

## Meetings

April is Environment Month

- 4/14 Spencer Maxwell: Heart for Africa
- 4/28 Dr. Greg Coffman with Rick Clark
- 5/12 Speaker: TBD
- 5/26 Sylvia Cardona: North Fulton Community Charities
- 6/9 Speaker: TBD
- 6/23 Speaker: TBD

## Events

- 4/7 Take Out Art Kit Assembly
- 4/7 First Tuesday Social
- 4/16 Companion Club Meeting
- 4/22 Board Meeting
- 4/25 Alpharetta Flower Market Pick Up at Farmer's Market
- 4/29 Roswell/North Fulton Blood Drive
- 5/6 Prayer Breakfast Set Up and Social
- 5/7 Rotary Club of North Fulton Interfaith Prayer Breakfast

### LEADERSHIP

President	Erik Bykat
Vice President	Dan Jenkins
Treasurer	Mike Mudd
Secretary	Steve Siders
Public Image	Lisa Gelber

### Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 4/10 Joy Manbeck
- 4/18 Andy West

## North Fulton Rotary: March 24th Meeting Recap



Today's meeting was a very special one and many members showed up to hear from our Secretary of State, Brad Raffensperger. Before we heard from him, however, we had a few Happy Dollars of note:

**William Bennett** shared that he was very happy that Spring has finally arrived!

**Lou Weiland** shared the exciting news that his grandson received a scholarship for a PhD program in San Diego.

**Joy Manbeck** shared the welcome news that her brother has finally received his much needed veteran's benefits.

**Jim Murphy** was excited that he was able to share our flower market flower on his neighborhood HOA Facebook page - what a good reminder to the rest of us in the club!

### Foundation Recognitions

Foundation Chair, **Doug Higgins**, recognized several of our members for attaining a new Paul Harris Fellow level:

**William Bennett:** Paul Harris +2

**Rick Clark:** Paul Harris +8

**Jonathan Stelling:** Paul Harris +2

We are so fortunate to have so many generous members who give to The Rotary

## YEARS OF SERVICE

### ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH FULTON

Tuesdays, 12:00 pm  
Brimstone Restaurant & Tavern

### Rotary Online

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

Foundation!



### Guest Speaker

Today's guest speaker, Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, was introduced by Andy Kalajian, President of Brad Raffensperger for Governor. Secretary Raffensperger began his remarks by outlining the key responsibilities of the Secretary of State's office, including registering businesses, licensing professionals across 40 different fields, overseeing state elections, and regulating securities. He highlighted one accomplishment in particular: significantly reducing the time it takes for nurses to become licensed in Georgia.

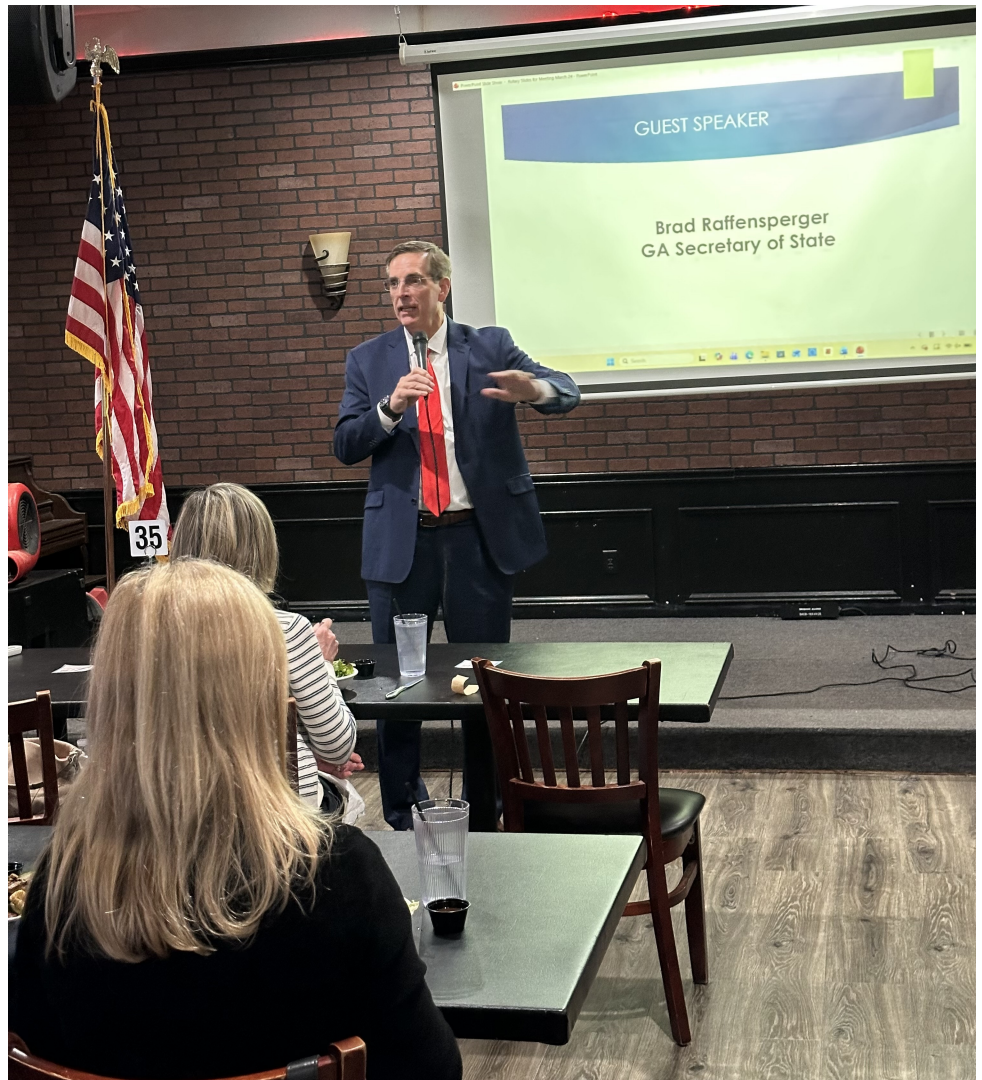
As a Republican candidate for Governor, Secretary Raffensperger also shared several priorities he believes are critical for Georgia's future. These include capping property taxes, eliminating taxes on non-essential services for senior citizens, and strengthening public safety. He noted that the Georgia State Patrol is currently understaffed and emphasized the need for competitive pay, hiring incentives, and retention bonuses, particularly in counties along the Florida border where officers are often drawn to higher-paying positions.

Secretary Raffensperger also emphasized opportunities for innovation and growth. He pointed to Israel as a global leader in agricultural technology and suggested Georgia could benefit from adopting advancements in precision agriculture and water conservation, particularly given that agriculture remains the state's largest industry.

Education was another key focus. Secretary Raffensperger advocated for bringing vocational training, such as electrical, plumbing and HVAC, back into high schools to address the shortage of skilled tradespeople and provide students with well-paying career paths that require little to no college debt. He also stressed the importance of strengthening math education to prepare students for a technology-driven future.

As a Johns Creek resident, Secretary Raffensperger closed by noting the strong quality of life in North Fulton and expressed his desire to expand those opportunities to

communities across Georgia.



## Service Opportunity: Take Out Art Kits

It's time again to build this Spring's Take Out Art Kits in partnership with Arts Alpharetta! These kits support the mental health of local elementary school students by allowing them to process their thoughts and emotions through art creation. Join us to create these art kits and then head over to Campania for our First Tuesday Social.

Sign up here: [Take Out Art Kits](#)



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## First Tuesday Social: April 7th

Please join us at our First Tuesday Social at Campania (Alpharetta location) on April 7th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mark Hutchins.

Campania, 800 N. Main Street, Alpharetta, GA 30009



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## Feeding the Hungry: The Sandwich Project with Cambridge High Interact

Submitted by Joy Manbeck, Youth Services Chair

On Wednesday, April 22nd, we will join together with the Cambridge Interact Club to make 200 sandwiches for individuals and families experiencing food insecurity in the

Atlanta Metro area. Our club is funding the sandwich supplies and the Interact students will help us assemble them after the school day finishes.

\*\*Please use this link to sign up to help with this project: [The Sandwich Project](#)

Please reach out to Joy Manbeck (770) 715-5422 with any questions.

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*Partnering  
With*

**Interact**  
Cambridge High School

**3-4:30PM WEDNESDAY  
APRIL 22, 2026**

**2845 Bethany Bend, Milton, GA 30004**

The Sandwich Project is a hands-on service initiative where members of the Rotary Club of North Fulton partner with the Interact Club from Cambridge High School to prepare and package 200 sandwiches for individuals and families experiencing food insecurity. This collaborative effort brings together students and community leaders to make a tangible impact, while also fostering a spirit of service, teamwork, and compassion across generations.

## Alpharetta Flower Market

Please share this within your circle of friends, work, church and neighbors to help us raise money for the projects we do in our community. We will also need volunteers on the "pick up" date of April 25th. Please click here to volunteer on April 25th: [Flower Market Volunteer](#)

Use the QR code on the flyer or this site to order: [alpharettaflowermarket.org](http://alpharettaflowermarket.org)

Questions: Contact Rick Clark at (704) 807-0083




  
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## ALPHARETTA FLOWER MARKET

Support local non profit charities while adding beautiful flowers to your home or garden. Every purchase helps fund community programs across the Atlanta area.

**Place your order online by April 18th** and pay through the secure web portal. **Pick up your flowers on Saturday, April 25th between 8:30am and 12:30pm** in front of **Alpharetta City Hall**. Volunteers will be on site to load your car so pickup is quick and stress free!

When placing your order, please select the North Fulton Rotary option so your purchase supports children's charities in our community.

SCAN THE QR CODE
PLACE YOUR ORDER ONLINE
PICK UP AT CITY HALL







2 Park Plaza, Alpharetta  
 April 25th between  
 8:30am-12:30pm

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## Interfaith Prayer Breakfast: May 7, 2026

This year, our signature community service event, the Rotary Club of North Fulton Interfaith Prayer Breakfast, will be held on May 7, 2026 at St. David's Episcopal Church. Please save this date on your calendar now, as we need everyone's help to make this a continued success for the community.

Our keynote speaker will be fellow Rotarian, and Past District Governor, Kirk Driskell, founder of Vision Warriors.

All members are encouraged to attend as a sponsor or table host. Consider splitting a table with someone else. Otherwise, we'll find a seat for you as a volunteer for the event (more to come on that).

**Sponsorships are currently available to everyone - our club members, other Rotarians, or anyone in the community. Please reach out to friends and acquaintances and invite them to participate in this inspirational event:**

- Gold - \$1,000 (nearest to front plus table sign, recognition from stage and name

listed in program)

- Silver - \$800 (next nearest to front plus table sign and name listed in program)

**Tables are available for sale (\$400 each).**

Please complete the registration form Steve sent via North Fulton Rotary e-mail on March 16th and reach out to him with any questions.

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PRESENTS THE 24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NORTH FULTON  
"INTERFAITH" PRAYER BREAKFAST

**THURSDAY | MAY 7, 2026**

A Celebration of the National Day of Prayer

Featured Keynote  
Speaker:



**Kirk Driskell**  
Founder of Vision Warriors

Kirk Driskell is the founder and director of Vision Warriors, a faith-based ministry providing transitional housing and a supportive community for men recovering from addiction - reflecting his deep passion for helping individuals reclaim their lives. A longtime Alpharetta resident of more than thirty years, Kirk began his career in real estate after graduating from Reinhardt University. In 2002, he founded Power Realty, which served clients across Alpharetta and Greater Atlanta before being acquired by Century 21 in 2017. He continues to work at Century 21 today. Kirk is a serial entrepreneur and committed servant leader and has been an active member and volunteer of the Alpharetta Rotary Club, earning honors such as "Rookie of the Year" and "Rotarian of the Year" and participating in numerous international and local service projects. Kirk served as 6900 District Governor in 2021. Kirk and his wife, Deena, live in Alpharetta's Academy Park neighborhood with their three children - Cambri, Knox, and Kolton and are members of Restoration Church. Kirk serves on the Alpharetta City Council.

**2026 Theme:**  
**Glorify God Among the Nations - Seeking Him in All Generations.**

Questions? Jonathan Stelling | 678.699.1018 | [jstelling@aretescholars.org](mailto:jstelling@aretescholars.org)  
Please Contact or Steve Siders | 678.488.3545 | [steve.siders@gmail.com](mailto:steve.siders@gmail.com)

**7:00-9:00 am | Breakfast Buffet 7:00-7:45 am | Please be seated by 7:45 am**

**Jeffords Fellowship Hall at St. David's Episcopal Church**  
**1015 Old Roswell Rd, Roswell, GA 30076**

## Membership Moment

Submitted by Jeffrey Esterkes, Membership Chair

Our strength lies in our differences. Let's seek out voices from varied backgrounds to enrich our club and broaden our impact.

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## MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

### **Companion Club Update**

Reminder that our companion club meeting is April 16th at Thrive, 44 Milton Avenue, Alpharetta (located above Minnie Olivia Pizza) at 6:30 pm.

The Guest Speaker for this month's meeting will be **Brian Dooling, Executive Director, St. Vincent de Paul.**

If you have any questions, please reach out to Joseph Powell, (912) 662-2246.