Roswell Rotary Club

Rotascope

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President's Message



Courage in Action

On September 11, 2001, as flames and smoke consumed the South Tower of the World Trade Center, a 24-year-old equities trader named Welles Crowther made a decision that defined his life—and his legacy. Crowther, a former volunteer firefighter, grabbed a red bandana from his pocket, tied it over his face, and charged up and down the stairs of the 78th floor—again and again—guiding strangers to safety. Survivors later recalled the calmness in his voice, the steadiness of his hands, and the red bandana that became a symbol of hope amid chaos. He saved at least a dozen lives before the tower collapsed. Welles Crowther didn't set out to be a hero that morning. He simply answered a call—to serve, to protect, to give of himself without hesitation. His story reminds us that true heroism is often quiet, instinctive, and rooted in love for others.

That same spirit of courage and selflessness lives among us here in Roswell. When a call comes in—whether it's a structure fire, a car accident, or a dangerous domestic situation—our police officers and firefighters don't stop to calculate risk -They go! Every day, Roswell's Police and Fire face uncertainty and danger with the same resolve that guided Welles Crowther up those smoke-filled stairs. And while their acts of heroism may not make the evening news, they make all the difference to the people whose lives they touch.

Honored to Host Police & Fire Chiefs as Speakers Thursday Oct. 23

This week, Roswell Rotary is honored to host Chief James W. Conroy of the Roswell Police Department and Chief Pabel Troche of the Roswell Fire Department. They represent the disciplined courage, strategic vision, and selfless

MEETINGS

October is Economic and Community Development Month

10/23	State of Roswell Police Dept and Fire Department with Police Chief Conroy and Fire Chief Pabel Troche
10/30	Interact Kick Off Meeting + GRSP/RYE Introductions
11/6	Pam Reed Baker
11/13	US Representative Buddy Carter - GA Ports Update
11/20	Lt. Governor Burt Jones
11/27	No Meeting at Roswell Rotary - Thanksgiving
12/4	Farrell Middleton - The Bell Curve of Life
12/11	Chancellor Sonny Perdue

EVENTS

10/23	Cornhole Tournament @ Lucky's
10/27	RUMC JOB FAIR
11/6	Anchors Away- Packing Boxes for Naval Personnel
11/13	Rotary on Tap- Happy Hour
11/17	Youth Meeting-Planning for Spring
11/21	Tapping of the Keg- ChristKindle Market
12/3	Women in Rotary Holiday Social
12/8	RUMC JOB FAIR

LEADERSHIP

President	Trummie Patrick, III
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Secretary	Katie Anderson
Membership	Courtney Lott

heart behind our city's safety. Under Chief Conroy's leadership, the Roswell Police Department emphasizes community engagement, transparency, and professionalism. The fire side is evolving as well—balancing everyday calls with larger system improvements and new challenges.

Let's listen closely to Fire Chief Troche and Police Chief Conroy as they share their insights and challenges. At its core, Rotary's motto—"Service Above Self"—is the very similar creed that drives every first responder. It's about showing up when you're needed most. It's about courage, compassion, and commitment. As a club, Roswell Rotary has stood shoulder to shoulder with these heroes—hosting Family Farm Day for first responders and their families, sponsoring recognition events, and saying thank you in tangible ways. But our gratitude should always lead to action.

How Can You Help?

Let's ask how Rotary can help—whether through community partnerships, youth outreach, or supporting programs for those who carry this burden every day. Welles Crowther's red bandana became a symbol of selfless courage. In Roswell, the symbols are different—a badge, a helmet, a fire engine, a squad car—but the message is the same: Service above self.

As we honor our city's first responders this week, may we also renew our own commitment as Rotarians—to be people who step forward, not back; who serve quietly but powerfully; and who remember that the best way to thank a hero is to live by the same creed they do.

State of Roswell : Roswell Police Chief Conroy & Fire Chief Pabel Troche





Chief James W. Conroy
Roswell Police Dept.



Fire Chief Pabel Troche
Roswell Fire Dept.

This Thursday, we're shining a spotlight on the dedicated teams who keep

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

10/23	Mindy Jones
10/23	Jeff McCoy
10/23	Queen Brown
10/24	Tim Maurer
10/26	Katie Anderson
10/30	Bryan Turner
10/31	Anne Wilkinson
11/4	Sid Disher
11/4	Michael Schoppenhorst
11/6	Karen Schwank
11/6	James Rouse
11/6	Ashton Dapp
11/7	Walt Burnotes
11/7	Dave Hallman
11/9	William Brown
11/10	Lee Hollingsworth
11/15	Robert Button
11/18	Alvin Nash

YEARS OF SERVICE

10/23	Steve Stroud (39)
10/28	Ryan Gehricke (4)
10/29	Harold Coleman (27)
11/1	Kenneth Greensmith (1) 2 years in Rotary
11/5	Charles Cameron (38)

Roswell safe. Join us as we welcome **Chief James Conroy** of the Roswell Police Department and **Chief Pabel Troche** of the Roswell Fire Department. They will share updates on their departments, current challenges, and the initiatives shaping public safety in our community. From crime prevention strategies to emergency response readiness, this is a chance to hear directly from the leaders behind the badge and the hose.

Let's show our appreciation for those who serve with courage and commitment. To read about these dedicated men, click "read more".

Chief James W. Conroy *Chief of Police, City of Roswell*

Chief James Conroy has served as Roswell's Chief of Police since July 2019, following a nationwide search that recognized his extensive experience and leadership in metropolitan law enforcement. He oversees a full-service department with more than 200 employees and an annual budget of approximately $22 million, serving a city of nearly 98,000 residents. Prior to his appointment in Roswell, Chief Conroy retired from the DeKalb County Police Department after 30 years of service, including five and a half years as Chief of Police. During his tenure, he led a department of over 1,200 personnel and implemented strategic reforms that contributed to significant reductions in crime. His leadership emphasized data-driven policing, transparency, and community engagement.

Chief Conroy holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Administration from Columbia Southern University and a Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership from Waldorf University. His executive training includes:

- FBI National Executive Institute
- Southern Police Institute, University of Louisville
- Senior Management Institute for Police (PERF)
- Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange
- Leadership DeKalb

He is an active member of several professional organizations, including the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, and the Police Executive Research Forum, Atlanta METROPOL, and Metro Atlanta Police Emerald Society. He also serves on the board of the Gold Shield Foundation of Metro Atlanta. Chief Conroy is widely respected for his strategic vision and commitment to public service. His work continues to shape modern policing in Georgia through innovation, accountability, and strong community partnerships.

Fire Chief Pabel Troche*, Fire Chief, City of Roswell*

Chief Pabel Troche Pabel Troche is a seasoned public safety professional with a diverse background in fire service leadership, emergency management, law enforcement, local government, and electronic security systems.

With over two decades of hands-on experience in fire suppression, emergency medical services, and strategic leadership, Chief Troche has successfully navigated the complexities of volunteer, combination, and full-time fire department models. His leadership has driven transformational initiatives, including the department's transition to a full-time staffing model, retention of a Class 2 Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating, and the integration of cutting-edge technologies to enhance efficiency and safety. Through data-driven strategies and

11/5	Bob Hagan (27) 32 years in Rotary
11/5	Tillie O'Neal-Kyles (4) 14 years in Rotary
11/5	Haniel Jones (4)
11/7	Mike Hampton (12)
11/7	Scott Moscow (12)
11/8	Robert Fezza (18)
11/11	Nancy Alterman (15)
11/14	Richard Spencer (32)
11/17	Richard Dreger (36)

regional collaboration, he has strengthened interagency coordination and improved operational effectiveness across jurisdictions.

Before becoming Fire Chief, Troche held key leadership roles, including Deputy Fire Chief, Battalion Chief of Special Operations and Training, EMS Director, and Public Information Officer. His background as a paramedic, firefighter, and company officer has reinforced his commitment to firefighter safety, training, and professional development.

Chief Troche holds an Associate's degree in Fire Science, a Bachelor's degree in Fire Administration, and a Master's degree in Organizational Leadership and Emergency Management Leadership.

- Georgia State-Certified Fire Chief
- Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE)
- Certified Chief Fire Officer (CFO).

Through his leadership, Chief Troche continues to elevate the fire service, integrating modern technology, championing firefighter safety, and fostering collaboration to enhance emergency preparedness and public safety.

A New Twist

Cornhole for Polio Thursday Oct. 23 6:00 PM Lucky's



We're gearing up for our Annual Polio Cornhole Tournament on Thursday, October 23rd at 6:00 PM, and we wanted to share a few details:

1. 32 teams total

2. $100 per team to enter

3. We'll be holding a team "raffle/auction" during the Rotary meeting on the 23rd so members who aren't playing can still take part by "backing" a team. The winning bidder/raffle will take home $250 CASH! Back your favorite team to enter.

#3- Cross the Finish Line

President's Polio Power Play



The Finish Line is in Sight

In 1988, Rotary International and its partners launched one of the most ambitious public health campaigns in history—to eradicate polio from the face of the earth. At that time, over 350,000 children were paralyzed by the virus every year in more than 125 countries. Today, thanks to global vaccination efforts led by Rotary, cases have been reduced by more than 99.9%, with wild poliovirus now endemic in only two countries—Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Greatest Achievement in Public Health

Bill Gates once said, "Eradicating polio would be one of the greatest achievements in global health, saving hundreds of thousands of children from paralysis every single year." His foundation has been a cornerstone in the fight, matching every dollar Rotary contributes to PolioPlus with two additional dollars—tripling the impact of each Rotarian's donation. That means your $100 gift effectively becomes $300, helping provide vaccines, train health workers, and support rapid-response teams to prevent outbreaks before they spread.

The truth is, we are closer than ever to making history. The infrastructure built for polio eradication—disease surveillance, emergency response, and vaccine delivery—has already strengthened healthcare systems around the world. But "almost done" is not the same as "done." Until the virus is gone everywhere, it remains a threat everywhere.

Let's Do This!

So as Rotarians, let's continue to lead the final charge. Every dollar matters. Every vaccine counts. And when the day comes that polio is officially declared eradicated, Rotary and its partners—and all of us—will have written one of the greatest chapters in the story of humankind's triumph over disease.

Sic Vos Non Vobis
Trummie Lee Patrick III

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World Polio Day



Board Spotlight

Darrell Bartlett: Club Administration/Meetings

ROTARY SPOTLIGHT 2025-2026 BOARD



Joining Rotary in 2019, Darrell Bartlett was no stranger to Rotarian engagement. Having been a member of his high school's Interact Club, he was cognizant of the greater acts of Rotarian service with community at large as well as with local charity involvement.

Though he graduated from Western Carolina University, he is a huge fan of Ohio State University Football (Darrell proudly notes: 2024 National Champs). It's a familial thing, after all, being a native of Kenton, Ohio and indoctrinated by family members hailing OSU!

As a Strategic Account Executive for Allegion Company, a manufacturer of door hardware in the national commercial and residential construction business, Darrell has developed and leads national wholesalers for the company. Working for this company for over 38 years in various management assignments, he started in the Carolinas, moving on to Chicago and then finally to Atlanta. He enjoys building good working relationships as key to creating solid business opportunities.

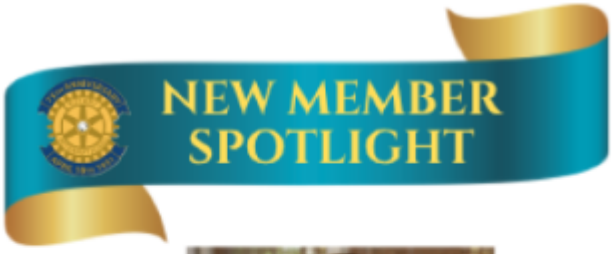
Outside of the office, Darrell is an avid golfer and reader. Having lived in Roswell for the past 28 years, he has been very involved with his community, volunteering as a sports coach for many of the local sports organizations. Additionally, he spends volunteer time working in local politics and has served at the Aviation Wing Museum in Cobb County. In Roswell Rotary, he is well known for his volunteerism and his endless efforts on behalf of the Blood Drives.

Married to Claire with 3 adult sons and one mutt, they attend Christ Church of Atlanta, sans the dog. Without question, the Bartlett family is currently faced with the gravest test of humankind: serious illness while

sustaining equilibrium in the face of it all. For certain, Darrell’s Rotary family is present with willing heart, compassion and unending support.

New Member Spotlight

Welcome Ryan Williams





Ryan Williams is an Atlanta native, growing up in Peachtree Corners, attending the University of Georgia and eventually moving to Roswell in 2019. Ryan is married to fellow Rotarian, Andy Williams and they have two children, Addison (7) and Morgan, (8), two rambunctious dogs and six chickens! She is an interior designer and owns Roswell-based design firm, Artisan Design Studio. She learned about Rotary from her husband, Andy and through her service on the board of Be THE Voice with Debbie Cwalina. Over the last few years, she's gotten to know many members of the Roswell club and is excited to share in their mission of service above self.