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Immediate Past District  
Governor  
Jim Squire  
&  
Past District Governors  
Frank Bentley,  
Ralph Thurmond,  
and Barry Smith

## Meetings

December is Disease Prevention  
and Treatment Month

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

12/5 Scott Einfeldt  
12/20 Pamela Wall  
12/20 Ralph Thurmond  
12/21 Fred Ferrand  
12/25 Michael Lindstrom  
12/29 William Snellings  
12/31 Charan Shikh  
12/31 Ruth Armknecht  
12/31 Ken DeSimone  
12/31 Mark Rabin  
12/31 Barton Lowrey  
12/31 Zac Boswell

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

12/20 Pamela Wall (43)  
12/27 Rusty Paul (34)

## Rotary Online

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

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### Welcome to the Sandy Springs Rotary Club



Welcome Sandy Springs Rotarians to the new Rotary year. It will be hard to top last year but we'll do it with your help & support. Kudos to past president Nancy Schroeder and PDG Jim Squire for your service and helping the club receive many awards at the District Celebration including our second "Club of the Decade" designation.

Some changes are being made in our club's meeting program to make it more varied & interesting. We will be adding the Sandy Springs Business Spotlight, a third raffle drawing, and wine one meeting a month. Members are now asked to come a little earlier as lunch will begin at noon with the program to start promptly at 12:15. Along with our traditional club events & projects we'll have a couple more service projects/media events, membership events (Rotary Pizza Night at Pontoon) and different Family of Rotary social events. I look forward to engaging with you to make it a exciting year.

Visitors are welcome to experience the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs' hospitality and energy. Meetings are typically the 1st, 2nd & 4th Mondays. Lunch is served at noon and the 1 hour program begins at 12:15. Hilton Perimeter Suites, 6120 Peachtree Dunwoody Road, Sandy Springs, GA 30328. Reserve a spot by going to our website at [www.sandyspringsrotary.org](http://www.sandyspringsrotary.org). Join your fellow professionals, community and business leaders, and learn how Rotary can benefit your future. Experience Rotary Making Things Happen in Sandy Springs!



## Upcoming Program

### Oliver Porter - Local Governing Proponent for the City of Sandy Springs



December 21st the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs will have as its guest speaker, Oliver Porter.

Oliver Porter is a leading proponent of public/private partnerships (PPP's) for local government. In his role steering the start-up of the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia, he served as chairman of the Charter Commission, volunteer Interim City Manager, and Chairman of the Governor's Commission. Subsequently, Mr. Porter has served as the principal advisor to four new contract cities in Georgia, and to communities in a number of other states. His two books-Creating the New City of Sandy Springs and

## ROTARY CLUB OF SANDY SPRINGS

Mondays, 12:15 pm  
Hilton Suites  
6120 Peachtree Dunwoody  
Road, NE  
Sandy Springs, GA 30328



### LEADERSHIP

President	John Neill
President-Elect	Charan Shikh
Treasurer	Zac Boswell
Secretary	Scott Einfeldt
Membership	Gene Jordan
Foundation	Will MacArthur

Public/Private Partnerships for Local Governments (AuthorHouse: 2006 and 2008) have been used as blueprints by many communities. Currently, Mr. Porter is advising communities in Japan on conversion to the PPP model.

Oliver Porter is a retired corporate executive (Sales V.P. - AT&T) and a Registered Professional Engineer. An active volunteer at the national, state and local levels (past national chairman of the National Kidney Foundation, the Combined Health Appeal of America, and founder of a number of state and local charities), he has a lifetime of community service.

## THIS MEETING CAN BE ATTENDED IN-PERSON OR ONLINE.

**MEETING ID 830 5329 7439**

**[HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/83053297439](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83053297439)**

One recent presentation from Mr. Porter can be found here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zJO5QcY5qIQ&feature=emb\\_logo&ab\\_channel=ken tj1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zJO5QcY5qIQ&feature=emb_logo&ab_channel=ken tj1)



### Past Program

## John Albers, Republican Senator



On Monday December 14 State Senator John Alber's spoke to our club about the events of 2020 as a result of COVID-19 and also about upcoming legislative events to look for in 2021.

He started by telling us about the things that he believes in. Such as, limited government, fiscal responsibility, work fair not welfare, working harder and complaining less and several others.

January of 2020 started very normally as far as the Legislature is concerned. Then on March 13 the legislature was suspended except for coming back a few weeks for an emergency session to grant the Governor powers to make some decisions unilaterally to keep Georgia safe. It is easy to think of the the duties of our legislators as just passing laws, while overlooking their many other duties. One such duty is titled Constituent Services. This is when the general population calls their Senator for help with some need. Historically the number of these calls is about 25 calls per day. Last March these calls jumped to 1200 calls per day.

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One can only try to imagine handling so many issues with a limited staff. The majority of these were about requirements of special needs people and senior citizens. The number of these calls has now reduced to about 125 calls per day.

The Legislature resumed session in mid June. The first thing they did was to cut pay the of legislators and find a way to shrink the state budget by 10% or \$350 Million. Federal Care Act money helped offset this budget decrease. The state of Georgia has done better than most states and Senator Alber's gives much credit to our Governor Brian Kemp for making this happen. At its worst point in time the Georgia unemployment rate was 12.6%. Now it is down to 4.5%.

For 2021 we can look for legislation for improvements to the state's 911 system by updating technology. Also look for legislation for tax reform for senior citizens to get reduction in the school tax portion of their property taxes.

On January 11, 2021 legislative session will resume again.



#### **A Look Ahead**

### **A quick glimpse of our Rotary meetings next year**

