Roswell Rotary Club

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NOVEMBER 14, 2023

President Alex's Message



Fellow Rotarians-

As we near the Thanksgiving Holiday, I hope that we all take time to reflect on the many gifts that have been given to us. I know I have. This week has been nothing short of incredible from a Rotary standpoint. I am also reminded of one of the tenants that I was raised on and is a cornerstone of Judeo-Christian Values, "*To whom much is given, much is expected.*" Now more than ever is a time for us to give thanks for the bounty that we have, our loved ones, and our Rotary family and strong Club. It is also the time to reflect while we have been blessed, others are facing great challenges and need our help. Now is the time and opportunity, particularly through our many Rotary initiatives, when we can do just that.

November is our Foundation Month, a time to give in order to make a lasting impact. November is also our Veterans Appreciation Month - The Club had an incredible experience this past Friday with two buses of veterans and Rotarians traveling to Ft. Moore as well as to support the 85 Army Rangers who demonstrated their skills and graduated and will now return to their active units, many of whom will deploy into harms way. Thank you to Roger Wise, Alicia Hughes, and Gene Beckham for making this trip a reality and building the foundation to grow this initiative into a permanent fixture of our Club's core values. The month of November is the month to give thanks to those who have served, and are currently serving to protect each of us, at all costs. To that end, I encourage you to give thanks by supporting our adopt a platoon initiative as well as volunteering at our Basket Ball Tournament - the proceeds of which directly support this Club's Rotary Initiatives.

Thanksgiving marks, what I believe, to be a Great Leap Forward in this Club's history, as the day after Thanksgiving, November 24th, we will open the Roswell Christkindlmarket with the traditional pomp and circumstance of the tapping of the Keg (thanks to Variant/Michael Curling) and the lighting of the tree. This family-friendly and adult-friendly Market will hopefully begin a tradition not only for our Club, but also for our City, as well as for families across our region. We have initiated this second major fundraiser, hopefully one day on par with our golf tournament in raising funds, to further support our club's initiatives as well as to cement our public-private partnership with the City of Roswell. As I presented when I took office in July, I believe that many hands make light work, that we can

MEETINGS

November is Rotary Foundation Month

11/16	Tim Huff - Veterans Day Speaker
11/23	no meeting
11/30	Monika Vintrlikova - Czech Republic Consulate
12/7	Jack Williams - Whole Brain Thinking Leadership
12/14	Dale Cardwell
12/21	Marlon Grigsby
12/28	no meeting
1/4	no meeting

EVENTS

11/16	Packing Event for Adopt a Platoon
11/18	Roswell Rotary Veterans Appreciation Invitational (Day ONE)
11/20	Roswell Rotary Veterans Appreciation Invitational (Day TWO)
11/21	Roswell Rotary Veterans Appreciation Invitational (Day THREE)
12/6	Hump Day, Toy Drive & Live Music at Rockin Taco!
12/7	Toys for Tots Due for North Fulton Charity
12/8	Caroling on Canton (right before Holiday Party)
12/8	Holiday Party

LEADERSHIP

President	Alex Kaufman
President-Elect	Nancy Alterman
Treasurer	Leslie Bassett
Secretary	Trummie Patrick, III
Public Image	Becky Nelson

do good as well as have fun, and that our City and Club are unique. Through this Market, we will have an inclusive holiday experience, showcase and support one of our historic assets, and also support through teamwork, Friends of Bulloch. We will showcase a beautiful historic landmark, which to some has negative slavery-era connotations, into a new tradition that brings all people together for a time of peace, companionship, and celebration. We will have young families begin a tradition of meeting Santa, of having a beer with friends, old and new - of children in need having a sense of the holiday season of their own.

The planting of the seed of this Christmas Market will hopefully grow into a large and permanent fixture of our community, expand our Club's financial impact, name recognition, and relationships with the many partners that we currently have, as well as make new opportunities for our future. I encourage everyone to come, tell their friends, promote the Market on social media, neighborhood list serves, and to attend in person, as well as to join your fellow Rotarians at our Christmas Party on December 8th, which also marks the first night of Hanukkah.

I am thankful to be a Roswell Rotarian and your President.

- Alex

Veterans Message

Speaker: Tim Huff



"Home for the Holidays" is a theme we will be hearing a lot in the coming weeks as we approach Thanksgiving and Christmas. But for many in the service, they will not be home during this holiday season. How does it feel when you are deployed in a strange country away from your loved ones? And what things make a difference to our servicemen and women as they are making this sacrifice to preserve our freedom?

On Thursday, Tim Huff, President of Turknett Leadership Group, will be speaking to our club about the things that mattered most to him during his deployment to Afghanistan. How it felt to be without family and the many things we take for granted during the holidays. He will talk about the things that lifted the spirits of his fellow soldiers and how we can make a difference to those who serve during the holidays and beyond. Hope to have a full house as we take time during this

Membership	Bob Clarkson

ROTARY CLUB OF ROSWELL

Thursdays, 12:15 pm
Roswell Area Park
Bill Johnson Community Activity Building
10495 Woodstock Road
Roswell, GA 30075

ROTARY ONLINE

https://roswellrotary.club
https://rotary6900.org/
https://rotary.org/

BIRTHDAYS

11/15	Robert Button
11/18	Alvin Nash
11/22	Kevin Jordan
11/24	James Savage
11/24	Neil Anderson
11/29	Jim Coyle
12/1	John Michael Brunetti
12/8	Nathan Porter
12/8	Deborah Perkins
12/10	Raymond Peabody

YEARS OF SERVICE

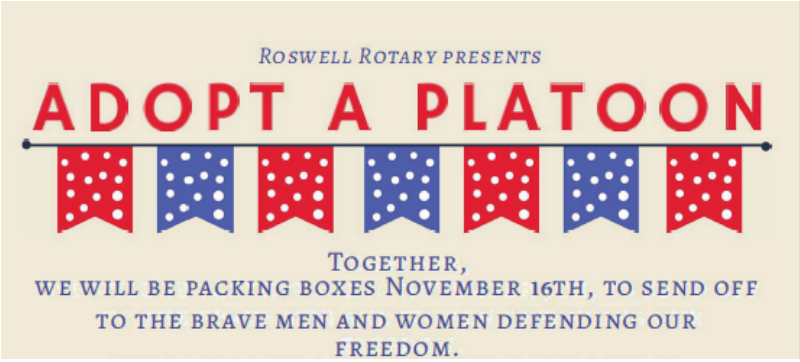
11/14	Richard Spencer (30)
11/17	Richard Dreger (34)
11/30	David White (6)
12/1	Gary Garrett (46)
12/3	James Byrd (4)
12/6	Courtney Lott (2)
12/6	Nathan Porter (2)
12/7	Andrew Dalby (23)
12/7	Craig Simons (23)
12/8	Danny Broadway (12)
12/8	Matthew Thomas (12)
12/11	Michele Johnson (16)

month of November when we most honor our veterans and think about ways we can let them know we care.

More about Tim: **Click here**

12/12	SaraBeth Huntley (10) 14 years in Rotary
12/12	William Swank (10)

Last Chance To
Adopt A Platoon



Please bring your items for Adopt a Platoon! Especially needed: **XL bathrobes** and **gift cards** to restaurants on base (Subway, Popeye's, Texas Roadhouse, Taco Bell) and Amazon cards. All are welcome to help pack the boxes directly before our meeting at 11:00 am Thursday, in Classroom #2.

After Hours Meeting Recap



Roswell Rotary After Hours met last week to assemble goodie bags as part of a group of care packages being sent overseas for an active military troop. They also wrote letters of support, encouragement and love to hopefully brighten a soldier's day. It was a nice to take a moment to reflect and recognize the sacrifices our military makes to keep us safe, especially in the spirit of Veterans Day.

Additionally, Cheryl Carter, Executive Director of HomeStretch (and Veteran!), sat down to share her organization's mission while we assembled goodie bags . HomeStretch provides supportive housing and programs that equip working families to regain and sustain

permanent housing. The club looks forward to partnering with this worthy local organization.

The next RRAH After Hours meeting is Tuesday, Dec. 5th at The Artillery Room @ Gate City. There will be no meeting on Nov. 21.

It's that time!

Rotary Veterans Invitational Tournament

What Roswell Rotary volunteer opportunity provides the chance to honor our veterans, be involved with student athletes, make your star crock pot specialty, serve food to coaches, referees, and staff working the event, and spend one-on-one time with your fellow Rotarians? It is the ROTARY VETERANS' APPRECIATION BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT!

The tournament supports ALL our veteran programs, the Ft. Moore bus trip, Adopt-A-Platoon, and Memorial Day and is held at Roswell High School November 18th, 20th, & 21st. We will need volunteers to help man the ticket sales table at the gym and others to assist in the hospitality suite for lunches and dinners we will be providing on those days. A perfect opportunity for new members to assimilate to the Club and for the Satellite Club to help the Parent Club with an important project. The energy of the students and the happiness of our volunteers makes this an incredibly special volunteer moment. We hope you will say YES to being a part of this event that raises money to honor our veterans!

To volunteer, **Click here** Roswell Rotary: Rotary Veterans' Appreciation Invitational Sign Up

Questions about volunteering can be answered by contacting **Dave Young nfultonpt@juno.com**, **Gene Beckham gene@bfsga.com**, **Lynne Lindsay lynnehlindsay@outlook.com**, or **Jack Wyche javic@msn.com**

QR Code for Volunteer Link

Roswell Rotary Club honor those who served. A very special day!

Veteran's Bus Tour Success

What A Ride!



Rotary Last Week


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