Rotary Club of Dunwoody

The Friendly Breakfast Club

JANUARY 28, 2026

This Week's Speakers

Joe Sutherland, PhD, Emory University AI Center



Join us this Friday at Maggiano's to welcome Joe Sutherland, PhD, a results-driven technology executive, board director, and bestselling author with an established record of transformational growth through AI, data, and cloud innovation at the world's top organizations.

Joe brings extensive experience from executive roles at Emory, Cisco, Amazon, three startups, and The White House - leading large 6,000+ organizations generating more than $1B in revenue and exit value. Sutherland currently directs Emory University's $300MM AI Center, at the head of a nine-figure innovation portfolio, where he reports directly to the President's cabinet. [read more]

It's GRSP Leadership Weekend!!!!!!

MEETINGS

January is Vocational Service Month

1/30	GENERAL MEETING: Dr. Joe Sutherland, Director of Emory Center for AI Learning
2/6	GENERAL MEETING: Dr. Albert Davis, The Importance of Friendship
2/13	GENERAL MEETING: Nell Benn, CEO, Agape Youth & Family Center
2/27	GENERAL MEETING: Dana Rickman, President/CEO, GA Partnership for Excellence in Education
5/1	Julia Carlotto Biral, Brazil - Our 2025/26 GRSP Student
5/8	General Meeting: Laws of Life Presentation
5/14	Thirsty Thursday
5/22	Memorial Day Weekend - No Meeting

EVENTS

2/19	Thirsty Thursday at Dunwoody Tavern
3/6	GENERAL MEETING - Speaker: Dunwoody Police Chief, Mike Carlson
3/13	GENERAL MEETING - Speaker: The Honorable Chris Carr, Attorney General for State of Georgia
3/13	Teacher Appreciation Breakfast Sponsored by the Dekalb Rotary Council
3/14	Bounds Garden Clean Up Day
3/19	Thirsty Thursday at Hampton Social
3/27	GENERAL MEETING - Dr. Iona Bonta, Georgia Cancer Specialist
4/3	GENERAL MEETING - Speaker: Mr. Andrew Ziffer, District 1: Dekalb Board of Education



On Friday, 38 international students from across the State of Georgia will join the Rotary Clubs of Dunwoody and Buckhead for the 25th annual GRSP Leadership Weekend! Thanks to all of you who have agreed to host and volunteer - we could still use more Rotarians to help out with weekend activities - all at the Dunwoody North Shallowford Annex all at the Dunwoody North Shallowford Annex, 4470 N Shallowford Rd., Dunwoody. .

Yesterday, our friends at Anchor Place Respite Care helped us stuff "goodie bags" for the students - water bottles, notebooks, pens, snacks and gift bag with a starfish pin and the starfish story. Fred Bounds and I were on hand to assemble the bags. Anchor Place is also loaning us some equipment for the GRSP Olympics "pool noodle volleyball" and bean bag toss (students will also compete in tug of war and a three-legged race.

Read on for more about the weekend and its volunteer opportunities. [read more]

Golf Tournament Update

Meet Our 2026 FORE! the Memories Golf Tournament Team

BIRTHDAYS

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
2/9	Dr. John E. Carr
2/10	Eleni Bafas
2/13	Griff Ransom
2/13	Mark Galvin
2/21	Marie Crean
2/24	Dave Burr

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

2/2	John Vinyard (18)
2/14	Erich Schuetz (49)

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

President	Matthew Johnson
Immediate PP	Louise Barden
Vice President	Dave Burr
Treasurer	Carter Stout
Secretary	Mark Galvin
Public Image	Bob O'Brien



Bob O’Brien and Charlie Augello will co-chair our FORE! the Memories Golf Tournament again this year – scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2026 at St. Marlo. This year’s beneficiaries: - the “Do What You Love to End ALZ” arm of the Georgia Alzheimer’s Association, Anchor Place Respite Care in Dunwoody, and the Rotary Club of Dunwoody Charitable Fund.

Our first committee appointment involves **Sponsorships** - it's a great team - led by Bob O'Brien and **including each and every one of us!** We need help identifying sponsors and Bob hopes that every member will get involved as at least a Participating Sponsor ($25).

You can visit the tournament website - **FORE! the Memories – Rotary Club of Dunwoody Charity Golf Tournament** – for more information. And click "more" here to see the rest of our golf tournament committee volunteers.
[read more]

Opportunity to Serve

Calling All Essay Judges



All these people are celebrating the Laws of Life Essay Contest, and young people sharing their reflections on things like perseverance, integrity, gratitude, and responsibility. Essay judging is one of the most meaningful ways Rotarians can get involved in the Georgia Laws of Life Contest - and your opportunity to be a judge is coming up soon!

Judges read students' reflections on a character trait—often describing the experience of essay writing as eye-opening and deeply rewarding.

- Judges are typically Rotarians from sponsoring clubs (and we are - and have been - since George Stewart first got us involved with Laws of Life)
- Judges work in teams
- Judging takes place in February and March
- Training and scoring rubrics are provided

Sign up to be an essay judge: https://georgialawsoflife.org/volunteers/