



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

## Club Calendar

April is Maternal and Child  
Health Month

### Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

4/5 Benjy Dubovsky  
4/18 Keith Sanders

## 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-Elect Nancy  
Schroeder  
Treasurer John Neill

### 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](http://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!



### Previous Program

## My name is TAKASHI SHINOZUKA, but you can call me Thomas

On April 1<sup>st</sup>, Takashi Shinozuka our Consul General for Japan presented an informative overview of his job. He began by announcing that we could just call him Thomas. Pleasantly self-deprecating, he went on without hesitation.

In his presentation, he included several photos of the Crown Prince Naruhito who on May 1<sup>st</sup> will ascend the Chrysanthemum Throne with the abdication of his father, Emperor Akihito the Heisei Emperor. He then showed a photo of the kanji representing the name for the new era called Reiwa being ushered in. He translated the kanji for us as "Harmony together". There is often something lost in translation and in this case the neologism was taken from the oldest of Japanese anthologies called the Manyoshu, and therefore the translation is somewhat loose, but the word harmony is certainly the main theme.



Mr. Shinozuka spoke briefly on the economic situation mentioning that Japan is our #2 most popular trading partner and for exporting #4 after China and our 2 NAFTA trading partners. He touched on some sensitive issues indicating his discomfort with the US pulling out of trade deals and that the existing standards were too low and needed to be raised.

He polled the club to see if we could name Japan's top two businesses here in Georgia. It took a moment, but Kubota and YKK were the correct answers. These two companies, along with Hitachi, Panasonic and Yamaha employ thousands of Georgia citizens.

Mr. Shinozuka brought to attention a major festival that happens each year in Georgia, called Japanfest. More information about it can be found here:

<https://www.japanfest.org/>

Lastly Mr. Shinozuka spoke about an exciting program call J.E.T. The JET Program is a

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competitive employment opportunity that allows young professionals to live and work in cities, towns, and villages throughout Japan. Being a JET is an opportunity to work and to represent the United States as cultural ambassadors to Japan. Most participants serve as Assistant Language Teachers (ALTs) and work in public and private schools throughout Japan; some work as Coordinators for International Relations (CIRs) as interpreters/translators. More information about JET can be found here: <https://jetprogramusa.org/>

The Rotary Club of Sandy Springs would like to thank Mr. Shinozuka for visiting and say,

お礼状 (お礼状, otsukaresama deshita - Thank you for your hard work



More information about Takashi and the Japanese consulate can be found here: <https://www.atlanta.us.emb-japan.go.jp/>



#### Upcoming Program

### Brad Wolff



Brad Wolff is the Managing Partner of PeopleMax. His clients make more money with greater ease and satisfaction by maximizing the potential and performance of their people with a goal of 50 - 100% or more profit increase withing 12 months. He's the author of the best selling book "*People Problems? How To Create People Solutions For A Competitive Advantage.*"



More information about Brad and PeopleMax can be found here:

<https://peoplemaximizers.com/about/>



#### Rotary Calendar

### A "Look Ahead" for SSRC Meetings\*



\*as of March 26th - It is possible there could be changes



Is your name mentioned below?

### Greeters and Invocation Leader for 4/01/2019



Rotary Club of Sandy Springs Greeters & Invocation leader for next meeting. (04/01/2019)

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

**Greeter A:**

*Charles Gardner*

**Greeter B:**

*Stephen Flanagan*

**Invocation Leader:**

*Ashley Garrison*