Roswell Rotary Club

Rotascope
JANUARY 23, 2024

# From Iran to the US: Marziyeh Amirizadeh to speak



Marziyeh Amirizadeh - or Marzi - is an Iranian immigrant who was born just a few months before the 1979 Iranian Revolution toppled the Shah of Iran and swept a radical Islamic regime into power. More than twenty years ago, through the grace of God, Marzi became a Christian despite growing up under the authoritarian, socialistic, Islamic regime where children were indoctrinated by the government. After becoming a Christian, Marzi shared her Christian faith with fellow Iranians by distributing thousands of bibles and by participating in the underground Iranian church. In 2009, she was arrested in Tehran for promoting Christianity and was thrown into the notorious Evin prison - one of the most brutal prisons in the world.  While incarcerated, Marzi endured months of mental and physical hardships, including intense interrogation. She was sentenced to death by hanging simply for being a Christian. Finally, under pressure from human rights and Christian organizations, the Iranian government released Marzi, and she emigrated to the United States where she became an American citizen. Marzi moved to Atlanta and enrolled at Georgia Tech University where she later earned her a Bachelor and Master of Science degree in International Affairs.  Marzi is a published author, public speaker, activist for religious freedom, and a candidate for Georgia House District 67.

## MEETINGS

January is Vocational Service Month

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| 1/25 | Mariziyeh Amirizadeh - From Iran to the US |
| 2/1 | Tony Barnhart |
| 2/1 | Skipper Hoke / Football Leadership |
| 2/8 | Lunches 4 Learning - Phil Dodson |
| 2/15 | Celia Cortes - GAI Cares |
| 2/22 | Ted Jenkin |
| 2/29 | Leadership 20/20 : Mr C.J.Stewart, co-founder and lead visionary of LEAD Ambassador |
| 3/7 | United Way of Atlanta |

## EVENTS

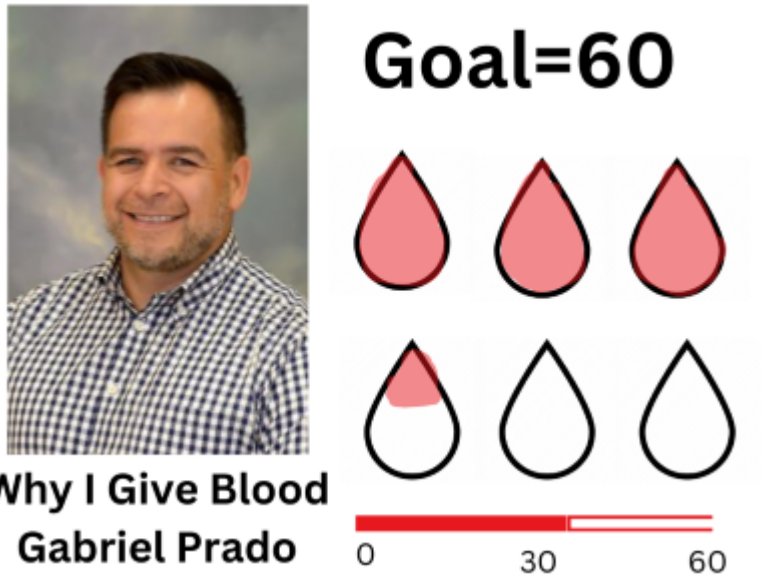
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| 1/23 | Rotary Means Business (district networking event) |
| 1/31 | Blood Drive for Jan |
| 2/3 | Polar Bear Plunge-Wills Park Pool |
| 2/7 | Hump Day at Gate City Artillery Room |
| 2/15 | Roswell High School Career Day |
| 2/17 | Walk with a Doc February |
| 3/1 | Roswell Rotary Reads |
| 3/7 | Over the Hump Day at Lucky's Burgers & Brew |

## LEADERSHIP

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

Goal 60 donors

# Blood Drive Testimony-Jan 31 Blood Drive




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*-Gabriel Prado*

Join Gabriel and all of our donors and volunteers on Jan. 31! Use link below to sign up.

## 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

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| 1/23 | Kurt Hilbert |
| 1/24 | William Noethling |
| 1/24 | Dr. Kay Howell |
| 1/25 | David Bourne |
| 1/26 | Courtney Lott |
| 1/28 | Priya Crumpton |
| 1/30 | William May |
| 1/31 | John Reddick |
| 1/31 | Blake Turner |
| 2/3 | Chris Patterson |
| 2/6 | FJ Levy II |
| 2/9 | Angela Freeman |
| 2/10 | Richard Meer |
| 2/15 | Bruce Smith |
| 2/18 | Gordon Owens |
| 2/20 | Lenna Castagna |

## YEARS OF SERVICE

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|---|---|
| 1/23 | Jack Stephens (38) |
| 1/24 | Andy Williams (5)<br>12 years in Rotary |
| 1/30 | Mindy Jones (27) |
| 1/31 | Allen Dalton (39) |
| 2/1 | David Bourne (51) |
| 2/2 | Lee Dodson (10)<br>46 years in Rotary |
| 2/8 | Dutch Earle (17)<br>26 years in Rotary |




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| 2/11 | Alex Kaufman (14) |
| 2/11 | Langdon Hollingsworth (3) |
| 2/17 | Roger Wise, Jr. (13) |

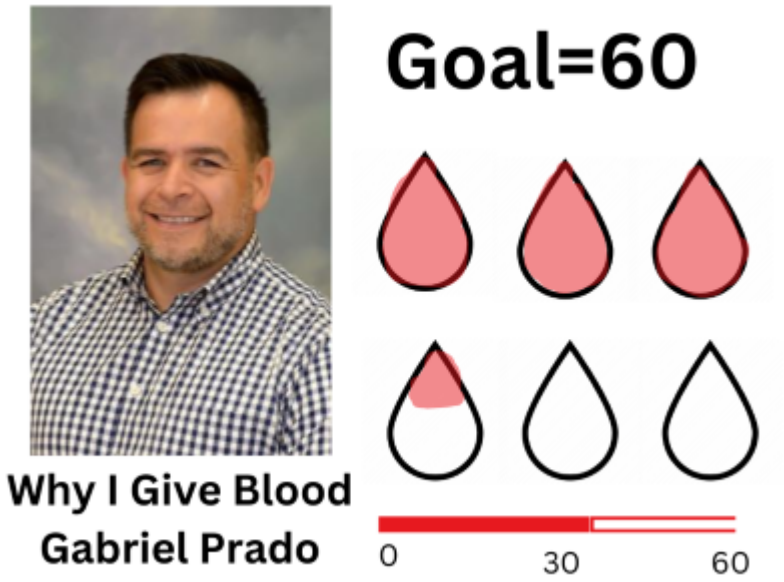
We are hoping for 60 donors on Jan. 31. To date we have 35 donors registered. Please sign up today or encourage a friend, neighbor or relative to give. We need 25 more to make our goal. 60 pints could save 180 lives!

And a chance to win **Super Bowl tickets!**

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### Most can't give, so ask a friend or colleague to donate

## Give a pint? Get a pint! Thanks to Variant Brewing, Coastal Grill




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*https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?order=DATE&range=10&zipSponsor=roswellrotary*

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## Last Week at Rotary




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