DISTRICT 6900 NEWS FOR AUGUST, 2019



DG Jim visited his home club, the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs, led by President Nancy Schroeder

From the District Governor

Celebrating Our Rotary Connections

By Jim Squire

I have heard over and over from Past District Governors that the best part of the job as District Governor is visiting the clubs, and after completing most of my first month of club visits I can now say that is exactly true. What wonderful work is being done by the Rotarians at the **Fayetteville, East Cobb, Atlanta Metro, Atlanta Airport, Atlanta West End,** and my home club of **Sandy Springs**. And I truly mean Rotarians, not just members of a Rotary Club!

Speaking of making a difference, many of you have shared stories in this newsletter - thanks for all you do and please keep sharing your ideas and accomplishments. [more]



Some of last year's symposium attendees, gathered around an iron lung like those used by many polio victims.

Join Us This Saturday, August 3, 2019

Health Symposium: Meeting the Challenge of Ending Polio

By Yamin Farhat

This Saturday, the Annual Health Symposium focusing on the challenges and impact of the Global Polio Eradication Effort sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Emory Clifton** and the Yaraab Shrine Temple of Atlanta. The event will take place at the Yaraab Shriner's Temple, 400 Ponce De Leon Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30308 from 9:00 a.m. to 3 ... [more]

From Our District Chaplain

Finding Opportunities to Make a Difference

By Mark Barbour

Last month, I talked about thinking about **ROTARY** acrostically - beginning with: **Relationships.**

To continue, not only are we Relational, we are all each and everyone **Opportunity** oriented. ROtary certainly is and always should be people (Relational) and place (Opportunity) ... [more]

Kim Walden, President, Rotary Club of Thomasville

Our Rotary Foundation

What Is Your Rotary Passion?

By Cheryl Greenway

For **Kim Walden, the President of the Thomasville Rotary Club**, her passion is Polio Plus.Please join me in welcoming Kim as our newest member of the Arch Klumph society of Our Rotary Foundation. While Kim was attending the President Elect Training Seminar (PETS) earlier this year, she heard about the Bagwell's challenge to match dollar for dollar major gifts to the Polio campaign. She realized that by making a donation of $250,000 to the Foundation Polio program the end results would be a total gift of $1.5 million. Her $250,000 gift is being matched by the Bagwells from District 6910 turning the gift into $500,000.The Gates Foundation match of 2 to 1 then turns the gift into $1.5 million. [more]

The Rotary Foundation

District 6900 Foundation Grants Team - Rotary Year 2019-2020

By Anne Glenn

Thank You...

Your Foundation Grants Team sends thanks with deepest appreciation to each one of you for making last year an outstanding success for District 6900.With your 2018-2019 District and Competitive grant funds, our Rotary Clubs launched and completed 65 projects supporting D6900 local communities by contributing more ... [more]



Molly Ann arrives in Mumbai, India

Rotary Youth Exchange

District 6900 Students Serve as Our Ambassadors

By Mike Parks

The first of our 16 District 6900 Rotary Youth Exchange students for 2019 - 2020 has now arrived in her new Rotary District. Fifteen year-old **Molly Ann Soulen**, recruited, selected, and prepared by the **Rotary Club of Decatur** will serve as our ambassador from District 6900 for her exchange year in District ... [more]



District Training

Join Us for the Vibrant Club Workshop on August 24

By Claudia Mertl

Vibrant Clubs engage their members, conduct meaningful projects and try new ideas. District 6900 is holding a Vibrant Club Workshop on August 24th at the Macon Marriott. We begin at 9:00 with a continental breakfast and end at noon.This will be an excellent Workshop about how to make your club more vibrant by focusing on Public Image, ... [more]

RLI

Join Us in Peachtree City for Rotary Leadership Institute

By Stephanie Windham

The **Rotary Club of Peachtree City** will host Rotary Leadership Institute on August 17, 2019, at Eaton's Cooper Lighting, 1121 Highway 74 South, Peachtree City, Georgia. Parts 1, 2, 3 and Grad Course Transforming Your Rotary Club and Discussion Leader Training will be held. Registration and course information may be found at ... [more]

GRSP Update

The GRSP Students are Here!

By Lynn Clarke

Many of you are welcoming new students into your homes this month and moving them into their dorm rooms.

GRSP CONCLAVE - AUGUST 23-25

Students will be attending Conclave hosted by District 6920 at Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, Georgia the weekend of August 23-25, 2019. The Conclave allows all of the ... [more]

Annemarie Boker

From a GRSP Scholar

Two GRSP Alumni Share Their Thoughts re: the Program's Value

By Lynn Clarke

From Annemarie Boker, Class of 2019-20 ...

When I came to Georgia, I was very nervous. Many questions and thoughts went through my head: How would it be to live in the U.S.? Would I find friends? Are my English skills good enough ... [more]

District Conference 2020

Jekyll Island is Waiting!

By Lauri Young

Planning is well underway for next April's District Conference on beautiful Jekyll Island. We have secured room blocks at the Westin, Home2 Suites, Holiday Inn and Hampton Inn (along with the Days Inn for the GRSP attendees).

The link to book your hotel is active on the district website. Or click this link and it will take you right ... [more]



Club News

Rotary Club of Buckhead Will Aid Atlanta Fire Stations

By Juliann Kaiser

Buckhead Rotary recently announced the Atlanta Fire Rescue Foundation as its new three-year signature project, pledging $75,000 over the three years to help restore the five Atlanta Fire Rescue Department stations in Buckhead (Nos. 3, 21, 26, 27 and 29). This initiative was selected by Club President Greg Davis, The ... [more]



DG Jim presented a Governor's Lifetime Service Commendation to Rotarian David Gordon for more than 33 years of Rotary service

Club News

Rotary and Rotaract Join Forces to Welcome DG Jim

By Hadil Maarouf

In mid-July, the **Rotary Club of Atlanta Metro** and the **Rotaract Club of Atlanta** were excited to welcome DG Jim Squire and AG Gillian Leggett to their first joint meeting. The visit entailed ongoing conversations with members from both clubs, getting to know them, their aims and plans to elevate Rotary's mission within the District 6900 and beyond.

DG Jim spoke about how he incorporated his life-experience as a franchisee expert into everything he did. He discussed the importance of attracting new members, but more crucially retaining membership and stressed RI President Mark Daniel Maloney's hopes for connecting with the world for this year. He encouraged and saluted the Rotary Club of Atlanta Metro for being a first of its kind to have dual members from the Rotaract club of Atlanta. [more]



Club News

Emory Clifton Offers Dental Care in Philippines

By Pia Valeriano

The **Rotary Club of Emory-Clifton** conducted a successful Dental Mission in Bataraza National High School, Bataraza, Palawan, Philippines this July. The club chose to conduct this mission because 92% of Filipinos have dental issues according to the country ... [more]

Club News

Join Lake Spivey Clayton County and Golf for Service

By Ron Swofford

This year the annual golf tournament sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton County** is scheduled for Friday, September 6. The location will be The Lake Spivey Golf Club, 8255 Clubhouse Way, Jonesboro, GA 30236. On site registration begins at 9:30 am with a Shotgun Start scheduled for 11:00 am. The charge for a team ... [more]

Club News

Roswell Supports Toolbox That Creates Apprentices

By Karen Schwank

Questions: *How did I end up getting into the business I am in? Did I plan for it from childhood?What steps did I take along the path that lead me here?As a child, who and what influenced me for this profession?*

There are many people who move through elementary, middle, high school, college, and yet really do not know what they ... [more]

Club News

Lights, Camera, Rotary Action in Henry County

By Torrie Sunstrom

A video that provides a brief history of the Pledge of Allegiance had its "Premier Showing" at the Pass the Gavel event for the **Henry County Rotary Club** was one of the highlights of the meeting. The club has been working on this video for over a year. It was produced by members of the club - led by Rotarian George Siggins ... [more]



Marietta Rotary President Chris Bethel with visiting UK Rotarians and District Chaplain Mark Barbour

Club News

100-Year Old Rotary Club Connects with the World

By Dale Covington

Chris Bethel, the new President of the **Rotary Club of Marietta** posted on Facebook after his first meeting that it was his "humbled honor to kick off our new Rotary Year meeting - beginning our 100th club year of Service Above Self. At our first meeting we had two visiting Rotarians (husband and wife) from two different clubs in ... [more]

Club News

Thomasville Rotary Honors Local Soccer Champions

By Susan Backofen

The Thomasville High School Men's Soccer Team received their state championship rings at the **Rotary Club of Thomasville**'s meeting in late July. The club contributed to the cost of the rings.

"After you do all the work all year long, and then you win a state championship, the last thing you want is for the boys to have ... [more]

Upcoming Key Dates

Saturday, August 3rd, 2019	**Health Symposium: Meeting The Challenges of Ending Polio**
Monday, August 5th, 2019	**Milton Board Meeting**
Monday, August 5th, 2019	**Milton Governor Visit**
Tuesday, August 6th, 2019	**North Fulton Board Meeting**
Tuesday, August 6th, 2019	**North Fulton Governor Visit**
Wednesday, August 7th, 2019	**Johns Creek North Fulton Board Meeting**
Wednesday, August 7th, 2019	**Johns Creek North Fulton Governor Visit**
Sunday, August 11th, 2019	**Rotary Youth Exchange Welcome Picnic**
Tuesday, August 13th, 2019	**Carrollton Board Meeting**
Tuesday, August 13th, 2019	**Carrollton Governor Visit**
Wednesday, August 14th, 2019	**Carrollton Dawnbreakers Governor Visit**
Wednesday, August 14th, 2019	**Carrollton Dawnbreakers Board Meeting**
Saturday, August 17th, 2019	**Rotary Leadership Institute**
Tuesday, August 20th, 2019	**Americus Board Meeting**
Wednesday, August 21st, 2019	**Cordele Board Meeting**
Wednesday, August 21st, 2019	**Cordele Governor Visit**
Thursday, August 22nd, 2019	**Blakely Board Meeting**
Thursday, August 22nd, 2019	**Blakely Governor Visit**
Friday, August 23rd, 2019	**Pelham Board Meeting**
Friday, August 23rd, 2019	**Pelham Governor Visit**
Saturday, August 24th, 2019	**Vibrant Club Workshop**
Monday, August 26th, 2019	**Henry County Board Meeting**
Monday, August 26th, 2019	**Henry County Governor Visit**
Tuesday, August 27th, 2019	**Barnesville Board Meeting**
Tuesday, August 27th, 2019	**Barnesville Governor Visit**
Tuesday, August 27th, 2019	**Rotary Youth Exchange scholarship Students' and Parents' Informational Session 1 (Atlanta)**
Wednesday, August 28th, 2019	**Griffin Daybreak Governor Visit**
Wednesday, August 28th, 2019	**Griffin Daybreak Board Meeting**
Thursday, August 29th, 2019	**Griffin Board Meeting**
Thursday, August 29th, 2019	**Griffin Governor Visit**

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