

## DISTRICT 6900 NEWS FOR OCTOBER, 2019

From Our District Governor

**Thanks for All You Do!**

By Jim Squire

Deanna and I have been enjoying the whirlwind that is part of being your District Governor. The work you are doing in our communities and the world is amazing – and this newsletter offers a great taste of all that is happening throughout the district.

In the last few weeks, our End Polio Now efforts were highlighted in the Health Symposium organized and hosted by the **RIE of Emory-Citizens**, supported by a grant from a hostess hosted by **Lake Spivey-Citizens County** as well as a great grant of the Atlanta Braves game – where the Braves lost but Rotary won – with a \$2500 contribution from the Braves toward ending polio that translates to \$7500 for the Gates Foundation. Several other districts have also been featured in this newsletter, as have all of you who are there.

Join Vinings Cumberland on October 25  
**Global Grants Making a Difference in Health for Kenyan Mothers and Infants**  
 By Wally Hordach  
 In 2015, the **Rotary Club of Vinings Cumberland** embarked upon the latest in a series of Global Grants to improve health conditions for mothers and infants in rural Kenya. The latest is focused on the Elgeyo Marakwet region and seeks to assist 2500 mothers and their children. Efforts were supported by several District 6900 clubs... [\[more\]](#)

You're invited

**Duwooddy Hosts Free Community Informational Event About Human Trafficking**

By Jackie Colburn

The **Batary Club of Duwooddy** is hosting a free, informative event addressing the issue of human trafficking on Wednesday, October 23 at 6:30 P.M. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Atlanta Perimeter in Ravenna, 4355 Ashford Duwooddy Road, Atlanta. Complimentary admission and onsite self parking is available. The event includes:

- A private showing of the movie, "7 Days" telling the story of one 16-year girl's life in trafficking and how her family and community got her back.
- A candid discussion with representatives from local, state and federal law enforcement will offer facts, insight and resources to shed light on the nature and scope of the issue in our communities.

*Invited*

 **Membership**  
**Keep On Growing!**  
 By Pauline Deane  
 Take the LEAD and Run with It! We have new membership leads coming into the District each day from Rotary International.  
 Get Social! Get you know that Gold Square wants baby your club have a party? It's true! In an effort to promote fellowship and membership growth, District 6900 will provide Matching Funds up to \$250 to clubs for the express purpose of hosting a club membership social. [more]

© Captain James Mission, one of the year's TSP Global Grants awarded by the Rotary Club of Columbia and District 6000. Seen as pictured with his wife Amy.

RI Convention 2020  
**Join Us in Beautiful Honolulu, Hawaii**  
 by Erik Orosz  
 Take time now to register for the 2020 Rotary International Convention. RI Convention is an amazing experience on its own - with opportunities to  
 • network with Rotarians from around the world  
 • learn about our local and global work to make a positive difference in people's lives  
 • hear from world leaders on key ... (more)

Disaster Relief

## How You Can Help the Victims of Hurricane Dorian

By Jackie Cathbert

Last month, we spotlighted an opportunity to donate money to Disaster Relief; now we are highlighting an opportunity to donate supplies for the Bahamas. The **Rotary Club of Russell** is collecting those supplies on Saturday, October 19 from 9 am to noon at the Russell United Methodist Church - in the church's corner parking lot on Mimosa Blvd. Click more for a list of the items

 they are looking to connect. [more](#)

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The Rotary Foundation at Work

## Let the Adventures Begin!

By Karly Brandt

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**FIRST, HOW DID WE GET HERE?**  
My journey to becoming a Rotary Global Grant Scholar started many years ago. After graduating West Point in 2013, it was a matter of biding my time until I could take a year to complete a Master's program abroad.

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**GRSP Update**  
**New Websites, Scholarship Opportunities, Columbus Weekend**  
 By Lynn Clarke  
**Our Vision:** To develop leaders who promote understanding and peace around the world.  
**New GRSP Website Unveiled at Conclave:** First Class of 2019-20 Newsletter is Out.  
 The new website provides a fresh new look at what it means to be involved with GRSP. Every week new content is added to the website, so please be sure to check it out at [www.grsp.org](http://www.grsp.org). And don't miss the first newsletter created by our new class of GRSP students – outlining what they've experienced and what the GRSP experience about to be.

GRSP Scholar Updates

## GRSP: An Experience of a Lifetime

By Lynn Clarke

I had never been abroad for a long period of time before. Despite that, I did not hesitate when I, almost a year ago, found out that I had been offered the Georgia Rotary Student Program scholarship. I was not completely sure what I was expecting from my year far away from home. I was certain I was going to miss my family, but I was also sure that this would be a one in a lifetime opportunity for me. I figured I would have experiences that would make me a more well-rounded person, but I was not sure if I was. I had not taken into account that I would be able to see the world through the eyes of someone who had not been there before.

District Conference 2020  
**Jekyll Island is Waiting!**  
 By Lauren Young  
 Planning is well underway for next April's District Conference on beautiful Jekyll Island - scheduled from April 30 to May 3. Join us for:  
 • Thursday night - Taste of the District, featuring the hometown specialties of many of the DMO's clubs. Is there a recipe your club or town is known for? Get the recipe and send it to [hyung285@earthlink.net](mailto:hyung285@earthlink.net). We'll gather the best ones to kick off the weekend.  
 • Friday night - Jimmy's Fish Camp, featuring Coastal Georgia native DG Jim's local seafood selection  
 • Saturday night - Kentucky Derby celebration and welcome for 2019-21 Governor Kirk Driskell  
 You can register for expenses in the District 6900 website and clinch the green Jekyll Island 2020 Conference bottom at the top. [more]

Chadlain's Corner

### Affirming the Power of Rotary's Reach!

By Mark Barbour

Let's review. The call for all and VIBRANT Rotarians is the call to be rigorously dedicated to **take action to create lasting change** – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves! So, our objective is to be **Relational**. Opportunistically oriented, and yes, vibrantly Transformational! Herby, thereby, and where promoting our Relational objective to connect with folks around us intentionally by using animated, articulated, and engaging conversations about who we are and what we are and who we are who we are and what we are ensuring that every acquaintance experiences our "Rotary Glow" and gains insight about our ideals of community, regional, national, and global service. [more]

**Vinnings Cumberland Rotary's "Run for the Kids" 5K Downhill Race**

By Donna Deakes

In August, the **Vinnings Cumberland Rotary Club** held its 23rd annual "Run for the Kids" 5K Downhill Race. This race has become one of the most popular in the city, as it is a Peachtree Road Race qualifier, and boasts an array of "fun factor" attributes, including a 1K Kids' Race, Doggie Dash, Best Dog Costume Contest, Children's Play Area (featuring hula hoops this year), various vendors, giveaways and delicious treats (ice cream and snow cones, some healthy stuff is made available, as well - LOL). This year's event drew a record 1600 runners and raised approximately \$100,000. Since its start in 1997, the race has raised more than \$1.1 million. [more]

RYLA  
**Save the Date for 2020!**  
By Jaclyn Donnan  
RYLA 2020 is on the calendar for June 20-24, and we are already getting excited! Application materials will be updated on the website - [www.ryla6900.com](http://www.ryla6900.com) - and sent out to clubs by January 1. So start making plans now to sponsor a student or two. Or 10... we'll take them all! [more]

Club News

## Moultrie Gives Face Lift to Local School

By Jaclyn Deonora

The Rotary Club of Moultrie recently completed a beautification project at the main entrance of Cox Elementary School. One of ten elementary schools in Colquitt County, and on the lower income scale compared to the rest, Cox Elementary had a first entrance with a less-than-desirable appearance. Since first impressions are extremely important, the faculty and staff desired a better first entrance image to receive visitors and students entering the school. Six Moultrie Rotary members in July, with help from a Rotary 6000 grant, gave

Club Notes

**Roswell Rotary Golf and Tennis Tournament Raises Over \$150,000 for 30 Local Charities!**

By Anne Greals

The 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Aubrey Greenway Golf Tournament and 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Hagan Cup Classic Tennis Tournament on September 9<sup>th</sup> at the Country Club of Roswell drew over 500 enthusiastic golfers, tennis players, sponsors and volunteers to raise funds for local organizations that are making a difference in our communities. [\[more\]](#)

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**Dr. Jim Herron Recognized as a Pillar of Service and Beloved Rotarian**

By Angela Smith

At one of the September weekly meetings, **Rotary Club of America's** President Rene Smith recognized Dr. Jim Herron with the District Governor's Golden Jubilee Commemorative, in honor of Dr. Herron's 50 years of service above self as a Rotarian. The award was given on behalf of DG Jim Squire and District 6900 - to an individual who has remained active in Rotary even in his golden years of retirement.

DG Jim and his wife Donna recognized two long-serving American Rotarians at his special visit to the club. The second - **Broadus Willoughby**, has been a Rotarian for nearly 65 years (now honorary). [more]

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**Lake Spivey/Clayton County Golf Tournament Supports Ending Polio**  
 By Ron Swedford  
 In September, the **Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton County** held a Polio Awareness Golf Tournament at the Lake Spivey Golf Club in Jacksonville. Seventeen golf teams and dozens of sponsors and volunteers came forward to support the event. The tournament has been one of the club's annual events for several years - designed to raise funds to support service projects in our community. This year's tournament was held on September 14 and 15, and was a tremendous success. The club operated a concession stand, and the event was a great success. The club's annual events are a great way to raise funds for service projects in our community.

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 **Marietta Reads!**

By Dale Corington

The Rotary Club of Marietta, organized in the mid September **Marietta Reads!** kick-off for the 2019-20 club year. The 17th anniversary, fostering reading and literacy in the community. The kick-off celebration offered a variety of literacy activities including school performances, free books, literacy based activities, balloon artists. **Free reading, a massed dance-off, and guest appearances.** The Rotary Club supports the program all year round. Rotarians Don Chrysler is coordinating with all the elementary schools in Cobb County where Marietta Rotarians will begin reading this fall at approximately 800 second grades. [more]

Club News  
**Rotary Reads in Cuthbert, Georgia**  
 By Heather Mollan  
 The **Cuthbert Rotary Club** had its first Rotary Reads at Randolph County Elementary School!!!! It was such a blessing to read to the kids!!!! They were great!!!!

Club News

## Rotary and Rotaract Join Forces to Support Atlanta Race

By Hadli Maunouf

The **Rotary Club of Atlanta Metro** and the **Rotaract Club of Atlanta** collaborated with the Adult Disability Medical Healthcare (ADMH) in the run that they held this September. This run helps adults with disabilities and took place at the Dunwoody campus of the Georgia State University. It was a phenomenal day filled ... [more]

### Upcoming Key Dates