

## Meetings

March is Water and Sanitation Month

- 3/4 Be The Voice - Debbie Cwalina
- 3/11 American History Author - Randolph Russell
- 3/18 Atlanta Regional Commission - Doug Hooker
- 3/25 State of the City - Lori Henry & Steve Stroud

## Events

- 3/2 Blood Drive
- 3/10 Hump Day at Houcks
- 3/20 Roswell Relays
- 3/27 Sweep the Hooch

### LEADERSHIP

President	Lynne Lindsay
President-Elect	Terry Taylor
Immediate PP	Gordon Owens
Treasurer	Alex Kaufman
Secretary	John Carruth
Foundation	Don Horton
Membership	Mike Agurkis
Service	Nancy Alterman
Public Image	Lee Patrick, III

### PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS

Cheryl Greenway 2012-13  
Bob Hagan 2015-16

### ROTARY CLUB OF ROSWELL

Thursdays, 12:15 pm

### President's Message

## March - A Breath of Fresh Air



March brings with it the promise of gardening and warmer, sunny days, as Earth turns its frostbitten cheek to winter and springs forth from the vernal equinox. As March brings the first day of spring, it is the start of new beginnings.

For Roswell Rotary, March brings volunteer opportunities at Roswell Relays and Sweep the Hooch. Get outdoors and enjoy the fun!

### This Week's Speaker

## Be THE Voice



Debbie Baker Cwalina is the owner and founder of Creative Corporate Ideas Inc., a certified Woman Owned Business (WBE). She started her company in 1993 and has received recognition as a Top Woman Owned Small Business in Georgia.

In the Fall of 2014, looking for a place to make a difference, Debbie joined the Roswell Rotary Club. Inspired by the many programs that her Rotary club supported throughout the community, Debbie and Mike Schoppenhorst approached then President Lou Tabickman and Interact Chair Becky Stone with the concept of Be THE Voice. Be THE Voice is a high-energy student-driven "Movement for Kindness, Compassion and Inclusion" that has made great strides in changing how students respond to difficult situations including bullying. For more information click here:

<https://be-the-voice.org/>

After nine months of research and development and enthusiastic support from the Rotary club of Roswell, Debbie and Mike launched the BTV program in 8 area schools, led by the Interact Clubs. With the success of the program and her strong desire to get involved in the community, Debbie was honored to be awarded Roswell Rotary's prestigious "Rookie of the Year" award in 2015 and then share the "Rotarian of the Year" award with Mike in 2016. In addition, Be THE Voice won the "Best Youth Service Project" for District IV in 2018/19.

In the 2019/20 program, Be THE Voice impacted approximately 50,000 students in 47 schools throughout Georgia. The reviews the BTV program has received from Principals, Teachers and Students have been overwhelmingly positive. With the help of Roswell Rotary and many other corporate sponsors and volunteers, Be THE Voice became a 501c3 in 2017 to help meet the fast growing demand for the campaign. Flexible enough to be used in any school in the country, we aim to take BTV nationwide!

**Thursdays, 11:45 - 1:15 PM | Holiday Inn**

## Meeting Protocol Virtual and In-Person



Holiday Inn  
909 Holcomb Bridge Road  
Roswell, GA 30076

## Rotary Online

<https://roswellrotary.club>  
<https://rotary6900.org/>  
<https://rotary.org/>

## GET CLUB SMS ALERTS

Text: *CLUBALERTS*  
To: 41411

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

3/3 Don Horton  
3/8 Nancy Tolbert-Yilmaz  
3/10 Jacob Harcrow  
3/10 JP Watson  
3/11 Jon-Paul Croom  
3/12 Kevin Benscoter  
3/15 Rich Austin  
3/21 Amy Brannen  
3/26 Robert Fezza  
3/27 Hal Schlenger  
3/30 Darrell Bartlett

## YEARS OF SERVICE

3/2 Gene Beckham, III (21)  
3/4 Ken Briggs (39)  
3/5 Mike Prewett (6)  
15 years in Rotary  
3/7 Terry Taylor (8)  
3/7 Michael Sutton (14)  
3/7 Bruce Peoples (8)  
3/7 Amy Brannen (8)  
3/9 Todd Byars (15)  
3/9 Jacque Digieso (15)  
28 years in Rotary  
3/9 Syd Mostajabi (12)  
3/10 Mickey Deaton (16)  
3/10 Vivian Bankston (16)  
3/10 Jeff McCoy (16)  
3/10 Keller Torrey (16)  
3/11 Lisa Carlisle (11)  
3/11 Michael Gould (11)

You can participate either way.

1) Join us at the Holiday Inn. We have expanded our space to all three ballrooms and have requested additional tables be added with fewer seats per table. The Holiday Inn is located behind the Olive Garden at 909 Holcomb Bridge Rd, Roswell, GA 30076.

2) Join us virtually at 12:15pm by computer, tablet or phone via [CLICKING/TAPPING THIS LINK](#). If you are asked, the password is **Roswell**.

**Wednesday, March 10th 5:30 - 8:00**

## Hump Day at Houck's



Join your fellow Rotarians Wednesday, March 10th @ 5:30 for a bit of mid week fun.

Bring your significant other or a prospective member. Stop by for a drink or stay for dinner either way, we hope to see you there!

**Saturday, March 20 | 8:30AM - 3:00PM**

## Volunteer For Roswell Relays



Volunteers are needed for the 2021 Roswell Relays. A full schedule of events will be held with ten schools participating.

Field events start at 9:00 AM and will finish midafternoon. We will need volunteers to cover both sessions. Prepackaged meals will be served.

Contact **Bruce Smith** @ 404-312-0577 or [bsmith@mckaycotton.com](mailto:bsmith@mckaycotton.com) or **Mindy Jones** @ goldyall@aol.com or text Mindy at 770-231-1061 .

This is a fun service project that we have sponsored for 24 years. See you there!

**Saturday, March 27th 9:00-12:00**

## Sweep the Hooch



Attached is flyer from the Chattahoochee Riverkeepers and a [link to the sign up](#) page: No need to check out all sites, just sign up for the "Roswell Rotary Club" site on "Riverside Road in Roswell." Take whatever spots are available - walker, wader or paddler and we will organize who has what position later.

Please email Dutch Earle at [hearle@esiseach.com](mailto:hearle@esiseach.com) or call 770 403 0755 once you have you have signed up or if you have any difficulties signing up. Dutch needs to know the total number in your party and their name. Also let Dutch know if you are available to wade or paddle and if you will be bringing a kayak or canoe.

We will meet at Dutch's home: 9030 Bluffview Trace, Roswell, 30076 at 8:30 then proceed to the cleanup site!

Looking forward to another wonderful time!

## Charity Spotlight

3/11 Lynne Lindsay (11)  
3/12 Gordon Owens (10)  
3/14 William May (8)  
3/14 Jerry Orlans (19)  
30 years in Rotary  
3/16 Katha Stuart (5)  
3/16 Scott Morchower (5)  
3/17 Walt Woliver (12)  
25 years in Rotary  
3/17 Danny Tompkins (12)  
22 years in Rotary  
3/17 John Albers (10)  
3/17 Jim Swain (12)  
20 years in Rotary  
3/17 George McFarlin (10)  
3/17 Lee Hollingsworth (12)  
20 years in Rotary  
3/18 Becky Nelson (7)  
3/21 Jim Broadway (36)  
3/22 Ron Redner (37)  
3/24 Dennis Eidson (10)  
3/24 Bill Houck (5)  
3/25 David Wash (12)  
3/28 Bob Clarkson (2)  
3/28 Leonard Greski (2)  
3/28 Jacob Harcrow (2)  
3/30 Rudy Lind (21)

## FAMILY OF ROTARY

Our membership cares deeply about the needs and concerns of our members. We don't want to miss an opportunity to reach out in friendship when such concerns arise. The chairperson of this committee is Lynn Dunn and all news should be directed to her at

[lynn.dunn@rmcpa.com](mailto:lynn.dunn@rmcpa.com)

## Lunches for Learning, Inc.



### Mission:

Lunches for Learning exists to break the cycle of poverty in rural Honduras by providing a healthy lunch to elementary school children every school day at their school; thereby allowing these children to stay in school so they can complete their education and enter the workforce as literate individuals.

### Fast Facts:

- Founded in 2004
- More than 1,700 children are fed a nutritious lunch at 33 rural elementary and middle schools in the Valle District of Honduras.
- Without these meals, many of the children in this community would go without any food at all on most days. Many (up to 30% each year) would begin dropping out of school in order to search for or work for food on a daily basis.
- The school's dropout rate has dropped from more than 30% each year to essentially zero.
- RRC has initiated and continues to promote an annual fundraiser, known as Hearts for Honduras, which has raised over \$20,000 in each of the first three years of its existence to help Lunches for Learning meet their operational costs.

### Find out more:

[www.lunchesforlearning.org](http://www.lunchesforlearning.org)

## Rotary Last Week

