

February 18, 2026

Meetings

February is Peace and Conflict Prevention Month

2/27 GENERAL MEETING: Dana Rickman, President/CEO, GA Partnership for Excellence in Education

Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

2/4 Laura Kann
2/5 Jay Brackman
2/6 Meghan Berry
2/7 Buzz Law
2/7 Peter Sherman
2/9 Dr. John Carr
2/10 Eleni Bafas
2/13 Griff Ransom
2/13 Mark Galvin
2/21 Marie Crean
2/24 Dave Burr
2/27 Bob O'Brien

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

2/2 John Vinyard (18)
2/14 Erich Schuetz (49)

Rotary Online

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

ROTARY CLUB OF DUNWOODY

Fridays, 7:15 am
Maggiano's - Perimeter Mall
4400 Ashford Dunwoody Rd,
Dunwoody, GA 30338
Atlanta, GA , GA 30338

No Meeting This Friday

Join Us at Dunwoody Tavern for Thirsty Thursday



Join the fun and fellowship this Thursday - February 19 - at Dunwoody Tavern, 5488 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Dunwoody! Festivities begin at 5:30 and generally last until about 7:00 pm. It's a great chance to spend time with your Rotary family. Next week, we'll be back at Maggiano's on Friday morning with Dana Rickman, CEO, Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education.

Cast Your Votes for Best of Perimeter



It's that time of year again, when Appen Media Group conducts its 2026 Best of Perimeter competition. We are proud to have several Rotarians and friends of RCD who have been nominated for 2026 recognition. Topping the list with six nominations is Charlie Augello and the E.48th St. Market. You can help by voting for these businesses

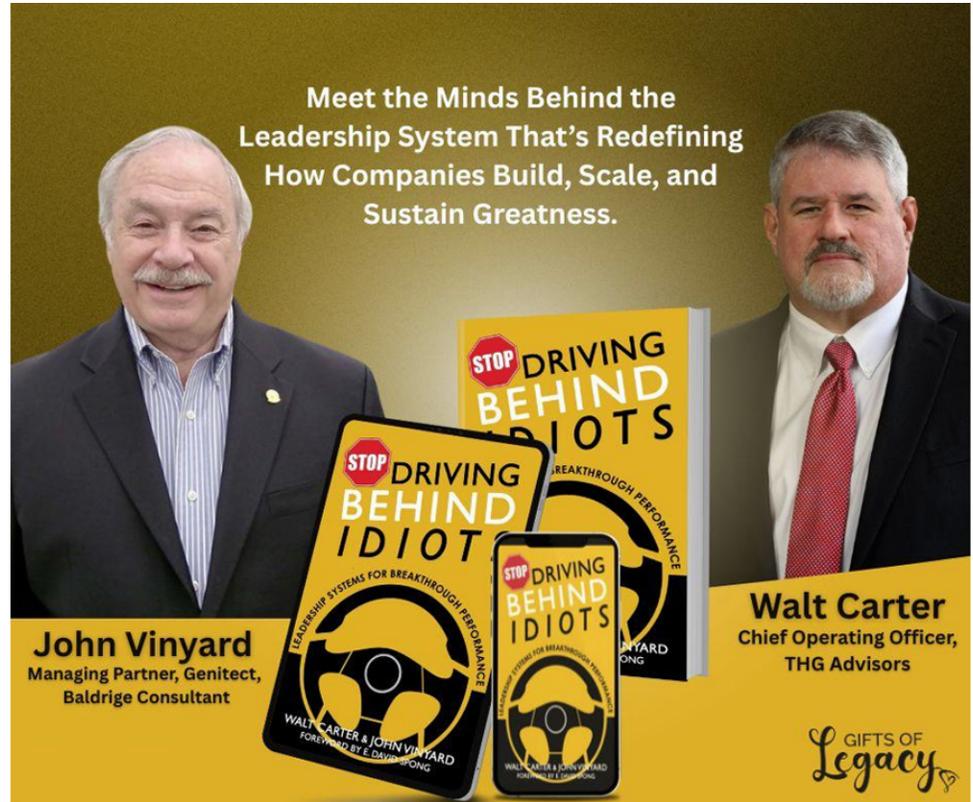


LEADERSHIP

President	Matthew Johnson
Immediate PP	Louise Barden
Vice President	Dave Burr
Treasurer	Carter Stout
Secretary	Mark Galvin
Public Image	Bob O'Brien

between February 15 and 18 - just go to [Best Of Perimeter 2026 | appenmedia.com](https://www.appenmedia.com) and scroll down to cast your votes in a variety of categories. [read more]

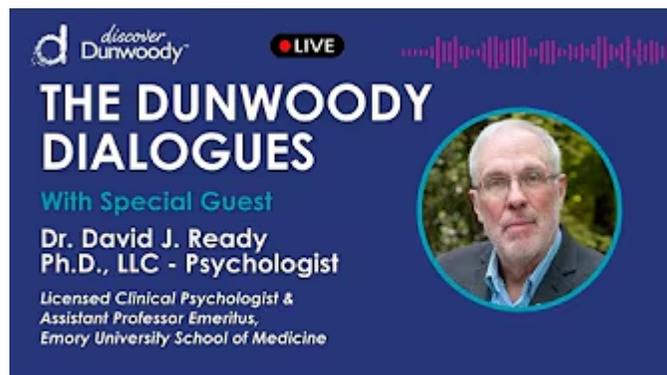
Join John Vinyard at Barnes and Noble Book Signing - February 28



Our own Jon Vinyard and co-author Walt Carter will have a book signing for "Stop Driving Behind Idiots - Leadership Systems for Breakthrough Performance" on Saturday, February 28 from 2-4 pm at Barnes & Noble, East Cobb, 4475 Roswell Road, Marietta, GA 30062, (470) 289-3365. Jon and Walt spoke about their book at our club earlier this Rotary year.

Rotary Member Spotlight

Understanding OCD with Dr. David Ready



Our very own **Mark Galvin** recently hosted an insightful episode of his podcast, *Dunwoody Dialogues*, featuring a deep dive into a topic that affects many families:

Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD).

In this episode, Mark sits down with fellow club member **Dr. David Ready** to demystify OCD. Dr. Ready shares his professional expertise on what the condition actually is, how it differs from common misconceptions, and the various ways it can impact daily life.

It is a fantastic opportunity to see two of our members engaging in a meaningful conversation that brings awareness to mental health. Whether you are looking to learn more about the clinical side of OCD or simply want to support our fellow Rotarians, this interview is well worth the watch.

Watch the full interview here: [Dunwoody Dialogues LIVE: Understanding OCD with Dr. David Ready](#)

Fellowship Opportunity

Wine Fellowship Goes Irish - March 16



Join us for a cup of St. Patrick's Day cheer at the Barden's home on Sunday, March 16 from 3-5 pm. Jud Shumway will be playing some Irish music, and we'll be serving Irish coffees and wine. Bring a bottle of wine and an appetizer to share. You'll find the Bardens at 5576 Colbert Trail in Peachtree Corners. Please RSVP by text or phone call to Louise at 404 423-8236, or by email to lbarden@comcast.net.

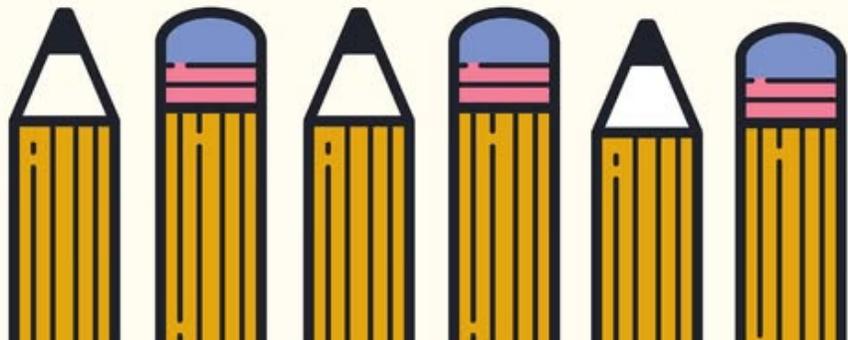
Opportunity to Serve

Calling All Essay Judges



**READING IS LIKE
BREATHING IN.
WRITING IS LIKE
BREATHING OUT.**

Dawn Alleyne



When Rotary clubs sponsor the Laws of Life Essay Contest, young people have the opportunity to breathe out, sharing their reflections on things like perseverance, integrity, gratitude, and responsibility. Essay judging is one of the most meaningful ways Rotarians can get involved in the Georgia Laws of Life Contest - and your opportunity to be a judge is coming up soon!

Judges read students' reflections on a character trait—often describing the experience of essay writing as eye-opening and deeply rewarding.

- Judges are typically Rotarians from sponsoring clubs (and we are - and have been - since George Stewart first got us involved with Laws of Life)
- Judges work in teams
- Judging takes place in February and March
- Training and scoring rubrics are provided

Sign up to be an essay judge: <https://georgialawsoflife.org/volunteers/>

Looking for a Good 1920's Murder Mystery?

DEATH OF A GANGSTER

FEBRUARY 27TH 7PM-9:30PM

MURDER MYSTER DINNER FUNDRAISER

Theme :

A 1920s mob wedding full of mystery and intrigue. Set in a Prohibition-era speakeasy, two mafia families are merging through marriage, and guests become detectives navigating secrets, power struggles, and deception to figure out who will gain control—and who won't survive. It blends Roaring Twenties glamour with an interactive murder mystery experience.

Food, Drink, and Tickets:

Dinner will be catered by the Oakhurst Market. A cash bar will also be available. Ticket prices are \$75 until Feb 1st, then bump up to \$80. Full table prices are TBD.

After party?

We're teaming up with The Roaring Social to host an exciting after-party. Their Prohibition-era speakeasy bar will be the perfect way to end an unforgettable evening.

Who is the Murder Mystery co.?

The Murder Mystery Co. delivers interactive live theater experiences where professional actors pull guests into an immersive, clue-filled mystery.

What to wear:

Dress like the cat's meow for this mafia wedding! Flapper dresses, zoot suits, feather boas and headbands, pinstriped suits and fedoras are all appropriate.

Scan me

The Zeffy ticketing platform is free for nonprofits and operates on donor contributions. You may enter \$0 at checkout if desired.

If your answer is yes, the Decatur Rotary Club's Murder Mystery with Dinner might be just what you're looking for. Louise and Ron Barden are planning to go - let Louise know if you're interested at lbarden@comcast.net. Here's what we know:

- February 27 at the Historic Courtroom of the DeKalb Historic Courthouse in downtown Decatur (second floor, there is an elevator)
- Put on by professional actors from the Murder Mystery National Company
- After Party: The Roaring Social Speakeasy across the street from the courthouse
- Dress Up: Mafia Wedding 1920s
- Get Your Tickets Now! \$80 per person. Scan the QR code in the picture.