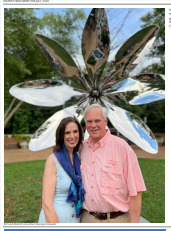

From the Governor's Desk

Imagine" What We Can Do Together This Year!

By Sandra Ketelsen
"Imagine" is a word that seems to be a favorite at this 2021-2022 Rotary year!! We have our first-female DG president, Jennifer Jones, Rotaract is a new a popular type of Rotary membership and we are very, very close to eradicating Polio with only a few cases this calendar year. With this year's Rotary theme being "Imagine Rotary," we can accomplish so many different things. All we must do is "Imagine" it and work toward accomplishing the goal!
I see four major goals for our District this year - related to membership, learning, youth and The Rotary Foundation, and we must have a good idea as we do our work. [more]

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Jennifer Jones
President-Elect
Sandra Ketelsen
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Jeff Lyons
Imagine Rotary
Imagine Service
Imagine Fellowship
Imagine Fun

From Our District Governor

"Imagine" What We Can Do Together This Year!

Jill and District Governor George Granade

What an exciting time to be a Rotarian in this 2022-2023 Rotary year!!! We have our first female RI president, Jennifer Jones, Rotaract is a now a special type of Rotary membership and we are very, very close to eradicating Polio with only a few cases this calendar year. With this year's Rotary theme being "Imagine Rotary," we can accomplish so many different things. All we must do is "Imagine" it and work toward accomplishing the goal!

The goals I see for our district include:

- **Increasing membership** of our clubs to better reflect our communities as well as our district.
- **Learning more as a Rotarian**. Go to the Learning Center at My.Rotary.org and learn more about different areas of Rotary. Attend RLI (Rotary Leader Institute) either in person or virtually not only to learn more about Rotary, but to make new Rotarian friends and exchange ideas about service projects.
- **Involving more young people in Rotary - through RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award), Rotary Youth Exchange and Georgia Rotary Laws of Life.** Sending our high school students to RYLA enables them to improve their leadership skills while making friends with students from different areas of our Rotary district. Be part of Rotary Youth Exchange by either sponsoring a high school student to attend school in another country for one year or hosting a student from a foreign country. Encouraging and sponsoring a high school to participate in the Georgia Rotary Laws of Life contest enables students to write an essay on a quotation or phrase that has affected their life. These essays are life changing for many students.
- **Improving our support for The Rotary Foundation.** The Foundation enables us to do good in our communities as well as around the world. Fifty percent of the funds we give to the Annual Fund come back to the District after three years for district grants and global grants. Funds given to Polio Plus are matched 2 to 1 by the Bill and Linda Gates Foundation to fight to end Polio.

The most important thing we must do is have a good time. Regardless of what we do, we must make it enjoyable for all involved. If we do have a good time, I feel we will grow our clubs which will grow other areas of Rotary. I look forward to serving you this Rotary year.

Posted by George Granade
July 9, 2022

Happy New Year 3

Posted by Jackie Cuthbert
July 12, 2022

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Happy New Year 2

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July 12, 2022

Special Event

Celebrate Reaching the 2021-22 Finish Line and Plan for Membership Growth in 2022-23

Saturday, August 20

Join us at Atlanta Motor Speedway on Saturday, August 20 for fun, fellowship, awards, and learning about 2022-2023 resources for membership growth success. Mary Poppins will return to celebrate crossing the finish line of the 2021-22 Rotary year with a year-end Awards celebration. The Finish Line lunch will recognize clubs and presidents for success in achieving the District Governor's awards in addition to membership growth and Rotary Foundation giving. All 2021-2022 club officers and members are invited.

The event is paired with a Membership Summit to kick off our 2022-2023 year. We invite 21-22 and 22-23 Club Presidents, Membership Chairs and your entire Membership Committee.

Those thrill seekers registering for the Finish Line lunch have the option to go for a hot lap around AMS in a pace carl

You can register for these events on the District Website - from the calendar on the home page - **go directly to registration by clicking this link.** Please register by August 1.

Posted by Jackie Cuthbert
July 9, 2022

Making a Difference

An Update on Our Giving for Ukraine

What an impact our district is having in the Ukraine! We have received $154,490 In donations from clubs and individuals in our district. We have transferred $36,500 In cash to Rotary District 2241 for them to use as needed. Last month we shared the report from **Buckhead Rotarian Radu Zernoveanu** about the aid we have provided to that district. In addition to funds forwarded, we have used your donations to purchase and send $121,975 of specifically requested medical equipment - orthopedic surgical drill and saw sets, negative pressure wound care systems, infant incubators.

Stone Mountain Rotarian Chris Brand has coordinated volunteers from the **Rotary Clubs of Buckhead, Decatur, Midtown Atlanta, Roswell, Stone Mountain, and Tucker** in sorting and packing items for shipment at FODAC. He has also researched and sourced the critical medical equipment we purchased and found partners to donate in-kind items and services. Chris exemplifies engagement and **Service Above Self.**
Thanks to all who have demonstrated we are **People of Action** and **Serve To Change Lives**.

Because the situation in Ukraine continues, we continue to accept donations payable to District 6900 Charitable Fund and noted for Ukraine.
Mail to:
District Treasurer Teri White
P. O. Box 55
Coolidge, GA 31738

Posted by Mary Ligon
July 9, 2022

Imagine Rotary Growing

Posted by Jackie Cuthbert
July 12, 2022

GRSP Update

Meet the GRSP Class of 22-23 at August Conclave

All Rotarians, host families, GRSP Leadership, Trustees, Staff, Emeritus members, former Trustees, friends of GRSP and alumni are invited to attend the 2022-23 GRSP Conclave at Lake Lanier Islands

Legacy Lodge Conference Center. Conclave takes place August 19-21, 2022 - and provides a great opportunity to meet our new class of students, enjoy fellowship with students and Rotarians, learn more about the coming GRSP year, and attend the annual student cabaret. Lake Lanier Island also offers many opportunities for a ‘family getaway” ranging from water slides, golf, boating and ore during free time at the Conclave. This year, the **Rotary Clubs of Forsyth, Gainesville, Hall County, Lanier-Forsyth, South Forsyth and South Hall** - all part of District 6910 - will host the Conclave

Students are required to attend the Conclave, and will be housed by Rotarians in the Conclave's host clubs, who will also provide student transportation during the Conclave. GRSP trustees are responsible for making sure students get to the Conclave - with the trustee or host families, club presidents or others in the Rotary Club. Conclave activities begin at noon on Friday, August 19 at the Lanier Islands Legacy Lodge Conference Center, and wrap up with student pick-up on Sunday morning at 9:00 am at the Holiday Inn Express in Buford.

For all other attendees: Your conclave registration - $75 per person - includes Friday and Saturday night dinners. You can register and get information about hotels on the **GRSP website.**
Posted by Jackie Cuthbert
May 26, 2022

Club News

Tucker Celebrates New Members

Rotary Club of Tucker ended a big membership year with the induction of two new members in June. Father William McLemore (pictured), a retired Episcopal minister, comes to the club from the Sterling, Illinois club; he has been a Rotarian for 39 years. Misty Palmer is the business development officer for Tandem Bank; she has over 20 years of experience in the banking industry but is new to Rotary.

The club added seven new members this year, increasing its membership by 25%.

Posted by Lizbeth Dison
July 12, 2022

Club News

Lake Spivey/Clayton County and Atlanta Crescent Clubs Partner to Help Good Shepherd

Good Shepherd Clinic

The Good Shepherd Clinic received a grant from Rotary International through the **Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton County**. The grant was for the purchase and distribution of medical and other supplies. This grant purchased a centrifuge, an otoscope and an ophthalmoscope.

Rotarians from the **Atlanta Southern Crescent Rotary Club and Lake Spivey/Clayton County** volunteered to work at the Good Shepherd Clinic. We were able to help with the Health Fair and with Market Days. We cleaned prescription pill bottles, and worked at the front desk, did some filing and answered phone calls.

The Clinic uses recycled pill bottles, so if you have any pill bottles that are empty and have the label removed, please get a bunch together and mail them to Chelsea Folds, Good Shepherd Clinic, 6392 Murphy Drive, Morrow, GA 30260 They would be very much appreciated.

The pictures show the purchases from the grant and some of the activities that Rotary was involved in at the Clinic.

PHOTOS:

Rotary
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
Rotary Club Of
Lake Spivey/Clayton County
This project was made possible in part by a grant from
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Posted by Claudia Mertl
July 9, 2022

Club News

Roswell in the Community

The **Roswell Rotary Club** had two great community service days recently. We started the new year under President John Carruth's leadership (pictured on left) supporting Friends of Roswell Police at the 2nd annual Cops N Cars Car Show. Can you say FUN? And in late May, we once again welcomed the community to the annual "Roswell Remembers" Memorial Day event.

PHOTOS:

Posted by Becky Nelson
July 12, 2022

From Facebook

Serving Our Communities

Editor's Note: Here are some of the pictures and stories we found on Facebook - a great way to make your club's stories more visible.

Sometimes we get to serve those that serve us all! The **East Cobb Rotary Club** provided bratwurst with all the trimmings from Patak Meats to all three battalions staffing the seven fire stations serving East Cobb County on June 21.

LaGrange Rotary completed its first project of the new Rotary year with new president Ken Miles, participating in the Sweetland of Liberty children's 4th of July parade

Lake Spivey/Clayton County Rotary delivered needed kitchen supplies to Securus House, which provides safe emergency shelter and comprehensive support services to all victims of family violence.

The **Rotary Club of Paulding County** teamed up with CAYA Ministries and Get Paulding Reading to deliver new books to area students. Over 700 books were distributed across age four to High School along with 500+ lunches. The weather was hot, but it was great to see the excitement on the faces of so many

kids in Paulding

PHOTOS:

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ROTARY CLUB

Posted by Jackie Cuthbert
July 11, 2022

Share Your Imagination with D6900 Through Our Newsletter

We want to share your ideas and accomplishments with all the clubs in the district - to help us all imagine more about what we can do to serve our communities and the world (and even partner in those efforts), build our membership, inspire our youth and support the Rotary Foundation. It's simple to share that information through the District Newsletter:

- Send y**our story in a Word document or in the body of an email** to Jackie Cuthbert, District Newsletter Editor - at cuthbert@mindspring.com. No special formatting required; we'll take care of that! Be sure to lead with what you most want people to know - and provide as much detail as you'd like@
- **Send pictures** to go with your story and bring it to life - they don't need to go into body of the story and should be 1MB or less in size.
- **Know the deadlines** - **it's safe to figure your story and pictures should arrive in Jackie's email by the 25th of the month** for the next month's newsletter (note we're asking for October early - by September 18 - so Jackie can easily hit the send button from Italy).

IMAGINE all the ideas we can share and all the good we can do working together! Help us tell the story.

Posted by Jackie Cuthbert
July 9, 2022