DISTRICT 6900 NEWS FOR AUGUST, 2018

From the District Governor
Enjoy a Spin Around Your Rotary Race Track
By Court Dowis

Our Rotary year 2018-2019 started back in Feb 2018 with PETS President Elect Training. We formed the idea and strategic plan for running a Race Team/Rotary Club with our club Presidents and Club members. To "Win" at anything you first need to be prepared. Our PETS ... [more]

Family of Rotary Event
Join Us in Dunwoody for a Family of Rotary Event
By Court Dowis
The **Rotary Club of Dunwoody** and the Kansas City Barbecue Society are sponsoring a barbecue event that will be held September 7 and 8 at Perimeter Mall in Atlanta. I have asked that they make this a Family of Rotary event as it is an excellent opportunity for Rotarians and their clubs to get together, meet, and have a great time. [more]

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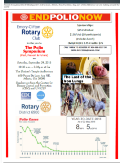
The Rotary Foundation
Fast Start!
By Margie Kenney
We have had a great start to the Rotary year! Thank you to everyone that has already started sending donations to The Rotary Foundation – and to those of you who have begun applying for Global Grants! Wow! [more]



Join the **Rotary Club of Emory-Clifton** and Rotary District 6900 on Septeber 29 as we do a **COUNTDOWN TO HISTORY** towards eradicating Polio. Contact Yamin Farhat for more information or to register ... at 404-988-3537 or via email to RCEC2016@gmail.com. [more]

Literacy
Making a Difference; Building Membership
By Brenda Erickson
August is the planning time for International Literacy Day on September 8! The options are vast, with only a bit of planning to bring your good works for literacy into the spotlight. Thanks to DG Court's encouragement, I am sending each club in District 6900 a literacy newsletter once each month with links to literacy options. Also read about the Rotary Club of Peachtree City's Sesame project in Puerto Rico ... and how it helped grow the club's membership too. [more]

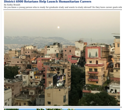
Buckhead welcomes Catharina from Denmark. Her cousin Mathilde (below) was welcomed by her Dunwoody host families and tracker

GRSP Update
Our New GRSP Students Are Here ... and There's More!
By Lynn Clarke

Many of you welcomed new students into your homes this month and moved them into their dorm rooms already. They will be attending Conclave hosted by District 6910 in Brasstown Bald this year the weekend of August 24-26, 2018.
The Conclave allows all of the GRSP ... [more]

GRSP ... An Alumni Perspective
It Just Takes a Conversation to Change Your Future
By Lynn Clarke
In February 2017, I received an email granting me a one-year school scholarship in the state of Georgia, United States, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Dunwoody. Immediately, I accepted. Although I was excited about the news, I had not realized yet that this was the entrance ticket to the most incredible year of my life! [more]

Global Scholars
District 6900 Rotarians Help Launch Humanitarian Careers
By Kathy Brandt
Do you know a young person who is ready for graduate study and wants to study abroad? Do they have career goals which are consistent with Rotary Foundation Areas of Focus?Are they committed to service and interested in building a relationship with a Rotary? Would $30,000 help them achieve their education goals? If the answer to these questions is yes, then let them know about District 6900's Global Grant Scholarship. [more]



Peace Fellow
Continued Work in Beirut Sparks New Insights
By Jackie Cuthbert
Another update from Kate Kestor, our Peace Fellow, as she continues her internship with Search for Common Ground. [more]

Club News
Making Jonesboro a Greener and More Sustainable Area
By Claudia Mesti

The **Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton County** planted a tree in Jonesboro Park in the City of Jonesboro.
Members of the club were on hand to present the tree and the plaque to Jonesboro officials, including City Manager, Ricky Clark, Mayor, Joy ... [more]

Club News
Roswell Rotary Tees Up Some Fun
By Karen Schesnak

On September 10, 2018, the **Roswell Rotary Club** will hold its 40th Annual Golf and Tennis Tournament.It all started in 1978 when Roswell Rotarians, Frank Brown, Judge Maurice Hilliard, and former Mayor of Roswell, Aubrey Greenway (father of ... [more]

Club News
Alpharetta Stuffs Back Packs
By Clark Savage

For the tenth year in a row,Alpharetta Rotarians stuffed backpacks for kids. Each is loaded with paper, pens, binders, and calculators. Backpacks are delivered to North Fulton Community Charities for distribution to children who need supplies for the school year. If you ... [more]

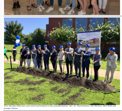
Global Grant
District 6900 Clubs Support Quality Medical Care in Haiti
By Louise Barden
The **Rotary Club of Dunwoody** is the International Partner with the Les Cayes Club of Haiti in this $209,000 global grant for the installation of a C-arm in Immaculate Conception Hospital in Les Cayes. The **Rotary Clubs of Stone Mountain, Alpharetta, Griffin, North Atlanta, Sandy Springs and Dawson** joined Dunwoody and several clubs and districts in Florida and the southeastern United States to make this project possible. [more]

Club News
Roswell Rotary Takes Opioid Crisis Head On!
By Karen Schesnak
It is an astounding fact that over 2 million people are addicted to pain pills.Four in five new heroin users started out by misusing prescription pain killers.Georgia is among the top 11 states with the most prescription opioid deaths.In Fulton County, 593 people died from an opioid overdose in the last five years.The statistics concerning this epidemic are too incredible to ignore.
Many Rotary projects have begun with a single person asking a single question. What are we going to do about this? It was about one year ago that **North Fulton Rotary Club president** Mike Mudd reached out to area Rotary Clubs to ask what actions their clubs were taking with the opioid epidemic. **Roswell Rotary** president Lisa Carlisle was among those to answer. [more]

Club News
Celebrating Back to School
By Lizbeth Dixon

Rotary Club of Stone Mountain members helped distribute school supplies this past Saturday at Stone Mountain's Annual Back to School Bash. The event took place in the Pavilion in Stone Mountain Village, and provided free school supplies to approximately ... [more]

Club News
Vinings Cumberland Welcomes Rotary Youth Exchange
By Ross Henderson
All three **Vinings Cumberland Rotary** host families and their children were on hand to greet new Rotary Youth Exchange student Paolo Lazzaroni at the Atlanta Airport. Paolo is from Italy. [more]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Club News
Marietta Supports Future Success of Local High School Students
By Dale Covington
The **Rotary Club of Marietta** was well represented at the recent ground breaking ceremonies of the new College and Career Academy at Marietta High School. The project was conceived and led by Rotarian Dr. Tim Brown. Rotary's strong representation on the Academy's Steering Committee and throughout the entire process to date is a simply huge outreach into our community's youth and their education and careers. [more]

Alpharetta Rotarian Jason Binder featured as part of a Rotarians in Action collage on display at RI Headquarters in Evanston

Upcoming Key Dates

Sunday, August 12th, 2018	Rotary Youth Exchange Welcome Party for 2018 -2019 inbound students
Tuesday, August 14th, 2018	Meriwether County (Warm Springs) Governor Visit
Wednesday, August 15th, 2018	Harris County Governor Visit
Wednesday, August 15th, 2018	LaGrange District Governor Court Dowis
Wednesday, August 15th, 2018	LaGrange Governor Visit
Thursday, August 16th, 2018	West Point Governor Visit
Thursday, August 16th, 2018	Rotary Youth Exchange - Informational Session for Parents and Students
Friday, August 17th, 2018	Newnan Governor Visit
Friday, August 17th, 2018	Rotary Youth Exchange Inbound Orientation
Saturday, August 18th, 2018	District Finance/Planning and Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, August 21st, 2018	Fayette Daybreak Governor Visit
Tuesday, August 21st, 2018	Lake Spivey / Clayton County Governor Reception
Wednesday, August 22nd, 2018	Lake Spivey / Clayton County Governor Visit
Wednesday, August 22nd, 2018	Rotary Youth Exchange - Informational Session for Parents and Students
Thursday, August 23rd, 2018	Atlanta Airport Governor Visit
Friday, August 24th, 2018	Atlanta West End Governor Visit
Monday, August 27th, 2018	Henry County Governor Visit
Tuesday, August 28th, 2018	Barnesville Governor Visit
Wednesday, August 29th, 2018	Griffin Daybreak Governor Visit
Thursday, August 30th, 2018	Griffin Governor Visit
Tuesday, September 4th, 2018	Thomaston-Upson County Governor Visit
Thursday, September 6th, 2018	Forsyth-Monroe County Governor Visit
Saturday, September 8th, 2018	Dunwoody Perimeter BBQ & Community Festival

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