

Meetings

May is Youth Service Month

5/8 Gregor Baum - Mental Health and Wellbeing

5/15 Roswell Charity Intros + Checks

5/22 Memorial Day Meeting

5/29 Beth Lehman - Organ Donation Recipient

Events

5/12 RUMC Job Networking

5/26 Roswell Memorial Day Celebration

6/9 RUMC Job Networking

6/12 Comedy for a Cause

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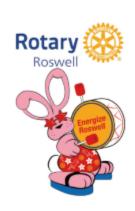
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ROTARY CLUB OF ROSWELL

Thursdays, 12:15 pm Roswell Area Park Bill Johnson Community Activity Building 10495 Woodstock Road Roswell, GA 30075

President Nancy's Message

Bruce Smith- Elwyn Gaissert Service Above Self Award





Club of the Year

I am thrilled that Roswell Rotary was named Club of the Year for our district – a recognition that reflects the incredible dedication, passion, and hard work of each and every member of our club. This honor is a testament to the powerful impact we've made in our community and around the world through service, fellowship, and leadership.

This past year, Roswell Rotary has led with heart and action. From building ADA-accessible picnic tables with the Chattahoochee Nature Center to launching new Interact Clubs, supporting literacy with KBeam reading wands, and packaging Santa Baskets for seniors—we've put Service Above Self in a big way. We've grown stronger by welcoming new members, revitalizing our public image, and deepening our commitment to mental health, youth, and international service.

While this recognition is a proud moment, **our work is not done**. Let's finish this Rotary year with the same energy, creativity, and compassion that earned us this award. Every service project, every event, and every meeting is a chance to make a difference and live our Rotary values.

Thank you, Roswell Rotarians, for making this year extraordinary. Let's keep the momentum going and finish strong—because when Roswell Rotary leads, communities thrive.

Get involved, bring a friend, and let's keep changing the world together.

Congratulations to Bruce Smith - Elwyn Gaissert Service Above Self Award Winner!

Please join us in congratulating **Bruce Smith**, the well-deserving recipient of this year's **Elwyn Gaissert Service Above Self Award**. Bruce exemplifies the true spirit of Rotary through his unwavering dedication, quiet leadership, and tireless service to others. Whether he's working behind the scenes or stepping up to lead a project, Bruce does it all with humility and heart.

Thank you, Bruce, for living the Rotary motto every day—you make Roswell Rotary proud!

This Week's Speaker: Gregor Baum

Rotary Online

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Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

5/1 Bill Kolbrener

5/3 Danny Broadway, II

5/4 Frank Brown

5/4 Jerry Orlans

5/7 Chandler White

5/7 Tom Rowsey

5/11 Ed Klaas, II

5/14 Don Howard

5/15 Michele Johnson

5/16 Dennis Canata

5/16 Belle Prothero

5/17 Leslie Bassett

Eddie Bassett

5/18 Lindsay Davies

5/19 Lee Dodson

5/20 John Gordon

5/21 Pat Rains

5/22 Gabriel Prado

5/24 John Carruth

5/24 Elwyn Gaissert, II

YEARS OF SERVICE

5/3 John Davies (3)

5/3 Rett Gunn (2) 4 years in Rotary

5/4 George Polatty, Jr. (47)

5/4 Mary Trapp (5) 11 years in Rotary

5/8 Michael Schoppenhorst

(11)

5/11 Natalie Cook (3)

5/11 Grace Peoples (3)

5/12 Ralph Rowland, Jr. (14)

Join us this Thursday as we welcome Gregor Baum, who will share his personal journey with mental health and how it inspired him to write a children's book on the topic. Gregor's powerful story and commitment to breaking the stigma around mental health—especially for young people—promise to make this a meaningful and thought-provoking presentation.

Bring a friend and don't miss this important conversation

Nancy Alterman Roswell Rotary President 2024-25 Service above Self 770-262-6300

Speaker: Gregor Baum-The Inner Journey



After traveling across the pond to compete on a tennis scholarship in North Carolina, Gregor Baum's athletic career was abruptly ended with an injury.

Far away from his home of Germany, Baum was chasing the "American Dream" when he came to Rocky Mount in 2021 to play alongside fellow students of North Carolina Wesleyan University. His story ever since took several turns—all of which led him to a reinvented version of that dream.

He experienced a career-ending injury, and Baum went through a time of serious depression. Seeking help and a path forward, he said he worked with a counselor which led to a new practice of journaling as a means to process the disappointment and shattered dream.

What started as a distraction for Baum in a difficult time turned into public speaking and community service interests. His travels through a student exchange program of Rotary International led him to Mexico and sparked an interest in him to create a student Rotaract Club on campus at N.C. Wesleyan University. The aim of the club was "to create a space where students could share the common challenges of college life, especially when faced with unexpected setbacks," according to a release from Rotary Club of Crabtree.

"Through Rotary, I found a way to transform my pain into purpose," Baum said. "What began as a Rotary exchange program in Mexico has evolved into a lifelong mission of service, mental health awareness, and the promotion of resilience. Rotary has not only changed my life but also provides me with the chance to uplift others, proving that through service, we can indeed change the world, one person at a time."

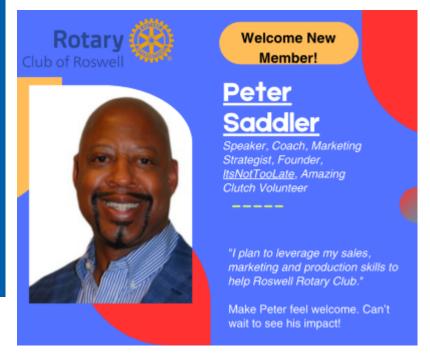
Please invite a friend and come to lunch on Thursday to hear Gregor's extraordinary story of tragedy and hope and purpose.

5/20 Peter Korman (1)
 5/23 Bruce Smith (29)
 5/30 Lauren Darby (2)
 5/31 Anita Farley (7)
 5/31 Michael Curling (7)

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 Lynne Lindsey and all news should be directed to her at lynnehlindsay@outlook.com

New member Spotlight: Peter Saddler



Peter brings more than 30 years of sales and marketing expertise, providing enterprise, I.T. solutions to businesses and the American dream to consumers.

Navigating through the labyrinth of his own life lessons, he felt compelled to start a transformational coaching company, dedicated to co-partnering with people, to help them overcome fear, self-doubt and other barriers. Empowering people to achieve higher levels of leadership, a greater sense of accomplishment and deeper levels of fulfillment - is his purpose.

As he's been known to say, "great coaching is like sex. It's better to experience it, than to talk about it!"

Peter's previous involvement in charitable and community service projects included instructing "chair dancing" classes to the memory care side of Senior living facilities. He also served in leadership at a Ministry in Gainesville, performing various community projects including food banking and distribution to the homeless.

He has four incredible daughters - one a recent grad from Georgia Tech, another recent grad from Georgia State, a senior at Mercer and a MPH from Emory.

"I plan to leverage my sales, marketing and production skills to help Roswell Rotary Club."

"I joined Roswell Rotary Club to serve and make a positive impact and a measurable difference in the lives of the residents of Roswell, the city of Atlanta and beyond our borders!"

Tues May 13 5:30-7:30

Women in Rotary Social



Appetizers will be provided, and guests will buy their own beverages.

And if you would like to bring a 5.00 Kroger gift card, these will be donated to the Drake House.

Gentlemen, please invite your significant others!

Please click on this link to RSVP -We hope you can join us!

Preparing for 2025-26

Calling for Speaker Ideas

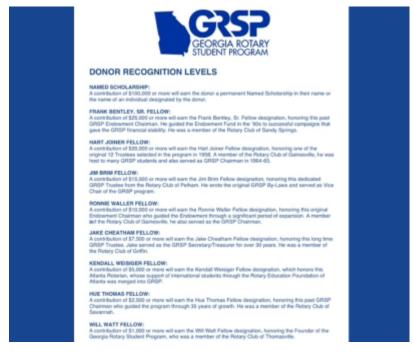
Let's Go!

We Need Your Speaker Ideas!



As President-Elect for 2025-26, I am working on lining up my speakers for the year. We've had an amazing year, and now I want to build on that success. If you know someone who inspires and excites, please help us get them as speakers. Maybe you missed the email or it got hung up by your security software. never fear. Just click this link and add your thoughts!

Last Chance to Donate for GRSP

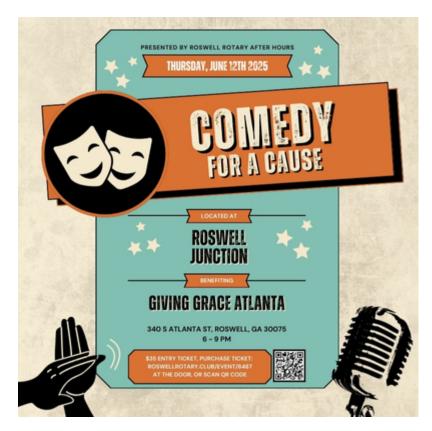


Last week, we heard from our GRSP student Marie Sloth-Egholm before she returns to Denmark. What a great opportunity it has been for her and global friendship in the Rotary family.

This is last call for supporting the GRSP program this fiscal year. Awards will be given out on May 22 for various donation levels. We will also have a video from a GRSP student from 30 years ago!

Talk to Betty Price immediately to be part of a step up in contributing to this great cause!

After Hours 3rd Annual Comedy for a Cause!



Get ready to laugh for a cause!

Join us for our 3rd Annual Comedy for a Cause — where we turn laughter into support for those who need it most. This year, we're proud to partner with Giving Grace, a local Atlanta organization dedicated to helping families with everything from child care assistance and rent support to securing housing for those experiencing homelessness.

Every need is unique, and Giving Grace is there to meet people where they are. Now it's our turn to give back!

Come out for a Thirsty Thursday full of laughs, community, and purpose — and help make a difference, one punchline at a time!

When: June 12th, 2025

Time: 6-9pm

Location: Roswell Junction 340 S Atlanta St. Roswell, GA 30075

Monday, May 26 11 am City Hall **Memorial Day Celebration**



This Memorial Day event is a huge tradition in Roswell and one of the hallmark projects of the Roswell Rotary Club. To see the families and veterans and community turning out to observe this solemn day by remembering the ultimate sacrifice made by so many for this country is truly unforgettable. There will be speeches and music and prayer. And there will also be BBQ and everything that makes this part of Roswell such a great place for families! So be sure to mark your calendar now.

If you have questions, check in with Past President Dave Young at <a href="mailto:nfulnotemailto

Add To Calendar

Interact Update

Roswell High School Intereact Seniors

Roswell High School Interact Seniors who have earned their Interact Cords for Graduation!

Oh the Places They Will Go!



Coming Up at RRC

Save the Date: Making Roswell Rotary's Magic

Happen



Mary Trapp Service Projects Chair



Michael Curling Social Chair

Memorial Day Celebration at City Hall

Grounds open 10am- Event starts 11am

Add To Calendar

Comedy For a Cause

June 12 6-9pm Roswell Junction

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Last Week at Rotary

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Awards from District





Team Tunnel





Bunny Award Peter Saddler



Bruce Smith Service Above Self

Laws of Life



Memorial Day Reminder



The Patricks

