

## NEWSLETTER

December 1, 2017

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## **Club Calendar**

December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

12/8 Allan Vella (CEO Fox Theater- An Atlanta Jewel)12/15 Holiday Luncheon

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## ANNIVERSARIES

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## **Rotary Online**

https://dunwoodyrotary.org https://rotary6900.org/

## This Week's Meeting: Dresden and Kingsley Elementary Schools Book Projects

On **Friday, December 1st,** at our regular meeting Dunwoody Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors and guests will be packaging roughly 1,800 books for students at Dresden Elementary and Kingsley Elementary Schools.

Immediately following the meeting, we will need 2-3 people with trucks or SUV's to help transport the books to the schools. (Also needing a hand truck if anyone has one that could be lent to this project)

On **Wednesday morning**, **December 13th**, we are looking for 10-15 volunteers to go to the schools to pick up thank you cards that the students have prepared for the club.

If anyone is interested in volunteering the either help deliver books or pick up thank you cards please contact **Jack Sparks** at jack.sparks@firstcitizens.com or (404) 414-8338.

## \*Update\* RCD Makes Donation to Medical Clinic of Hope, Terre Blanche, Haiti

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RCD donated funds that provided a much needed operating table to the Medical Clinic of Hope in Terre Blanche, Haiti.

Louise Barden accompanied a US medical team to Haiti in November where she assisted a physician performing a minor surgery in the clinics's operating room.

Because the table is adjustable, it provides positioning and support for a wide range of procedures including cataract surgery, cyst excisions, gynecological and other operations. Prior to obtaining this OR table, surgeries were performed on a hospital gurney which made positioning patients difficult and required the surgeons to work in uncomfortable positions for hours.

# Looking for the fountain of youth? Try hanging out with younger people

Dunwoody Elementary School (DES) would like to establish a relationship between our older and younger generations who reside in the same community. DES is seeking RCD retirees, who area able, to come to the school once a week (30-minute commitment) and support instruction in the classroom. Individual volunteers will be

#### **ROTARY CLUB OF DUNWOODY**

Fridays, 7:15 am The Westin Atlanta Perimeter North H 7 Concourse Parkway Atlanta, GA 30328

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs April 25, 1984 Active Membership: 92

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President Rick Otness President-Elect Rick Woods Secretary Treasurer

Mike Parks Larry Domenico

matched with a teacher who will establish lines of communication with the volunteers.

Volunteers will be asked to help with math and reading fluency and possibly other activities that could benefit from an extra pair of eyes and hands. If you are interested in this opportunity please contact Warren Turner, RCD Youth Services Director (turner@cardinalpoints.com o 404-664-6000) for more details.

## \*Update\* RCD Participation at the Dekalb County **Special Olympics**

Many dedicated Rotarians came out on Friday, November 3 to officiate the Dekalb County Special Olympics basketball team skills competition held at Peachtree Charter Middle School. Lending their keen math skills to tally team scores were President Rick Otness, Rick Woods, Fred Brandt, Kathy Brandt, Jennie Stipick, Erich Schuetz, Ed Holiday, Fred Bounds, Carol Gage, and Bill Koss. We were also lucky to be joined by our Rotary Youth Exchange student Anna Moldrup and Rotary Youth Exchange applicant Emily O'Day.

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Middle school teams from all over Dekalb County competed in the event. Teams of five take the court in a specific formation around the basket. They earn a point for each successful pass and each successful catch. The pressure is on the fifth member, who shoots to score a goal for 2 points. A perfect round earns the team eleven points. The team with the higher score wins the bracket and moves on. Each athlete at the event, no matter his or her skill level, embodied the Special Olympics Oath. 'LET ME WIN. BUT IF I CANNOT WIN, LET ME BE BRAVE IN THE ATTEMPT."

## **Toys for Tots at the Holiday Luncheon - December** 15, 2017

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Remember to bring new unwrapped toys to our Holiday Luncheon on Friday, December 15th.

We will have representatives from the United States Marine Corps join us for our Luncheon.

Over the years our club has become one of the major donors for this worthy project of taking care of kids in need at Christmas.

## **Updated Personal Information in R.I. Database**

## Needed

We need your help. The **Caring Hands** Committee reports several members have written back advising they received birthday cards wishing them well, and although they are appreciative of the thought, have indicated it was not their birthday.

We have traced the problem back to the information members have listed in the Rotary International database.

We ask for each of you to log into the **Rotary International** database (https://rotary.org) and review the data listed for you (i.e. birthday, anniversary, etc.) in the **"My Rotary"** section.Once you have verified the information listed is correct, you need to save the record to trigger a download that will also update the information listed in the District database. (*Hint: If you make any change you get the option of saving the change. If record is correct make a minor change and then change it back to have the option of saving changes*)

If you make a good faith effort to update, but for some reason can't access the RI database, please send the following information to: RCDSecr@gmail.com

- Your Name
- Your Birthday
- Your Wedding Anniversary
- Your Spouse's Birthday

## GEORGIA ROTARY STUDENT PROGRAM INC. -OSLO SCHOLARSHIP - Due December 31, 2017

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Do you know a worthy 20-24 year-old looking to study abroad?

The **Norwegian Rotary Advisory Board** is once again will be inviting three (3) young Georgia students to study in Norway next summer.

**Rotary Club of Dunwoody (RCD)** is trying to identify possible candidate(s) for this award. The final selection will be made by a committee of Trustees in each District.

The program includes:

- Air fares Atlanta-Oslo and return to Atlanta,
- A field tour to Bergen (administered by the University of Oslo),
- Room, board and tuition at the International Summer School at the University of Oslo (http://www.uio.no/english/)
- and visiting for one week with Norwegian Rotary host families.

The recipients of the scholarships must pay their travel expense to and from Atlanta, plus provide their own personal spending money.

#### PURPOSE:

While the immediate goal of this International School is to impart knowledge about some aspects of Norway, it also seeks to increase understanding and good will among nations through daily living together.

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#### **GENERAL COURSES:**

Norwegian Art, Norwegian Language, History, Folklore and Literature of Norway and Scandinavia, Economics, Politics, Culture and Society, International Relations and Development Studies

#### **GRADUATE COURSES:**

Educational System of Norway, Physical Education in Norway, Medical Care and Health Services in Norway, Peace Research, Energy Planning and the Environment, Special Education, Kulturlivet i samtidesn Norge, Norwegian Petroleum Law and Transboundary Pollution.

The University of Oslo will issue a Certificate of Achievement to all who satisfactorily complete the Summer School courses. Credits may also be certified.

For More information or an application please contact **Warren Turner** Director of RCD Youth Services at 404-664-6000 or wturner@cardinalpoints.com until **December 15, 2017.** The scholarship application deadline is: December 31, 2017.

## Get Ready to Welcome the World in January 2018!

No we're not having another Rotary International Convention here in 2018, but January 13, 15, 2018, we will host the 16th GRSP Leadership Weekend – bringing all 45 students from the class of 2017-18 to Atlanta. There is at least one opportunity for every Dunwoody Rotarian and your families to be involved as the students explore *"Service Above Self"* and their possibilities for making a difference in the world. The weekend starts Friday afternoon at the Center for Civil and Human Rights in Atlanta and continues all day Saturday and Sunday morning at Oglethorpe University. Friday and Saturday evenings are for fellowship and fun.

We'll share more details on the weekend's agenda as we get closer. For now, we're especially looking for host families who can welcome GRSP students to their home on Friday and Saturday night. It's a great way to get to know a couple of students better – and from personal experience, it's pretty easy. Host families provide beds to sleep in, breakfast Saturday and Sunday, a Saturday night meal, and transportation (home from Friday night's event, and to and from Oglethorpe Saturday and Sunday morning). We already have previous host families signed up to help again – with room for about 20-25 of the students, so we're looking for more volunteers.

If you're interested, please contact **Jackie Cuthbert** at cuthbert@mindspring.com or 770-597-1183, and remember - even if you can't host for the weekend, we'll have other opportunities for you to spend time with the GRSP students. So watch for more information in November and December.

## **RCD Caring Hands**

An oft-quoted maxim says, "No one cares how much you know, until they know how much you care". - Theodore Roosevelt

The cards for members and their families that circulate during our meetings are one way to express shared joy over good news or shared concern about difficulties

experienced. As one of our members recently stated at his return from surgery, getting a card with heartfelt greetings from all the members present helped him feel better and heal sooner.

Once we know our friendly breakfast club is also a caring club, our dedication to "*Service Above Self*" is stronger and we look forward to participating in projects and events with other Rotarians. If we are in need of a service, the first call made will be to a Rotarian.

So, if you are aware of an approaching or pat event worthy of celebration or concern, please tell **Dottie Toney-Ransom** at toneydot@me.com. You can also write it on either a yellow card (for joy) or a blue card (for concern) and leave it on the table, or place it in Dottie's hand at the end of the meeting.

We ARE a very caring club! Thank you for helping to make it so.

## From the desk of the Newsletter Editor

Send your Newsletter submission to: rcdnewsletter@yahoo.com

Our Club's Weekly Newsletter typically consists of:

- Speaker bio
- New Member Name(s)
- Featured article(s) (regarding events, service projects, or on-going topics general club administrative items, etc..).
- Foundation initiatives or other topics of interest to Members and with value for our Club archives.

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- Announcements (seeking volunteers, advertising service projects, etc.)
- For Your Calendar (Club and other activities we encourage members and/or their spouses to attend, including Family of Rotary events
- Member News (birthdays, anniversaries, accomplishments, Caring Hands)

Please keep in mind key components to include with your submission:

- Title of your article
- Description of the activity
- Dates, Time, Location, deadline, etc... (especially for upcoming events)
- Key Points of Contact Information and/or a link to reference website for details
- Names and/or headcount of Rotarians (and others) participating,
- The reaction of those benefiting and the numbers of those benefiting.
- Picture(s)

Please also tell me the number of weeks would you like the article published. Finally, the deadline for articles to run in the current week are **Mondays by 5 p.m.** 

If you have any questions feel free to ask.

Thank you! The RCD Newsletter Editor