



Jim and DG Mary Ligon with daughter Anna and her husband, Graham Ford. Anna is President of the Rotary Club of Moultrie

From Our District  
Governor

## Just a Little Bit More ...

By Mary Ligon

Yes it's true - we're about to wind down an amazing year of devoting our best efforts to Serve to Change Lives - and enter a world where we continue to Imagine Rotary and all we can do to make a difference.

Thanks so much for everything we've achieved - from the phenomenal giving of money and time for the people of Ukraine and their neighbors providing relief ... to inspiring youth to take on initiatives through Youth & Peace in Action like the one in Americus focused on more opportunity for college and learning to the young people in the rural parts of our state. You can read about Ukraine and Americus later in the newsletter. And you've done so much more-including our global projects and the district grants that made a difference in each of your communities.

With just a few weeks left in this Rotary Year, I ask for your help in two areas: Rotary Foundation giving and Membership. [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                             | ANNUAL FUND                 | POLIO PLUS                       |
|----------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| I        | <b>Atlanta Brasil</b>                      | <b>Emory-Druid Hills</b>    | <b>Brookhaven</b>                |
| II       | <b>Bremen</b>                              | <b>Jackson-Butts County</b> | <b>Sandy Springs</b>             |
| III      | <b>North Atlanta Professional Alliance</b> | <b>Vinings Cumberland</b>   | <b>Dougherty County (Albany)</b> |
| IV       | <b>Dunwoody</b>                            | <b>Dunwoody</b>             | <b>Carrollton-Dawn Breakers</b>  |
| V        | <b>Peachtree City</b>                      | <b>Alpharetta</b>           | <b>Peachtree City</b>            |

### Key Dates

|                                       |                                                              |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tuesday,<br>September<br>15th, 2026   | <b>Stone Mountain<br/>Governor Visit</b>                     |
| Monday,<br>September<br>21st, 2026    | <b>Senoia Governor<br/>Visit</b>                             |
| Tuesday,<br>September<br>22nd, 2026   | <b>Meriwether<br/>County Governor<br/>Visit</b>              |
| Thursday,<br>September<br>24th, 2026  | <b>Peachtree City<br/>Governor Visit</b>                     |
| Saturday,<br>September<br>26th, 2026  | <b>Atlanta Brasil<br/>Governor Visit</b>                     |
| Wednesday,<br>September<br>30th, 2026 | <b>District<br/>Payments Due</b>                             |
| Wednesday,<br>September<br>30th, 2026 | <b>Lake<br/>Spivey/Clayton<br/>County Governor<br/>Visit</b> |
| Thursday,<br>October 1st,<br>2026     | <b>Tucker Governor<br/>Visit</b>                             |



Thank You!  
**D6900  
Rotarians  
Make a  
Difference  
in Ukraine**

By Radu Zernoveanu  
I cannot express my gratitude enough for the tremendous support you and the district have provided in the efforts to assist with the crisis in Ukraine. So far, combining all the efforts from cash fundraising, purchased equipment, and donated medical equipment and supplies, we have delivered or are in the process of delivering about \$1 million in value of aid. Through the leadership, guidance and resources of AG Chris Brand, D600 has also used \$100,000 of donated funds to purchase specifically requested surgical equipment for use in orthopedics and negative pressure wound treatment systems. Chris has also arranged shipment of 250,000 MREs to Ukraine. Rotary club members have volunteered many hours at FODAC to micro sort donated items in preparation for shipment to Ukraine. [more]

Friday,  
October 2nd,  
2026

**Atlanta West  
End Governor  
Visit**

Tuesday,  
October 6th,  
2026

**Midtown Atlanta  
Rotary Club  
Governor Visit**



Youth and Peace in  
Action  
**YPA**  
**Continues for**  
**2022-2023**  
**Rotary/School**  
**Year**

By Mary Ligon  
Our district and clubs  
were leaders this year  
investing in the YPA  
initiative – the largest  
local community-led  
peacebuilding initiative  
in RI history. While  
this pilot project  
encountered some  
challenges due to  
COVID, we had 77  
students complete the  
My PeaceBuilder  
Foundations online  
course and become  
certified  
PeaceBuilders.  
Additionally, students  
from FurLOW Charter  
School sponsored by  
the Rotary Club of  
Americus completed  
the Leading  
Peacebuilder Project  
Team training and  
were recognized at the  
YOUUnited event. Their  
teacher, Joanna Arnold  
was recognized as one  
of two Peace Activators  
of the Year from across  
the Zones. [You can](#)  
[watch the video where](#)  
[the students talk about](#)  
[their project](#) - it's quite  
impressive.  
So how will YPA change  
for 2022-23? [more]





RYLA

## **RYLA: The Countdown is ON!!**

By Jaclyn Donovan  
RYLA 2022 is coming to District 6900 June 18-22! Is your club going to participate? If that's a Yes, here are a few things to check on as the date gets closer:

1. Have your sponsored students submitted all the required forms?
  2. Do your students have a ride to and from RYLA?
  3. Are your students ready to have a blast at RYLA?
- Read on to get more information. The RYLA staff is PUMPED for the opportunity to meet your young leaders and give them the tools they need to expand their skills. [\[more\]](#)



# 503

## And Counting!

### Rotary



Membership  
**Welcome  
to Our  
500+  
New  
Members  
This  
Year!**

By Jaclyn  
Donovan  
So far this  
year, we have  
welcomed 503  
new members  
to District  
6900! Click on  
more to see  
the latest  
batch - drawn  
from the  
District  
database. And  
keep up the  
good work!  
[more]



# Rotary



# FINISH

## Membership **Zone 34 Competition Continues through June 30!**

By Jaclyn Donovan  
Remember that the  
Zone 34

Membership  
Competition is still  
going through the  
end of June. If you  
do the stuff that  
helps grow a club,  
you get points:

- 1 point for each new visitor
- 5 points for each new member induction
- 5 points for a Member Retention Program
- 10 points ...  
[more]



The average age of a victim when first approached by a sex trafficker:



As people of action, let's do something about this.  
Invite Rescuing Hope to speak to your club and learn how your members can make a difference in this fight.



Email [reagan@rescuinghope.com](mailto:reagan@rescuinghope.com)  
to schedule a speaker today

**Rotary Action Group  
Against Slavery**



[WWW.RESCUINGHOPE.COM](http://WWW.RESCUINGHOPE.COM)

Fight Human  
Trafficking  
**Grant  
Sponsors  
Speakers  
from  
Rescuing  
Hope**

By Hicks  
Malonson  
The Rotary  
Clubs of  
Alpharetta,  
Marietta, North  
Cobb and  
Smyrna have  
teamed with  
Rotary Action  
Group Against  
Slavery to offer  
Rescuing Hope  
as a resource  
for speakers  
and materials  
to fight Human  
Trafficking. We  
have \$4,500 in  
grant funding  
is available for  
clubs to invite  
the Rescuing  
Hope team to  
enlighten,  
educate and  
empower  
Rotarians in  
this fight and  
connect the  
resources they  
offer to  
schools, law  
enforcement,  
medical  
providers and  
other  
community  
organizations.  
[more]





Club News

## Celebrating 100 Years by Giving in Moultrie

By Jaclyn Donovan

In honor of its  
100th Anniversary,  
the **Rotary Club  
of**

**Moultrie** donated  
over \$10,000 to  
local organizations  
to support their  
efforts in making  
our community a  
better place. The  
selected groups  
include The  
Forgotten Initiative,  
Serenity House,  
YMCA Seniors,  
Hero House,  
Leadership  
Legends, Breathe  
Ministries, and the  
Humane Society.  
We look forward to  
seeing these  
groups change  
lives! And, the  
club also added to  
its network of Little  
Free Libraries in  
the Moultrie  
Community - with  
help from the  
construction  
classes at C.A.  
Gray Junior High  
School (pictured  
here).  
[more]



Club News

## **East Cobb AVID Program Jumpstarts Wheeler High Student Futures**

By Joe Mayes  
The Advancement Via Individual Determination or (AVID) program was started at Wheeler High School in 2017 by the **Rotary Club of East Cobb** to assist students who are from groups traditionally underrepresented in higher education and/or may become the first members of their families to attend college. In addition to rigorous coursework, AVID students also receive additional academic, social, and emotional support as they prepare for college. Rotarians have donated more than \$60,000 and their time for mentoring since the program started. The Cobb County School District announced last month that 13 Wheeler seniors in the current AVID program have been accepted to college and have received more than \$5 million in scholarship offers. [more]



Club News

## Rotary "Service Above Self" National Medal of Honor Recipients Recognized

By Angela Smith  
In Rotary's ideals of Vocational Service, our Law Enforcement, Fire Safety, First Responders, and other public safety personnel serve above self within their profession each day. They ask for a fair wage and the opportunity to serve, yet their level of service has the potential to far exceed normal expectations of "Service Above Self." Rotary International developed a method for Rotary Clubs to honor those community heroes who share its motto of "Service Above Self" within their professions and the club reached out to leaders in law enforcement and public safety for nominations. In its second year of awarding the Rotary National Medal of Honor, the **Rotary Club of Americus** recently recognized four public service personnel for providing exemplary service to the citizens of the Americus and Sumter County community. [more]





Club News

## **Peachtree City Hosts GRSP Students for Fun and Service-Filled Weekend**

By Mandy Timmons  
In early May, the Rotary Club of Peachtree City hosted 24 GRSP students and four additional international students from UGA for a final weekend together before the students begin their last travels across the US and return to their home countries. Rotarians and students enjoyed great food and fellowship, and on Saturday morning joined forces on four service projects in Peachtree City, while competing in a fun scavenger hunt. Get all the details ... [\[more\]](#)



## Paul Ragan Mighty Acorn Award



### Club News **Griffin Daybreak Presents Paul Ragan Mighty Acorn Awards**

By Kathyryne Fields  
The **Griffin Daybreak Rotary Club** proudly presented the Paul Ragan Mighty Acorn Award to 11 fifth grade recipients in Spalding County in May. The award is made in loving memory of our past member Paul Ragan and his selfless service to others.  
[more]





Club News

## **Marietta Metro Rotary Club Outfits Community Garden; Furnishes Youth Center**

By Rene Lanier

In May, the Rotary Club of Marietta Metro purchased three new picnic tables, which were made from recycled materials, and power tools including a lawn mower, blower and weed eater for the Reconnecting Our Roots Community Garden.

Located on Lemon Street in Marietta on property owned by Zion Baptist Church, the garden is an oasis in the city for local gardeners to grow their own fruits and vegetables. This gives neighbors with no yards the chance to enjoy healthy foods they cultivate themselves. The club also provided new living room furniture to the Center for Children and Young Adults.  
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