

DISTRICT 6900 NEWS FOR AUGUST, 2018

 East Cobb Club President Anne Marie with DG Court - ready for the Winner's Circle!


From the District Governor  
**Enjoy a Spin Around Your Rotary Race Track**  
 By Court Dows

Our Rotary year 2018-2019 started back in Feb 2018 with PETS President Elect Training. We formed the idea and strategic plan for running a Race Team/Rotary Club with our club Presidents and Club members. To "Win" at anything you first need to be prepared. Our PETS ... [\[more\]](#)



Family of Rotary Event  
**Join Us in Dunwoody for a Family of Rotary Event**  
 By Court Dows

The **Rotary Club of Dunwoody** and the Kansas City Barbecue Society are sponsoring a barbecue event that will be held September 7 and 8 at Perimeter Mall in Atlanta. I have asked that they make this a Family of Rotary event as it is an excellent opportunity for Rotarians and their clubs to get together, meet, and have a great time. [\[more\]](#)

 Posted throughout the RI Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, this describes a key part of the difference we are making around the world

The Rotary Foundation  
**Fast Start!**  
 By Margie Kersey

We have had a great start to the Rotary year! Thank you to everyone that has already started sending donations to The Rotary Foundation - and to those of you who have begun applying for Global Grants! Wow! [\[more\]](#)

 Join the **Rotary Club of Emory-Clifton** and Rotary District 6900 on September 29 as we do a **COUNTDOWN TO HISTORY** towards eradicating Polio. Contact Yamin Farhat for more information or to register ... at 404-988-3537 or via email to RCE2016@gmail.com. [\[more\]](#)



Literacy  
**Making a Difference; Building Membership**  
 By Brenda Erickson

August is the planning time for International Literacy Day on September 8! The options are vast, with only a bit of planning to bring your good works for literacy into the spotlight. Thanks to DG Court's encouragement, I am sending each club in District 6900 a literacy newsletter once each month with links to literacy options. Also read about the Rotary Club of Peachtree City's Souns project in Puerto Rico ... and how it helped grow the club's membership too. [\[more\]](#)

 Backhead welcomes Catherina from Denmark. Her cousin Mathilde (below) was welcomed by her Dunwoody host families and trustee

GRSP Update  
**Our New GRSP Students Are Here ... and There's More!**  
 By Lynn Clarke

Many of you welcomed new students into your homes this month and moved them into their dorm rooms already. They will be attending Conclave hosted by District 6910 in Brasstown Bald this year the weekend of August 24-26, 2018. The Conclave allows all of the GRSP ... [\[more\]](#)



GRSP ... An Alumni Perspective  
**It Just Takes a Conversation to Change Your Future**  
 By Lynn Clarke

In February 2017, I received an email granting me a one-year school scholarship in the state of Georgia, United States, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Dunwoody. Immediately, I accepted. Although I was excited about the news, I had not realized yet that this was the entrance ticket to the most incredible year of my life! [\[more\]](#)

Global Scholars

**District 6900 Rotarians Help Launch Humanitarian Careers**

By Kathy Brandt

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? 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 Grant Scholarship. [\[more\]](#)



Peace Fellow  
**Continued Work in Beirut Sparks New Insights**  
 By Jackie Cuthbert

Another update from Kate Keator, our Peace Fellow, as she continues her internship with Search for Common Ground. [\[more\]](#)



Club News  
**Making Jonesboro a Greener and More Sustainable Area**  
 By Claudia Merti

The **Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton County** planted a tree in Jonesboro Park in the City of Jonesboro. Members of the club were on hand to present the tree and the plaque to Jonesboro officials, including City Manager, Ricky Clark, Mayor, Joy ... [\[more\]](#)



Club News  
**Roswell Rotary Tees Up Some Fun**  
 By Karen Schwank

On September 10, 2018, the **Roswell Rotary Club** will hold its 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf and Tennis Tournament. It all started in 1978 when Roswell Rotarians, Frank Brown, Judge Maurice Hilliard, and former Mayor of Roswell, Aubrey Greenway (father of ... [\[more\]](#)



Club News  
**Alpharetta Stuffs Back Packs**  
 By Clark Savage

For the tenth year in a row, Alpharetta Rotarians stuffed backpacks for kids. Each is loaded with paper, pens, binders, and calculators. Backpacks are delivered to North Fulton Community Charities for distribution to children who need supplies for the school year. If you ... [\[more\]](#)



Global Grant  
**District 6900 Clubs Support Quality Medical Care in Haiti**  
 By Louise Barden

The **Rotary Club of Dunwoody** is the International Partner with the Les Cayes Club of Haiti in this \$209,000 global grant for the installation of a C-arm in Immaculate Conception Hospital in Les Cayes. The **Rotary Clubs of Stone Mountain, Alpharetta, Griffin, North Atlanta, Sandy Springs and Dawson** joined Dunwoody and several clubs and districts in Florida and the southeastern United States to make this project possible. [\[more\]](#)



Club News  
**Roswell Rotary Takes Opioid Crisis Head On!**  
 By Karen Schwank

It is an astounding fact that over 2 million people are addicted to pain pills. Four in five new heroin users started out by misusing prescription pain killers. Georgia is among the top 11 states with the most prescription opioid deaths. In Fulton County, 593 people died from an opioid overdose in the last five years. The statistics concerning this epidemic are too incredible to ignore. Many Rotary projects have begun with a single person asking a single question: What are we going to do about this? It was about one year ago that **North Fulton Rotary Club president** Mike Mudd reached out to area Rotary Clubs to ask what actions their clubs were taking with the opioid epidemic. **Roswell Rotary** president Lisa Carlisle was among those to answer. [\[more\]](#)



Club News  
**Celebrating Back to School**  
 By Lizabeth Dison

**Rotary Club of Stone Mountain** members helped distribute school supplies this past Saturday at Stone Mountain's Annual Back to School Bash. The event took place in the Pavilion in Stone Mountain Village, and provided free school supplies to approximately ... [\[more\]](#)




Club News  
**Vinings Cumberland Welcomes Rotary Youth Exchange**  
 By Ross Henderson

All three **Vinings Cumberland Rotary** host families and their children were on hand to greet new Rotary Youth Exchange student Paolo Lazzaroni at the Atlanta Airport. Paolo is from Italy. [\[more\]](#)

 Four Marietta Rotarians were active participants in the groundbreaking - Rev. Dr. Mark Barbour, Don Barbour, Kelli Wolk and Jennifer Nelson

Club News  
**Marietta Supports Future Success of Local High School Students**  
 By Dale Covington

The **Rotary Club of Marietta** was well represented at the recent ground breaking ceremonies of the new College and Career Academy at Marietta High School. The project was conceived and led by Rotarian Dr. Tim Brown. Rotary's strong representation on the Academy's Steering Committee and throughout the entire process to date is a simply huge outreach into our community's youth and their education and careers. [\[more\]](#)

 Alpharetta Rotarian Jason Binder featured as part of a Rotarians in Action collage on display at RI Headquarters in Evanston

**Upcoming Key Dates**

Sunday, August 12th, 2018	<b>Rotary Youth Exchange Welcome Party for 2018 -2019 inbound students</b>
Tuesday, August 14th, 2018	<b>Meriwether County (Warm Springs) Governor Visit</b>
Wednesday, August 15th, 2018	<b>Harris County Governor Visit</b>
Wednesday, August 15th, 2018	<b>LaGrange District Governor-Court Davis</b>
Wednesday, August 15th, 2018	<b>LaGrange Governor Visit</b>
Thursday, August 16th, 2018	<b>West Point Governor Visit</b>
Thursday, August 16th, 2018	<b>Rotary Youth Exchange - Informational Session for Parents and Students</b>
Friday, August 17th, 2018	<b>Newnan Governor Visit</b>
Friday, August 17th, 2018	<b>Rotary Youth Exchange Inbound Orientation</b>
Saturday, August 18th, 2018	<b>District Finance/Planning and Advisory Committee Meeting</b>
Tuesday, August 21st, 2018	<b>Fayette Daybreak Governor Visit</b>
Tuesday, August 21st, 2018	<b>Lake Spivey / Clayton County Governor Reception</b>
Wednesday, August 22nd, 2018	<b>Lake Spivey / Clayton County Governor Visit</b>
Wednesday, August 22nd, 2018	<b>Rotary Youth Exchange - Informational Session for Parents and Students</b>
Thursday, August 23rd, 2018	<b>Atlanta Airport Governor Visit</b>
Friday, August 24th, 2018	<b>Atlanta West End Governor Visit</b>
Monday, August 27th, 2018	<b>Henry County Governor Visit</b>
Tuesday, August 28th, 2018	<b>Barnesville Governor Visit</b>
Wednesday, August 29th, 2018	<b>Griffin Daybreak Governor Visit</b>
Thursday, August 30th, 2018	<b>Griffin Governor Visit</b>
Tuesday, September 4th, 2018	<b>Thomaston-Upson County Governor Visit</b>
Thursday, September 6th, 2018	<b>Forsyth-Monroe County Governor Visit</b>
Saturday, September 8th, 2018	<b>Dunwoody Perimeter BBQ &amp; Community Festival</b>