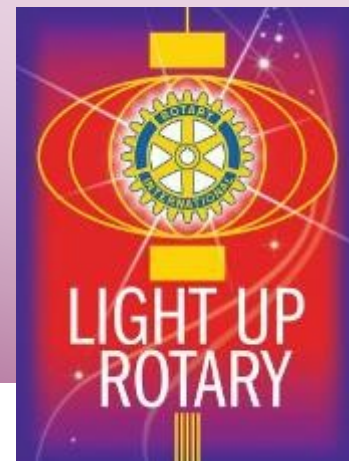


District 6900 news

Shining a Light on Our Impact

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My Rotary Bank Account

As I worked my way through a long list of e-mails last week, I came across one from a friend I had not heard from for some time. The subject line read "Magic Bank Account." Excited to hear from her, I quickly opened the e-mail to find a short story - found in the billfold of Coach Paul Bear Bryant of the University of Alabama after he died in 1983.

The Magic Bank Account

Imagine that you had won the following prize in a contest: Each morning your bank would deposit \$86,400 in your private account for your use.

1. The money that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you.
2. You may not simply transfer money into some other account.
3. You may only spend it.
4. Each morning upon awakening, the bank opens your account with another \$86,400 for that day.
5. The bank can end the game without warning; at any time it can say, "Game Over!" It can close the account and you will not receive a new one. What would you personally do? You would buy anything and everything you wanted, right? Not only for yourself, but for all the people you love and care for. Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, right?

You would try to spend every penny, and use it all, because you knew it would be replenished in the morning, right?

Actually, this game is real. Each of us is already a winner of this prize. We just can't seem to see it. The prize is TIME.

1. Each morning we awaken to receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of life.
2. And when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is NOT credited to us.
3. What we haven't used up that day is forever lost.
4. Yesterday is forever gone.
5. Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time without warning. So, what will you do with your 86,400 seconds?

This made me think of the time we spend as Rotarians. I truly believe that Rotary is not just something we do, it is who we are. Our gift of time is spent making this world a better place for our loved ones and often times for those we will never meet. As I continue my journey through our District, I am amazed by the number of seconds that we each give to improve the lives around us.

Thank you for sharing the funds from your Magic Bank Account to accomplish our mission of Doing Good in the World.



District Governor
Alicia Michael

Yours in Rotary Service,

DG Alicia



Tracking DG Alicia's Travels

This captures DG Alicia's schedule and some key district dates. You can also view the calendar on the website.

August

- 2 Area Devt Seminar - Albany (9:30AM)
- 4 Marietta Metro
- 5 Smyrna
- 7 North Cobb
- 7 South Cobb
- 7 Area Devt Seminar - Sandy Springs (6:30PM)
- 8 Atlanta West End
- 12 Barnesville
- 13 Columbus
- 14 Muscogee
- 15 Newnan
- 18 Milton-Windward
- 19 North Fulton
- 20 East Cobb
- 20 Brookhaven

August (cont'd)

- 20 North Atlanta
- 21 Area Devt Seminar - Cobb County (6:30 PM)
- 22-24 GRSP Conclave - Columbus
- 25 Sept. Newsletter deadline
- 26 Meriweather County
- 27 Harris County
- 28 West Point
- 28 Area Devt Seminar - Newnan (6:30 PM)

September

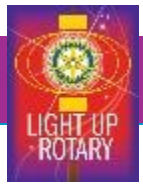
- 9 Americus
- 10 Cordele
- 11 Camilla
- 15 Douglas County
- 16 Polk County

September (cont'd)

- 17 LaGrange
- 18 Dallas
- 18 Bremen
- 23 Quitman County
- 24 Dawson
- 25 Albany
- 26 Pelham
- 30 Stone Mountain

October

- 1 Vinings
- 2 Atlanta Airport
- 3 Decatur
- 6 Buckhead
- 7 Carrollton
- 8 Emory Druid Hills



DG Alicia Celebrates the Fellowship and Mission Possible Attitude of District 6900

In her early official visits, DG Alicia joined **Henry County** President Susan Heredia and club members at the Atlanta Motor Speedway, helped **Marietta Rotary** President Dawn McEachem kick off the club's 95th anniversary year, joined President Scott at **Fayetteville** (her first official visit) and admired President Ron's Mission Possible shirt at her visit to **Lake Spivey**.



Keep Up with DG Alicia and District 6900 in a Variety of Ways

- ◆ Visit our new website ... www.rotary6900.org
- ◆ Read the monthly District newsletter ... we'll send an email to direct you there
- ◆ Like Rotary District 6900 on Facebook
- ◆ Follow us on Twitter ... @RotaryDist6900



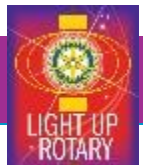
And Help Us Capture the Impact of What You're Doing

Send stories about your projects and members for the district newsletter. Our deadline will be the 25th of each month ... and we'll plan to publish your stories and photos by the 5th of the following month. Stories in Word or body of an email; photos as electronic jpg images.



April 23-26, 2015

Mark your calendars now for the return of the Rotary District 6900 conference to Jekyll Island. You won't want to miss this weekend of inspiration, fun and fellowship!



The Rotary Foundation - Doing Good in the World

By Ray McKemie, District Foundation Committee Chair

July was a wonderful month for Rotary and the Rotary Foundation. We added Paul Harris Fellows, Major Donors, and Bequest Society Members. New contributions are coming in to PolioPlus. Clubs have submitted applications for District and Global Grants. The Scholarship Committee is actively seeking applications in order to award two Global Scholar Grants. And, we are preparing for the Area Rotary Foundation Seminars in August.

The “Giving” and the “Getting” work together to fulfill the mission of the Rotary Foundation “to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.” And, it is our District Rotary Foundation Team that provides our Rotarians and Clubs with the information and resources that are necessary for success. Members of our Team are just a click away. Use the table below to contact them for assistance with any of your Foundation projects or programs.

But, it all starts with **your** donation to the Foundation. It is **your** donations to support Rotary’s areas of focus that make a difference. It is **your** donations that fight hunger, reduce child mortality, promote peace and conflict resolution, provide basic education and literacy, and are eradicating polio. It is **your** donations that will enable Rotarians in your community, in our District and around the world to “Light Up Rotary.”

So, I challenge each of you to start now working to identify potential new Paul Harris Fellows, Paul Harris Society Members, or Major Donors in your club. If you are your club’s president, secretary, or Foundation Committee Chair download a copy of your club’s Club Recognition Summary (CRS) from the RI website. Review it to identify members who

are close to becoming a Paul Harris Fellow and ask them for that additional contribution this year.

- ◆ are close to becoming a Paul Harris Fellow and ask them for that additional contribution this year.
- ◆ donate at or near \$1000 per year and ask them to become Paul Harris Society members.
- ◆ Have made donations in the past that show they are candidates to become major donors and ask them to contribute to become a new Major Donor or step up the next Major Donor Level.

By all means use the appropriate Foundation Team member to help you with this process.

Our District Grant application was submitted to the Foundation in mid-July and has been approved. All clubs should by their checks from the District Treasurer by this time. Global Grants may be submitted year round. I will always ask you to “Give”, **but** it is equally as important to “Get”. Please continue to submit your grant requests for doing the good work in the world for which Rotary and Rotarians are known.

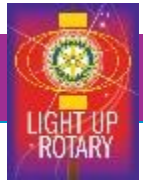


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 1-866-9-ROTARY (1-866-976-8279) Email: contact.center@rotary.org



Global Grant Scholarships Available

Do you know a young person who is ready for graduate study and wants to study abroad? Do they have career goals which are consistent with Rotary Foundation Areas of Focus? Are they committed to service and interested in building a relationship with a Rotary Club in another country? Would \$30,000 help them achieve their education goals? If the answer to these questions is yes, then let them know about District 6900's Global Grants Scholarships.

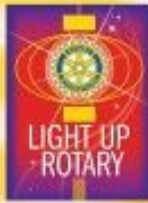

District 6900 is offering two competitive \$30,000 scholarships for graduate study starting the fall of 2015. The student's career goals must align with at least one of the Rotary Foundation Areas of Focus: Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution, Disease Prevention and Treatment, Water and Sanitation, Maternal and Child Health, Basic Education and Literacy, and Economic and Community Development.

Scholars may NOT be a Rotarian; an employee of a club, district, or any other Rotary entity; or the spouse, a lineal descendant, or an ancestor of any person in the first two categories. Scholars MAY BE a member of a Rotaract Club. Scholars must have residence in District 6900 or must be employed full time in the District or be a fulltime student in a university in the District.

Applications are due October 15th. For more information, check out the information on the District 6900 website at http://www.rotarydistrict6900.org/Scholar_Grants.php or just ask Kathy Brandt, District Chair Rotary Foundation Scholarships @ kbrandt1@comcast.net.



Wilton and Martha Looney of the **Rotary Club of Atlanta** each gave a check for \$50,000 to the Rotary Foundation for its work to eradicate polio. Pictured here with RI Director Robert Hall.

Membership &
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Sessions

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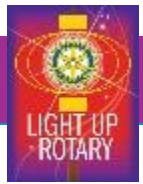
Area Development Seminars

The District Foundation and Membership Seminars are hitting the road and coming to an exciting location near you! District Governor Alicia and the District Leadership Team are looking for ways to make these easier, more accessible and more enjoyable for all the Rotarians of District 6900.

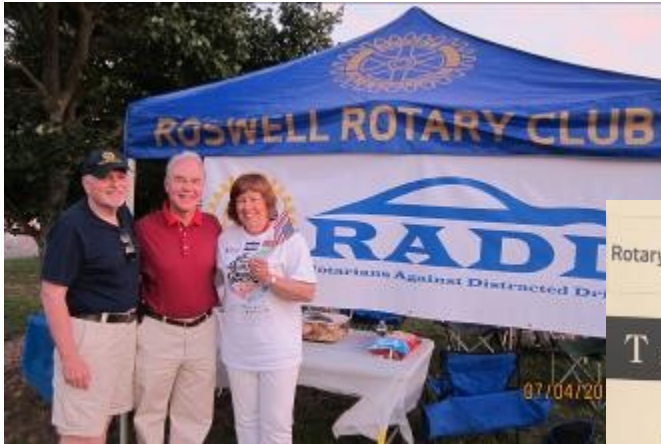
Make sure to sign up for the Area Seminar closest to you! You can sign up and pay on the new District 6900 website at www.rotary6900.org. Click the Calendar link on the home page, select the District Training calendar and choose the date of the Area Development Seminar you would like to attend.

These seminars are replacing the Foundation Seminars previously held on Saturdays in Columbus and ALL members of your club are encouraged to attend. This is a great opportunity for members to learn more about The Rotary Foundation and a fun way to learn how to attract more members to your club in a relaxed environment **closer to home!**

July 31– 6:30-9 p.m.	Griffin	Southern Crescent Technical College
August 2– 9:30 a.m.– noon	Albany	Albany Technical College
August 7– 6:30-9 p.m.	Roswell	Andretti Karting & Games
August 21– 6:30-9 p.m.	Cobb County	Dave & Buster's
August 28– 6:30-9 p.m.	Newnan	West Georgia Technical College



District 6900 Goes RADD!



DG Alicia’s signature project - Rotarians Against Distracted Driving (RADD) - is gaining traction! Each picture here has a story:

Top left: **Roswell Rotary** was pleased to have Congressman Tom Price and wife, Roswell Councilwoman, Betty Price join us at the Roswell tent to promote our first RADD event during Roswell's 4th of July

fireworks program. Roswell Rotary partners with the City of Roswell to sponsor the fireworks display which draws thousands of residents from the four county area to a safe and family oriented environment. We met lots of new people and old friends, shared the District's vision on avoiding distracted driving, and enjoyed a fantastic fireworks display in unusually beautiful weather.



Top Right: **Lake Spivey Rotarians** were asked to sign the RADD pledge.

Bottom: The **Rotary Club of Dunwoody** had Rotarians sign a banner reflecting the RADD pledge and will display it at all community events.

Remember: The district has a link on the website, postcards and flashlights that make great giveaways to raise awareness for your club members and local schools. And share your stories about this program - to help us all have a major impact!

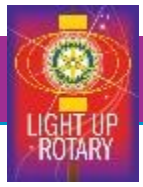
Meet New DeKalb Rotary Council Chair

Onuzulike “Nat” Nwizu the current Foundation Chair for the **Northlake Rotary Club** has taken on another role in DeKalb County. He is now the Chair of the DeKalb Rotary Council (DRC). The DeKalb Rotary Council is more than 35 years old and meets monthly at Petite Auberge in the Toco Hills Shopping Center (all aRotarians are welcome). The Council meets from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. The speaker at the Council’s first meeting in the new year was our DGN Raymond Ray.

The DeKalb Rotary Council’s Mission: to support the Rotary Clubs of DeKalb County in reaching their membership, leadership, and community service goals.



DGN Raymond Ray and DRC Chair Nat



Atlanta Area Rotary Clubs Donate \$83,000 in Equipment to FODAC

The **Rotary Clubs of North Atlanta and Sandy Springs** each held collection drives in May to benefit the Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC) a non-profit organization that provides over \$10 million annually in durable medical equipment (DME) and supplies to the disabled community. More than \$83,000 in gently-used HME was collected from the community and delivered to FODAC for refurbishment and redistribution.

FODAC collects, repairs and redistributes over 5,000 HME items to the public each year at little or no cost to the recipient. Much of the HME FODAC supplies to the disabled community comes via donations, with a large amount coming from individual donors, who are looking to provide a “second life” to items like wheelchairs, crutches and shower benches that are no longer being used.

Realizing FODAC’s need for donated equipment as well as the public need for a solution as to where to recycle the equipment, two metro Atlanta Rotary clubs sponsored HME collection drives for the organization. The **North Atlanta Rotary Club** held its first DME collection project for FODAC in August of 2013, during which it collected equipment worth over \$27,000. Building on the success of the first collection drive, the club decided to repeat the event this year, collecting equipment valued at over \$77,000, a record for any organization’s single collection drive in FODAC’s 25-year history.



Members of the **North Atlanta Rotary Club** load donated home medical equipment onto the FODAC truck for delivery to the organization’s Stone Mountain warehouse.

“A main part of Rotary membership is service to the community,” said Jon Yaeger, President of the Rotary Club of North Atlanta. “We appreciate the efforts of the collection team, especially Broc Fisher, who rallied our members to promote the event through their local churches and other community contacts. We hope this program has raised awareness of FODAC and its mission, and will continue to drive donations throughout the year.”

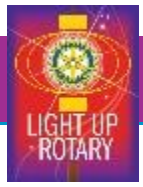
The **Rotary Club of Sandy Springs** also stepped in - offering to establish and manage a permanent HME collection site. The recycling program was launched during Earth Week , in partnership with “Keep North Fulton Beautiful,” with a week-long collection event to promote the permanent location to the surrounding community residents and businesses. The club delivered its first trailer-load of equipment at the end of May, to FODAC’s warehouse in Stone Mountain.

“We hope this is the first of many deliveries to FODAC,” stated Fran Farias, community service director, Rotary Club of Sandy Springs. “Our plan is to keep the collection site at Morgan Falls to provide a place for Sandy Springs residents to recycle DME, but we also want to promote the trailer to other organizations as a mobile resource to host their own collection drives for FODAC.”

Items collected in both drives included crutches, canes, walkers, braces, air casts, manual and power wheelchairs (including footrests), medical supplies, bathroom equipment, grab bars, children’s adaptive equipment and other assistive technology – much of which might have ended up in landfills were it not for FODAC. A pioneer in re-use, FODAC keeps 200 tons of materials out of landfills each year by refurbishing and reissuing over 400 HME items every month, and is recognized nationally for best practices in recycling and reuse of DME.



Pictured with the HME collection trailer are (left to right) Kathy Reed, director, Keep North Fulton Beautiful; Chris Brand, president and CEO, FODAC; Jim Squire, president, and Fran Farias, community service director, **Rotary Club of Sandy Springs**.



Brookhaven Tees Up Major Support for Project SHARE

The **Rotary Club of Brookhaven** recently presented a check for \$85,000 to Alan Shepherd to support the SHARE Program for Wounded Warriors at the Shepherd Center. The SHARE Program is focused on treating Wounded Warriors who are suffering from traumatic brain injuries. The money was raised at the Rotary Club of Brookhaven's "Service Above Self" Golf Tournament in May which is focused on raising money for the SHARE Program. Pictured: Club President Tom Silveria making the presentation.

East Cobb Cleans Up the Streets

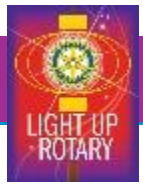


East Cobb Rotarians and the Walton High Interact Club take it to the streets when they clean up their adopted section of Johnson Ferry Road in Marietta.

Newnan Lights Up Rotary



The Rotary Club of Newnan started the new Rotary year off with a bang at its community fireworks display this Fourth of July. DG Alicia joined the festivities - pictured left with Newnan Rotarians.



North Fulton Shares the Impact of Literacy

The **Rotary Club of North Fulton** delivered a plethora of books to the kids at the Childhood Development Center in Roswell. Several members of the club - including President Kristy - stayed to read stories to the kids. The kids enjoyed the stories almost as much as the readers.



Honduras Service Opportunity Open to All District 6900 Rotarians: March 14-21, 2015

A great way to understand the issues that face third world countries before committing your whole club to a trip or project is to join the annual Wilderness Team trip of the Rotary Club of Atlanta, traveling to rural Honduras for one week to work on schools, medical clinics and in mountain villages. The trip is open to anyone with a big heart and a willingness to pitch in with other Rotarians to do good work and have a good time.

Our 2015 trip will include the dedication of Vince Dooley Field, the brand new soccer complex at the Hope Middle School in the Agalta Valley. Coach Dooley is a member of the Wilderness Team and a Rotarian. When the U. of Georgia didn't name its football field for him, the Hondurans decided they would honor him with their futbol field bearing his name. There is plenty of work to do ranging from working with youngsters in the schools, supporting medical needs in the clinics and mixing cement for projects in the villages.

Accommodations at the ranch are comfortable, and the people of Honduras are delightful. You are guaranteed a great time, meaningful experience and a wonderful group of new friends...who will last a lifetime.



The cost of the trip if an all-inclusive \$750 for expenses once in Honduras and you book your own airfare to Tegucigalpa to land mid-day on March 14th. Delta flies direct from Atlanta and the recent ticket price is \$701.

The work has gone on in this area of Honduras for two decades and there is plenty of meaningful work to do. The size of the group was 50 last year and there is room for a good many more.

Those interested in going should contact Bob Hope of Rotary Club of Atlanta bhope@hopebeckham.com or call 404-604-2600.

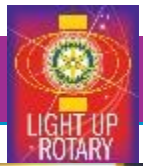
See the video on the trip that was shown at district conference:

<http://youtu.be/DeVsXvsUail>



Sandy Springs Rotarians Celebrate New Park

Members of the **Rotary Club of Sandy Springs** (L-R) Judge Jane Barwick, President Gene Jordan, City of Sandy Springs Mayor Rusty Paul, First Mayor of Sandy Springs Eva Galambos, Chief Jack McElfish, Pam Wall, Fran Farias attended the grand opening of the Abernathy Linear Park in Sandy Springs. President Gene and former Mayor Eva Galambos have been involved in the planning and in advocating for this park. It is a unique use of land for a community park with fabulous playable art structures. Come visit this community treasure on Abernathy Road off Roswell Road.



East Cobb Honors Individuals Making an Impact in the Community

Each year, the **Rotary Club of East Cobb** selects four members of the community -- an educator, member of law enforcement, firefighter and member of the military -- to honor for outstanding Service Above Self. This year, the club honored:



- ◆ Educator of the Year: Deputy Superintendent of Cobb Schools Cheryl Hungersford. After more than 30 years as an educator, Cheryl is retiring this year to spend more time with family and friends.
- ◆ Firefighter David Dwyer - an amazing and multi-talented member of the Cobb County Fire Department. Experienced in firefighting, EMT/ Paramedic, and technical services, David spends much of his time now teaching and instructing colleagues, and leading a CFD youth mentoring program.
- ◆ Law Enforcement: Detective Richard Goodman. To say that Richard Goodman is a "super cop" is an understatement. His tireless efforts across several major investigations this past year interrupted major gang activity not only in the Cobb community, but across the metropolitan Atlanta area. Detective Goodman has a knack for seeing the connections in apparently unrelated investigations and, using that skill, was able to weave a very wide net to catch lots of bad guys.
- ◆ Military: Cpl. John Paul (J.P) Alvarez, an East Cobb native and graduate of Walton High School. In 2005, John enlisted in the Marines. After finishing at the top of his machine gunner class, he joined the 3rd Battalion 8th Marines and was deployed in March of 2006 to Iraq. While there, he received an injury in combat. He was awarded two purple hearts and the Navy Commendation Medal, with Valor. We honored Cpl Alvarez not only for his soldering on the field of battle, but for the way he has bravely soldiered on with his life after leaving the service in 2008. It has been a long road, physically and mentally, but Cpl Alvarez is now in his fourth year at Kennesaw State pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice. He has a wonderful family, including a five-year-old son. Cpl Alvarez's positive attitude and determination is an inspiration to us all, and it was our honor to present a Service Above Self Award.

Johns Creek Honors Rotarian of the Year

Rotary Club of Johns Creek – North Fulton recently honored Angela Harvey as Rotarian of the Year. A retired school teacher, Angela joined the club two years ago and has been heavily involved in organizing Rotary events and fundraisers and has represented the club at various community events.



“Community service is a passion for me, so I was very honored to receive this award from my peers,” said Harvey. “I also feel that it brings responsibilities and encouragement to do more.”

Harvey was instrumental in coordinating Rotary social events, as well as serving on committees for the club’s annual Fish Fry fundraiser, Santa in Summer event, and volunteering at the Northeast Spruill Oaks Library book sale on behalf of Rotary.

North Fulton’s Reflection Garden Brings Comfort

The **Rotary Club of North Fulton** has received word that many local residents are enjoying and experiencing the Rotary Reflection Garden at



North Park we built in the spring of 2013. Funds were raised through sponsorships and by selling engraved bricks. A Peace Pole is the center point of the brick paver area of the serene woodland garden that was built in partnership with the City of Alpharetta. We recently received word that Milton resident Robert (Bob) Gilbreath found peace at the garden after being diagnosed with brain cancer - visiting almost daily with his wife until he passed away in July. Bob was a graduate of WestPoint, a marathon runner, and an author of several books. Bob’s family held a memorial service at the Garden July 9th and they requested that donations be made to our Rotary Club’s garden fund in lieu of flowers. The members of the Rotary Club of North Fulton express our deepest sympathies to Bob’s wife, family, and friends.