Roswell Rotary Club

Rotascope

FEBRUARY 11, 2026

President's Message



"My bounty is as boundless as the sea, My love is as deep; the more I give to thee, The more I have, for both are infinite." – **William Shakespeare**

"Ve'ahavta l'reacha kamocha". – "Love your neighbor as yourself." **Leviticus 19:18**

"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." – **1 Corinthians 13:13**

"To love at all - is to be vulnerable." - **C.S. Lewis**

Valentine's Day is almost here. Florists are swamped, restaurants are booked, and Americans will spend billions on flowers, candy, jewelry, and cards. It's one of the most commercialized days on the calendar — yet its origins are anything but commercial.

The story traces back to Saint Valentine, a priest in ancient Rome who defied an imperial decree that banned young soldiers from marrying. The emperor believed single men made better warriors. Valentine believed love and commitment made better men. He secretly performed weddings and was ultimately imprisoned and executed around 269 A.D. Tradition holds that before his death he signed a note, "From your Valentine." Strip away the roses and reservations, and Valentine's Day was never about sentiment. It was about sacrifice — choosing love even when it costs something.

If you pause and think about it, "love" may be the most overworked and yet most powerful word in the human vocabulary. Linguists estimate there are roughly

MEETINGS

February is Peace and Conflict Prevention Month

2/12	Horst Schulze - A No Nonsense Guide to Becoming the Best in a World of Compromise
2/19	Leadership 2020 - Col. Dwight Schmidt
2/26	DEA Outreach Taskforce Officer - Wanda Wiggins
3/5	William Vestal - Artificial Intelligence from a different viewpoint
3/12	Kristin Winzeler - True North 400
3/12	MS Student/Teacher of the Year Presentations
3/19	Lisa Meade Romero
3/26	Senator Blake Tillery

EVENTS

2/19	Leadership 20/20
3/2	Read Across America Day
3/4	Women of Rotary Spring Social
3/14	Roswell Rotary 75th Anniversary Party
3/21	Roswell Relays
3/21	16th Annual Sweep the Hooch
4/18	Walk w a Doc featuring Phy Therapist Dr Kim Richards
4/22	Women of Roswell Rotary Club

LEADERSHIP

President	Trummie Patrick, III
President-Elect	Leslie Bassett
Immediate PP	Nancy Alterman
Treasurer	Mike Agurkis
Secretary	Katie Anderson
Membership	Courtney Lott

7,000 living languages on earth, and most of them don't settle for just one word for love. Many have two, three, sometimes four distinct words separating romantic love, familial devotion, loyal friendship, even sacrificial or divine love. Across cultures and centuries, that likely amounts to tens of thousands of unique words that mean some form of love.

And then there's music. I think I broke the internet last night when I Googled--"how many songs have love in the title?" (yes, I still Google instead of AI– I'm so 2023 with that old school search engine) With more than 100 million songs cataloged on platforms like Spotify alone, even a conservative estimate suggests millions of songs contain "love" in the title alone. It was like Googling, "how many Auburn football players have entered the transfer portal?" No one knows.....The number simply cannot be calculated!

Few words are used more loosely or carry more weight than love. We say we love our spouse, our children, our country, our team, even our favorite meal. Across cultures, languages distinguish between romantic love, family, friendship, commitment, etc. Scripture too reflects that depth. Love is described not as a thin emotion but as layered throughout the Bible and is used in many ways to cover different meanings. **It is action. It is perseverance. It is service.**

That is where Rotary enters the conversation. Every time we give to a campaign to help others in need, mentor a student through Interact, recognize a first responder, or support education and health initiatives, we are practicing a disciplined form of love. We may not say the word specifically, but Service Above Self is love.

In 1885, when the Statue of Liberty arrived from France, America lacked funds to build the pedestal it would stand on. Publisher Joseph Pulitzer asked ordinary citizens to contribute — no gift too small. More than 120,000 people responded, most giving less than a dollar. Schoolchildren sent pennies. Immigrants gave what little they had. The pedestal was built not by a few wealthy benefactors, but by thousands of everyday people choosing action over apathy. Love of country became service in motion. At its best, love is not something you feel. It is something you do.

It is easy to love when it is convenient. It is harder when it requires time, money, patience, and consistency. Rotarians give their time, their resources, and their willingness to show up.

So perhaps the question this week is simple: Who else needs to feel seen? Where can I give something that costs me a little so someone else gains a lot? Martin Luther King Jr. asked, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?" That question sits at the intersection of Valentine's Day and Rotary. Love is not best measured by what we purchase, but by what we are willing to give.

In Rotary, we don't just celebrate love one day a year. We practice it every day.

Sic Vos Non Vobis

Trummie Lee Patrick III

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

2/15	Bruce Smith
2/18	Gordon Owens
2/20	Lenna Castagna
2/21	Michael Gould
2/22	Becky Stone
2/22	Bill Wolff
2/23	Kathryn Mulkey
2/24	Dutch Earle
2/27	Leonard Greski
2/27	Justice Brakache
2/28	Alexandria Shuval Weiner
3/3	Don Horton
3/3	Jeff Kramer
3/3	Ken Vaughn
3/4	Tillie O'Neal-Kyles
3/5	Steve Dorvee
3/7	Nancy Alterman
3/11	Jon-Paul Croom

YEARS OF SERVICE

2/11	David Houck (1)
2/11	Becki Campolito (1)
2/11	Queen Brown (1)
2/11	Alex Kaufman (16)
2/11	Langdon Hollingsworth (5)
2/17	Roger Wise, Jr. (15)

Horst Schulze Brings a No-Nonsense Guide to Excellence on February 12



Roswell Rotary welcomes Horst Schulze on February 12 for a program drawn from his signature philosophy: becoming the very best in a world that too often settles for compromise. His no-nonsense approach to excellence, shaped over a lifetime of leadership in luxury hospitality, offers practical, people-centered principles that apply to every profession and career stage. Mr. Schulze's message challenges individuals and organizations alike to pursue uncompromising standards and to unlock the disruptive power of their true potential.
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2/23	Richard Stilley (9) 11 years in Rotary
2/26	Dean Robertson (1) 8 years in Rotary
2/26	Jackie Jordan (1) 11 years in Rotary
3/2	Gene Beckham, III (26)
3/3	Ridge Cannon (1)
3/4	Ken Briggs (44)
3/7	Terry Taylor (13)
3/7	Amy Brannen (13)
3/8	John Michael Brunetti (3)
3/9	Jacque Digieso (20) 33 years in Rotary
3/9	Syd Mostajabi (17)
3/9	Michael Byars (20)
3/10	Jeff McCoy (21)
3/10	Will Colley (4)
3/10	Angela Medley (4)
3/10	Mickey Deaton (21)
3/10	Vivian Bankston (21)
3/11	Lynne Lindsay (16)
3/11	Michael Gould (16)
3/11	Lisa Carlisle (16)

TODAY Wed Feb 11

Blood Drive-Walk In's Welcome


Valentine's
BLOOD DRIVE
340 S Atlanta St - Roswell
A Life-saving Function
at Roswell Junction!
February 11th
8:00 am - 2:00 pm
GIVE A PINT
GET A PINT
Rotary
Roswell
Our Awesome Partners:
ROSWELL JUNCTION
SAFE HAVEN FITNESS
VARIANT BREWING
Plus Our Newbies...
BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY HOMESERVICES
GEORGIA PROPERTIES
Pam Santoro, Realtor®
Vitality LIVING·MILTON
Be You · Be Vibrant · Belong
LEAPFROG

The 80's



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RRC Past Presidents

- 1980-81 Frank Brown
- 1981-82 Wilbur Avera
- 1982-83 Gary Waddell
- 11983-84 Joe Hopkins
- 1984-85 Buddy Stamps
- 1985-86 Lew Marshall
- 1986-87 Bill Lewis
- 1987-88 Trummie Patrick
- 1988-89 Ron Spencer
- 1989-90 Ben Magoon

Video The 80's

Gratitude Wall: Members Helping Members

Gratitude Wall

Highlighting a few of the many acts of service our members give to each other:



Angela Medley would like to thank **Dr. Scott Moscow.**

"A few weeks ago, I was diagnosed with shingles on my forehead. My primary doctor was very concerned about the proximity to my eye and strongly urged me to see an ophthalmologist immediately to ensure the infection had not spread. As you can imagine, this was frightening news.

I began calling around to get an urgent appointment but had no success. Offices were booked out and, unfortunately, did not share the same level of urgency my doctor expressed. Feeling anxious and running out of options, I reached out to Scott Moscow through our Rotary connection.

He responded right away with kindness and concern and had me in his office within the hour.

Dr. Moscow's team conducted a thorough exam and was able to confirm that the shingles had not spread to my eye. The relief that brought to both me and my husband is hard to put into words. In a moment that felt stressful and uncertain, his responsiveness, professionalism, and compassion made all the difference.

I am incredibly grateful for his willingness to step in so quickly and provide such excellent care. It is a blessing to have physicians in our community who lead with both expertise and heart.

Thank you, Dr. Moscow, for taking such wonderful care of me".



Nancy Alterman would like to thank **Dave Young**

"*Shout out to dave young who came on Sunday 4 days after my knee surgery to make sure I was doing my exercises and rehabbing like I was suppose to. He did say the energizer bunny has her battery in and going strong. Thanks Dave for your thoughtfulness ?❤?*"



Becky Nelson would like to thank Bill **Swank**

"*Thanks to our own Bill Swank for taking a legal matter we didn't know how to approach and making it simple. Thank you, Bill!*"

Hero of the Month



Welcome New Member Cathy Pope



Roswell Rotary new member, Cathy Pope, is a native of Camilla, GA, graduating with a degree in Mathematics from Southwestern State University. Moving on to Dallas/Fort Worth Texas for 8 years, she moved to Macon, GA and raised 4 children.

In the midst of her moves, Cathy managed to eke out an MBA in Finance from TCU, a Masters in Political Science from Georgia State University, capping it off with a Doctorate of Education in Leadership and Policy Studies from University of Memphis!

Once her youngest headed to college, she threw her resume out in the Southeast, taking a position as President and CEO of food banks in Mobile AL, then in Memphis, TN. In November of 2024, Cathy moved to Alpharetta for a position as Executive Director of Senior Services North Fulton, a nonprofit that runs Meals on Wheels. This program provides for seniors in North Fulton, which along with other services, helps them remain independent in their own homes for a long as possible.

Currently in the North Fulton Leadership Class with the North Fulton Chamber, Cathy hopes to volunteer with a nonprofit that helps

animals, while other service projects of interest include working with youth and veterans groups.

Divorced, Cathy is mom to 3 boys: DJ 37, Clayton 34, Sam 31 and one daughter, Catherine who is 29, all now GA residents.

Fun fact: Having been a bit of a vagabond for the last 11 years and finally feeling at home and settled, she has just purchased a townhome in Roswell and will be moving from Alpharetta to Roswell mid-February!

Last Week at Rotary





We Caught the Vibe!





Foundation





Tim Maurer

With Two R's!



Joy at Rotary



Two Minutes...



Polar Plunge Alpharetta



ChristKindle Market 2025 Volunteer Thank You

