



## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



In November 2014, the Rotary Club of Alpharetta celebrated a great milestone of becoming a **100% Paul Harris Fellow Club**. This distinction was not only a great honor but it also helped us **grow in the Club's service to the local and international community**. As we approach our 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of achieving this distinction, I would ask that you consider how you can recommit to the Rotary Foundation and celebrate the Rotary Foundation Centennial.

Our contributions to the Rotary Foundation have helped us receive grants to build a computer lab at North Fulton Community Charities for individuals to work towards their GED. It has also helped us build housing with the City of Refuge in downtown Atlanta for women rescued from prostitution and human trafficking.

Globally, we have provided clean water by funding treatment facilities in Ecuador. As you know we have submitted a Global Foundation Grant to provide \$60,000 in medical equipment for infants in a Maternity Hospital also in Ecuador.

Finally, the foundation has been an avenue for service when it comes to disaster relief. This year alone we have contributed \$6,500 through the Foundation to our Rotary International Partner ShelterBox to provide temporary housing and clean water to families in Haiti who were devastated by Hurricane Matthew.

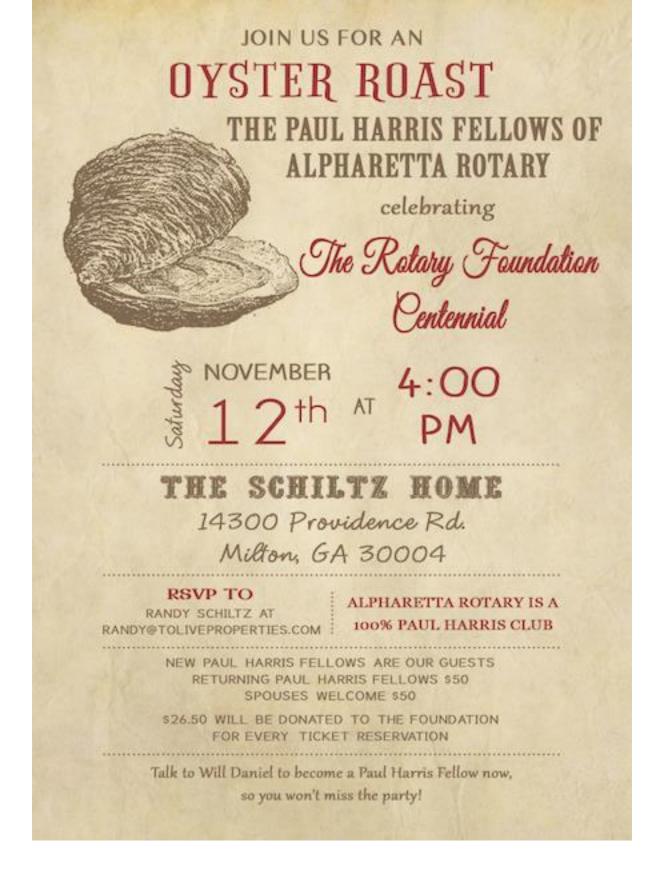
Please feel free to contact me or Will Daniel

(Go3go@bellsouth.net) to recommit to the foundation with a contribution or a pledge to join the Paul Harris Society. Will and I are also available for any questions that you may have regarding the Foundation. As always, thank you for your service and for being a valued member of Alpharetta Rotary,

Yours in Rotary Service,

Jason Binder Club President Rotary Club of Alpharetta

Contact Me



Alpharetta Rotary Paul Harris Fellows: Join us on November 12th for an Oyster Roast to celebrate the Rotary Foundation Centennial and the Club's 2nd Anniversary of becoming 100% Paul Harris.

First time Paul Harris Fellows are our guests. Tickets for returning PHF members or spouses is \$50. \$26.50 of each ticket reservation will be donated to the Foundation. Click below for more details.

**Event Details** 

## THIS WEEK'S SPEAKER REPRESENTATIVE DAVID CLARK

Representative David Clark spent the first half of his childhood on a small farm in Suwanee, Georgia, and the last half in Buford on Lake Lanier. Politics captured him from an early age because he realized the importance of electing dedicated leaders who put the love of God, Family, and Country ahead of themselves.



This belief led him to join the military shortly after finishing high school, inspired him through Army Ranger School and took him all the way to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Upon completion of his six years of service, he attended Georgia Gwinnett College to pursue a bachelor's degree with a concentration in business marketing.

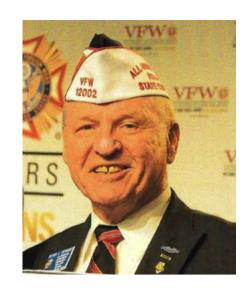
He went on to earn his real estate license and joined two of his brothers in starting a successful real estate brokerage firm; which has since expanded into real estate management services in both the commercial and residential markets. He also owns a nutraceutical distribution company. Currently, he resides in Buford, Georgia, where he's an active member of Gwinnett Church and serves as a middle school boys Transit Leader.

**More Information** 

## **VETERANS DAY TRIBUTE**

The Alpharetta Rotary Club and the City of Alpharetta will hold its second annual Veterans Day Tribute on Friday, November 11, 2016, at 6 pm. The Rotary Club of Alpharetta plays a critical role in organizing this historic event for the City.

The Veterans and their families will be honored at the ceremony at Brooke Street Park on the grounds of the new Alpharetta City Hall. The Program will include speeches from Mayor David Belle Isle and Al Lipphardt, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Department of Georgia;



music by the Alpharetta High School Quartet; Posting of Colors; Pledge of Allegiance; National Anthem; Laying of the Wreath; 21-Gun Salute; and Taps.

Keynote Speaker and Rotarian, Al Lipphardt, served the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Department of Georgia as State Commander 2014-2015 earning recognition as an All-American Department Commander for his leadership. He currently serves VFW's national organization as Vice Chairman of the Legislative Committee to the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate where he continues the longstanding tradition of advocating on behalf of veterans, their spouses and children for Congressional promises made long ago. As a Vietnam veteran, his awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal for Valor, Bronze Star Medal for Service, Purple Heart Medal for wounds received in combat, Army Commendation Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal and Combat Infantryman's Badge as an infantry platoon leader. Al's Foreign Awards include the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Vietnamese Staff Service Medal, and Vietnam Service Medal. He has been nominated for induction into the Infantry Officer Candidate School's Hall of Fame from Class 2-67.

William Perkins, an Alpharetta Rotarian, is the organizer of this event. Perkins said, "It is an honor and a privilege to be part of the Veterans Day Tribute because of the sacrifice these men and women gave for the freedom of our country. We owe all of our military and our Veterans a debt of gratitude. Our Veterans exemplify the Rotary motto of Service Above Self."

Alpharetta Rotary Club President, Jason Binder, said, "This is a great event where we can gather as a government and community to honor our Veterans who have watched over us and kept us safe against all the trials and tribulations that they have encountered. God Bless America and God Bless our Veterans.

## **ALPHARETTA 2016 ANNUAL COAT DRIVE**



Annual Rotary Winter Coat Drive Beings! The Rotary Club of Alpharetta announces the start of its annual coat drive to benefit those in need of warm winter clothing. Rotary volunteers are collecting donations from the community to receive donations of coats, jackets, hats, gloves, scarves and mittens. All sizes, infant through adult, are accepted, although the need is great for men's and women's size XL, 2XL and 3XL.

For More Information