



From Our District Governor Happy Labor Day!

By Kirk Driskell

Late in the 19th century the labor movement's effort to create safe and standard work environments created what we celebrate today. Labor Day became a federal holiday on June 28, 1894 when President Grover Cleveland signed it into law.

In the late 1800's when the Industrial Revolution was in full swing many Americans were working 12 hours a day, 7 days a week in an effort to just make enough to get by. People of all ages were in mills, mines and factories in unsafe conditions with limited sanitary facilities, no breaks and poor air condition.

For many Americans, today symbolizes the end of the summer and is celebrated with family, friends, long weekend road trips, events, family reunions and celebrations. In years past, cities and towns across our District hosted parades, barbecues, firework shows and public gatherings in their communities. Labor Day weekend is supposed to be filled with relaxation as our responsibilities are suspended for three days. As this holiday weekend draws to an end, I am sure yours may have been different like many other's.

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District Newsletter

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LEADERBOARD

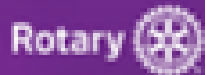
Check out the full district scoreboard

Here are the clubs that are leading the way in our district for membership, annual fund and polio plus.

Category	NET MEMBERSHIP	FUND	POLIO PLUS
I	Fayetteville	North Atlanta	Brookhaven
II	North Columbus	North Fulton	Vinings Cumberland
III	Marietta	Dunwoody	Carrollton-Dawn Breakers
IV	Roswell	Roswell	Peachtree City

Key Dates

Saturday, June 6th, 2026	Americus RYLA - DISTRICT 6900
Saturday, June 6th, 2026	Americus 2026 Rotary Sheffield Gala



THINK GLOBALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE BECOME A **ROTARY SCHOLAR**

Rotary offers international scholarships of \$30,000 or more for career-minded graduate students who share our commitment to:

- Promoting peace
- Fighting disease
- Providing clean water
- Saving mothers and children
- Supporting education
- Growing local economies

“Rotary made it possible to explore multiple academic interests and professional orientations.”

— Anna Filkins
Rotary Scholar

JOIN LEADERS: Rotary.org

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The Rotary
Foundation

District 6900 Scholarship Team Needs Your Help

By Kathy Brandt

Do you know outstanding college senior students, or recent graduates, in your community? Will you recommend them for Rotary's \$30,000 scholarship to attend graduate school abroad next year? If yes, please continue reading for four easy steps to take action! **Final application deadline is 12:00 noon, October 12, 2020.** [more]



SEP 26 @ 8 AM EDT

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ANNUAL POLIO & HEALTH SYMPOSIUM

OVERCOMING THE CHALLENGES
OF COVID-19 TO ACHIEVE
A GLOBAL HEALTH LEGACY

Opportunity to Learn

Rotary Club of Emory-Clifton Invites You to Join the Third Annual Polio and Health Symposium

By Alan Janssen

The **Rotary Club of Emory-Clifton**, with presenting partner United Advanced Practice Registered Nurses of Georgia and partners Shriners Hospitals for Children and the Medical Association of Georgia, will virtually present "Overcoming the Challenges of COVID-19 to Achieve a Global Health Legacy" on Saturday, September 26. The program will begin at 8:30 AM with a welcome and the first speaker at 9:00 AM to facilitate live viewing in Africa and Europe. The symposium is open to the public and will be presented through a live webcast. Online tickets are \$60 for health professionals seeking continuing education credits. Rotarians and members of the public are invited to participate, and are welcome to make a donation to support the program. You may view the agenda and purchase tickets at: www.emorycliftonrotary.com.
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Virtual Bingo

The Rotary Club of Stone Mountain
is hosting an afternoon of fun, games, and prizes!

Rotary Club of Stone Mountain

B I N G O

14	30	41	53	74
4	28	35	57	68
10	23	FREE SPACE	46	75
8	16	43	48	70
12	27	39	56	66

myfreebingocards.com



Join us

When: Saturday, September 12, 2020 **Time:** 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Where: Online via Zoom

Why: Fundraiser to support Club's service projects and
education initiatives, including college scholarships

How: Register via Eventbrite by Thursday, September 10, 2020

Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/virtual-bingo-tickets-117327103525>

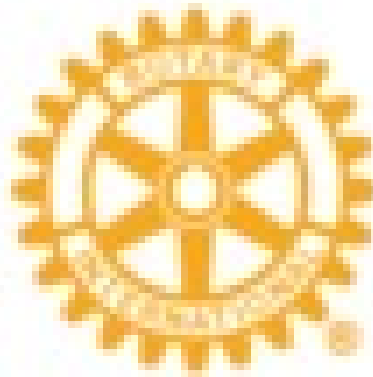
Contribution: \$25 for 2 Bingo Cards / \$50 for 5 Bingo Cards

**For more information, contact Cynthia Dorsey Edwards, President
via StoneMountainRotary@gmail.com or by phone at 770-634-6690**

Space Limited. Register Early!

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The
Rotary
Foundation



The Rotary Foundation
**Important
Changes to
Global Grant
Funding from
The Rotary
Foundation
Effective July 1,
2020**

By Anne Glenn
Beginning this Rotary Year, your Rotary Foundation will no longer match Club Cash or cash donations from other sources when they are applied to finance Global Grant requests. In prior years, TRF matched cash contributions for a Global Grant project from money in the World Fund at a 50% rate (\$1.00 cash donation + \$.50 World Fund Contribution = \$1.50 for the project). And The Rotary Foundation matched DDF (District Designated Funds) from Rotary Districts around the world at a rate of 100% (\$1.00 DDF + \$1.00 World Fund Contribution = \$2.00 for the project). This year, beginning with applications submitted after July 1, 2020, The Foundation will continue to match all DDF funds supporting a Global Grant at 100% but not match any cash used in the funding. What does that mean to you?
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Camilla: Adam Starr, Manager of Member Services, Grady EMC

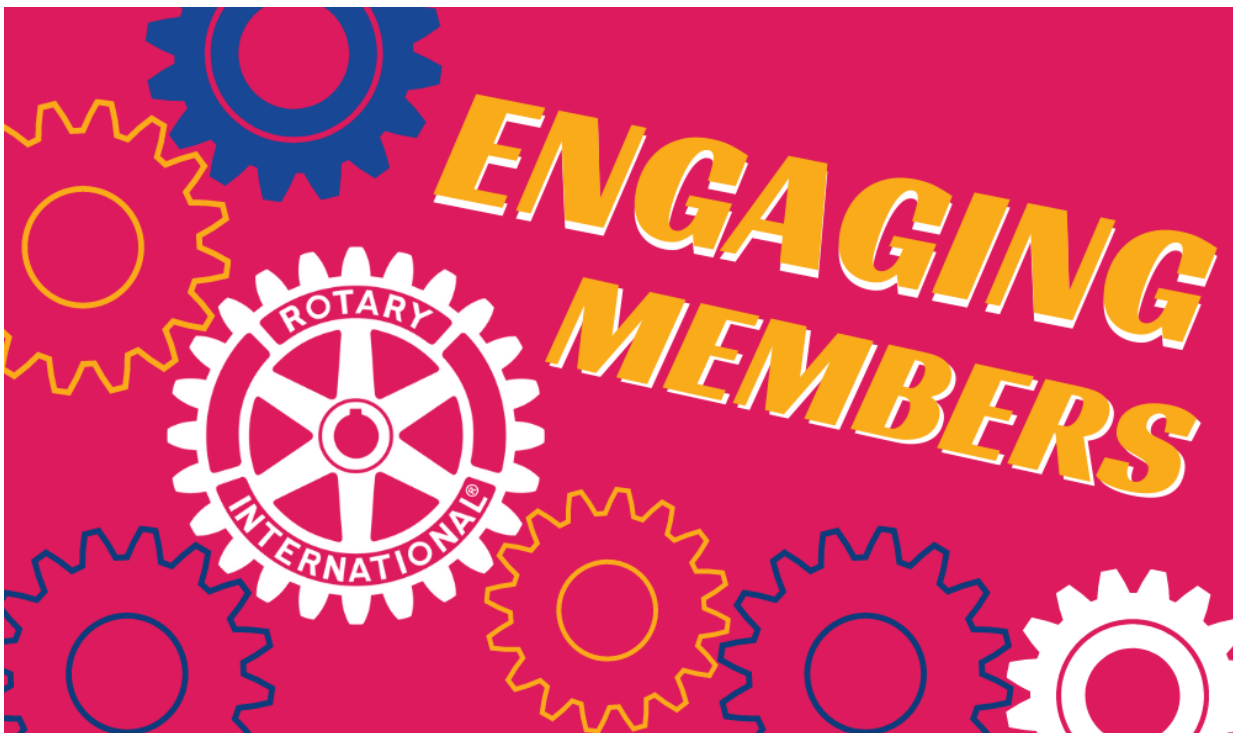
Celebrating New Members



Moultrie: Victoria Gallagher and Ashley McGowan, both from Colquitt Regional Medical Center



Newnan: Gene Vineyard, a past president of the Bremen Rotary Club and job recruiter for ConcreteCareers (left) and Coweta County School Superintendent Dr. Evan Horton (right)



Membership **Engaging Members**

By Jaclyn Donovan
As Membership Month (August) comes to a close, this is a great time to consider how people can engage with Rotary so they are gaining value from being members. Here are just a few ideas from Rotary on how to keep your members involved ...
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GRSP Update **New GRSP District Officers and New Opportunities for GRSP**

By Ian Bond

The Georgia Rotary Student Program is alive and well in District 6900! As most of you know by now for the first time since 1946-1947 Georgia Rotarians will not welcoming international students to our state, our colleges and universities and our Clubs. Like Rotary Youth Exchange and other international programs, GRSP has cancelled the class of 2020-2021 due to the global pandemic. However, there is much work to do in the Clubs, the District and State to ensure GRSP emerges into the post-pandemic environment stronger and more vital than ever. The original mission of GRSP is needed in today's geopolitical scene more than ever before in its 74 year history: "World Peace Through Understanding" So 2020-2021 is a year to refocus, reimagine, reinvent and renew. There are some of the exciting opportunities for GRSP this year! [\[more\]](#)



Social-Emotional Learning

Laws of Life

LAWS of Life Essay Contest Offers Valuable Tool to Schools

By Natalie Marshall

Schools face a daunting challenge for the 2020-21 school year -- how to ensure that every student can reach their potential in the current education environment. Each passing week presents new changes and the stress that goes with them. Most schools will focus on Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) programs to help students get the year started from a positive place. The Georgia Laws of Life (GLL) Essay Contest provides high school teachers with a powerful tool to promote SEL along with writing skills.

GLL invites Rotary Clubs throughout Georgia to join the Laws of Life program. As a Contest Sponsor your Rotary Club support provides a life-changing program for educators and students which encourages students to reflect upon values like those in the Rotary Four-Way Test. Contest Sponsors may also serve as a School Partner, working directly with a school or schools in your local area. GLL invites clubs throughout Georgia to participate with or without being a school partner. [more]



End Human
Trafficking
**Atlanta
Rotary
Reports on
Its Anti-
human
Trafficking
Task
Force's
Work**

By Bob Hope
Ted Blum, chair of the Anti-human Trafficking Task Force of the Rotary Club of Atlanta, addressed the club on the results of its two-year program to work with Atlanta's top corporations to end human trafficking in the city. "We saw our role as coordinating, encouraging and assisting the companies in learning from each other and either establishing or expanding their efforts to end human trafficking," Blum said. Ted is pictured here with Dan Cathy, CEO of Check-fil-A. The full story includes a link to the report. [more]

2020-21 District Awards

Celebrating the Work We Do

By Court Dowis, Jr.

Each spring at District Conference (or for 2019-20 at a summer event in Columbus), we recognize clubs and Rotarians for their accomplishments during the year. Of course, that requires clubs to let us know what they're doing. The District presents most awards in categories - based on club size - and for the first time in 2021, we have divided ... [more]



Rotary

- **The Four-Way Test**
- Of the things we think, say or do:
- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Club News

Striving to Do Better - Living the Four-Way Test

By Susan Backofen
As we enter our 100th year, the **Rotary Club of Thomasville** is placing renewed focus on Rotary's code of honor--the Four-Way Test. To define those efforts and bring the Test to life, we gathered input from members of the executive board and from members of the club. President John Brown and his board are making the Four-Way Test part of its Code of Conduct. They also hope to weave the Test into the very fabric of our club and our individual members' lives. The intent is to strengthen our club and to encourage our members to apply the Four-Way Test to their work, family, social, and community lives. "The result will be a better club, serving our community in more meaningful ways," said President John. "I firmly believe that as our members commit more fully to living the Four-Way Test, we'll also become better people—in our businesses, our families, our friendships, our churches, and in every other way we connect to the community."
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OUR UNIQUE PROGRAM

Partners in Change (PIC) is without doubt an aggressive and visionary plan to significantly affect Atlanta's biggest threat — the severe economic challenges of so many of her people.

Rather than create a new addition to the crisis service model, PIC applies coaching's proven strategies to adults in low-income situations, enabling individuals to self-empower and change the trajectory of their lives.



From
Facebook
**Atlanta
West
End
Partners
for
Change**

By Jackie
Cuthbert
**Atlanta West
End Rotarian
Neil
Shorthouse** is
spending his
retirement
founding a
new
organization,
Partners in
Change (PIC),
that pairs
trained
volunteer
coaches with
adults who
want to assert
greater
control over
circumstances
and
challenges
holding them
back. Neil has
recruited
several
Atlanta West
End Rotarians
to join him in
this important
work.
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Serving During the Pandemic

A Community Partnership to Engage Employers with Job Seekers

By Trummie Patrick

Every community in our nation is dealing with massive unemployment and big changes in the employment world. Many careers/jobs are no longer what they were. Unemployed workers must remake themselves for this new marketplace and develop new skills in order to survive. How do they get the coaching, resources and networking skills needed to make this happen? With surprisingly little time, the answer could be, your Rotary Club! Since 2010, the Roswell Rotary Club and Roswell United Methodist Church Job Networking have teamed up to help hundreds of job seekers with workshops, personal networking, LinkedIn headshots, spiritual support, Attire to Hire and Mini Job Fairs. Now the meetings have gone virtual, and they continue to attract hundreds. [more]



Serving
During the
Pandemic
**Paulding
County
Feeds
Hungry
Children**

By Roy
Strickland
**Paulding
County
Rotarians**
recently
completed an
amazing local
project. They
applied for
and received a
competitive
district grant
to help feed
hungry
children in
their county
during the
time schools
were closed
for Covid-19.
In partnership
with District
6900, The
Rotary
Foundation,
Chick-Fil-A,
Prime
Engineering,
and CAYA
Ministries,
more than
1,300 bags
containing
6,500 lunches
(and an
equivalent
number of
breakfast
items) were
sourced and
delivered.
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Serving During the
Pandemic

Vinings Cumberland and Smyrna Join Forces for Schools

By Narayan
Sengupta

**Vinings
Cumberland
Rotary and
Smyrna Rotary**
have both spent
years supporting
area public schools.
Vinings Cumberland
Past President Neill
Ferrill led a recent
ad hoc service
project to provide
backpacks and
supplies for
Compton
Elementary School
in Cobb County -
raising \$500 per
club for \$1,000
total. "Historically,"
says Ferrill, "this
Title I elementary
school relied heavily
on the contributions
of nearby churches
to meet the needs
of its 500 students.
With church-giving
disrupted in this
COVID environment,
the generous
Rotarians of the
Vinings Cumberland
and Smyrna Clubs
took on this need
that would have
otherwise left many
of Compton
Elementary
students without
critical school
supplies as they
work remotely."
[more]



Serving During the Pandemic **Tablets for Nursing and Rehab Center Patients**

By Samantha
Rosado

It was **Douglas
County
Rotary's**
pleasure to serve
the Douglasville
Nursing and
Rehab Center on
Thursday, August
13! The club was
able to bless
them with brand
new tablets for
the residents to
use during
isolation. These
allow them to
see their families
and loved ones.
Extreme Images
(a small business
in our
community)
helped us brand
them with our
logo and the
facilities logo!
Pictured left to
right: Stromboli
Carter,
Samantha
Rosado
(Rotarian),
Kristine
Aibangee, Alicia
Steel, Brenda
Waters and John
Baker (Rotarian).
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Club News

Creating Rotary Reads ... A Story of the Lake Spivey/Clayton County Book Club

By Ron Swofford

In early 2018 while searching for quietly active ways to promote interaction among members, the Public Image Committee of the Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton County encouraged interested Rotarians to think about developing a book club. Several members responded and following a low key approach, they conducted their first session on February 19, 2018 (pictured here). The participants named the book club Rotary Reads, and in the belief that not many Rotary Clubs also include book clubs, chose to call themselves "pioneers."

The basic outline of Rotary Reads is that, as a general rule beginning in February, it meets between 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm on the third Monday of every other month. During the first fifteen minutes or so of each meeting, the Pioneers discuss potential future selections with the understanding that the person who recommends a selection will be the moderator of the discussion that focuses on that book. All genres are welcome, including history, fiction, science, philosophy, biography, etc.

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Club News

Starfish Ministries Project Serves India's Differently Disabled

By LISA Thompson
In keeping with Rotary's commitment to Polio, the **Rotary Club of Meriwether County** and Starfish Ministries are serving the people of India affected by Polio and other life altering disabilities. The club celebrates this young man's new knee joint for this prosthesis - donated by our project partner FODAC and transported to India by Past President Bob Prater. The doctor who fitted this young college student was so excited by the opportunities that Rotary has provided these differently disabled patients, he has offered to sponsor a "Fitment camp" in November, where he would give about 50 prosthetic legs to individuals in need. Parts to make these 50 prosthetic legs will cost about \$100 per prosthesis. [more]

From Facebook

Share Your Story of Making a Difference on Facebook and in the Newsletter

By Jackie Cuthbert

Many clubs are doing great work in their communities even during the pandemic. This Rotary year, I have been visiting each club's Facebook page as part of creating the newsletter, to give clubs a spotlight for work they are doing. The photo collages that follow this article all come from that journey through Facebook. I plan to continue this but would love to have you send in the stories you are proudest to share - about service projects, fundraising ideas in a difficult time, ways your club or individual Rotarians are making a difference in the community. **Our deadline is the 25th of each month for publication in the next month's newsletter.** We love pictures - and a paragraph or two on your story (or more if there's more you'd like to tell) in a Word document or typed in the body of an email.

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Milton made over three gallons of yummy banana pudding ice cream for Miss Mary's Ice Cream Crankin' in Roswell – benefiting The Drake House



North Atlanta recently joined "Sweep the Hooch - No trash Saturday" at the Proctor Creek site

For the
community



• **Carrollton Dawnbreakers** join Great Carrollton Greenbelt Cleanup!



• **Peachtree City** packed over 800 bags of canned goods to be distributed to more than 300 agencies

North Cobb held a very special fundraising event benefiting CCYA – who provides food, shelter, clothing and supervision for children in need



For the community



Tucker's Community Service Chair Bob Wallace and President Jonathan Clark presented \$2,000 to Tucker food bank – from a District matching grant



Senoia proudly hosted a first responder & veteran appreciation lunch

For first responders



Alpharetta "celebrated new soldiers" at the USO



Rotary Opens Opportunities



Columbus Rotary and Greater Columbus Rotaract donate 150 earphones with microphones to assist with distraction free virtual learning (thanks Joe Young)

Bremen Rotarian Bob Winiarczyk and Pioneer Ford for donating 50 cases of water for student use



For the schools



Barnesville helping fill school bags



Meriwether County supports Back to School Bash