# Sandy Springs Rotary Club

# THE BULLETIN

January 22, 2019

Home of District Governors:
Frank Bentley,
Ralph Thurmond,
and Barry Smith

#### **Club Calendar**

January is Vocational Service Month

# Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 1/1 Tamara Carrera
- 1/1 Fran Farias
- 1/5 Malcolm Kilpatrick
- 1/7 Julia Bernath

# WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

# **Rotary Online**

https://sandyspringsrotary.org https://rotary6900.org/ https://rotary.org/

# ROTARY CLUB OF SANDY SPRINGS

Mondays, 12:15 pm Hilton Suites 6120 Peachtree Dunwoody Road, NE Sandy Springs, GA 30328

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Buckhead January 13, 1972
Active Membership: 49

# ROTARY CLUB OF SANDY SPRINGS

President Fred Ferrand

#### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

## **President Fred Ferrand's Welcome Message**

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs, I welcome you to visit our club and experience the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs' hospitality and energy. We meet on Monday for lunch at 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. at the Hilton Perimeter Suites, 6120 Peachtree Dunwoody Road, Sandy Springs, GA 30328. You can reserve a spot by going to our website at www.sandyspringsrotary.org. Join your fellow professionals, and community and business leaders, and learn how Rotary can fit in your future. Experience Rotary Making A Difference!



#### This Week at Rotary

# Celebrating Martin Luther King Day with Ennis Antoine

On January 21, 2019, Mr. Ennis Antoine spoke to us about the legacy of the Reverend Martin Luther King Junior.

Starting with a quote from Dr King: "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." Ennis reminded us that his message of nonviolence, peaceful protest and equality is as pertinent now as it was in King's lifetime. Also pertinent is the truth and power behind that message, and the need we still have for it in our society.

Mr. Antoine went on to say: "As we commemorate this Martin Luther King day, we can look around at the news and at our communities and see that we still have a significant racial divide in our country. The marches, protests and even divisions among friends and families show that racism and discrimination did not end with the Civil Rights Movement. Indeed, there is still much work to be done today."



(Pictured above: Mr. Ennis Antoine, 2015 President, Atlanta Board of Realtors, Associate Broker, ABR, CRS, GRI, EPRO, SFR)

To properly honor the legacy of Dr. King, he urged each of us to ask ourselves the following questions:

- 1.) Where do I see racism in my daily life?
- 2.) Where do I see racism in my community?
- 3.) How is racism imbedded in American institutions and politics?

Nancy President-Elect Schroeder John Neill Treasurer Mike Stacy Secretary Foundation Rick Doyle Chair Membership Adam Bowling

Chair

- 4.) Is it possible I only understand this topic from one perspective because of the color of my skin, or where I was raised?
- 5.) How can I learn more and seek to fight racism and inequality?
- 6.) How can I do my part?

He challenged us to read books and essays from perspectives that are new or different to you. To make an effort to cross the color line and talk with people from a different racial or ethnic background, a different religion or those from another country. To listen to their perspectives and experiences with an open heart and an open mind. And lastly to imagine how you'd feel in their situation.

Ennis continued to elaborate on his challenge. "Can we listen to each other's experiences and try to bridge the gap that still separates people in our country? Can we embrace our fellow Americans and work to ensure we are not the divided states but rather the United States of America? Yes, I believe we can. It's up to us. Dr. King and the other leaders of the Civil Rights Movement helped to bring about massive changes in America, but their work was not finished. Here we are years later, and the color line still persists."

Closing with another quote from Dr. King. "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." Mr. Antoine urged us to remember this quote as you go forward. To remember to stand up against injustice and speak out for what is right. To remember to listen to the perspectives of people of other racial and ethnic groups and be open minded. To remember to keep learning and challenging yourself as you go. And lastly to remember to do your part to ensure that the color line ends here."

The Rotary club of Sandy Springs wants to thank Mr. Ennis Antoine for being with us, sharing from his unique experiences and helping us to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Junior's life and achievements.

Mr. Ennis Antione can be found on the web at Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate.



Left to right: Sandy Springs Rotary Club President Fred Ferrand, Mr Ennis Antione.



Left to right: Dr. Charan Shikh, MD, Mr. Ennis Antione, and Fred Ferrand.



#### Other News

# Family of Rotary Night - There will be no regular noon meeting



## **Upcoming Event** 4th Annual Seniors Prom



The Rotary Club of Sandy Springs is proud to announce the 4th Annual Seniors Prom. A celebration of Love for all ages.

Sunday, February 10, 2019 3:00pm - 7:00pm

Location: Dorothy C. Benson Senior Complex

Enjoy live music, food, dancing & fun!

There is no charge to attend but advanced reservations are required.

Want more information? Contact: Linda Randolph, linda@GenealogyAtlanta.com

<u>Volunteers are needed for this event. Please contact Linda to see how you can help.</u>



#### **Other News**

## **Special Visit from Barry Rassin**



The Rotary Club of Roswell Invites you to be inspired by: Rotary International President Barry Rassin

February 16, 2019

12:30 - 2:00PM Blessed Trinity High School 11320 Woodstock Road, Roswell Georgia

Registration: https://roswellrotary.club/v2/reservation/create?event=3546

In honor of President Barry Rassin's visit to Roswell, please make a donation or bring the following supplies for delivery to Puerto Rico:

Adult diapers, body lotion, Wet Ones, Ensure and Vitamin Drinks.

For more information, please contact Rebecca Stone at Rebecca.Stone@StonePC.net or (770)634-2717



#### Time To register!

## **District Conference at Sandestin!**

The Rotary Bandit is racing to SanDestin arriving April 25 - 28, 2019 singing:

- We are Sandestin bound and down, loaded up and truckin',
- We're gonna do what they say can't be done.
- We've got a long way to go and a short time to get there.
- We are Sandestin bound, just watch ol' "Rotary Bandit" run.

District Conference registration is now open.

Current prices are good until January 15. They will go up on January 16, so reserve now - and be eligible for Early Bird prize drawings!

**Click Here** to Register.





#### **Upcoming Event**

# **Annual Public Service Dinners in Feburary**

The Rotary Club of Sandy Springs arranges dinners for City of Sandy Springs' EMS, Fire and Police professionals during the Annual Public Service Dinners. The purpose of the annual Public Service Dinners is to recognize and show the community's appreciation for Fire, Police and EMS employees. Dinners are held at the Sandy Springs Firehouse #2 which is located at the corner of Johnson Ferry and Sandy Springs Circle.

The dates set for the dinners are Feburary, 19, 20 and 21.

More information to follow soon.

We will need volunteers for this event.



Is your name mentioned below?

## Greeters and Invocation Leader for 2/04/2019



Rotary Club of Sandy Springs Greeters & Invocation leader for next meeting. (2/4/2019)

Invocators, as per the "Make it fun and they will come." theme, have a joke ready!

#### **Greeter A:**

Nancy Schroeder

#### **Greeter B:**

Chris Burnett

#### **Invocation Leader:**

Malcolm Kilpatrick