



*GRSP carries on tradition of presenting their flags*

From Our District Governor

**Let's Start By Celebrating Youth Service Month!**

By Steve Ivory  
This May, as Rotary celebrates **Youth Service Month**, District 6900 proudly shines a light on the students, young professionals, and emerging leaders whose lives are being shaped through Rotary. From Interact and Rotaract to GRSP, RYLA, Laws of Life, scholarships, and mentoring, we are not just serving youth — we are investing in the future of our communities and our world. Enjoy the photos from District Conference, where many of you saw an amazing show on Saturday morning. And learn more about what ... and why we're celebrating!  
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**LEADERBOARD** Check out the full district scoreboard

Here are the clubs that are leading the way in our district for membership, annual fund and polio plus.

Category	NET MEMBERSHIP	ANNUAL FUND	POLIO PLUS
I	<b>Fayetteville</b>	<b>North Atlanta</b>	<b>Brookhaven</b>
II	<b>North Columbus</b>	<b>North Fulton</b>	<b>Vinings Cumberland</b>
III	<b>Marietta</b>	<b>Dunwoody</b>	<b>Carrollton-Dawn Breakers</b>
IV	<b>Roswell</b>	<b>Roswell</b>	<b>Peachtree City</b>

**Key Dates**



## Thanks for a Great District Conference!

By Steve Ivory  
District Conference 2026 was an inspiring and fun event that celebrated the hard work of all of our clubs. Lake Lanier wasn't just a location for our district conference—it was a celebration of purpose, people, and powerful impact.

From the moving Service Hero Parade ... to featuring voices like astronaut Captain Suni Williams, Dr. Mary C Kelly, and national leaders in public service, Derek Maltz, former DEA administrator, police, firefighters, nurses, mental health providers ... to hands-on service projects and dynamic breakout sessions - every moment reminded us why Rotary matters.  
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## Congratulations Sheffield Award Winners and All-Around Best Clubs!

By Nancy Prochaska  
At our District Conference, we were proud to honor the individuals pictured as Sheffield Award winners, and these clubs as Winners and Runner-Ups in their size categories as Club of the Year:

### Clubs of the Year (and Runner-Ups)

- Category 1 - Meriwether County (winner), Tyrone (runner-up)
- Category 2 - North Fulton (winner), Vinings Cumberland (runner-up)
- Category 3 - Dunwoody (winner), Newnan (runner-up)
- Category 4 - Roswell (winner), Alpharetta and Peachtree City (runners-up)

Thanks to all for their outstanding service this Rotary year. [more]

Sheffield Winners (from top left in a circle): Cliff Kelker, Marietta; Catherine Bernard, North Atlanta; Trummie Patrick, Roswell; and Lynn Lanier, Marietta Metro



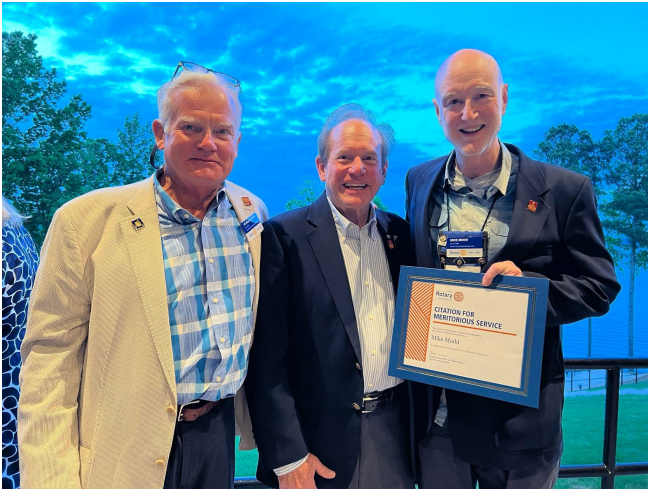
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## **Nick Ramey Named Rotarian of the Year; Public Image Award Winners Honored**

By Nancy  
Prochaska  
DG Steve Ivory  
honored **Nick  
Ramey** from  
the **Rotary  
Club of**

**Newnan** as  
the District's  
2025-26  
Rotarian of the  
Year. A  
passionate  
storyteller and  
community  
advocate, Nick  
brings his  
creative  
expertise to  
Rotary as the  
Public Image  
Chair for both  
the Rotary  
Club of  
Newnan and  
District 6900,  
helping clubs  
across Georgia  
share their  
impact through  
modern,  
strategic  
communication  
- and creating  
ways for them  
to make that  
process easier.  
Several clubs  
received  
recognition for  
their public  
image efforts  
this year. Find  
out who ....  
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Our Rotary  
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## **Mike Mudd, Citation for Meritorious Service**

By Jackie Cuthbert  
Each year a Rotary district may nominate one person to receive the Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service. This year, District 6900 nominated **Mike Mudd from the Rotary Club of North Fulton** for this award - recognizing his long-term work on international service projects, on promoting individual giving to the Foundation, and his current service on the District's Foundation Committee.  
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## **Amy Benton Receives Follow Me Award**

By Jackie  
Cuthbert

**Area  
Governor  
Amy Benton  
from the  
Rotary Club  
of Peachtree  
City** received

the "Follow Me"  
award at this  
year's district  
conference.

Created by the  
Rotary Club of  
Stone Mountain  
to honor PDG Al  
Lipphardt, the  
Follow Me  
Award

recognizes an  
outstanding  
Assistant  
Governor for  
the year.

Congratulations  
to Amy, who is  
currently our  
District  
Governor  
Nominee  
Designate,  
slated to be our  
District  
Governor in  
2028-29.

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**Sometimes  
It's Just  
Extra  
Special!**

By Bob Hagan  
Every year at this time, Rotarians of District 6900 gather to examine and celebrate another year at what we call the District Conference. It is always a time of good fun, excitement and anticipation of which individuals and what clubs will lead the district in all the different categories of achievement. We are always treated to exceptional speakers, and for me, this year's talk by Ramesh Ferris, a Polio survivor and a Past District Governor out of Canada who shared a personal look into Polio, was extra special. It reinforced why we work so hard to End Polio Now and made me proud to take another look at how strongly District 6900 supports that effort. [more]

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**Thanks to  
Our Top  
Foundation  
Supporters**

By Bob Hagan  
At District  
Conference, we  
honored  
individuals and  
clubs providing  
high levels of  
support for our  
Rotary Foundation  
and Rotary's fight  
to End Polio Now.  
The **Albert and  
Esther Thomson  
Award** for highest  
overall per capita  
giving to The  
Rotary Foundation  
went to **North  
Atlanta** (pictured  
here); runner-up  
was **Smyrna** -  
both with more  
than \$1,000 in per  
capita giving. Read  
on to learn more  
about the rest of  
our honorees.  
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GRSP Update  
**Joe Jones  
and  
D6900  
Highest  
GRSP Per-  
Capita  
Giving  
Clubs  
Honored**

By Katheryne Fields  
At District 6900 Conference,  
**Sandy Springs Rotarian Joe Jones** was honored with the Frank E. Bentley GRSP Leadership Award for his 32 years of serving GRSP (pictured here with Sandy Springs Club President Megan Harris and GRSP Chair Ian Bond). The Rotary Club of Griffin also honored the four clubs with the Jake Cheatam Memorial Awards for the highest per-capita givers to the GRSP Foundation in their categories - Sandy Springs (Cat 1), North Columbus (Cat 2), Dunwoody (Cat 3) and Thomasville (Cat 4). [more]

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RYLA

## **Almost Time for RYLA!**

By Jaclyn  
Donovan  
Only ONE  
Month until  
RYLA!! We  
are so  
excited  
that our  
favorite  
time of  
year is  
rolling back  
around  
again.  
We've  
been  
working all  
year to  
make RYLA  
an amazing  
experience  
for every  
single  
student.  
If your club  
is  
sponsoring  
a student  
(or multiple  
students)  
to attend  
RYLA 2026,  
take a look  
at a few  
final  
reminders  
for you to  
check off.  
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## **Recognizing Our Membership Growth Stars**

By Nancy Prochaska  
Membership growth  
is a key focus of  
Rotary International  
and District 6900. At  
District Conference,  
we recognized  
individuals and  
clubs with  
significant impact on  
our goal for growth.

Two individuals -

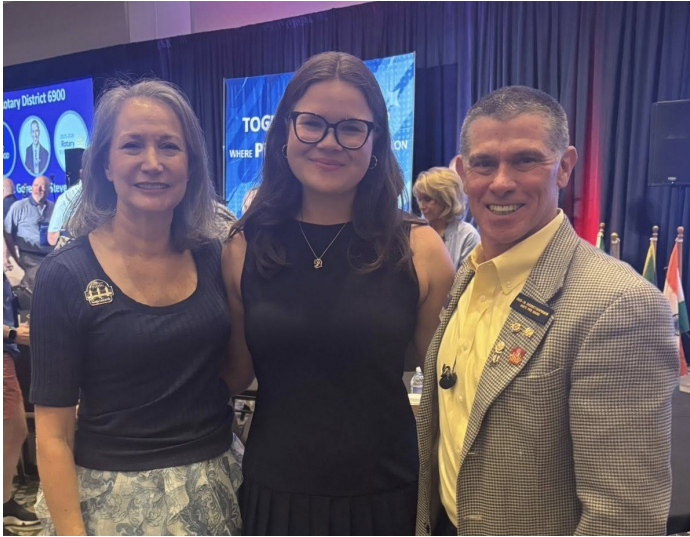
**Rick Clark of  
North Fulton and  
Meredith Ragains  
of Atlanta**

**Midtown** - received  
the Al Daniel  
Membership Impact  
Award, for their  
significant addition  
to Rotary's numbers  
in District 6900.

Other individuals  
were recognized for  
their recruiting work  
too, and clubs in  
each size category  
were recognized for  
their net increase in  
membership so far  
this Rotary year.

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*Carole Gray Walker, essay winner Susannah Tusher, and DG Steve at District Conference*

## Laws of Life **Learn from Laws of Life Essay Winners**

By Carol Gray Walker

We are pleased to announce that you can hear more from this year's Laws of Life State Winners now - by downloading the 2025-26 Essay book. We were also proud that D6900's conference featured two moving Laws of Life presentation - the first from alum Jackie Harmon (a winner 10 years ago) on Friday night about her journey from student essay writer to professional success, and the second when this year's State Winner and 2nd Runner-Up Susannah Tusher shared her essay at Saturday morning's session. [more]

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## Two Service Hero MVPs

By Jackie Cuthbert  
DG Steve recognized two

"Service Hero MVPs" this year:

**Dave McCleary (Roswell Rotary Club)** for all his work to end human trafficking, and **Mandy Timmons (Rotary Club of Peachtree City)** for her work as our District Secretary and beyond.

Thanks to Dave and Mandy for all they do to make a difference in the world!  
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## Recognizing Our Rising Stars and Our Above and Beyond Award Winners

By Jackie Cuthbert  
DG Steve recognized several rising stars as well as a group of Rotarians who have gone "above and beyond" in the D6900 Rotary world. Some of the rising stars are pictured here with Awards Chair Nancy Prochaska (left) and DG Steve (right). See the full list! [\[more\]](#)



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## Celebrating Our Service Project Winners!

By Nancy Prochaska  
Rotarians pride themselves on being People of Action - y - and we are all winners for the work we do to make a difference. That said, we congratulate several clubs for their outstanding service projects this Rotary year in the area of Service Hero Projects, Community, Vocational, International and Senior service. Take a look at the list and reach out to the clubs for more about their projects. [\[more\]](#)



*Exchanging banners: PDG Bob Hagan, Serbian DGN Vlad Laloservic, PDG Vlad Matic, DMGO and International Service Director Lee Hollingsworth, and Roswell President Trummie Patrick.*

Our Foundation at Work

## **How Your Rotary Foundation Contributions Unite the World**

By Lee Hollingsworth  
The Rotary Foundation - and your contributions to it - changes our role in the world. As an example, District 6900 welcomed and celebrate Serbian District 2483's delegation, Vladimir Matic and Vladimir Laloservic at our District Conference. The ongoing partnership between our districts has fostered multiple Global Grants that organize elementary, middle, and high school student competitions in Robotics and AI — cutting-edge knowledge and engaging educational processes that can be shared across school systems globally.  
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## Club News **Roswell Celebrates Students and Teachers of the Year**

By Becky Nelson  
Holding programs and events to promote 'Service Above Self' in our Youth Services is an important part of the **Rotary Club of Roswell**'s identity and is the Club takes seriously. In addition to those Rotary-centric/specific things (Interact, Leadership 20/20, Roswell Youth Council, Scholarships, etc.), our club also branches outside of the "Rotary walls" to recognize the Student and Teacher of the Year from 15 local public and private elementary, middle and high schools. [more]

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## Club News **What's New at North Cobb Rotary?**

By Jose Gonzalez  
It's not enough for **North Cobb Rotary** to stock the Kennesaw State food pantry, serve dinner to the women participating in The Extension's 12-step recovery program, gather for a social that featured Czechoslovakians cuisine, and attend District Conference (pictured here). See what else they were involved in this April. [more]

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Club News

## **Roswell Continues Long-Standing (or Not Standing) Tradition**

By Becky Nelson  
The District 6900

Conference is always a  
highlight for the  
**Roswell Rotary Club .**

RRC is known for a  
legendary Hospitality  
Suite as well as a few  
other stand-out  
traditions. With that  
said, current RRC  
President Trummie Lee  
Patrick III not only was  
proud to bring home the  
Sheffield and Rotary  
Club of the Year for  
Category IV awards but  
he also got to make  
sure that upcoming RRC  
President Leslie Bassett  
was thrown into the  
pool ... carrying out a  
20-year tradition!  
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