Rotary Club of Dunwoody

The Friendly Breakfast Club

JANUARY 26, 2023

This Week's Speaker

Marion Bunch, Founder Emeritus, Rotarians For Family Health & AIDS Prevention, Inc.



MEETINGS

January is Vocational Service Month

1/27	Regular Meeting: Marion Bunch, Rotary Family Health Days
2/3	GRSP student
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2/10	Drew Walston, Mighty Hero Homes
2/17	No meeting: Join us for Thirsty Thursday instead
2/24	Friday Meeting
3/3	Friday Meeting
3/10	Mayor Deutsch

EVENTS

1/27	Regular Meeting
1/28	Bounds Garden Cleanup
2/3	Regular Meeting: Shashwat Pradham, Our GRSP Student, Nepal
2/10	Regular Meeting: Drew Walston, Mighty Hero Homes
2/10	GRSP Weekend in Dunwoody
2/16	Thirsty Thursday - Mardi Gras - Style!
2/24	Regular Meeting: Ray Ezelle, Discover Dunwoody
3/3	Regular Meeting: Rick Houcek

BIRTHDAYS

1/27	Robert Hall
1/29	Kobelah Svensen Bennah
1/30	Anita Augello
2/4	Laura Kann
2/5	Jay Brackman
2/6	Meghan Berry
2/7	Peter Sherman
2/7	Buzz Law



Join us this week at Le Meridien to welcome our own Marion Bunch, who has played an amazing role in the fight for AIDS prevention and family health around the world. You may also join via Zoom at **https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89796844807**

Marion joined the Rotary Club of Dunwoody in 1991. She brings a personal and passionate perspective to the battle on AIDS because of the loss of her son to this disease in 1994. Marion started her work in 1997 by developing an AIDS awareness program implemented in Georgia schools that reached over 500,000 students in 15 years.

This program gained attention within the world of Rotary, and Marion was asked to speak at multiple Rotary conferences. She attended Rotary International conventions (partially supported by our club) and worked an AIDS Awareness booth at them.

In 2002 RI President Bhichai Rattakul heard Marion speak at a conference and asked her to help him create a program for the orphans and vulnerable children in Africa. She responded with the creation of a multi-sector partnership (called ANCHOR) that provided care, support and education of 122,000 orphan children in six African countries through a USAID grant of $8 million.

In 2004, the Rotary Board of Directors approved Marion's application to become an independent Rotarian Action Group that focuses on mobilizing Rotarians, partners and communities into implementing disease prevention programs – now known as Rotarians For Family Health & AIDS Prevention (RFHA). RFHA is a 501c3 non-profit organization with an independent global board of directors but is allowed to use the Rotary trademarks.

In 2011, Rotary leader Stephen Mwanje in Uganda and Marion had the vision of all of the Rotary clubs in his country 'working together on a common cause.' This was the founding of Rotary Family Health Days, a massive disease prevention health campaign that provides lifesaving immunizations and health screens across seven nations of Africa and parts of India. RFHA created a Public/Private

2/9	Dr. John E. Carr
2/10	Eleni Bafas
2/13	Griff Ransom
2/13	Mark Galvin
2/21	Marie Crean

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

2/2	John Vinyard (15)
2/14	Erich Schuetz (46)

ROTARY ONLINE

https://dunwoodyrotary.org
https://rotary6900.org/
https://rotary.org/

ROTARY CLUB OF DUNWOODY

Fridays, 7:15 am
Maggiano's - Perimeter Mall
4400 Ashford Dunwoody Rd,
Dunwoody, GA 30338
Atlanta, GA , GA 30338

LEADERSHIP

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Partnership that involves the volunteer support of over 5,000 Rotarians in order to implement this large scale, national program in each country. The Coca-Cola Africa Foundation, was the primary private sector partner, with other partnerships established with each country's Ministry of Health, PEPFAR (U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief), major media houses and hundreds of NGOs. Gilead Sciences is also one of the private sectors partners working with RFHA.

Results since inception: Over 5,000 Rotarians and partner organizations provided free health care to over 2.67 Million citizens in Africa and more recently in India.

An award-winning documentary was produced by Rotary International in 2014 about this program. (See link: **http://vimeo.com/87311787**.)

Marion has spoken all over the world on the 'power of one' to do something significant as a result of a personal tragedy. She has won multiple Rotary International awards, as well as community awards, for her work in disease prevention in the developing world. Highlights are:

- Rotary International's SERVICE ABOVE SELF award, awarded to only 150 Rotarians each year out of 1.2 million Rotarians. It is the highest honor you can achieve in Rotary
- The Rotary Board of Directors, in coordination with the White House, Washington, D.C. honored Marion in 2014 at the WHITE HOUSE as one of 'TEN WOMEN OF ACTION' in the U.S.
- Marion was a keynote speaker at the United Nations Rotary Day (2010)
- Marion was a keynote speaker at the World Bank on International Women's Day (2016), wherein she spoke on "Leading a Full Life".
- Marion was Chair of all Rotary International Action Groups 2014 – 2016.
- Awards at the RI District 6900 level include: Rotarian of the Year (1997-98); You Are the Key DeKalb Rotary Council (2000).

Service Opportunity

Be Part of Dunwoody Rotary History ... Bounds Gardens,

Saturday at 9 AM



The photo features the inaugural visit to what we now fondly call Bounds Gardens - previously Monroe Park, and in this photo the start of DeKalb Count's Adopt-A-Spot program - a community service project that began June 8, 2002. We didn't have a better version of this picture - shared with us recently by Monroe Brock - but it includes (from the left): Joel Alvarado, Keep DeKalb Beautiful Director; DeKalb County CEO Vernon Jones, Club President Jennie Stipick and her children, George and Vicki; and club members Henry Anthony, Suzanne Muccino, Bill Herald and Monroe Brock, chair for the club's environmental service project.

Be part of history on Saturday, January 28, when Ranger Fred leads the charge for keeping Bounds Garden beautiful. It's almost 21 years since we started - which is just over half of our life as the Rotary Club of Dunwoody. Bounds Garden is the traffic island located across from the Dunwoody Library.

GRSP Weekend Update

Calling for 15-20 Added Volunteers for GRSP Leadership Weekend - Feb 10-12

On February 10, we're expecting the 40 students of the GRSP Class of 2022-23 to join us for a weekend filled with fun, fellowship and learning. This weekend has become a Dunwoody tradition - offering opportunities to meet students from different parts of the world and spend time having fun with fellow Rotarians. It started about 20 years ago under the leadership of Fred and Kathy Brandt, and continued with leaders like Lorri Christopher, Harvey Rosensweig, Mike Parks, Scott Jennings, Louise and Ron Barden, and now Jackie Cuthbert. For most of those years, almost every club member playing some part in the weekend activities. The students have consistently rated our weekend at the top of their list! And we need an added 15-20 people to help!

There are many opportunities for you to be involved this year:

- **as a host family** - providing transportation to and from our venue and "bed and breakfast" for one or two GRSP students ... from Friday night pick-up to Sunday morning drop-off ... we need 5 volunteer host families to help us out
- **as part of our Rise Against Hunger Service project on Friday afternoon/evening,** where we will pack 10,000 meals to be distributed to people in need around the world. We need 5-6 people to help set-up Friday afternoon, work through the two-hour event, and help with clean-up after
- **as part of the "food team"** - helping keep snacks replenished from Friday afternoon through Sunday morning (in shifts as you have time) and setting up/putting away lunch on Saturday
- as part of the set-up or clean-up team - starting early Friday afternoon, ending between 1:30 and 2 pm on Sunday).

Contact Jackie Cuthbert directly to sign up to help - at 770-597-1183 or cuthbert@mindspring.com