DISTRICT 6900 NEWS FOR FEBRUARY, 2019

Our current leadership team: DGN Kirk Driskell, DG Court Dowis, DGE Jim Squire, and DGN Deignate Mary Ligon

From the District Governor

Down the Straight Away ... Check Your Mirrors and Your Indicator Lights!

By Court Dowis, Jr.

It is the halfway point in the race for Rotary year 2018-2019. Now is the time all Race Teams and Rotary Clubs check their gauges, check their mirrors and make adjustments to finish Strong this Rotary year! And to start revving up for 2019-20 too. Your leadership team recently traveled to International Assembly in San Diego, and then met here at Pine Mountain with our D6900 Council of Governors - all to be sure we're ready for next year. [more]

A Unique Opportunity

Several Opportunities to Meet RI President Barry Rassin in Roswell

By Jackie Cuthbert

As we announced last month, District 6900 is excited to be hosting Rotary International President Barry Rassin in Roswell on February 16. There are several opportunities to meet President Barry - including the **Interact Conference**, a special Saturday lunch meeting of the **Rotary Club of Roswell,** and two different cocktail receptions hosted by PDG Bob Hagan! All events require registration. [more]

Support Alzheimer's Research

Join the Cars for CART Contest

By Margie Kersey

You can join the Cars for CART Contest and help support the Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust. Sponsored by Rotary District 7730, you can buy tickets and have the opportunity to win **your choice of:**

- a $62,500 certificate toward the cost of one of the new cars pictured to the left (a new Corvette, Cadillac CT6 or Jaguar I-PACE), or
- $50,000 in cash.

[more]

District Conference 2019

Fun, Fellowship and So Many Resort Amenities!

By Bill Woulfin

When you register for District Conference, you sign on for lots of fun, fellowship and more! And when you stay with us at the Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort, you also sign on for many free amenities! [more]

The Rotary Foundation

The Annual Fund and Grants

By Margie Kersey

This has been a wonderful Foundation year so far, and there is still plenty to go! As of today, we have 34 active Global Grants, 4 awaiting approval and 11 more in Draft stage being developed. That is amazing! To put it into perspective, most districts around the world have fewer than 6 Global Grants at any given time. Thank you for your commitment to Being the Inspiration! [more]

Global Scholar Update

Experiences, Skills, Relationships and New Mindset - My GRSP Year 20 Years Ago

By Lynn Clarke

In 2019, it will be 20 years from the beginning of my GRSP year. It is not easy for me to summarize a year into short enough and easy to read text. Especially to make some order in a mountain of events, stories and connections. So I drew a picture. In short, there is no doubt that GRSP year has changed my life and it laid the base for my journey over the last 20 years. I believe that each GRSP student's year is special and so was mine, but our years are not unique. There are so many similarities. My GRSP year gave me four things: experiences, skills, relationships and new mindset. [more]

GRSP Update

Student Weekends, Strategic Planning and 2019-20 Student Selection

By Lynn Clarke

STUDENT WEEKEND

Sometimes trustees or host families for GRSP get really lucky and have the opportunity to spend time with students at a student weekend. There are five student weekends this year that Rotary Clubs around Georgia arrange for the students. Our district hosts the students for three of these weekends and ... [more]

Rotary Means Business Fellowship

Join Rotarians for Fellowship and Business Promotion

By Famous Lou Alvarado, Jr.

As Rotary's newest Fellowship group, Rotary Means Business gives you a business to business networking opportunity to empower your business by the Power of the Pin - sharing your business with fellow Rotarians. We have three groups going in the Atlanta Metro area - the venues ... [more]

RYLA

We Love RYLA!

By Jaclyn Donovan

RYLA 2019 is getting closer!!The dates for this year are June 15 – 19, 2019. If you go to our new RYLA website at www.RYLA6900.com you will find everything you need to get started. [more]

Club News

Alpharetta Rotary Invites Rotarians to Join Tanzania Service and Safari Trip

By Bob Koncerak

The **Rotary Club of Alpharetta** will spend three to four days in late September partnering with Rotary Tanzania with their public school and orphanage projects. The Rotary Club of Arusha-Mount Meru (District 9211) is in process of applying for a Rotary Foundation grant for a school clean water project, and Alpharetta Rotary is exploring ways it could become a partner in that effort as well. Project details will be communicated in the near future. If you'd like to join in, the time to make reservations is NOW! [more]

Club News

Roswell Rotary Continues to Serve Our Vets

By Karen Schwank

The **Roswell Rotary Club** is well known for its Honor Air Flights. For ten years the club chartered a plane and took World War II, Korean, and Vietnam veterans to Washington DC for a day to visit the monuments honoring them. For eight years, Roswell Rotarians packed an average of 900 pounds of supplies and shipped them to a deployed troop. This year, Roswell Rotary launched a new project to support vets. Roswell Rotarian Dave Wash eagerly took on the role of chairing the club's new veterans project...serving the VEO (Veterans Empowerment Organization). [more]

Club News

Rotary Changes Lives of Mobility-Impaired Ugandans

By Dale Covington

The **Rotary Club of Marietta**, led by President Jesse Evans, and Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC), led by Executive Director and Stone Mountain Rotarian Chris Brand, recently teamed to provide mobility equipment for physically disabled Ugandans via Dave Talbot's *Crutches 4 Africa*—a humanitarian relief organization that has helped residents of 16 countries in Africa and 10 other countries worldwide. Dave is a member of the Mountain Foothills RC in Golden CO, and has been shipping mobility devices since 2006. [more]

Club News

North Fulton Clubs Team Up to Aid Furloughed Government Workers

By Mary Trapp

The **Rotary Clubs of Johns Creek North Fulton, Roswell and Milton** joined forces to hold a food drive for furloughed federal workers. The clubs provided $500 of food for the empty shelves at Community Assistance Center. Thank you, Representative Angelika Kausche Georgia House District 50, Johns Creek for organizing this ... [more]

Club News

Join North Cobb for a BBQ Competition at the Lake!

By Dave Schwickerath

The Rotary Club of North Cobb (RCNC) is sponsoring its 10th Annual Smoke on the Lake BBQ Festival on Lake Acworth at Cauble Park on Friday evening, May 10 and Saturday, May 11, 2019. RCNC believes it fields the best BBQ teams based on past results and would like to issue a "Rotary Challenge" to any Rotary Club BBQ Team in Georgia that thinks they can compete with the best. Whether you're ready to grill or not, come out and support this great weekend event that supports our charitable work in the community. [more]

Club News

First Annual Alpharetta Polar Bear Plunge Nets $30,000

By Clark Savage

What is red, white and blue and able to raise money? A frozen **Alpharetta Rotarian** at the Polar Bear Plunge of course! The inaugural event at Wills Park Pool happened this Saturday, February 1, and was a huge success by any standard. [more]

Upcoming Key Dates

Tuesday, February 5th, 2019	**Bainbridge Board Meeting**
Tuesday, February 5th, 2019	**Bainbridge Governor Visit**
Friday, February 8th, 2019	**District Leadership Training**
Saturday, February 9th, 2019	**Carrollton Dawnbreakers Casino Night**
Tuesday, February 12th, 2019	**Smyrna Governor Visit**
Saturday, February 16th, 2019	**Roswell RI President Barry Rassin**
Saturday, February 16th, 2019	**Reception for Rotary President Barry Rassin**
Saturday, February 23rd, 2019	**District Finance Committee Meeting**
Friday, March 1st, 2019	**President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS)**

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