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RYLA Update

One Day for RYLA

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Chaperones Rock!

**Join us as a Chaperone
and be part of the
greatest week of the
summer!**

**Your time and skills
can help make a
difference.**

Why be a Chaperone?

- Rotary Service and Engagement
- Participate in Impactful Activities
- Leadership Development for Young Adults
- Invest in the Future of Your Communities

**6-10
June 2026**



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Hey Rotary District 6900 members! Do you ever wish you could experience RYLA for yourself? Do you want to peak behind the curtain and see where all the magic happens each summer? If you answered yes, and if you can give us just *One Day* of your summer we can make the magic happen for you too!

We are always looking to bring new Rotary members into the wonderful world of RYLA, offering the opportunity to experience the RYLA energy and explore a new avenue of Rotary service. Chaperones help us keep things running smoothly each night and each morning but have no assigned duties during the day. We think you are perfect for the job! If you are willing and able - even just for 1 day out of the 4 - to give us One Day for RYLA we would love to have you! And you never know, it just might change your life too. Reach out to Jaclyn Donovan or Susan Ruckman for more details and they'll sign you up!

Posted by Jaclyn Donovan
March 19, 2026

Club News

Join Senoia's "Aim for Impact" Charity Clay Shoot

The poster features a central graphic of a target with two crossed rifles and a clay pigeon. The text '2026 AIM FOR IMPACT' is prominently displayed in the center, with 'CHARITY CLAY SHOOT' on a banner below. To the left, 'May 8th' is written in a stylized font. At the top, a blue banner reads 'TEAM REGISTRATION OPEN'. Below the central graphic, an orange banner says 'SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE'. On the right, the 'Rotary Club of Senoia' logo is shown next to a QR code. On the left, a list of event features is provided with corresponding icons: a sun for the location, a trophy for awards, a raffle ticket for raffles, and a handshake for fellowship. At the bottom, a red banner encourages registration, and a dark blue banner states the beneficiaries.

TEAM REGISTRATION OPEN

May 8th

**2026
AIM FOR
IMPACT**

CHARITY CLAY SHOOT

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

Rotary Club of Senoia

-  **At Beautiful Big Red Oak Plantation**
-  **Team & Individual Awards**
-  **Raffles & Prizes**
-  **Great Fellowship for a Great Cause**

REGISTER YOUR TEAM TODAY →

Benefiting Backpack Buddies & i58 Mission

The **Senoia Rotary Club** invites fellow Rotarians across District 6900 to join us for our “Aim for Impact” Charity Clay Shoot on May 8, 2026, at the beautiful Big Red Oak Plantation.

This event is shaping up to be a fantastic day of fellowship and friendly competition, featuring a professionally hosted shoot, team and individual awards, raffles, and great camaraderie—all in support of meaningful local causes.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Backpack Buddies and i-58 Mission, organizations that are making a real difference in the lives of families facing food insecurity in our communities.

We invite Rotary clubs across the district to form a team and join us for a great day outdoors while supporting two incredible missions. Whether you’re a seasoned shooter or just coming for the fellowship, this is an event you won’t want to miss.

To register your team, simply scan the QR code in the picture.

Posted by Beth Hughes
March 19, 2026

Celebrating an Atlanta Southern Crescent Rotarian



The **Rotary Club of Atlanta Southern Crescent** celebrates the recognition of Dr. Annapurna Bhat, Rheumatologist, who received the National Women's History Month Award - "Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future" from the City of Stockbridge.

This recognition highlights the contributions of women who are helping move communities forward

through leadership, service, and dedication. Dr. Bhat's work in healthcare and her commitment to improving lives reflect the type of leadership that strengthens communities across our region.

Congratulations to Dr. Bhat on this well-deserved honor, and thank you to the City of Stockbridge for recognizing individuals who continue to make a difference.

Rotary is proud to celebrate leaders in our community who embody the spirit of Service Above Self.

Posted by Trina Kolawole
March 20, 2026

Club News

Buckhead Serves Dinner at Shepherd Center



Patients recovering from spinal cord and brain injuries at the Shepherd Center enjoyed a family-style dinner served by 15 **Buckhead Rotarians** and their guests who turned out for an evening of volunteering serving a family-style dinner for the patients and their families before joining in on a spirited game of bingo. Everyone enjoyed a little friendly competition over Bingo and plenty of joyful moments were had by

all. It was a simple but meaningful night of service that left everyone smiling.

Buckhead Rotary Immediate Past President Denise Starling selected this as her signature project, through which the club invests both time and financial support over a three-year period. Her inspiration came from her neighbor, a multiple national and world record holder in water skiing, who experienced a life-altering spinal cord injury.

For 50 years, Shepherd Center has been on a mission to redefine rehabilitation, empower patients, and inspire hope. From a six-bed unit to a world-renowned neurorehabilitation hospital, their journey has been filled with groundbreaking innovations, life-changing care, and a steadfast commitment to their patients and families.

Posted by Shelley Hammell
March 20, 2026

Club News

A Night of Gratitude: Peachtree City Celebrates Rotary Foundation Major Donors



The **Rotary Club of Peachtree City** continued a cherished tradition this week as we gathered for our annual Major Donor Dinner — graciously hosted by the *“hostess with the mostest,”* Mary Chapman. This special evening is our opportunity each year to celebrate the extraordinary generosity of our club members who make significant contributions to The Rotary Foundation.

With a little Irish spirit in the air ahead of St. Patrick’s Day, the evening featured a festive menu of cabbage, potatoes, and corned beef — along with a toast or two of Irish whiskey. The warm fellowship and lively conversation made for a wonderful celebration of the impact our members are making locally and around the world.

This year’s gathering was especially meaningful as we celebrated two new **Arch Klumph Society members**, Mary and Steve Ivory. Named for Rotary’s founder of The Rotary Foundation, Arch Klumph Society recognition represents one of the highest levels of giving in Rotary, and Mary and Steve’s commitment reflects an extraordinary dedication to Service Above Self and Rotary’s global mission.

We were also proud to recognize two new **Major Donors**, Donna and Amos, who joined the growing circle of Peachtree City Rotarians making transformational gifts through The Rotary Foundation.

In total, more than 40 Rotarians gathered for the evening — a powerful reminder that our club truly puts our **wallets where our hearts are**. Through these generous contributions, Peachtree City Rotarians help support life-changing initiatives around the world, including clean water, education, maternal and child health, disease prevention, and Rotary’s ongoing effort to eradicate polio.

Thank you to Mary Chapman for hosting such a memorable evening and to all of our Major Donors whose generosity allows Rotary to continue **Doing Good in the World**.

Posted by Jason Aldrich
March 20, 2026

Our Rotary Foundation at Work

Senoia Installs Raised Garden Beds at Park of Hope



The **Senoia Rotary Club** recently completed a community service project at the Park of Hope in Senoia, installing raised vegetable beds with support from a Rotary District 6900 grant. Club members worked together to prepare the site, install landscape fabric, set the beds, and spread gravel, creating a space designed to support community gardening and hands-on learning.

The project also included participation from a future Rotarian, highlighting Rotary's continued investment in the next generation of community leaders. The Club extends its appreciation to J. Rhett Contracting of Senoia for generously donating the use of a skid steer, which provided valuable assistance throughout the installation process. This project reflects Rotary's commitment to strengthening communities through service and collaboration.

PHOTOS:







Posted by Beth Hughes
March 19, 2025

Club News

Atlanta Southern Crescent Enjoys Pizza Night

Rotary Club of Atlanta Southern Crescent



Pizza Making Social

In February, the **Rotary Club of Atlanta Southern Crescent** hosted a memorable Club Social.

The evening featured a fun and interactive homemade pizza-making experience, where members had the opportunity to create their own personal pizzas. With a wide variety of fresh toppings, including assorted meats, garden vegetables, and a selection of flavorful cheeses, everyone enjoyed crafting a meal to their own taste. The hands-on activity created a relaxed and welcoming environment that encouraged conversation, laughter, and connection among members.

It was an evening filled with fellowship and camaraderie, as Rotarians came together to enjoy one another's company in a meaningful and engaging way.

We were honored to have Rotary District 6900 Assistant Governor, Cedric Hill, join us for the evening. His presence added to the significance of the gathering. We extend our sincere appreciation to Club President Mahli Lowder, whose leadership continues to guide our club with consistency and care. Her presence is felt in every interaction, event, and meeting. And a special thank you as well to our esteemed club member and PDG Claudia Mertl for her continued support and presence.

This Club Social was held at B'Mari Events & Art Studio in Jonesboro, Georgia, (owned by fellow Atlanta Southern Crescent Rotarian Tammery Scott). We are grateful for the beautiful space and welcoming atmosphere that contributed to such an enjoyable evening for our members.

Posted by Trina Kolawole
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Club News

Buckhead Holds Paws in the Park, a Family of Service Day



Buckhead's recent Dog for a Day outing brought together 28 volunteers, (22 Rotarians and guests plus six girls from Scouting America), and seven shelter dogs (with three extra pups joining the fun) for a 2½-mile stroll. It was truly a walk in the park, filled with fresh air, wagging tails, and lots of laughs. The dogs enjoyed a well-deserved break from the shelter and the chance to explore new sights and smells.

Volunteers gathered for donuts and coffee, along with plenty of treats for our furry friends, as we spent the morning strengthening friendships and building community. Members, their significant others, youth, and parents all came together in service, promoting goodwill while enjoying building fellowship. The

Scouting America troop girls also earned merit badge credit through their participation, making the experience even more meaningful. It was a paw-some time for people and pups alike!

Based in Atlanta and the largest animal welfare organization in Georgia, LifeLine Animal Project's mission is to end the shelter euthanasia of healthy and treatable animals. They look at the root causes of animal homelessness and work with the community to provide accessible pet care. Their goal is to keep people and pets together. President Shelley Hammell chose this as her three-year signature project due to the importance animals play in people's lives and stated, "When we feed pets, we feed people and their families." This is important, with 95% of pet owners who think of their pets as part of their family, and with 58% of families who experience "pet poverty" skipping meals to afford food and medical care for their pets.

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