



Roswell Rotary Service Projects Summary

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Roswell Rotary has implemented at least three NEW Senior Care Programs this year and we are planning Additional Senior Projects for early spring with details and dates still TBD.

Here is a brief summary of the activities and projects for the Senior Care committee.

- Fall Prevention Program - Roswell Rotary Club takes this critical senior issue seriously by providing its fall prevention bingo program to senior centers, church groups and senior facilities across North Fulton communities. The program begins with a 15-20 minute interactive power point and then moves into a fun fall prevention bingo program in which winners call out their winning fall prevention cues from their card before selecting a prize. Our Fall Prevention Checklist booklet provides the questions to ask and solutions for seniors to help them keep their independence. We have touched 175 seniors with our program during this fall season.
- On-going participation in and collection for the CART program (Coins For Alzheimer's Research Trust) with funds going to Alzheimer's research.
- Senior Health & Wellness Expo – Several Roswell Rotarians are involved in the planning and logistics for this large senior health fair on November 5th at the Alpharetta YMCA. We expect over 200 from the community including over 100 seniors.
- Roswell Nursing & Rehabilitation Center – We are planning a Holiday Party with caroling and presents for the residents and staff of the Roswell Nursing home on December 3rd.
- Additional senior project(s) will be planned for the early spring with details and dates still TBD.

Roswell Rotary and Habitat has developed a NEW program, Habitat for "Older" Humanity that targets Senior Citizens that have needs that are beyond their ability or finances to take care of. Roswell Rotary has worked several Saturdays doing exterior painting, landscaping and yard cleanup for one of our senior citizens, Emily Winters, a Roswell High graduate and former Fulton County school bus driver Ms. Emily is quite fragile from her battle with cancer, but extremely sweet and gentle -- she called the volunteers her "guardian angels."



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With help from the City of Roswell, we retained a contractor to re-roof the home of Emily Winters and also replace a decrepit deck, install a new HVAC system, and repair exterior rot. Volunteers from the Roswell Rotary Club and high school students from the Roswell High Interact and Blessed Trinity and Roswell High Habitat Clubs, along with a student from Walton, worked on staining, caulking, painting, And cleaning up the overgrown yard. Roswell Rotary cares about our community and our Senior Citizens.



Roswell Rotary and the City of Roswell Recreation & Parks Department broke ground, Sept. 25, 2015, at 12:00 Noon on the “Rotary Dream Field”! This is an Adaptive Needs Sports Facility located at the Waller Park Extension in Roswell and is designed to put sports within reach of kids with a variety of physical limitations. Roswell Rotary is out helping our local community and our special needs community!





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Roswell Rotary participated in another NEW Senior Project this year, a Senior Health Fair. This was held at Chambrel in Roswell and involved several of our Roswell Rotarians. Roswell Rotary put together Health Care binders for the attending Senior Citizens to take home for free and provided a number of additional services during this day event. Roswell Rotarians Carolyn Mattingly, Karen Pilcher and Amy Brannen participated.



Roswell Rotary has published several articles in the District 6900 Newsletter that includes the following two articles:



Golf/Tennis Tournaments

The 37th Annual Aubrey Greenway Charity Golf Tournament and the 3rd Annual Hagan Cup Tennis Classic was held on Monday, September 14th, 2015 at the Country Club of Roswell by the Roswell Rotary Club. Seeing a need for a community fundraiser, Roswell Rotarians Frank Brown, Judge Maurice Hilliard, and former Mayor of Roswell Aubrey Greenway began a golf tournament in 1978. The first golf tournament, 37 years ago, raised \$3500 for charities in the North Fulton community.

While the tournament initially started as a Rotary event, it has grown into one of the largest 100% all volunteer community fundraisers. The tournament was named after Aubrey Greenway after his death in 1991. Aubrey was a dedicated local businessman, civil servant and Roswell Rotarian. Our very own PDG Cheryl Greenway is the daughter of Aubrey Greenway!

In 2013, the Hagan Cup Classic tennis tournament was added to the fundraiser. It was named after Bob Hagan, in honor of his service to the community and his deep commitment to Rotary's motto of Service Above Self.

Today, the tournament continues to support charities in North Fulton communities and grossed over \$250,000 and netted \$202,125.00 after expenses. The tournament attracts large and small business sponsors and individuals in North Fulton looking to make a difference in the areas in which they live and do business. Walt Woliver is Chairman and Erica Prewett is Co-Chair.

Roswell Rotary Club is also presenting a Ceremony to Honor the Heroes & Souls Lost September 11th, 2001. This is a partnership between the Roswell Rotary Club and the City of Roswell. This will be held at the Roswell Area Park, off Woodstock Road at the Mike Gann 9-11 Memorial at the Lake at 8:30am. Rhubarb Jones is the emcee and we are honored to have Georgia Senator John Albers as Co-Chairman.

There will be a full Roswell Fire & Police Honor Guard, U.S. Coast Guard Pipe Band- Atlanta Detachment Contingent, Firefighter of the Year- Dennis O'Brian and Police Officer of the Year- Jim VanAlstine. Honoring the memory of the 343 Firefighters, 71 Law Enforcement Officers and 2,563 Civilians that lost their lives on this day in 2001. Walt Woliver is Chairman.





Dave McCleary continues to build on the successes of bringing awareness of human trafficking around the world through Rotary programs. Great work Dave and Cokkie Eaker!



The Rotary Club of Roswell completed their seventh trip to take 70 World War II, Korea and Vietnam War Veterans to Washington, DC, to see their Memorials. Since 2008, the Roswell Rotary has completed six Honor Air chartered day trips to Washington DC. Over 450 veterans have been able to participate in the tribute of this trip. The mission to take our honored heroes of WWII, to see their Memorial, poses a critical and challenging effort in order to make this possible, for these elderly veterans.

This year approximately seventy World War II, Korea and Vietnam War veterans, plus guardians, emergency personnel including a doctor, gathered at the Roswell Community Center in early morning hours and travel by police escorted motor coach to the Atlanta airport. They then flew on a chartered



plane to Washington, D.C. Reagan Airport, where they were taken on police escorted buses from the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport to the World War II Memorial. They also visited the Vietnam and Korean Memorials. They ended the day with the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. That same day they returned to the Reagan airport, flew back to Atlanta and then were taken by bus to the Roswell Community Center.

The trip was free for our honored veterans. Each veteran had his or her own personal guardian. Any family member who wanted to be a guardian could apply. Guardians were asked to pay the fee of \$350. Wheelchairs for all participants were provided for the day's events. We are planning our 8th Honor Air Flight for May 3rd, 2016.



Forty-two children in a small Honduran village didn't have to worry about a meal or water to drink while they were in school last year, thanks to the efforts of Roswell Rotary.

In the rural area of that Central American country, children often drop out of school to earn whatever money they can to buy food.



On learning that disturbing fact, Roswell Rotary Club has pledged to support school lunches in an elementary school outside of Nacaome, around an hour and a half from the Honduran capital of Tegucigalpa.

We provided lunches for the entire school so the children didn't have to choose between feeding their minds and feeding themselves.

Roswell will never forget! And Roswell Rotary Club is proud to sponsor and present this solemn remembrance of the attacks on America on September 11th, 2001.

The 911 Committee this year, headed up by Georgia Senator John Albers and Board Service Chair Walt Woliver, put together a committee of over twenty Rotarians to bring this program to the community of Roswell.

The event was held around the reflecting pond at the Roswell Area Park at the Mike Gann memorial. Mike Gann was a long time Roswell resident and regular user of the Roswell Area Park who was killed in the 911 attack.. Represented were all of the first responders in Roswell, including the Roswell Police Department, the Roswell Fire Department, Roswell EMS, and others including the Martha Stewart Bulloch Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Piedmont Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, Roswell City Council members, radio personality Rhubarb Jones, the 8th Grade Chorus from the Holcomb Bridge Middle School, Roswell Municipal Court Judge Brian Hansford, local Girls Scout troops and local Boy Scout Troops participated. The Roswell Fire Department displayed a huge American Flag at the top of two ladder trucks displayed above the pond with eight U.S. Coast Guard Pipe Band Atlanta Detachment Contingent members playing four patriotic songs. Red, white and blue floating floral displays released in the pond representing the 343 Firefighters, 71 Law Enforcement Officers and 2,563 Civilians that lost their lives in this attack, helped to punctuate this serious time of reflection. At this time we also honored the Firefighter and Police Officer of the year.

This was a joint project between Roswell Rotary and the City of Roswell. The Committee was made up of over 20 Roswell Rotarians and twelve members of the City of Roswell including the Roswell Recreation and Parks Department, the Roswell Police Department, the Roswell Fire Department and Roswell EMS. The Committee met for almost a year to plan this great event. This was the twelfth year our Roswell Rotary Club has participated in this great event. Our budget was \$1500.00 and we spent \$2600.00 with the difference made up of individual donations.

There were over 900 in attendance at this event.

It was a moving ceremony that was concluded with a stirring rendition of Taps played by our own [Rotarian member Alan Christian](#).





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