

DISTRICT 6900 NEWS FOR JANUARY, 2018

- From the District Governor
Rotary Youth Exchange
 By Alec Smythe
 Five reasons your club should take a serious look at Rotary Youth Exchange when doing your planning for next year. [\[more\]](#)

- The late Dr. Otis Smith, and friend of the club, Mary Rose Taylor, both key players in saving the Margaret Mitchell House many years ago*
 Rotary People in Action
Dr. Otis Wesley Smith, Rotary Club of Atlanta West End: A Retrospective for MLK Week
 By Jackie Cuthbert
 When Dr. Otis Wesley Smith passed away in 2007, he was a prominent member of the **Rotary Club of Atlanta West End**. More than that, he was an important part of Civil Rights history here in Atlanta and across the country. [\[more\]](#)

- Club News
Perspectives of a 2017-18 Rotary Youth Exchange Student ...
 By Dottie Toney
 As we are in the midst of our first year of Rotary Youth Exchange, Dunwoody High student Henry O'Connell, one of our current outbound students who is studying in Thailand, sent this update to his sponsor club, the **Rotary Club of Dunwoody**. [\[more\]](#)

- The Rotary Foundation
Are You on Track for 2017-18?
 By Margie Kersey
 Congratulations! You are half-way through this Rotary year! This is a great time to stop and check your map to see if you are on track. This year both the Rotary Citation and the District Awards are driven by reporting in My Rotary. Read about some of the Rotary Citation Foundation goals you can check. [\[more\]](#)

- Rotary Youth Exchange
\$24,000 Scholarships Awarded to Local High School Students for 2018-19 School Year Abroad
 By Mike Parks
 Six talented high school students from District 6900 were selected to receive the Rotary Youth Exchange scholarship for the 2018-19 school year, valued at over \$24,000. See who was selected and what they will be doing for the next year. [\[more\]](#)

- At the North Fulton Rotary Council student weekend in November*
 GRSP Update
Grades and Holidays ... to New Student Selection ... to GRSP through a Student's Eye
 By Lynn Clarke
 As the Christmas holidays ended, we were all happy to have our students, who had the good fortune to travel, return to the fold and begin classes. So far, the grades coming in to the GRSP home office have been good. Encourage your students to keep up that good work and maintain good grades, as transcripts will be available to them at the end ... [\[more\]](#)

- People walk through the destruction in Roseau, Domenica on September 20. (photo: CNN)*
 District Disaster Relief Efforts
Our Disaster Relief Efforts for the First Half of the Rotary Year
 By Steve Stanfield
 Rotary Year 2017-2018 didn't start off right. Natural disasters around the world and close to home seemed to occur on a daily basis. Read more about how we are helping. [\[more\]](#)

- Club News
Computers Further AVPRIDE Education Efforts
 By Rick Barnes
 The **Rotary Club of Fayette Daybreak**, in collaboration with Affinity Computers, made a donation of computers, anti-virus software, and technical support to AVPRIDE's After School and Enrichment Program. [\[more\]](#)

- Emory Druid Hills President Elect Chatur Chhabhaya with Toys for Tots collected.*
 Club News
Emory Druid Hills Celebrates Holidays with Toys for Tots Support
 By Bhairavi Nadgunde
Rotary Club of Emory Druid Hills is pleased to announce the successful completion of its Toys for Tots drive for the US Marine Corp during the Christmas season and wish to thank all the children and families who donated so generously. So many children will be blessed with the gifts sent by you this season! The community ... [\[more\]](#)

- Photo from the Clayton News Daily.com*
 Club News
The Giving Side of Christmas
 By Claudia Merl
 Through this **Lake Spivey/Clayton County Club** program, DFACS children actually get to shop for gifts for others. [\[more\]](#)

- Club News
Rotary Club of Stone Mountain, Georgia Gifts Local Refugees with Dictionaries
 By Lizbeth Dison
 The **Rotary Club of Stone Mountain** has leveraged a Rotary District grant to gift 1,200 dictionaries to members of the refugee community recently resettled in Clarkston, Georgia. The club hopes the dictionaries, designed for third-grade students who already speak English, will help the new arrivals develop their English language skills and prepare them for naturalization. The **Rotary Club of Stone Mountain** has leveraged a Rotary District grant to gift 1,200 dictionaries to members of the refugee community recently resettled in Clarkston, Georgia. The club hopes the dictionaries, designed for third-grade students who already speak English, will help the new arrivals develop their English language skills and prepare them for naturalization. [\[more\]](#)

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Marietta Packs Gifts for Rotary/PAL Christmas Party
 By Dale Covington
 When disadvantaged youth arrived at the Marietta Rotary/PAL Christmas party, each received a toiletry bag from the **Rotary Club of Marietta**. [\[more\]](#)

- Club News
Rotary Club of Bainbridge Helps Build Wheelchair Ramp
 By Marlene Free
 The **Rotary Club of Bainbridge** helps to support its local Friendship House and its programs to make a difference for at-risk children and youth. [\[more\]](#)

Upcoming Key Dates

Tuesday, January 9th, 2018	Carrollton Governor Visit
Wednesday, January 10th, 2018	Carrollton Dawnbreakers Governor Visit
Thursday, January 11th, 2018	Halftime Atlanta
Friday, January 12th, 2018	GRSP Student Leadership Conference
Friday, January 12th, 2018	Rotary Youth Exchange Outbound Orientation
Friday, January 12th, 2018	Newnan Governor Visit
Saturday, January 13th, 2018	GRSP Student Leadership Conference, Atlanta
Sunday, January 14th, 2018	International Assembly
Tuesday, January 16th, 2018	Barnesville Governor Visit
Tuesday, January 16th, 2018	Paulding Event / Wellstar
Thursday, January 18th, 2018	Halftime Albany
Friday, January 19th, 2018	GRSP Trustees Meeting – Savannah
Friday, January 19th, 2018	RLI: Rotary Leadership Institute
Monday, January 22nd, 2018	Douglas County Governor Visit
Tuesday, January 23rd, 2018	Paulding County Governor Visit
Tuesday, January 23rd, 2018	Halftime Columbus
Thursday, January 25th, 2018	Rotary Youth Exchange Inbound Trip - SeaCamp
Thursday, January 25th, 2018	Dallas-Paulding County Governor Visit
Thursday, January 25th, 2018	Bremen Governor Visit
Thursday, January 25th, 2018	Halftime Peachtree City
Wednesday, January 31st, 2018	2nd Half District Dues Invoices Must Be Paid
Monday, February 5th, 2018	Marietta Metro Governor Visit
Tuesday, February 6th, 2018	Smyrna Governor Visit
Wednesday, February 7th, 2018	Marietta Governor Visit