DISTRICT 6900 NEWS FOR APRIL, 2019

DG Court with PDGs Bob Hagan and Raymond Ray at District Assembly this past Saturday

Give Yourself the Gift of Rotary
By Court Dowis
Every day as your District Governor, I have the opportunity to give myself the Gift of Rotary - spending time with the Rotarians of District 6900, whether it's enjoying breakfast or lunch at one of your weekly meetings or seeing the fine work you are doing to make our communities and the world a better place. This month has included:
• Celebrating the start of a new Rotary Club - the **RC of Atlanta Brazil** - as club #70 in the district
• Congratulating the **Rotary Club of Buckhead** on becoming a Million Dollar Club through their continued support of The Rotary Foundation
• Watching the growth of Rotary Means Business - giving individual members a chance to connect with each others' businesses and share their Rotary experiences across clubs
• Meeting with many of you at District Assembly in Columbus, Georgia last Saturday - as District Governor Elect Jim Squire and the district and club leaders for 2019-20 continue their preparation to lead and inspire us in the next Rotary year
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The Rotary Foundation
Dear Mom & Dad, Send Money
By Margie Kersey
Most of us have either received or sent this letter – maybe you sent yours from summer camp (I did!) or college. Maybe yours was an email. Carrier pigeon, snail mail, email or Morse code, the message is clear: Send Money.
Our district - specifically our members! - have a tradition of supporting The Rotary Foundation. It started here. We celebrated the 100th birthday of The Foundation here. We have history. This year we have done a great job of supporting PolioPlus. Thank you!! I now need your help to get our Annual Fund up to our normal levels. [more]

Dr. Brian Sanders, MD, Allie Culbreth, Barbara Lejeune, RN, Fred Belvin, Mary Ansley Southerland, Jeff Cooper, Wayne Blackstone, Curtis Poole, Jason Bowman (and not pictured Connie Bullock, Albert McCray, Marla Blackstone and Ameenah Ahmad) enjoyed a committee meeting to establish a Rotary networking program in Cobb County

RMB
Join Us at a Local "Rotary Means Business" Meeting
By Famous Lou Alvarado, Jr.

All Rotarians are welcome to join one of the three monthly Metro Atlanta Rotary Means Business sessions.
RMB North Fulton
Meets: The Second Tuesday of Every Month.
Start: 6pm
Location: Intelligent Offices
300 Colonial Center Parkway, # 100
... [more]

DGN Kirk Driskell and PDG Bob Hagan caught up with GRSP students visiting Pelham at the alligator farm

GRSP Update
Introducing a Host Family Calendar; Celebrating Pelham and SanDestin
By Lynn Clarke
Learn about the Host Family Timeline; enjoy pictures from Pelham Weekend; and see a Sandestin reminder. [more]

Sheffield Awards Gala
Americus Hosts Annual Sheffield Event on May 18
By Raymond Ray, Jr.
The **Rotary Club of Americus** and the District 6900 Sheffield Leadership Society (SLS) committee requests your presence to the annual District 6900 Sheffield Leadership Gala to be held at the historic Carnegie Library in downtown Americus. The event festivities will begin at 6:00 pm on May 18th, 2019.
The Event
The Gala will be held at the historic Carnegie Library in downtown Americus. Festivities will commence at 6:00 PM, May 18th, 2019. The event will open with a reception with this year's theme "Leadership Inspiring the World!" honoring this year's Sheffield Award winners and DG Court Dowis! The Americus Rotary Club will host a silent auction fund raiser benefiting their community service efforts, with many exciting items. [more]

Update from a GRSP Alumnus
We Aren't That Different; We're Family!
By Lynn Clarke
I remember being told at the Conclave that my GRSP year would be the best year of my life, and for me this couldn't be more accurate. It's really difficult to put into words just how amazing this experience has been and I know whatever I write won't do it justice. To put it simply, applying for GRSP is one of the greatest decisions I have ever made and I am incredibly grateful for everyone who made this experience possible. [more]

District Family of Rotary Event
Join Lake Spivey/Clayton County for a Kentucky Derby Gala
By Claudia Mertl
Do you have your tickets yet for District 6900's Family of Rotary Event, the Kentucky Derby Gala, hosted by the **Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton County**? We hope that you are racing to get them, as we would love to have you join us at this "fun"-raising event.
We invite you and your entire Rotary Club to join us on Saturday, May 4, 2019, at the Atlanta Motor Speedway in Hampton, GA. The Gala will have an atmosphere of Southern charm, including mint juleps, ladies in fashionable Derby hats and gents in appropriate dapper attire. The event is in One Tower overlooking the Atlanta Motor Speedway. Doors open at 4 pm. [more]

News from Our Rotary Global Scholar
Completing an Internship in Jordan
By Kathy Brandt
As you may know, I am pursuing a masters degree in Land and Water Management at Wageningen, The Netherlands. At present, I am in Amman, Jordan working on an internship. I am doing well here and meeting TONS of new and interesting people. One of my favorite parts of travel.
It turned out that my priest is a member of one of the Rotary ... [more]

Club News
Roswell Rotary Inspires Those Who Serve and Donates Over $204,000 to Charity
By Karen Schwank
Challenged by Rotary International President Barry Rassin to BE THE INSPIRATION, **Roswell Rotary** donated over $204,000 to over 30 charities on March 21, 2019 inspiring them to continue their important work in Roswell and around the world.The funds were raised solely through Roswell Rotary's annual Aubrey Greenway Golf and Hagan Cup Classic Tennis Tournaments held in September where nearly every Roswell Rotarian was involved through sponsorship, volunteering, and promotion of the tournaments setting an all-time record for fundraising. [more]

District Family of Rotary Event
Join North Cobb for Smoke on the Lake BBQ Festival
By Jessica Patterson
This year marks the 10th Annual Smoke on the Lake BBQ Festival - the largest fundraiser for the **Rotary Club of North Cobb** ... presented by Primo Grills and Superior Plumbing. DG Court has designated this event as a District 6900 Family of Rotary event.The event offers lots of cash and prizes for the BBQ competition, the Lord of the Wings taster on Friday and the People's Choice BBQ taster on Saturday sponsored by Bay Equity Home Loans. Over 8,000 people are expected to visit! We want you to be one of them! [more]

Club News
Marietta Heads and Sponsors New Rotary Club
By Dale Covington

The **Rotary Club of Marietta** has been busy! In addition to sponsoring our 11th Rotary Club - the new **Rotary Club of Atlanta Brazil** - we've been reading at elementary schools all across the ... [more]

Club News
Milton Rotary Club Sponsors Rise Against Hunger Event
By Pat Check

In March, the **Milton Rotary Club** sponsored the 5th annual Rise Against Hunger event this year at Cambridge High School's cafeteria. Volunteers helped pack approximately 26,000 highly nutritious dehydrated meals made up of rice, soy, vegetables and 23 essential vitamins and minerals in assembly-line fashion ... [more]

Upcoming Key Dates

Thursday, April 25th, 2019	**District Conference - Sandestin**
Thursday, May 2nd, 2019	**North Fulton 17th Annual Interfaith Prayer Breakfast @ The Metropitan Club**
Saturday, May 4th, 2019	**Lake Spivey / Clayton County District Family of Rotary Event -Kentucky Derby Fundraiser**

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