

DISTRICT 6900 NEWS FOR FEBRUARY, 2019

- Our current leadership team:** DGN Kirk Driskell, DG Court Dows, DGE Jim Squire, and DGN Deignate Mary Ligon

From the District Governor
Down the Straight Away ... Check Your Mirrors and Your Indicator Lights!
 By Court Dows, Jr.
 It is the halfway point in the race for Rotary year 2018-2019. Now is the time all Race Teams and Rotary Clubs check their gauges, check their mirrors and make adjustments to finish Strong this Rotary year! And to start revving up for 2019-20 too. Your leadership team recently traveled to International Assembly in San Diego, and then met here at Pine Mountain with our D6900 Council of Governors - all to be sure we're ready for next year. [\[more\]](#)
- A Unique Opportunity
Several Opportunities to Meet RI President Barry Rassin in Roswell
 By Jackie Cuthbert
 As we announced last month, District 6900 is excited to be hosting Rotary International President Barry Rassin in Roswell on February 16. There are several opportunities to meet President Barry - including the **Interact Conference**, a special Saturday lunch meeting of the **Rotary Club of Roswell**, and two different cocktail receptions hosted by PDG Bob Hagan! All events require registration. [\[more\]](#)
- Support Alzheimer's Research
Join the Cars for CART Contest
 By Margie Kersey
 You can join the Cars for CART Contest and help support the Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust. Sponsored by Rotary District 7730, you can buy tickets and have the opportunity to win **your choice of:**

 - a \$62,500 certificate toward the cost of one of the new cars pictured to the left (a new Corvette, Cadillac CT6 or Jaguar I-PACE), or
 - \$50,000 in cash.

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- District Conference 2019
Fun, Fellowship and So Many Resort Amenities!
 By Bill Woufin
 When you register for District Conference, you sign on for lots of fun, fellowship and more! And when you stay with us at the Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort, you also sign on for many free amenities! [\[more\]](#)
- The Rotary Foundation
The Annual Fund and Grants
 By Margie Kersey
 This has been a wonderful Foundation year so far, and there is still plenty to go! As of today, we have 34 active Global Grants, 4 awaiting approval and 11 more in Draft stage being developed. That is amazing! To put it into perspective, most districts around the world have fewer than 6 Global Grants at any given time. Thank you for your commitment to Being the Inspiration! [\[more\]](#)
- Global Scholar Update
Experiences, Skills, Relationships and New Mindset - My GRSP Year 20 Years Ago
 By Lynn Clarke
 In 2019, it will be 20 years from the beginning of my GRSP year. It is not easy for me to summarize a year into short enough and easy to read text. Especially to make some order in a mountain of events, stories and connections. So I drew a picture. In short, there is no doubt that GRSP year has changed my life and it laid the base for my journey over the last 20 years. I believe that each GRSP student's year is special and so was mine, but our years are not unique. There are so many similarities. My GRSP year gave me four things: experiences, skills, relationships and new mindset. [\[more\]](#)
- GRSP Update
Student Weekends, Strategic Planning and 2019-20 Student Selection
 By Lynn Clarke
STUDENT WEEKEND
 Sometimes trustees or host families for GRSP get really lucky and have the opportunity to spend time with students at a student weekend. There are five student weekends this year that Rotary Clubs around Georgia arrange for the students. Our district hosts the students for three of these weekends and ... [\[more\]](#)
- Rotary Means Business Fellowship
Join Rotarians for Fellowship and Business Promotion
 By Famous Lou Alvarado, Jr.
 As Rotary's newest Fellowship group, Rotary Means Business gives you a business to business networking opportunity to empower your business by the Power of the Pin - sharing your business with fellow Rotarians. We have three groups going in the Atlanta Metro area - the venues ... [\[more\]](#)
- RYLA
We Love RYLA!
 By Jaclyn Donovan
 RYLA 2019 is getting closer!!The dates for this year are June 15 - 19, 2019. If you go to our new RYLA website at www.RYLA6900.com you will find everything you need to get started. [\[more\]](#)
- Club News
Alpharetta Rotary Invites Rotarians to Join Tanzania Service and Safari Trip
 By Bob Koncerak
 The **Rotary Club of Alpharetta** will spend three to four days in late September partnering with Rotary Tanzania with their public school and orphanage projects. The Rotary Club of Arusha-Mount Meru (District 9211) is in process of applying for a Rotary Foundation grant for a school clean water project, and Alpharetta Rotary is exploring ways it could become a partner in that effort as well. Project details will be communicated in the near future. If you'd like to join in, the time to make reservations is NOW! [\[more\]](#)
- Club News
Roswell Rotary Continues to Serve Our Vets
 By Karen Schwank
 The **Roswell Rotary Club** is well known for its Honor Air Flights. For ten years the club chartered a plane and took World War II, Korean, and Vietnam veterans to Washington DC for a day to visit the monuments honoring them. For eight years, Roswell Rotarians packed an average of 900 pounds of supplies and shipped them to a deployed troop. This year, Roswell Rotary launched a new project to support vets. Roswell Rotarian Dave Wash eagerly took on the role of chairing the club's new veterans project...serving the VEO (Veterans Empowerment Organization). [\[more\]](#)
- Club News
Rotary Changes Lives of Mobility-Impaired Ugandans
 By Dale Covington
 The **Rotary Club of Marietta**, led by President Jesse Evans, and Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC), led by Executive Director and Stone Mountain Rotarian Chris Brand, recently teamed to provide mobility equipment for physically disabled Ugandans via Dave Talbot's *Crutches 4 Africa*—a humanitarian relief organization that has helped residents of 16 countries in Africa and 10 other countries worldwide. Dave is a member of the Mountain Foothills RC in Golden CO, and has been shipping mobility devices since 2006. [\[more\]](#)
- Club News
North Fulton Clubs Team Up to Aid Furloughed Government Workers
 By Mary Trapp
 The **Rotary Clubs of Johns Creek North Fulton, Roswell and Milton** joined forces to hold a food drive for furloughed federal workers. The clubs provided \$500 of food for the empty shelves at Community Assistance Center. Thank you, Representative Angelika Kausche Georgia House District 50, Johns Creek for organizing this ... [\[more\]](#)
- Club News
Join North Cobb for a BBQ Competition at the Lake!
 By Dave Schwickerath
 The **Rotary Club of North Cobb (RCNC)** is sponsoring its 10th Annual Smoke on the Lake BBQ Festival on Lake Acworth at Cauble Park on Friday evening, May 10 and Saturday, May 11, 2019. RCNC believes it fields the best BBQ teams based on past results and would like to issue a "Rotary Challenge" to any Rotary Club BBQ Team in Georgia that thinks they can compete with the best. Whether you're ready to grill or not, come out and support this great weekend event that supports our charitable work in the community. [\[more\]](#)
- Club News
First Annual Alpharetta Polar Bear Plunge Nets \$30,000
 By Clark Savage
 What is red, white and blue and able to raise money? A frozen **Alpharetta Rotarian** at the Polar Bear Plunge of course! The inaugural event at Wills Park Pool happened this Saturday, February 1, and was a huge success by any standard. [\[more\]](#)

Upcoming Key Dates

Tuesday, February 5th, 2019	Bainbridge Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 5th, 2019	Bainbridge Governor Visit
Friday, February 8th, 2019	District Leadership Training
Saturday, February 9th, 2019	Carrollton Dawnbreakers Casino Night
Tuesday, February 12th, 2019	Smyrna Governor Visit
Saturday, February 16th, 2019	Roswell RI President Barry Rassin
Saturday, February 16th, 2019	Reception for Rotary President Barry Rassin
Saturday, February 23rd, 2019	District Finance Committee Meeting
Friday, March 1st, 2019	President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS)