Sandy Springs Rotary Club

Sandy Springs
NOVEMBER 6, 2019

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

President Nancy Schroeder'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!

Upcoming Program

Donna Melcher of the Citizens Climate Lobby

On Monday, November 18th, Donna Melcher will be speaking to us about the Citizen's Climate Lobby. The Citizens' Climate Lobby is a non-profit, nonpartisan, grassroots advocacy organization focused on national policies to address climate change.

Here is a little biographical information about Donna. She served as Executive Program Manager for International Business Machines (IBM) for thirty years. She had responsibility for large global outsourcing implementations at Fortune 100 companies and complex projects such as the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. This career took her all over the world, with long term assignments in India and Australia.

She is also a community minister with the Center for Sacred Studies whose mission is to protect and support indigenous ways of living. She recently helped organize 4 years of musical concerts and Native American elders meetings held in the Black Hills of South Dakota to raise voices for the return of this land back to the Great Sioux Nation.

MEETINGS

November is Rotary Foundation Month

11/18	Rotary Club of Sandy Springs
12/2	Rotary Club of Sandy Springs
12/16	Rotary Club of Sandy Springs
1/13	Rotary Club of Sandy Springs
1/20	Rotary Club of Sandy Springs
2/17	Rotary Club of Sandy Springs
3/16	Rotary Club of Sandy Springs
7/6	Weekly Meeting

BIRTHDAYS

11/6	Turner Wilson

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

11/26	Frank Bentley, Jr. (22)

ROTARY ONLINE

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

ROTARY CLUB OF SANDY SPRINGS

Mondays, 12:15 pm
Sandy Springs, Georgia
Wyndam Atlanta Perimeter
6120 Peachtree Dunwoody Road, NE
Sandy Springs, GA 30328

LEADERSHIP

President	Nancy Schroeder
President-Elect	John Neill

Now retired, Donna has turned her focus to her third chapter. She has one son and daughter in law who live in Dunwoody. Her interest is in our environment and she wants to know she's done her part for a livable world for everyone else's grandchildren and all the ones to come for the next seven generations. She is a volunteer with Citizens Climate Lobby and will be speaking specifically about what we can do to address our changing environment. In her spare time she likes to dance, sing and make art and music for fun!
Please come out visit the Sandy Springs Rotary Club and give Donna a warm Rotarian welcome.

Find out more about the Citizens Climate Lobby by clicking here: https://citizensclimatelobby.org/about-ccl/values/
Donna can be reached at: melcherdonna@gmail.com

Treasurer	John Neill
Secretary	Mike Stacy
Public Image	Todd Lawrimore

Previous Program

Darlene Drew shared from 32 years of experience in leadership roles.

On Monday, November 4th, Darlene Drew shared inspiring lessons learned in her leadership roles with the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs. Darlene is the owner and CEO of Leadership Conditioning, Personal and Professional Development, LLC.

During her presentation, she spoke of her youth and lessons learned from being the youngest of eleven children. She spoke of being the first in her family to earn a college degree and she spoke of the obstacles and struggles that she faced while trying to land her first job. She went on to tell us of her father's dismay when told of her plan to work with the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

That career decision was one that would last for over 32 years. During that long career she obtained the distinct honor of being the first female warden at the United States Penitentiary (USP) Atlanta. She noted that it only took them 110 years to come around to the idea. Her accomplishments (*and occasional failures*) as a warden taught her much about leadership.

Darlene quoted Jon Maxwell when she said: "Everything rises and falls on leadership."

She was asked many times if she worked around the prisoners and if she was ever scared. Darlene then shared a pearl of wisdom that

not only answered those questions but relates well to leadership roles: "Your strongest weapon is your communication skills."

Darlene Drew addressing the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs

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From left to right: Jim Squire - Rotary District Governor for area 6900, Darlene Drew, Darryl Drew - her husband and fellow warden, and Nancy Schroeder, 2019-2020 President of the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs.

To close her presentation Darlene left us with these three important principles for great leadership:
1) Don't teach what you don't know.
2) Don't lead where you won't go.
3) Don't ask for what you are not willing to give.

The Rotary Club of Sandy Springs would like to thank Mrs. Drew for sharing her stories of failures, persistence and conquest. Her words will be fodder for anyone aspiring to a leadership role.

More information about USP Atlanta (United States Penitentiary) can be found here: https://www.bop.gov/locations/institutions/atl/
More information about Darlene and Leadership Conditioning can be found here:
https://www.linkedin.com/in/darlene-drew-9451b1151/
These photos and more in original resolution are available here:
https://rotaryclubofsandysprings.zenfolio.com/p330...
A quick biographical article about Darlene Drew can be found here:
https://sandyspringsrotary.org/story/update/3337

And now for something totally different

Rotary Trivia fact of the week

Question: Who was the first president of a Rotary Club?
Paul Harris nominated Silvester Schiele because Paul preferred to work behind the scenes to attract new members.

From left to right: Paul Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele and Hiram E. Shorey

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Have any interesting trivia you'd like to share? Send it to tlawrimore@gmail.com

Other News

Watch your email for information about Rotary Christmas Party

Please keep an eye out for our December 7th Christmas party.

A Look Ahead

Here's an easy and quick glimpse of our Rotary meetings to come

If you have inquiries please send them to tlawrimore@gmail.com

Is your name mentioned below?

Greeters and Invocation Leader for November 18, 2019



Rotary Club of Sandy Springs Greeters & Invocation leader for next meeting. (11/18/2019)
Invocators, as per the "Make it fun and they will come." theme, have a joke ready!

Greeter A:
Malcolm Kilpatrick
Greeter B:
Fran Farias
Invocation Leader:
Bill Snellings