

DISTRICT 6900 NEWS FOR DECEMBER, 2017

From the District Governor  
**Membership**  
 By Alec Smythe  
 Like all organizations, Rotary clubs can expect to lose 10% to 15% of their members each year. If we are to achieve our mission, each club needs an organized process for attracting leaders to Rotary. **This year the District will pay half the cost of club attraction events up to \$400.** [\[more\]](#)

*Katie and Mohamed, the 9 year old boy who truly captured Katie's heart and ultimately led to the founding of Education Cures.*  
 Rotary People in Action  
**Buckhead Rotarian Katie Cyphers and Education Cures**  
 By Jackie Cuthbert  
 When Katie Cyphers fortuitously met Richard Wernick while boarding a flight in Paris, France she had no idea that he would be a gateway to her finding true purpose in life. This month we are honoring Buckhead Rotarian Katie Cyphers as our Rotary Person of Action for her work with the nonprofit she founded - Education Cures [\[more\]](#)

The Rotary Foundation  
**Super Heroes Walk Among Us**  
 By Anne Glenn  
 It's the season of giving thanks for our blessings. And, for saying thanks for the life we enjoy as Rotarians. This month, I thank you - Rotarians of District 6900 - for caring deeply about the future of our world's mothers and children. Your generosity touches people who are unknown. It is unlikely you will ever meet any of them personally. ... [\[more\]](#)

The Rotary Foundation  
**Looking for a Global Grant Project?**  
 By Anne Glenn  
 If your Club has never participated in a Global Grant Project, or if has been a while since you did, please consider financial support for another District 6900 Rotary Club on projects they are proposing to start this year. Right now, there are two Global Grant Projects that welcome your help. [\[more\]](#)

The Rotary Foundation  
**Jasmine Burton Completes Her Year as a Rotary Scholar in London**  
 By Margie Kersey  
*Time really does fly when you're having fun!* *Jasmine Burton has just completed her year as a Rotary Scholar - sponsored by Rotary District 6900! She is an awesome young lady! Here are some of her thoughts and pictures from the year.* [\[more\]](#)

Youth  
**Does Your Club Have a Youth Protection Officer and Policy?**  
 By Ken Crowell  
 Most clubs in District 6900 participate in service projects involving youth. This year District 6900 is asking clubs to designate a Youth Protection Officer and to adopt a policy that follows steps recommended by the Rotary International Youth Protection policy. You can contact our District Youth Protection Officer, Ken Crowell, for more information. [\[more\]](#)

GRSP Update  
**Include GRSP Students in Your Holiday Plans ... and Consider 2018 Opportunities**  
 By Lynn Clarke  
 Some ideas about planning to include your GRSP student in your holidays ... more info on the Thomas Peace Award and the Oslo Scholarships. [\[more\]](#)

District Conference 2018 Update  
**Rotacon You - Learning about Rotary's Most Exciting Programs**  
 By Ryan Clements  
 This year's district conference has several major new elements, one of which is the introduction of educational breakout sessions on the afternoon of Friday, April 27. The objective in planning these sessions is to highlight impactful Rotary programs, leadership opportunities, and creative ways to engage Rotary. Join us at Rotacon You. [\[more\]](#)

Rotary International Convention 2018  
**Join District 6900 and Rotarians from Around the World in Toronto Next June**  
 By Jackie Cuthbert  
 It's a great time to register for the 2018 Rotary International Convention in Toronto! **Register online by December 15** and the registration fee is \$335. After that, it goes up by \$75/person. [\[more\]](#)

Club News  
**Dunwoody Police Chief Dances to Stop Domestic Violence**  
 By Jackie Cuthbert  
 When the DeKalb County Solicitor General, Donna Coleman-Stribling, asked Dunwoody Police Chief (and Dunwoody Rotarian) Billy Grogan to consider being one of the "Stars" in its first ever Dancing With the DeKalb Stars event, he eagerly agreed. The event raised funds and awareness about Domestic Violence. [\[more\]](#)

Club News  
**Marietta Reads! Celebrates 12 Years of Promoting Literacy**  
 By Dale Covington  
 Thirty Rotarians from the **Rotary Club of Marietta** visited all seven elementary schools in the Marietta City School system recently to read a book to all 37 second-grade classes as part of a 12-year Club partnership with the MCS Marietta Reads! program. [\[more\]](#)

Club News  
**North Fulton Adds Trees Near Its Rotary Reflection Garden**  
 By Mike Mudd  
 On Veteran's Day, 18 volunteers from the **Rotary Club of North Fulton** (7 Rotarians and 11 family and friends) gathered to plant 16 trees in honor of Rotary International President Ian Risely. The Club's newest Rotarian, Tom Salata, worked with the City of Alpharetta Urban Forestry Program Manager Will Eberly to: [\[more\]](#)

Club News  
**Alpharetta Celebrates Holidays with Care Packages to Military**  
 By Clark Savage  
 For 14 years the **Rotary Club of Alpharetta** has been purchasing, packaging and shipping goods to men and women serving our country. The club collects an assortment of everyday items like food staples, hygiene products, cookies and games. This Holiday Season, the club is sending two sets of care packages. [\[more\]](#)

Club News  
**Roswell Basketball Invitational Raises over \$7,000 for Honor Air flights**  
 By Lynne Lindsay  
**Roswell Rotary** and Roswell High School raised over \$7,000 during the inaugural "Roswell High School and Roswell Rotary Honor Air Invitational" basketball tournament in November at the school's J. Tom Zachary Court in the "Hornet's Nest". All proceeds from ticket sales were donated towards funding next year's Honor Air flight, the tenth in the club's history. [\[more\]](#)

Club News  
**Vietnam Veterans Help Griffin Remember Veterans Day**  
 By Stephanie Windham  
**Griffin Rotarians** Jim King and Philip Smith, two highly decorated U.S. Army veterans of the Vietnam War era, presented a Veteran's Day program honoring the more than 30 veterans in the Rotary Club of Griffin. Each veteran had proudly served and, after being discharged, returned to civilian life, locked away the horrors and ... [\[more\]](#)

Club News  
**Dunwoody Donates Operating Table to Haiti**  
 By Louise Barden  
 The **Rotary Club of Dunwoody** recently supplied funding to provide a much needed operating table to the Medical Clinic of Hope in Terre Blanche, Haiti. [\[more\]](#)

## Upcoming Key Dates

Thursday, December 7th, 2017	<b>Rotary Youth Exchange Disney Weekend</b>
Thursday, December 7th, 2017	<b>Peachtree City Board Meeting</b>
Thursday, December 7th, 2017	<b>Peachtree City Governor Visit</b>
Saturday, December 9th, 2017	<b>District Nominating Committee Meeting</b>
Saturday, December 9th, 2017	<b>Planning &amp; Advisory Meeting</b>
Monday, December 11th, 2017	<b>Fayetteville Governor Visit</b>
Tuesday, December 12th, 2017	<b>Fayette Daybreak Governor Visit</b>
Wednesday, December 20th, 2017	<b>Stone Mountain Boar's Head Feast</b>