Its flexibility helps in addressing the public health issues society is dealing with in the present, and this is what makes it so special and impactful.”

“It is not a one-size fits all kind of model, but RFHA is set up in a way that it can address the needs of every community. One of the keys to the RFHA model is that it uses local people to provide health services which helps in building a bond of trust with the society. Rather than bringing some experts who know nothing about the community and its people, RFHA works closely with the locals who can easily reach out to their people,” she explains.

Helping destroy the stigma

She talks about the various stigmas and problems attached with AIDS and highlights, “One of the best things about RFHA is that it deals with the problems surrounding AIDS and related stigma in a tactful way. The family health program addresses AIDS along with all different health problems, thus reducing the stigma and making people feel that AIDS screening and intervention is not the sole reason they are receiving health services free of cost.”

“I feel this is the best way to deal with the stigma – address AIDS like another regular health problem and not a stigmatized health issue. RFHA’s approach does just that. RFHA has helped spread awareness and has saved many lives,” she adds.

Help the world heal

“The difference between those who have and those who don’t – is reflected in the healthcare system. A system that barely exists in some parts of the world,” Kann shares.

With the idea that public health system should be available to anyone in need, RFHA is transforming healthcare delivery through the Rotary Family Health Day program so that it reaches every individual.

Empowering healthcare workers with resources to improve quality healthcare, RFHA has helped over 2.65 million patients by offering over 11 million free health services since 2011.

Your help will bring us a step closer in making health care accessible for all and give a happy-healthy life to many. To learn more, visit <http://www.rfha.org> or contact Sue Paget, CEO, RFHA Inc at +27 (0) 83 456 392 or spaget@rfha.org.

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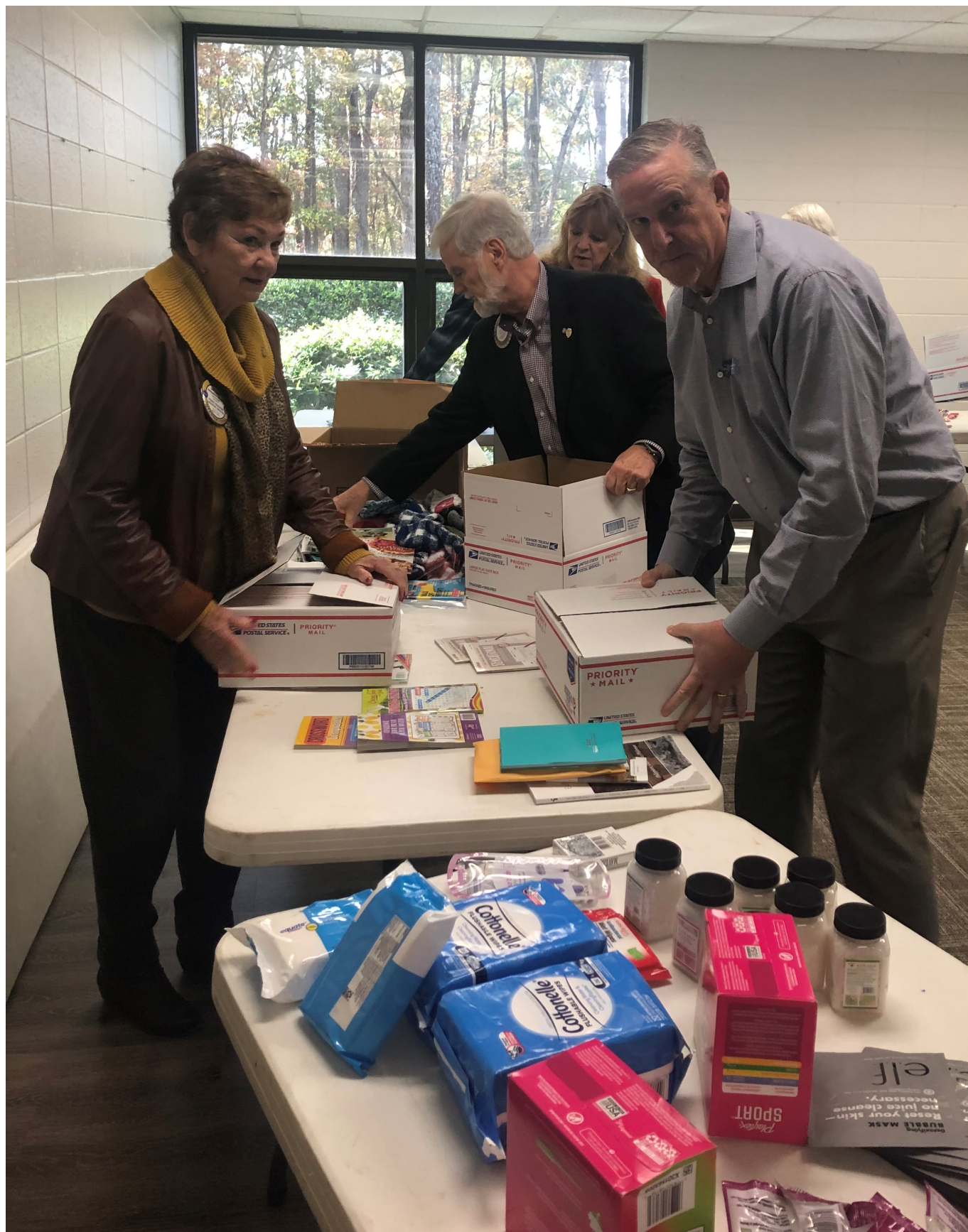
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PHOTOS:



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From Facebook

Celebrating Service and Fellowship in District 6900

Celebrating Rotarians Together (from Facebook)

- **Peachtree City** – Jingle Bell Trail race for elementary school
- **Atlanta West End** at Fred Astaire Dance Studio dancing the night away!
- **Forever Fed** – North Cobb
- **South Cobb** - Christmas



Posted by Jackie Cuthbert
January 11, 2022

From Facebook

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- **Meriwether County** – Annual Coat Drive
- **Roswell Rotary** – Christmas on Canton Street
- **Americus Rotary** – featured in Rotarian magazine for their district grant that helped update the projection equipment at the historic Rylander Theater

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