

Home of  
District Governor:  
Jim Squire  
&  
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Frank Bentley,  
Ralph Thurmond,  
and Barry Smith

## Meetings

December is Disease Prevention  
and Treatment Month

### Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

12/20 Pam Wall  
12/20 Ralph Thurmond  
12/21 Fred Ferrand  
12/25 Michael Lindstrom  
12/29 William Snellings  
12/31 Charan Shikh  
12/31 Steve Soteres  
12/31 Ruth Armknecht  
12/31 Ken DeSimone  
12/31 Mark Rabin

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

12/20 Pam Wall (42)  
12/27 Rusty Paul (33)

### Rotary Online

<https://sandyspringsrotary.org>  
<https://rotary6900.org/>  
<https://rotary.org/>

### ROTARY CLUB OF SANDY SPRINGS

Mondays, 12:15 pm  
Hilton Suites

#### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### President Nancy Schroeder's Welcome Message

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs, I welcome you to visit our club and experience the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs' hospitality and energy. We meet on Monday for lunch at 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. at the Hilton Perimeter Suites, 6120 Peachtree Dunwoody Road, Sandy Springs, GA 30328. You can reserve a spot by going to our website at [www.sandyspringsrotary.org](http://www.sandyspringsrotary.org). Join your fellow professionals, and community and business leaders, and learn how Rotary can fit in your future. Experience Rotary Making A Difference!



#### Upcoming Program

### Co-founders of Susansnaps, Laura and Susan Stachler will be addressing the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs.



On Monday December 16 at 12:15 the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs will be welcoming local entrepreneurs Laura and Susan Stachler to the podium.

Mother-daughter duo, Laura and Susan Staehler, are the founders of Susansnaps, nationally recognized cookie company based in Sandy Springs. At Susansnaps, they're baking up to 16,000 gingersnaps daily, shipping nationwide and running their charming shop. You might have seen them on ABC News with David Muir "Made in America" or even CNN, Today Show or Forbes. Laura and Susan have created a cookie empire based on unlikely adversity and it's their unique "cancer to cookies" story that keeps Susansnaps. Laura and Susan are also published authors of, *The Cookie Cure* which received a booklist starred review of "Outstanding!". Readers are calling their story, "Inspiring and Entertaining."

Please join us at the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs in offering a warm welcome to Laura and Susan. Our club meets Mondays at the [Hilton Suites](#) at 12:15. All are welcome to visit.

A special news report about Susansnaps can be found here:

<https://abcnews.go.com/GMA/Food/video/25-days-cookies-cookie-monsters-double-chocolate-cookie-59635305>

Please visit the Susansnaps website for more information: <https://susansnaps.com/>



#### Previous Program

### Richard Walker, CEO of GAMA and partner of CBW

6120 Peachtree Dunwoody  
Road, NE

Sandy Springs, GA 30328



## LEADERSHIP

President	Nancy Schroeder
Treasurer	John Neill
Secretary	Mike Stacy
Foundation	Rick Doyle, III
Membership	Adam Bowling
Public Image	Todd Lawrimore

## PLLC presented compelling reasons to be excited about Georgia's future.

On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Richard Walker a law partner at CBW and the President and CEO of the Georgia Automotive Manufacturers Association addressed the members of the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs.

Mr. Walker, who goes by Rick, immediately launched into an explanation of the GAMA and claims it is his passion which fuels his interest. The Georgia AMA was strategically formed to help suppliers provide for the needs of automotive manufactures. He explained that the GAMA is one of several automotive manufacturing association (AMAs) in the south east. The GAMA is a fast-growing association. He explained its rising prominence while showing multiple maps of recent growth of the automotive manufacturers and suppliers. Rick presented a slide listing many of the manufacturers in Georgia specially. Those included where: Blue Bird (Bus), BMW Training Center, Chrysler Atlanta Part Distribution Center, General Motors-IT Innovation Center, Honda Precision Parts, Kia Motors, Mercedes-Benz USA HQ, and Porsche North America.

Rick's presentation also included a slide which revealed many of the automotive suppliers in the region which included Cox Automotive, NAPA, Novellus, Exide, the PSA Group (Puegoet) and many more.

The automotive industry is really doing well in Georgia, he notes. "Georgia may not ever be the best metal bender in the world, but we got logistics and technology down.". This is a quote that Rick repeats often for as many as possible to hear. He's hoping to ensure that Georgia remains strong and grows in its ability to be an important part of an industry that shapes America and the world.

One amazing and important offerings that Georgia has is it's shipping ports in Brunswick. Brunswick is famous for its "Roll-Roll" ports. He explained the short-hand phrase to mean; Roll on cars and Roll off cars.

"Georgia is out in front with technologies that will really make a difference in the next ten years."

Rick talked about the coming trends and a few which are already here and being adopted as we speak. He spoke briefly about electric vehicles including, electric trucks like the Rivian RT & Tesla's electric truck. More information about these trucks can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=guUurwEyaL4>

Rick set aside the remaining minutes of his presentation to talk about his law firm, CBW. CBW's full name is Clements Bernard Walker PLLC, Intellectual Property & Trade Association LAW and has offices in Atlanta & Charlotte.

At this point Rick launched in an "IP overview". A slight hush came over the 40+ Rotarians and guest in attendance before he explained that I.P. stands for intellectual property, and that it deals with patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets and related areas. Rick paused for another brief moment and said that on the subject of trademarks and brands, "I think one of the best brands in the world is Rotary."

Rick talked about trade secrets briefly. He explained the trick to a trade secret is to lock it up and have agreements of non-disclosure with the people who work with it in order to get a judge or jury to protect it. Simply put, "Your secret will not be protected by law unless you have taken some measure to protect it yourself."

He added that some of the world's most famous trade secrets are the formula for Coca-cola, WD-40, Kentucky Fried Chicken's secret spices, and McDonald's secret sauce. He briefly explained how each of the companies have protected their business' by using properly handled IP law.

The Rotary Club of Sandy Springs would like to thank Rick for sharing his excitement and passion about the Automotive industry in Georgia.



Richard Walker presenting to the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs.

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*Richard engaging with Rotary members afterwards.*

*From left to right: Richard Walker, Malcolm Kilpatrick, Fran Farias, and Tim Fore*

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*Richard Walker and Nancy Schroeder, 2019-2020 President Rotary Club of Sandy Springs*

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The photos and more can be found here:

<https://rotaryclubofsandysprings.zenfolio.com/p105...>

Quick biographical information about Richard can found here:

<https://sandyspringsrotary.org/story/3446>

More information about Clements Bernard Walker PLLC can be found here:

<https://worldpatents.com/>

More information about GAMA can be found here: <https://www.gama-georgia.org/>



### **Special Message**

## **No Meeting December 9, 2019**



### **Other News**

## **Rotary Trivia fact of the week**



### **Question: What was the first Rotary Club community project?**

In 1907 a "comfort station" in downtown Chicago became the first Rotary community project. Public restrooms were typically found only in saloons at that time, and unaccompanied women were not permitted to enter saloons.



If you're curious:

<https://www.rghfhome.org/first100/library/rotarian/1940scrapbook/comfort.htm#.XealtuhKhE>

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Have any interesting trivia you'd like to share? Send it to [tlawrimore@gmail.com](mailto:tlawrimore@gmail.com)



**Other News**

**RSVP for the Rotary Christmas Party**

Don't forget to RSVP with Nancy for the Christmas Party.



**A Look Ahead**

**Here's an easy and quick glimpse of our Rotary meetings to come**



If you have inquiries please send them to [tlawrimore@gmail.com](mailto:tlawrimore@gmail.com)



Is your name mentioned below?

**Greeters and Invocation Leader for December 16, 2019**



Rotary Club of Sandy Springs Greeters & Invocation leader for next meeting.  
(12/16/2019)

Invocators, as per the "Make it fun and they will come." theme, have a joke ready!

**Greeter A:**

*Chad Hagan*

**Greeter B:**

*Rick Doyle*

**Invocation Leader:**

*Ralph Thurmond*