

# "THE FRIENDLY BREAKFAST CLUB" NEWSLETTER

June 10, 2020

## Meetings

June is Rotary Fellowships Month

- 6/12 Brent Walker, Parks & Recreation Director, City of Dunwoody via Zoom
- 6/19 No Friday Meeting - instead consider joining us for Thursday Thursday live at East 48th Street Market!
- 6/26 No Friday Meeting
- 7/3 No Friday Meeting - Happy Fourth of July Weekend!

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 6/2 Gary Lane
- 6/9 Helen Sempira
- 6/11 Russell Reams, DBA, Jr.
- 6/21 Patti Bunker
- 6/25 Hoshi Daruwalla
- 6/26 Jeff Hanson
- 6/30 Deb Cameron

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 6/4 Andrew Kaiser (15)
- 6/7 George Stewart, Jr. (12)
- 6/15 Chris Gutschenritter (46)
- 6/17 Carter Stout (25)
- 6/21 Susan Schwall (40)
- 6/23 Dr. John E. Carr (47)
- 6/24 Charlie Augello (59)
- 6/24 Ardy Bastien (124)
- 6/27 Dabney Daniel (12)
- 6/27 Kathy Brandt (12)
- 6/27 Fred Brandt (12)

## Rotary Online

<https://dunwoodyrotary.org>  
<https://rotary6900.org/>

## In This Bulletin ...

There's a lot of news you might not want to miss in this bulletin. You can read about:

- This Friday's Zoom meeting where we will hear from Brent Walker, Dunwoody Parks & Recreation
- The Show Rotary Cares award presented to Louise Barden at this week's DeKalb Rotary Council Zoom meeting
- Our upcoming "in person" Thirsty Thursday - June 18 in the parking lot at Charlie Augello's East 48th Street Market
- District 6900's end of year celebration in Columbus - on Saturday, June 20
- Your opportunity to attend the 2020 virtual Rotary International Convention
- More about our history with the DeKalb Rotary Council

### This Week's Speaker on Zoom ...

## Brent Walker, Parks Director, City of Dunwoody Parks & Recreation




Grab your coffee or tea and the breakfast of your choice and join us this Friday morning at 7:30 a.m. on Zoom to hear more about the work of the City of Dunwoody's Parks and Recreation Department. You can join the Zoom meeting at <https://zoom.us/j/99732258910> or if you have the Zoom app on your phone or computer, you can go there and type in the meeting ID: 997 3225 8910. You can also join by one tap mobile at +13126266799,,99732258910# US (Chicago) or +16465588656,,99732258910# US (New York).

Brent Walker serves the City of Dunwoody as Parks Director, City of Dunwoody Parks & Recreation. Walker joined the City of Dunwoody staff in 2010 with a mandate to develop policies and procedures for the creation of a new parks and recreation department. Through his leadership the City of Dunwoody has developed a comprehensive Master Plan for parks and recreation activities with a reach of over 200 acres of park property and has made significant progress in plan implementation. Walker visits with the Rotary Club of Dunwoody to discuss the process of plan development, report implementation status and invite further input on the future of Dunwoody Parks and Recreation assets.

Walker has extensive experience working with communities to help them develop and leverage their parks and recreation assets to enhance quality of life and economic vitality. Prior to joining the City of Dunwoody, Walker has served as District Coordinator and, earlier, Recreation Coordinator of Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation, in Lawrenceville. He has served with similar focus the communities of Pine Lake, Decatur, Georgia and Auburn Alabama.

Walker lives in Decatur with his wife Laura and three children; Noah, Eliza and Charlie. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Art from Auburn University. He was the recipient in 2008 of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Gold Medal Award, for noteworthy accomplishments leading and serving communities with a focus on arts and recreation.

## ROTARY CLUB OF DUNWOODY

Fridays, 7:15 am  
Fleming's Steakhouse  
4501 Olde Perimeter Way  
Dunwoody, GA 30346 

### LEADERSHIP

President	Cathie Brumfield
President-Elect	Ardy Bastien
Treasurer	Jeannette Jezerinac-Prince
Secretary	Jennifer Bowler
Membership	Fred Brandt
Foundation	Bill Mulkey
Public Image	Jackie Cuthbert

## DeKalb Rotary Council

### Congratulations to Louise S. Barden



Congratulations to Louise Barden for being recognized as this year's recipient of the DeKalb Rotary Council's William M. Mulkey "Show Rotary Cares" award. The award was announced by Past Assistant Governor Suzanne Sykes on behalf of our own PDG Bill Mulkey who was not able to be in attendance.

For the past 20 years, the "Show Rotary Cares" Award has been earned by a Rotarian from each Rotary club in DeKalb County for their exemplification of Rotary service, dedication, and commitment. The RI President's Theme originated in 1997 when Glenn W. Kinross of Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, served as RI President and Bill Mulkey served as Rotary District 6900 Governor.

To qualify, a Rotarian must demonstrate commitment and action in all "Avenues of Service." This award is given in honor of PDG Bill Mulkey for his many years of leadership and service to the DeKalb Rotary Council and Rotary International District 6900.

Louise has led the GRSP Leadership Weekend and our international grants through The Rotary Foundation for several years, and done ever so much more in the spirit of Rotary. She certainly deserves this award and our club's appreciation for her extraordinary example of "Show Rotary Cares." The entire theme is "Show Rotary Cares ..... for your community, for our world, and for its people."

### Thirsty Thursday Live!

## Join Us June 18 for Thirsty Thursday at East 48th Street Market



On Thursday, June 18, we are moving the Thirsty Thursday party - with all social distancing precautions in place - from Zoom to an in-person social hour in the parking lot outside Rotarian Charlie Augello's East 48th Street Market! Festivities begin at 5:30 pm and continue until about 7:00 pm. Here's how the evening will work:

- **Please bring your chair, a small side table if you want one, and, if you are ordering wine, your own wine glass.**
- **You may order food in advance from the Market's daily menu** - which you can review at <https://www.e48thstreetmarket.com/menu/> - orders should be emailed to Jennifer Bowler at [jbowler325@gmail.com](mailto:jbowler325@gmail.com) by noon on Monday, June 15 - with preferred pick up time. Please review and order ahead if you plan to eat, so that we don't overwhelm the Market staff the night of the event.
  - **If you pre-order**, you can go into the Market, pick up your food order, select your beverage (including soft drinks, bottled beer and bottles of wine) and pay. **Wine drinkers, please bring your wine glass with you.**
  - **If you don't pre-order**, you can go in and place an order and wait for it to be ready. Please try to pre-order by Monday noon, to make this easier for Charlie's team.

## Join the District Celebration - June 20 in Columbus



District 6900 is celebrating this weird yet wonderful year of Rotary in Columbus on June 20 - with a brief luncheon and awards ceremony. The district will recognize the Clubs of the Year - and Clubs of the Decade, as well as other achievements. To join the celebration, register now on the [District Website](#).

Our own PDG Bill Woulfin is working on this event and spoke to the issue of safety related to COVID-19 and this event in the June District Newsletter, "I know that there is a lot of concern in getting together because of the COVID-19 pandemic, but I assure you, that everything is being done for this event with the safety of all of our Rotarians taken into consideration. We are operating within the constraints of the latest rules set down by Governor Kemp. We are adhering to these guidelines as the minimum."

### RI Convention 2020

## Connect to the World at the Rotary International Virtual Convention

As most of us know, the Rotary International Convention scheduled for Honolulu, Hawaii this June was cancelled due to the Coronavirus. Rotary International recently announced that it would be welcoming the world of Rotary to a virtual convention - from June 20-26 - all FREE of charge.

RI has issued a list of dates and times for Virtual Convention programming. As you can see, the convention does not run the entire day, but instead will be broadcast at a few set times each day. Additionally, if you miss the live broadcasts, they will be readily available on the convention website, providing some flexibility for you and your event attendees to participate at your own convenience. The Virtual Convention is free to all attendees, however, there will be a sign in process in order to access the programming. Detailed Instructions for this process will be provided before the event.

We hope that you will take the time to join these sessions and to participate in some of the fun features of the Virtual Convention: wearing and sharing photos and videos of us in our Aloha wear, the Virtual Walking Challenge, and interacting with others in the virtual House of Friendship.

Here's what we know of the schedule now:

- *Saturday, June 20, 9:00 - 10:15 am Eastern Daylight Time (UTC-5): Together We Connect - Virtual Convention General Session 1*
- *Sunday June 21, 9:00 - 10:15 am Eastern Daylight Time (UTC-5): Together We Learn - Virtual Convention General Session 2*
- *Monday 22 June - Friday 26 June: Featured Breakouts: Each day, one breakout will be offered at each of the following times (all listed here in Eastern Daylight Time) ... 9:00 - 10:00 am, 1:00 - 2:00 pm and 7:00 - 8:00 pm. You can view the list of [breakout sessions](#) on the convention website - keep in mind that times there are shown in Chicago time and that many of the breakouts will take place in July.*

More detailed information about the Featured Breakouts, the platform that will be used, and instructions for accessing the programming and transitioning back and forth between events will be shared as soon as it is available on the [convention website](#). You can also register on that site - admission is free.

## DeKalb Rotary Council

# Celebrating Teachers of the Year and a Rich Part of Dunwoody History

This week, the DeKalb Rotary Council held the teacher appreciation and awards event that had been scheduled for March - online via Zoom rather than our traditional annual breakfast meeting with all the DeKalb County clubs. PDG Bill Mulkey has already congratulated Louise Barden for the Show Rotary Cares Award. You should also know:

- Our club nominated **Michael Parks** for the Bob Grant You are the Key award - presented in honor of a Stone Mountain PDG (who was also an Honorary Member of the Rotary Club of Dunwoody). Mike was nominated for his amazing leadership for Rotary Youth Exchange in District 6900. Each club nominates someone for their service with youth and communities. This year the award went to Wayne Gresham of the Tucker Rotary Club but we're very proud to be able to recognize Mike for his service.
- **Mary Sturken from Dunwoody High School** was honored by our Club as Teacher of the Year. Mary is our Interact Club's sponsor and was part of our Service Above Self Scholarship selection committee.
- Council Chair Caesar Gaiters announced that our own **Cathie Brumfield would serve as Council Chair for the 2020-21 Rotary year**. Congratulations Cathie!

Dunwoody has a rich history with the DeKalb Rotary Council. We have had seven Council Chairs - Bill Mulkey, Mike Feeney and Jennie Stipick each served as chairs for two years, and Lang Woody, Ed Godshall, Kathy Brandt and Gary Lane each served a year. Lorri Christopher is currently serving as Council Treasurer.

Over the years, the clubs in the Council:

- Supported education - with Teacher of the Year awards, apple distribution to every teacher in a DeKalb County school, and book donations to local schools and libraries
- Collected medical equipment for distribution to needy individuals in conjunction with FODAC (Friends of Disabled Adults & Children)
- Created and distributed the I CARE card with a helpline number for youth (under Bill Mulkey's leadership)
- Sponsored Arrive Alive to transport high school students to and from prom
- Participated in a park clean-up (under Jennie's leadership)
- Helped sponsor our GRSP Leadership Weekend.