

DISTRICT 6900 NEWS FOR DECEMBER, 2018

**Celebrating the Gifts of Rotary**  
 From the District Governor  
 By Court DOWIS  
 As the holiday season is in full swing, it is a great time to take a break from the race to celebrate our families, friends and all the good that we able to do as Rotarians. Just consider the BIG thinking of the **Rotary Club of Emory Druid Hills** in establishing partnerships to fund grants that are providing a C-Arm to one hospital and a complete nephrology unit to another hospital in India. Or the **Rotary Club of Atlanta** partnering with CARE USA in a project that's just getting underway to build sustainable livelihood for Syrian refugees living in camps in Jordan. This project could provide with a model for addressing refugee issues around the world. Or look closer to home, at the projects our District Grants are supporting this year .... [more]

**TRF ... a Great Tax Deduction**

By Margie Kersley  
 Wow! Foundation month was a lot of fun - and on behalf of the District Foundation team and me, thank you for your invitations to visit your clubs and share information about the Foundation. Y'all did a great job raising funds this month for The Rotary Foundation...rumor has it that one club raised \$40,000 in November alone. Wow! [more]

**Celebrating Holidays and Planning for the New Year!**  
 GRSP Update  
 By Lynn Clarke  
 Learn more about GRSP holidays, the GRSP endowment, planning for next year, a Peace Award, and the Oslo Scholarship. [more]

**Top Learnings from My GRSP Year**  
 From a GRSP Scholar  
 By Lynn Clarke  
 Smilla Luuk from Stockholm, Sweden was hosted by the Muscogee RC and Harris County R/C last year at Columbus State University and listed some things that she learned from her year in the United States. She writes: Trying to summarize the year in ... [more]

**Thank You District 6900**  
 Global Grant Scholar Update  
 By Kathy Brandt  
 It's fall again in Wageningen. I've been riding my bike to classes and the local Saturday market for over a year, now. The picturesque fields around my town have become familiar paths that I casually use for runs and errands. And I am still spoiled daily by homemade ... [more]

**As Their Year Gets Underway ...**  
 Global Grant Scholar Update  
 By Kathy Brandt  
 Hear about the early experiences of our two Global Grant Scholars who have started their year of study at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and the London School of Economics [more]

**Are You on Track for 2018-19?**

By Jaclyn Donovan  
**Public Image Citation**  
 Is your club on track for the Zone 34 Public Image Citation? Clubs which complete four required activities and at least two additional activities by March 31, 2019 qualify for a Citation. Get more information at more

**Join Us in Thomasville on January 19**  
 Rotary Leadership Institute  
 By Elywn Gaissett  
 The **Thomasville Rotary Club** will host Rotary Leadership Institute on January 19, 2019, at the Southern Regional Technical College. Parts 1, 2, 3 and Grad Course Transforming Your Rotary Club will be held. Registration and course information may be found at [www.rlitraining.org](http://www.rlitraining.org) [more]

**It's Time to Register, Win Prizes, Plan for Fun at the Beach!**  
 Sandestin-Bound - April 25-28, 2019  
 By Bill Woufflin  
 Conference registration and conference room reservation sites are now active and linked to the District website. All you have to do is go to [www.rotary6900.org/v2/](http://www.rotary6900.org/v2/) and click on the Smokey and the Bandit **REGISTER** button and you are off to the races. The " **MORE INFO**" button leads to the 2019 Conference home page with information about the speakers, events, and the opportunity to Register and Get your Hotel room. Learn more here about why it's time to register now! [more]

**RYLA is Right Around the Corner!**  
 RYLA  
 By Jaclyn Donovan  
 RYLA 2019 is right around the corner!The dates for next year are June 15 - 19, 2019. There are a couple of things you can do now to get ready. [more]

**North Cobb Grant Supports Ending Human Trafficking**  
 Club News  
 By Jessica Patterson  
 The **North Cobb Rotary Club** has committed a \$2000 grant to the Rescuing Hope Foundation. Rescuing Hope's mission is to eradicate sex trafficking by enlightening the public about the dangers of sex trafficking in America, educating potential victims and first responders, and empowering advocates and survivors ... [more]

**Mary Ligon Selected**  
 Future Leader  
 By Jackie Cuthbert  
 We are pleased to announce that Mary Ligon from the **Rotary Club of Dougherty County** has been nominated for the post of District Governor Nominee Designate. This means that Mary will serve as our District Governor in the 2021-22 Rotary year. The district leadership was out in force to celebrate Mary's nomination! Watch for more about ... [more]

**Rotary Means Business**  
 Rotary Fellowship  
 By Famous Lou Alvarado  
 Watch for activities to start again in January! There will be no meeting in December.

**SOUNS Makes a Difference in Georgia, Puerto Rico and Around the Globe**  
 Club News  
 By Michael Nelson  
 In early November, the **Rotary Club of Peachtree City** travelled to Puerto Rico to work on its ongoing literacy project, SOUNS. The project combines the talent and resources of clubs in Districts 6900 and 7000. Developed by Rotarian Brenda Erickson, SOUNS is a letter-sound program with touchable letters that has had tremendous results in helping children learn to read at an early age. Learn more about the SOUNS program at <http://www.souns.org/approach>. [more]

**Helping Shape Rotary's Future**

By Margie Kersley  
 At the last Council on Legislation they split Resolutions and Enactments. Now Resolutions are handled yearly online as the COR (Council on Resolutions). Voting on this year's resolutions is complete and you can read more about them. Enactments are still handled once every three years live in Chicago - still known as the COL (Council on Legislation). As your delegate, I will be asked to vote Enactments in April - so I am asking for your thoughts on these to help guide my voting. [more]

**Vinings Student Enjoys Rotary and Football Experiences**  
 Club News  
 By Russ Henderson  
 Members of the **Vinings Cumberland Rotary Club** recently helped clean up the old Civil War era cemetery on Paces Ferry Rd. The Club's Italian Rotary Youth Exchange Paolo (far left) participated. Paolo has also had an opportunity to experience American football. Club President Joe Luranc took Paolo Lazzaroni ... [more]

**Join Us in Hamburg, Germany in 2019**  
 RI Convention  
 By Jim Squire  
 District 6900 is excited to be heading for Hamburg, Germany for the Rotary International Convention June 1-5, 2019. The District has chosen the Reichshof Hamburg Curio Collection by Hilton as its recommended hotel. You can register for the convention AND book your hotel by visiting <http://www.riconvention.org/en/hamburg> If you register by December 15, you will benefit from discounted registration fees! [more]

**Rotary Club Helps Kick Off Salvation Army Kettle Drive**  
 Club News  
 By Dale Covington  
 The **Rotary Club of Marietta** and two other local Rotary Clubs were on hand to support the 2018 Salvation Kettle Drive in Marietta. President Jesse Evans encouraged everyone to give generously this holiday season.

**Upcoming Key Dates**

Sunday, December 9th, 2018	Buckhead Social
Monday, December 10th, 2018	Buckhead Governor Visit
Tuesday, December 11th, 2018	Quitman County Governor Visit
Wednesday, December 12th, 2018	The Big Reveal: 2019-2020 RYE Outbound Students
Wednesday, December 12th, 2018	Cairo Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 12th, 2018	Cairo Governor Visit
Wednesday, December 12th, 2018	Thomasville Governor Reception
Thursday, December 13th, 2018	Thomasville Board Meeting
Thursday, December 13th, 2018	Thomasville Governor Visit
Friday, December 14th, 2018	Marietta Metro Christmas Party
Tuesday, December 18th, 2018	North Fulton Governor Visit
Wednesday, December 19th, 2018	Stone Mountain Boars Head Feast
Thursday, December 20th, 2018	Camilla Board Meeting
Thursday, December 20th, 2018	Camilla Governor Visit
Friday, December 21st, 2018	Pelham Board Meeting
Friday, December 21st, 2018	Pelham Governor Visit
Thursday, December 27th, 2018	Tucker No Meeting scheduled