



Brief History: Chartered in 1972, the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs is one of the top clubs in Rotary District 6900, having won Club of the Year three years in a row: 2013-14, 2014-15, and 2015-16. Our ranks have included District 6900 leaders: Frank Bentley, Sr. (83-84), Ralph Thurmond (90-91), and Barry Smith (95-96) served as District Governors. Fran Farias was 2010 District 6900 Rotarian of the Year. 2013-14 Club President Jim Squire received the District 6900 Sheffield Leadership Award and the 2015-16 "Follow Me" Assistant District Governor Award. The Club has been recognized by District 6900 for its Community & International Programs, its Public Image work, Vocational Programs, and was "Club of the Decade". In May 2016, the Club received the prestigious 2015-16 "Significant Achievement Award" from Rotary International during the International Conference in South Korea for its "Rotary Has Heart" Senior Prom Project. There are over 1.2 million Rotarians who are members of over 32,200 Rotary Clubs in 168 countries. We meet for lunch most Mondays at 12:15 p.m. at Hilton Perimeter Suites, 6120 Peachtree Dunwoody Rd., Sandy Springs, GA 30328.

The Rotary Club of Sandy Springs is active in a number of programs and partnerships supporting the Sandy Springs community, and international projects, including:

- Dictionaries, Vocabulary Builders and Thesauruses for all Sandy Springs Public Schools' 3rd, 4th & 5th graders
- Reading Buddies: Rotarians reading to elementary school children
- College Scholarships for high school students; GED & Technical School Awards
- 180 Degree Student Recognition program
- High School Graduation and STEM/STEAM efforts of the Sandy Springs Education Force (SSEF)
- Sponsor, North Atlanta Rotaract Club for young professionals
- Interact programs at local high schools
- MedShare & MERT – Medical Recycling Equipment Trailer
- Sandy Springs Public Safety Dinners
- Sandy Springs Teacher Recognition Awards
- Sandy Springs Police and Fire Public Safety Awards
- Sandy Springs Healthcare Professional Recognition Awards
- AIDS Awareness Programs
- Peace Poles placed on local school campuses and facilities
- 31 Years of Participation in Leadership Sandy Springs
- School Supply Backpacks, Food Pantry Projects & Holiday Gifts for the Community Assistance Center
- Volunteer for A Better Sandy Springs & NF Serves – Community-wide volunteering
- Georgia Rotary Student Program (GRSP)
- Project Canaan Dam Building in Swaziland, Africa
- Puebla, Mexico School & Community Projects
- RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award Camp)
- PolioPlus
- Rotary/Shriners Hospital Project

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The Rotary Club of Sandy Springs

proudly announces the

2016 Annual Public Safety Awards

October 24, 2016



Honoring the City of Sandy Springs' 2016 Public Safety Employees of Distinction

Program Chairs: Chief Keith Sanders, City of Sandy Springs Fire & Rescue

Chief Kenneth DiSimone, City of Sandy Springs Police Department

Julia Bernath, Rotary Club of Sandy Springs' 2016-2017 Vocational Service Director

Lisa Stueve, 2016-2017 President, Rotary Club of Sandy Springs.

2016 Police Dept. Civilian Employee of the Year **Claudette Black**

Claudette Black has worked at the Sandy Springs Police Department since June 2006. She is the Terminal Agency Coordinator (TAC) between SSPD, the GBI, and FBI. As the Agency TAC, she is responsible for all GCIC Workbook/Security and Awareness Training for the entire police department and IT personnel.

Mrs. Black has a total of 26 years working for two law enforcement agencies. She began her career working as a Jailor with the Smyrna Police Department; a position she held for 10 years and later transferred to become that agency Assistant TAC for another six years.

As the SSPD Agency TAC, her duties are not limited to just the Sandy Springs Police Department, but also to the Johns Creek Police Department to provide timely and accurate entries into the GCIC/NCIC database. Sandy Springs GCIC operates in real time 24/7, 365 days a year to support all law enforcement agencies within and outside the United States. Under her guidance, the Sandy Springs GCIC has flourished. At the conclusion of SSPD's April 2016 GBI Audit, the department received a near-perfect audit and placed in the top 1% statewide.

2016 Police Officer of the Year **Officer Tim Burell**

Officer Tim Burell has been a patrol officer with the Sandy Springs Police Department since 2008. He was born and raised in Doraville, GA. He attended North GA Technical College where he received his degree in Automotive Technology. Officer Burell started his law enforcement career with the City of Doraville Police Department from 1986-1991. He was then hired by MARTA Police from 1992-2008, where he held the rank of Sergeant. Officer Burell has several years of experience with crime prevention program. Officer Burell works with Ronald McDonald House, providing meals to families and works with the GA Special Olympics, where he sits on the Executive Council Board. He is currently a Senior Instructor and is working on his master instructor for law enforcement. Officer Burell is also a Hostage Negotiator and Training Coordinator for the North Metro C.N.T. Team. Officer Burell is married to Wanda Burell and together they have four children.

2016 Police Officer of the Year **Officer Nick Trujillo**

Officer Trujillo has been serving as a police officer over 11 years. He began his law enforcement career in 2005 with DeKalb County Police Department. He was hired by Sandy Springs Police Department on August 21, 2008. He is a member of the S.W.A.T. team and also a member of the Honor Guard.

Officer Trujillo was born in Medellin, Colombia and immigrated to the United States when he was 8 years old. He graduated from Cross Keys High School and shortly after joined the United States Marines. He enlisted on August 08, 2000 and was sent to Parris Island, North Carolina for 13 weeks of basic training. Once graduated, he was assigned to 3rd Battalion 2nd Marines, Camp Lejeune North Carolina. He joined Kilo Company, Weapons Platoon.

Officer Trujillo was deployed to Iraq in 2003 and served as Section Leader for the machine gun section. In 2004 he was deployed to Djibouti, Africa where he served as the Sergeant of the Guard at Camp Lemonnier, guarding the air field during Operation Enduring Freedom. He was deployed for a second time to Iraq in 2007 where he was the Personnel Retrieval and Processing (PRP) Detachments, (NCOIC) Non Commissioned Officer in Charge.

In 2010, he deployed to Afghanistan where he served as the Detachment Staff Non Commissioned Officer in charge (SNCOIC).

Officer Trujillo is currently enlisted with the U.S. Marine Reserves as Log Chief, in 3rd Force Reconnaissance located in Mobile, Alabama.

2016 Police Officer Supervisor of the Year **Sergeant Shane Barkley**

Sergeant Barkley has been in law enforcement since December 2001 starting at the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office where he began his career in forensics after graduating from the police academy. He was hired as the Crime Scene Investigator and one of the original 86 officers at Sandy Springs Police Department. Sergeant Barkley was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2010 and has since served as a day and evening watch supervisor, criminal investigations supervisor, and now serves as the North District Community Coordinator. He is proudest of his wife Gretchen and his 11 month old daughter, Olivia.

2016 Fire Officer of the Year **Fire Captain Chris Janflone**

Captain Chris Janflone has been a member of Sandy Springs Fire & Rescue since its inception in 2006. Prior to coming to Sandy Springs, Chris worked with the Fulton County Fire Department, retiring at the rank of Fire Captain after 18 years of service. In Sandy Springs, Chris has proven himself to be a valuable member of the department, striving to provide the highest levels of leadership and customer service. While in Sandy Springs, Chris has been entrusted with evaluating new employees, managing his stations, and teaching the department's newest members. Chris's outstanding attitude, strong public safety background and willingness to be a leader have made him an invaluable member of Sandy Springs Fire & Rescue.

2016 Paramedic of the Year **Paramedic David Wilbanks**

Paramedic David Wilbanks has been a member of Sandy Springs Fire & Rescue since its inception in 2006 and in that time has proven to be a valuable member of the department. David has shown himself to be a strong and vocal advocate for the citizens of Sandy Springs, striving to provide the highest levels of patient care and customer service. As a member of the EMS training staff, David is entrusted with evaluating new employees, training new EMTs, providing high quality continuing education and reviewing EMS reports to ensure accuracy. David's outstanding attitude, strong patient-care skills and willingness to be a leader have made him an invaluable member of Sandy Springs Fire & Rescue.

2016 Firefighter of the Year **Fire Apparatus Engineer Chris Mileshko**

Fire Apparatus Engineer Chris Mileshko has been a dedicated member of Sandy Springs Fire & Rescue since 2008. Chris has proven to be a very valuable resource to the fire department; he recently was promoted to driver operator on Truck 54. Chris holds numerous firefighting certifications, and is a member of the Georgia Smoke Diver program. Chris routinely assists the training division with monthly training and is an adjunct instructor with the Georgia Fire Academy Structural Fire Control Program. Away from the station, Chris is married and has a one year old son. Chris continually leads by example with a positive attitude, a willingness to learn and a true commitment to excellence. He is truly an asset to the department.