



DISTRICT 6900 NEWS FOR MAY, 2019

- From the District Governor
Carry the Fun and Energy of District Conference Through the Rest of This Rotary Year (and Beyond)
 By Court Dowis
 We promised you FUN at the District Conference in Sandestin - and I hope you had as much fun as Annette and I did. WOW! Thanks to our District Conference Committee, led by Kay Williamson and PDG Bill Woufin, for making sure we had a great time together! If you weren't there, think about joining DGE Jim Squire and your fellow Rotarians from April ... [\[more\]](#)
 - District Family of Rotary Event
"Have Fun and They Will Come" to a Family of Rotary Braves Game
 By Court Dowis
You're invited to join your District Rotarians for a night of baseball, Star Wars, fireworks and fellowship at the Atlanta Braves game on Friday, May 17. The Braves are playing the Milwaukee Brewers and the game starts at 7:20 pm.
Sign up at the District 6900 website. Cost to members, family and guests will be **only \$20 per person**, including a hot dog and soft drink. All seats are in our Rotary Block; seating is first come first serve or swap to sit with your club. [\[more\]](#)
 - The Rotary Foundation
Celebrating the Power of YOUR Rotary Foundation
 By Margie Kersey
 This has been an amazing year for The Rotary Foundation in our district - and it's not over yet. The work you have done this year has changed the world and served as an inspiration for others. For that, thank you!
 You are on track to have the best overall giving for the past six (maybe longer!) While this is a cool thing to achieve; I don't ask you to give just to set a record. I don't ask you to give because DG Court or I might get a pat on the head (we won't). I am asking you to give because it is your donations that allow this district to fund all the amazing things you do with grants. [\[more\]](#)
 - Our 2018-19 Sheffield leadership award winners*
 District Awards
Congratulations Sheffield Winners and Best All-Around Clubs
 By Jackie Cuthbert
 At District Conference, the following clubs and individuals were recognized for being the best in a district where everyone gives their best to Be the Inspiration! [\[more\]](#)
 - Anthony Slaughter with Co-Conference Chair Kay Williamson and DG Court*
 District Conference 2019
Recognizing Rotary People of Action
 By Jackie Cuthbert
 On Friday night at District Conference, several Rotary People of Action were recognized for their contributions to Rotary and District 6900. Thanks to these individuals for their work with Rotary and for being an inspiration to us all! [\[more\]](#)
 - Rotary Youth Exchange
District 6900 Recognized for Top Rotary Youth Exchange Program in North America
 By Mike Parks
 At its 2019 annual conference last month, the Rotary North American Youth Exchange Network (NAYEN) recognized the leadership team of Rotary Youth Exchange District 6900 as one of the top three districts in North America. The prestigious Rotary NAYEN Silver awarded to the district's committee recognizes a commitment to best practices, continual improvement, and excellence in the operation of the district's Rotary Youth Exchange program. [\[more\]](#)
 - GRSP Update
Celebrating Class of 2018-19 and District Conference Awards as We Get Ready for New Students
 By Lynn Clarke
NEWS FOR STUDENTS NEXT YEAR
 Those clubs that are sponsoring a GRSP are finally able to communicate with their students for next year. New friends are being made on Facebook and Instagram. We are finally seeing who our students really are and we are all excited each time we receive an email from this other country. We ... [\[more\]](#)
- Club News
Alpharetta Offers Financial Workshops to Help Fund Tanzania Service Project
 By Bob Koncerak
 The **Rotary Club of Alpharetta** is teaming up with a local bank to offer a "cash course, crash course" financial literacy training to high school and college students to fundraise for our Tanzania school clean water project, we'd like to present this session to your group or organization! For a \$500 sponsorship, we'll ... [\[more\]](#)
- GRSP
Roswell Announces Barbara M. and Donald L. Thomas Peace Award
 By Becky Stone
 The **Rotary Club of Roswell** administers the Barbara M. and Donald L. Thomas Peace Award - a \$1500 annual award to a GRSP student who exhibits the spirit of GRSP and who is in need of financial assistance. The benefactors, Don and Barbara Thomas, were always strong supporters of GRSP. This year's Thomas Peace Award recipient is ... [\[more\]](#)
 - Club News
PDG Claudia Merti Honored as Pillar of Community
 By Jackie Cuthbert
 In September of 2000, a physician and a minister came together with a vision that all Clayton County residents should have access to medical care without consideration for their ability to pay. Since the once a week schedule of seeing patients the Good Shepherd Clinic has grown to where they are offering primary health care, acute care, lab testing ... [\[more\]](#)
 - PDG Margie and Ron Kersey*
 RI Council on Legislation
A Look at the Initiatives Before This Year's Council
 By Margie Kersey
 The Council on Legislation meets every three years in Chicago to consider and vote on changes to the governing documents of Rotary International and runs under strict Parliamentary procedure. Every district in the world (currently 538 of them) selects a representative to attend and cast their votes. I am grateful to have been selected to represent our district at the 2019 COL. It was amazing and educational. Different districts around the world have different issues and part of the challenge of deciding on the legislation was determining whether every district in the world should be impacted by a change designed to solve a problem in a single, or a few districts. It certainly required a great deal of study, contacting resources and listening with an open mind to debate from both sides of every issue. And I want to thank all of the Rotarians in our district that shared their opinion and knowledge with me as I prepared for the COL - you were all a great help! [\[more\]](#)
 - Club News
Cobb Rotary Clubs Share Fellowship
 By Anne Marie Pitts
 In April, the **Rotary of East Cobb** hosted Thirsty Thursday for the eight Rotary Clubs of Cobb County at Hoyle's Kitchen and Bar in Marietta. It was an opportunity to make new friends, create partnerships and welcome our new Cobb County club, Rotary Club of Atlanta Brasil. This is the second event we have hosted for our county ... [\[more\]](#)
 - Club News
Rotary and Kiwanis Sponsor Community Sunrise Services at Kennesaw Mountain
 By Dale Covington
 The **Rotary Club of Marietta** and the Kiwanis Club of Marietta again jointly sponsored Community Sunrise Services for approximately 400 people at the base of Kennesaw Mountain on Easter Sunday. Following prelude music, the services opened with a "Call to Sunrise Celebration" by the Assistant Governor of Rotary District ... [\[more\]](#)

Upcoming Key Dates

Thursday, May 9th, 2019	North Atlanta Youth Service Recognition
Thursday, May 16th, 2019	Roswell Paul Harris Presentations
Friday, May 17th, 2019	Family of Rotary Braves Game
Saturday, May 18th, 2019	District 6900 Sheffield Leadership Gala