

Meetings

October is Economic and Community Development Month

- 10/30 Interact Kick Off Meeting + GRSP/RYE Introductions
- 11/6 Pam Reed Baker
- 11/13 US Representative Buddy Carter - GA Ports Update
- 11/20 Lt. Governor Burt Jones
- 11/27 No Meeting at Roswell Rotary - Thanksgiving
- 12/4 Farrell Middleton - The Bell Curve of Life
- 12/11 Chancellor Sonny Perdue
- 12/18 Tony Barnhart - College Football Update

Events

- 11/6 Anchors Away- Packing Boxes for Naval Personnel
- 12/8 RUMC JOB FAIR
- 12/13 Roswell Rotary Holiday Party
- 3/2 Read Across America Day
- 3/14 Roswell Rotary 75th Anniversary Party
- 3/21 Roswell Relays
- 9/14 Annual Golf, Tennis + Pickleball Tournament

LEADERSHIP

President	Trummie Patrick, III
President-Elect	Leslie Bassett
Immediate PP	Nancy Alterman
Treasurer	Mike Agurkis
Secretary	Katie Anderson

President's Message



Raise the Bag, Raise the Bar: A Perfect Night for Service Above Self

In 1961, **President John F. Kennedy** stood on the steps of the University of Michigan and challenged America's youth to "*contribute in some way to the progress of the world.*" Within months, thousands answered that call—leaving the comforts of home to build schools, dig wells, and teach children across distant lands. The Peace Corps was born—not from government mandate, but from ordinary people united by extraordinary purpose. They didn't wait for someone else to fix the world—they showed up, shoulder to shoulder, and did the work themselves.

That same spirit lives and breathes today in Roswell Rotary. When people of goodwill unite behind a common cause, remarkable things happen. And last week, our club once again proved that service and fellowship are a powerful combination.

The spark was lit early at our club meeting, when Roswell Rotarian **Sid Disher** inspired us all with his generous \$2,500 matching challenge for PolioPlus. That single act of leadership set the tone—turning a routine meeting into a rally of generosity. The PolioPlus raffle followed, building momentum that carried straight into the night, where purpose met play in another Rotary tradition.

As the sun dipped behind a perfect autumn sky, more than 80 Roswell Rotarians gathered for our annual Cornhole Tournament—a night filled with laughter, friendly competition, and pure fellowship. The venue was perfect. The weather was flawless. The spirit? Unbeatable. Members and friends mingled, cheered, and tossed bags under the lights—each throw symbolizing more than a game. It was a gesture of hope, a reminder that even simple moments of joy can ripple outward to change the world.

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS

Cheryl Greenway 2012-13
Bob Hagan 2015-16
Gordon Owens 2024-25

ROTARY CLUB OF ROSWELL

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

Rotary Online

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



GET CLUB SMS ALERTS

text CLUBALERTS to
(833) 456-2829

Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 10/1 Ralph Rowland, Jr.
- 10/2 Cheryl Greenway
- 10/2 Sandy Buhler
- 10/4 Ronald Cowan
- 10/4 Lucy Hall
- 10/7 Lynne Lindsay
- 10/10 Jeffrey Meyers
- 10/11 Charlie Brown
- 10/12 SaraBeth Huntley
- 10/12 Jeff McCoy
- 10/15 Tori Nielsen
- 10/16 David Wash
- 10/16 Natalie Cook
- 10/17 Jim Byrd
- 10/17 Geoff Smith
- 10/18 A.D. Dalton

As anthropologist **Margaret Mead** once said, *“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”* That quote could have been written about Roswell Rotary.

Record Setting Result

When the raffle concluded and the final numbers were tallied, we stood in awe: over **\$15,000 raised for PolioPlus** during the month of October. That total wasn’t just a financial achievement—it was a reflection of who we are. It’s what happens when generosity meets purpose, when fun meets impact, and when Service Above Self comes alive in every handshake and smile.

And perhaps another meaningful success of the night wasn’t measured in dollars. Several guests—moved by the camaraderie and heart they witnessed—requested membership applications that very night. That’s the magic of Rotary: when people feel the energy of service and fellowship combined, they want to be part of it. The word is out: Roswell Rotary is the place to be if you want to make a difference.

As we celebrate what we’ve accomplished, we also look to what’s next. At our upcoming meeting, we’ll welcome students from our local Interact Clubs—young leaders already walking the path of service. They’ll share their projects, their passion, and their hope for a better world. Their presence is proof that the torch of Rotary burns brightly in the next generation.

As **Nelson Mandela** once said, *“What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that determines the significance of the life we lead.”* When these students see Rotary in action—when they witness adults who live by Service Above Self—they learn that service isn’t a task; it’s a way of life.

Just as the Peace Corps began with a spark of inspiration and a call to serve, so too does our work continue to ripple outward—one act, one event, one person at a time. Every raffle ticket sold, every bag tossed, every laugh shared tells the same story: that when people of purpose come together, they can change the world.

And as our friend Bob Clarkson so perfectly said that night—“We didn’t just raise the bag... we raised the bar.”

Sic Vos Non Vobis

Trummie Patrick III
Roswell Rotary President 2025-26

Program This Week: Interact Students & Roswell Youth Exchange

10/19 Jack Stephens
 10/23 Mindy Jones
 10/23 Queen Brown
 10/26 Katie Anderson

YEARS OF SERVICE

10/1 Fate McKinney, III (23)
 30 years in Rotary
 10/4 Shields Blankenship, III (2)
 8 years in Rotary
 10/6 Chuck Savage (8)
 16 years in Rotary
 10/7 Jim Coyle, Jr. (15)
 10/7 Matthew Millard (15)
 10/9 Bill Kolbrener (0)
 10/9 Aaron Farrant (0)
 10/9 Shannon Harrison (0)
 10/10 Mike McRay (22)
 10/11 Darrell Bartlett (5)
 10/11 William Lindsey (5)
 10/11 Ted Lescher, Jr. (5)
 11 years in Rotary
 10/13 Jennifer Briggs (13)
 10/16 Lou Tabickman (16)
 10/18 Taylor Schmidt (1)
 10/18 William McFarlin (1)
 10/18 John Gordon (1)
 10/18 William Brown, Esq. (1)
 10/19 Kurt Hilbert (7)
 8 years in Rotary
 10/23 Steve Stroud (38)
 10/28 Ryan Gehricke (3)
 10/29 Hal Coleman (26)

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 lynnehilindsay@outlook.com



Hope & Vision

The October 30th meeting is the very essence of Hope and Vision for a lot of us because our speakers range from 5th -12th grade. They are the servant leaders through the Roswell Rotary RYE, Roswell Youth Exchange, and Interact Clubs. This meeting is a tangible example of how Roswell Rotary continues to plant seeds of Service Above Self through our robust youth programs.

Roswell Youth Exchange-Matteo

The meeting will start off with Matteo, our Roswell Youth Exchange student from France, who will tell us a bit more about him, his home life and family, what inspired him to apply for the RYE scholarship and come to America for his junior year of high school. Roswell Rotary Past President & District Governor Gordon Owens, and wife Ashley, have been home for Matteo since arriving in August with him transitioning to his 2nd host family in November.

Interact Projects

Following Matteo, we will get to meet and listen to the student leaders of each RRC sponsored Interact Club! We proudly sponsor 14 clubs in both private and public Roswell schools: 5 elementary, 4 middle and 5 high schools. They will share their plans for service projects through the 2025-26 academic year that will focus not only locally but also through the state and the world.

Interact Clubs accomplishments already mentioned in RRC meetings include installing the first Roswell Youth Council through the exciting new collaboration between RRC and the City of Roswell as well as designing, building and presenting the Youth Day Parade float which garnished 2 awards! The Schools we celebrate by listening today: Blessed Trinity, Centennial HS, Crabapple MS, Elkins Pointe MS, Fellowship HS, Mt. Park ES, Mimosa ES, Queen of Angels MS, Roswell HS, Roswell North ES, Sweet Apple ES, The Cottage School Middle School, The Cottage School High School and Vickery Mill ES.

Suggestion: Before the meeting, take a moment to talk with the students and their teacher liaisons to thank them for being part of Interact.

Board Member Spotlight-Cheryl Greenway

ROTARY SPOTLIGHT 2025-2026 BOARD



It could be said that Cheryl Greenway was born into Rotary leadership, by virtue of her father, Aubrey Greenway, serving as President of the Roswell Rotary Club, 1976-1977. Joining Rotary in 1994 and serving in various board roles prior to her presidency in 2005-2006, she led the club to Best Club recognition and was awarded the District 6900 Sheffield Leadership Award. As a Major Donor, she is a Paul Harris Society Member and Bequest Society Member Level 2. Aside from this well-deserved recognition, she can explain the benefits of Paul Harris Fellowship like nobody's business!

Her District level involvement includes coordination of those 70 clubs, awards chairmanship, and service in Treasurer positions since 2008. A Roswell native, following graduation from Georgia State University, magna cum laude, Cheryl has worked as a CPA for Deloitte, eventually moving on to form her own accounting firm, then merging with the Lindsey Group now known as Lindsey, Greenway and McIntire.

Serving on various local and state boards of organizations, it could be said Cheryl is a force of nature, recognized by the American Business Women's Association with the Phenomenal Women of North Fulton award. In her spare time, she loves traveling, having been a white rafter through the Grand Canyon.

100 Gift Boxes-Packing Nov. 6

Anchors Away- Collecting for Naval Personnel

Anchors Away- 100 Gift Boxes to Naval Personnel on ships



**Collecting Now
Order online or
bring to Rotary**

Food:

- granola, fruit, nut, sweet & salty
- Quick protein mix
- Beef jerky
- powdered drink mix
- packets coffee

Other:

hand sanitizer, shampoo, body lotion, AA , AAA batteries, toothpaste, Toothbrushes, deodorant, gum, lip balm, socks, magazines for 18-28 years old, gold bond powder , packets of coffee, paper, pen, envelopes



Ralph Rowland is leading this year's initiative—formerly known as *Adopt a Platoon*—with a special focus on supporting the Navy. □

We need:

- **Supplies** for care packages
- **Volunteers** to help fill boxes after the meeting on **November 6th**
- **Four helpers** to assemble boxes at **10:30 AM**, just before the meeting

This is a meaningful project, and your support makes all the difference. If you'd like to contribute or volunteer, please contact Ralph at **404-641-5671**.

Let's come together to show our appreciation for those who serve!



Vote for Scarecrow-\$2 per vote
Scarecrow Roto-Lee on Canton St.

Vote for Roswell Rotary Scarecrow
on Canton St.



Scarecrow # 88 -Rota Lee



\$2 per vote



District Conference Registration Info

District Conference
April 16 - 19 2026
Lake Lanier Islands, GA

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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[Click Here to Register](#)

Upcoming Roswell Rotary Events

Save the Date: Find Your Spot and Help Us to Unite for GOOD

Save the Date



Michael Curling
Service Projects Chair



Bob Clarkson
Social Chair

[Anchors Away- Boxes for Navy](#)
Thursday, Nov 6 Before & After meeting
[Add To Calendar](#)

December 13, 2025
Roswell Rotary Holiday Party
Saturday, Dec 13
[Add To Calendar](#)

District 6900 Conference Lake Lanier Islands
Thursday April 16 - Sunday April 19
[Add To Calendar](#)

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For Links and Videos



[Click Here](#) for Cornhole for Polio Pictures

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[Click Here](#) for Video The Chiefs

Last Week at Roswell Rotary

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The Chiefs Were a Hit



Rotary Spotlight-Mike Hampton



Raffle Tickets

**Polio
Dream
Team**



**A \$2,500
Match**



Making New Member History

Fire & Police-Thank You!





The Winner-Jerry Orlans



