



## District Conference Registration Open

By Gordon Owens  
We hope you are excited as we are to head to San Destin for District Conference April 29 - May 2. The focus of the weekend is for Rotarians from around District 6900 to get away and enjoy a long weekend reconnecting with friends. There will be a few sessions, a couple of planned parties and of course the hospitality suites, but there is also plenty ... [more]

## LEADERBOARD Check out the full district scoreboard

Here are the clubs that are leading the way in our district for membership, annual fund and polio plus.

| Category | NET MEMBERSHIP        | FUND                 | POLIO PLUS                      |
|----------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| I        | <b>Fayetteville</b>   | <b>North Atlanta</b> | <b>Brookhaven</b>               |
| II       | <b>North Columbus</b> | <b>North Fulton</b>  | <b>Vinings Cumberland</b>       |
| III      | <b>Marietta</b>       | <b>Dunwoody</b>      | <b>Carrollton-Dawn Breakers</b> |
| IV       | <b>Roswell</b>        | <b>Roswell</b>       | <b>Peachtree City</b>           |

## Key Dates

|                          |                                            |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Saturday, June 6th, 2026 | <b>Americus RYLA - DISTRICT 6900</b>       |
| Saturday, June 6th, 2026 | <b>Americus 2026 Rotary Sheffield Gala</b> |



From Our District  
Governor

## **Here's to All the Opportunities!**

By Kirk Driskell

What opportunities await us this coming year. As we look ahead to 2021 it is our choice to look past the obstacle to find the opportunity. Sometimes the opportunity is disguised as a 500-pound gorilla. My Dad always stops me when I start to complain about something. He simply says that I am viewing it wrong, because there is someone in this world that would love to have what I view as a problem.

It has been so encouraging to see Rotarians taking action and making a difference in our communities. I continuously receive emails and phone calls as it relates to the impact that you are having. While there are those sitting waiting for help, District 6900 Rotarians are on the move and serving our community. [more]

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From Our  
District  
Chaplain  
**Resolve  
to  
Consider  
Others  
and Let  
Our  
Hearts  
Guide  
Us**

By Gregory  
Adams  
As we come  
into the New  
Year of 2021, I  
know that  
some of you  
will making  
resolutions  
that sound  
good to you.  
But as the  
year goes by,  
those  
thoughts,  
begin to be  
obscure and  
no longer in  
reach,  
because other  
obstacles got  
in the way. I  
always say  
that it is bad  
to make a  
promise to  
yourself that  
you can't  
keep.  
Therefore I will  
simply make a  
suggestion  
that if a  
resolution is  
made, let it  
be; that we  
will consider  
others as we  
go through out  
the day, and  
let our hearts  
be our guide.  
Happy New  
Year 2021!  
[more]



District News  
**Thomasville  
Celebrates  
District  
6900's  
Newest  
Future  
District  
Governor  
Selection**

By Michael Bixler  
From Fulton County  
to Thomasville  
covering one third  
of the state, the 71  
Rotary Clubs in  
Rotary District 6900  
with nearly 4,300  
members will be  
represented by  
Thomasville's own  
Andre' Marria when  
she assumes the  
title of District  
Governor for the  
Rotary year  
2023-2024. [more]



RYLA  
**It's Time  
to Start  
Planning!**

By Jaclyn  
Donovan  
Club Presidents  
check your  
emails for more  
Information.  
Assistant  
Governors  
please remind  
the presidents  
to check their  
emails.

# Take The Plunge For Charity!



**Rotary Club of Alpharetta  
Polar Bear Plunge  
Feb. 6th, 2021**

From Facebook

## **Join Alpharetta for the Polar Plunge!**

By Jackie Cuthbert  
The **Alpharetta Rotary Club** is hosting the 3rd Annual Alpharetta Polar Bear Plunge on Feb. 8, 2020! We are challenging local non-profits, school clubs and churches to put a team together and raise money for the benefit of their choosing! Organizations such as NFCC, The Drake House, The Lionheart School, BrewAble Cafe, Stand Up for Kids, The Alpharetta Public Safety Foundation, Atlanta Dream Center, and more!! As Rotarians, we can join the plunge, create a team or support the causes already identified. Visit the **Alpharetta Rotary Polar Plunge website**.  
[more]



Our Foundation at Work

## **Paulding County Grant Funds Fishing and Mentoring Opportunities**

By Roy Strickland  
**Rotary Club of Paulding County** has had some amazing project successes of late making use of Rotary Foundation Grants.

Check this one out: Paulding County Rotarians are seen here making delivery of new jon boats that will engage more than 100 boys from our community, providing them and their adult male mentors with fishing and bonding opportunities in a safe environment on a 25-acre lake. The mentors invest their time and talents with fatherless boys and boys from single parent homes. The influence of a positive male role model helps equip, encourage and guide the boys to find a healthy and useful purpose. [more]

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## Sandy Springs Supports Distance Learning

By Todd Lawrimore  
The **Rotary Club of Sandy Springs** celebrated the holiday season by giving back to the community. Living up to their motto of "Service Above Self", the club proudly donated \$1,920 to the Sandy Springs Charter Middle School to help distance learning during the COVID crisis. John Neill, SSRC President says that the club was incredibly pleased ...  
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Club News

## **Rotary Clubs of Stone Mountain and Tucker Collect Five Tons of E-Waste in Recent Recycling Event**

By Lizbeth Dison  
During the recent Electronics Recycling Day, sponsored by the **Rotary Clubs of Tucker and Stone Mountain**, volunteers collected over five tons of working and non-working electronics and home medical equipment (HME), as well as almost \$2,000 in cash donations. Proceeds benefited Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC), a non-profit organization providing recycled mobility equipment for children and adults during or after a health crisis. [more]



Club News  
**Douglas  
County  
Shares  
Shop  
with a  
Cop  
Photos**

By Samantha  
Rosado  
Sixty  
deserving  
elementary  
and middle  
school  
students  
were ready  
with their  
Christmas  
lists and  
picked up  
lots of toys  
and clothes  
at Shop with  
a Cop on  
December  
15.  
Spearheaded  
by the DCSS  
Police  
Department,  
the joyful  
event was a  
collaboration  
with other  
law  
enforcement  
agencies,  
including the  
Douglas  
County  
Sheriff's  
Office, the  
Douglasville  
Police  
Department  
and the  
Georgia  
State Patrol.  
[more]



Club News

## Lake Spivey/Clayton County Celebrates The Giving Side of Christmas

By Ron Swofford

Christmas came to the Kinship Care children Thursday evening of December 17 in an unconventional way. The Kinship Care Center provides assistance to grandparents and other family raising children in parent absent homes. Usually, people give presents to the children, but not so this time! The children actually got to shop for gifts for others. The idea was the brainchild of Tom Mertl, former President of the **Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton County**. He noticed the children were receiving gifts but did not have the opportunity of experiencing the joy of giving. He started the "Giving Side of Christmas" and the event has been a huge success and has been bringing joy for 13 years. It is an effective concept that simulates both the buying and the giving experience.

[more]

ROSWELL ROTARY PRESENTS

# ADOPT A PLATOON

TOGETHER,  
WE WILL BE PACKING BOXES TO SEND OFF TO THE BRAVE  
MEN AND WOMEN DEFENDING OUR FREEDOM.

**BRING ANY DONATIONS FROM THE FOLLOWING LIST TO  
ROTARY MEETINGS IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER:**

QUICK PROTEIN, POWDERED DRINK MIX, CANDY, HAND SANITIZER,  
SHAMPOO, WIPES, SOAP, TOOTHPASTE,  
MAGAZINES, BATH BOMBS, BODY LOTION, FACE MASKS,  
CROSSWORD PUZZLES, SUDOKU, WORD SEARCHES,  
BOBBY PINS, HAIR TIES, ROBES, FUZZY SOCKS,  
BODY SCRUB, FEMININE PRODUCTS, BEEF JERKY,  
COFFEE, BATTERIES, DRIED PINEAPPLES, DRIED PAPAYAS,  
DRIED PLANTAINS, SNACKS CONTAINING COCONUT, SUNGLASSES



Club News

## **Roswell Continues Adopt a Platoon Tradition**

By Trummie Patrick  
Founded in 2009  
under the leadership  
of **Roswell Rotary's**  
President, Elwyn  
Gaissert, "Adopt A  
Platoon" is an  
annual fundraiser to  
support troops with  
a Roswell  
connection. The  
name was settled on  
because the first  
year's recipient was  
a platoon leader.  
In honor of those  
who served, for our  
Veterans Day  
Program, Roswell  
Rotary identified 14  
local sailors  
deployed on the USS  
Nimitz in the Persian  
Gulf, the USS Dwight  
D. Eisenhower in the  
Red Sea and USS  
Ronald Regan in the  
South China  
Sea. The Nimitz  
operates and trains  
alongside regional  
and coalition  
partners and  
provides naval  
aviation support to  
Operation Inherent  
Resolve. The Ronald  
Regan conducts  
maritime air defense  
operations in  
support of a free and  
open Indo-Pacific.  
The Dwight D.  
Eisenhower provides  
a wide range of  
flexible mission  
capabilities,  
including maritime  
security operations,  
expeditionary power  
projection, crisis  
response,  
counterterrorism,  
and security  
cooperation.  
[more]



## Club News **Smyrna Spruces Up Campbell Middle School Courtyard**

By Narayan Sengupta  
Smyrna's Campbell Middle School's expansive courtyard needed some leaves raked and TLC. It has a few trees, many bushes, a sidewalk with a nice little circle at center, etc.

**Smyrna Rotary Club's** Kevin Young, Jae Scarborough, Paul Powers, Patricia Huff and Narayan Sengupta got their rakes, leaf blower, pruners and more, organized leaves into large piles and got some trimming done too. Says Sengupta, "We had fun, wore masks, stayed socially distant, got the project done in a couple of hours, and it already looks a lot better. A big part of Rotary is community service projects. We're always looking for more." To get involved or to suggest a project, contact Sengupta at [f25@nfiweb.com](mailto:f25@nfiweb.com). [more]



## Club News **Fayetteville Supports Shop with a Cop**

By Jackie Cuthbert  
The **Rotary Club of Fayetteville** was happy to partner with the Fayetteville Police Department with a donation for their annual Shop With A Cop program!



From Facebook  
**Honoring  
Our  
Veterans  
and First  
Responders**

By Jackie Cuthbert  
In **Americus**, Rotarians honored veteran's this holiday season with Wreaths Across America, while **Buckhead and East Cobb** delivered food to firefighters, **Marietta Metro** recognized first responders with a lunch program honoring Hometown Heroes. In the meantime, **Peachtree City** prepared holiday food baskets for each fire station and hospital break room and **South Cobb** fed over 1500 hospital employees. Check out these Facebook pictures and stories. [more]

From Facebook

# Clubs Making a Difference in Their Communities

By Jackie Cuthbert  
The thank you note from Rock Springs Christian Academy third graders is just the beginning of this story. Check out the attached collection of pictures and stories to see the difference everything from dictionaries and Little Free Libraries to bell ringing, gifts and food for families can make in the communities we serve. Here we've captured Facebook stories from **Barnesville, Camilla, Quitman, Dougherty County, Milton, LaGrange, North Atlanta, Moultrie and Senoia.** [more]

