



DG Steve at District 6990 conference in Florida

From Our District Governor

Leadership Changeover Month- Unite(d) for Good

By Steve Ivory

May is a very business month! First, I want to thank all of our district mothers and thank you all for doing the incredibly important work that you do. I hope you all had a great **Mother's Day** and were indeed honored appropriately a few weeks ago.

Thank you all too for remembering those that made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of our nation. I saw that several clubs had special events in remembrance of our brave armed forces on **Memorial Day**.

Thank you all for your patriotism and efforts to honor these folks and their families.

This is likely my last newsletter as your governor before **DGE Cynthia Edwards officially becomes DG on 1 July**. It has been an honor serving you all. You all stepped up and carried out not only RI's

message to Unite for Good but also served so well with respect to our district theme Honoring **Service Heroes**. [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	North Atlanta Professional Alliance	North Atlanta	Brookhaven
II	North Columbus	North Fulton	Vinings Cumberland
III	Marietta	Dunwoody	Carrollton-Dawn Breakers
IV	Roswell	Roswell	Peachtree City

Key Dates

Saturday, June 6th, 2026 **Americus RYLA - DISTRICT 6900**

Saturday, June 6th, 2026 **Americus 2026 Rotary Sheffield Gala**

Monday, June 22nd, 2026 **RI President Francesco Arezzo Visits D6900!**

RI PRESIDENT FRANCESCO AREZZO

**JUNE 22, 2026
12 NOON**

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500 KEDRON DRIVE
PEACHTREE CITY, GA 30269

**\$25 / PERSON
*LUNCH INCLUDED**

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ROTARY



 **Buy Tickets**

From Our District Governor Exciting Events Happening in June!

By Steve Ivory
We still have one more month in this Rotary year and it's jam-packed with special events in addition to all the normal service and fellowship you are enjoying in your clubs and community. Among those events, a visit to District 6900 by Rotary International President Francesco Arezzo in late June immediately after the RI Convention in Taipei. Learn more about his visit and other important events here.
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Rotary
Leadership
Institute (RLI)
**Register
Now for
RLI -
June 20
Sessions
Open**
By Tracy Van
Norman
The **Rotary
Club of
Peachtree
City** will host
Rotary
Leadership
Institute (RLI)
on June 20,
2026, at
Cooper
Lighting, 1121
Hwy 74 S,
Peachtree
City, GA
30269. Parts
1, 2, and 3 will
be offered,
along with a
new graduate
course,
*Strategic
Planning*.
Registration is
available at
the **RLI
website** . See
more details
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PolioPlus Society

Kim Walden · 18h ·

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WE STOOD IN LINE AT THE SCHOOL GYM AND GOT OUR POLIO VACCINE ON A SUGAR CUBE – AND EVERY PARENT IN THAT LINE KNEW EXACTLY WHAT IT MEANT. THEY HAD WATCHED KIDS DISAPPEAR INTO IRON LUNGS. THIS LITTLE CUBE WAS A MIRACLE AND EVERYONE TREATED IT LIKE ONE.



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7 comments 86 shares

Our Rotary Foundation

Why We Do All This!

By Bob Hagan

Two years ago, I was asked to take on the role of the District Foundation Chair. I must admit, I was a little hesitant to do so at the time as it had been a while since I had carried a title and the duties of this highly visible and very important position in the district. Truly, I was very honored to be asked to do so by then District Governor Gordon Owen. Now I find myself already two years into it and have just one year remaining to hold this esteemed position. I've been so incredibly blessed to have such wonderful people working with me such as Mike Mudd, who just won the "Meritorious Service Award," along with Kay Williamson who last year won the district "Meritorious Service Award." And I feel blessed for being able to continue the important work to End Polio Now.

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North Atlanta Professional Alliance

From Our
District
Governor
**Welcome
New
Rotary
Clubs**

By Steve Ivory
We are excited
to welcome
three new
clubs to
District 6900 -
the **North
Atlanta
Professional
Alliance**
(sponsored by
RC of Johns
Creek North
Fulton), the
**Trilith
Companion
Club**
(sponsored by
Peachtree
City), and the
**Rotary Club
of Johns
Creek
Central.**
[more]



RYLA

RYLA or Bust ...

By Jaclyn Donovan
 By the time you read this, RYLA 2026 will be full speed ahead. THANK YOU for believing in this program and sending your students to us. We are so grateful for the opportunity to invest a little bit of ourselves in these young leaders. You wouldn't believe how much we can accomplish in just five short days – sometimes it is just WOW amazing. It is our hope that you will invite them to visit your clubs upon their return from camp so you can hear their stories and see the impact your support has made on their lives. You are helping us grow some pretty awesome young leaders, and your communities will be better for it! From all the RYLA Family, thank you!!
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GRSP Update
**Four
Georgia
Students
Head to
Norway,
Denmark**

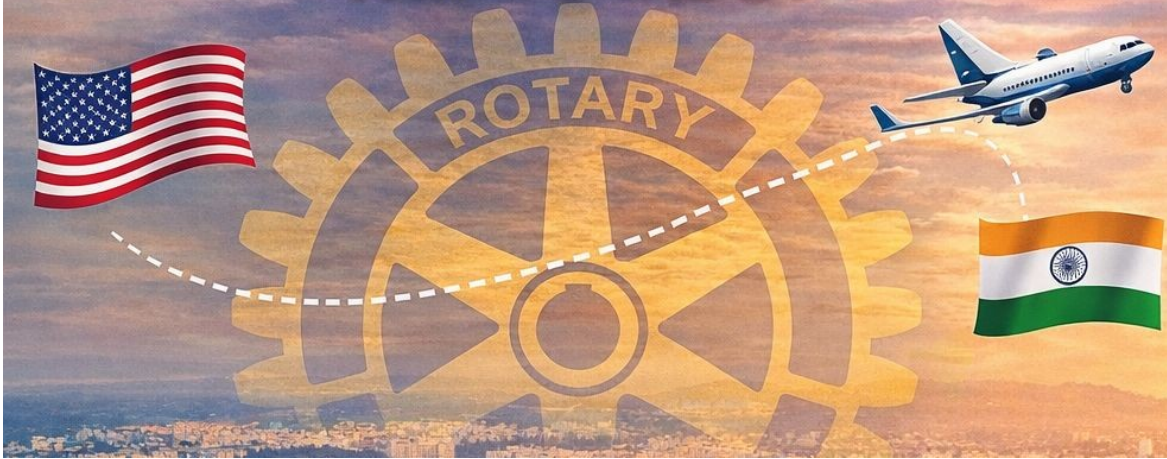
By Katheryne Fields
The Georgia Rotary Student Program selected four outstanding Georgia college students the opportunity to participate in prestigious international academic programs in Norway and Denmark this summer. We are proud to support these exceptional students as they represent Georgia abroad and build lifelong connections across cultures in June and July. These programs bring together students from around the world for immersive academic study, cultural exchange, and the promotion of international goodwill. Rotarians in Norway and Denmark make participation in these programs possible as a thank you to Georgia Rotary for what we do through GRSP. [more]



End Human
Trafficking
**Volunteer
at July 17
Candlelight
Vigil**

By Dave McCleary
We invite you to join Rotary for a powerful and inspiring evening at a **Candlelight Vigil to Shine a Light on Human Trafficking**, co-hosted by Rotary, UPS, and the City of Atlanta. The event will take place at Piedmont Park in Atlanta on Sunday, July 19. It will feature remarks from distinguished leaders, including Mayor Andre Dickens, First Lady Marty Kemp, and Nikki Clifton, President of The UPS Foundation along with inspiring testimony from survivors and entertainment. [more]

JOIN US FOR A FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE TRIP TO INDIA



Join Rotary Friendship Exchange to India - December 2026

By Ada Wikina
India calling!! India calling!! D6900 RFE trip to India is in its final stages of planning. This is a trip of a lifetime. Check India off your bucket list. **There are just two spots left** on this fantastic voyage. Experience the rich culture of India. Do not be told about it. See flyer for details and contact Ada Wikina at 404-421-5825 or by email at awikina@hotmail.com if you have additional questions or want to join the group!
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Laws of Life Registration Open for the 2026-2027 Contest Year

By Carol Gray Walker
Registration is now open for the 2026-2027 Georgia Laws of Life Essay Contest! We invite Rotary Clubs across Georgia to reconnect with existing school partners and begin building relationships with new schools interested in participating. The Georgia Laws of Life Teacher & Rotarian Workshop Luncheon will be held on Friday, August 21, from 11:30 AM-1:15 PM at the Emory Conference Center Hotel in Atlanta - bringing together educators, Rotary Club members, volunteers and supporters to prepare for the upcoming contest cycle and celebrate the impact of student voice.
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Atlanta Southern Crescent Hosts Women in Rotary

By Trina Kolawole
Ladies from Rotary clubs across Metro Atlanta gathered on May 28 for an evening of fellowship, networking, leadership conversations, and community connection during the Women in Rotary Social hosted by the **Rotary Club of Atlanta Southern Crescent** at B'Mari Events & Art Studio in Historic Downtown Jonesboro. A highlight of the evening was an engaging panel discussion featuring three distinguished Rotary leaders: PDG Claudia Mertl, District Governor Elect Cynthia Dorsey Edwards, and District Governor Nominee Designate Amy Benton. [more]



Club News

Moultrie Honors Students Headed to Military Service

By Jaclyn Donovan

The **Rotary Club of Moultrie** recently hosted its sixth annual "Salute to Service" program honoring the local high school seniors who have committed to military service after graduation. This year the club recognized 10 students enlisting with the United States Army and the United States Marine Corps, along with one student who be entering service after attending the United States Merchant Marine Academy. [more]



Club News
**Griffin
Presents
\$5,000 J.
Henry
Walker III
Scholarship**

By Antoinette Hammond
The **Rotary Club of Griffin** is proud to announce Jon Walker Blalock, a senior at Spalding High School, as the recipient of the 2026 J. Henry Walker III Scholarship, a \$5,000 scholarship awarded annually to a deserving Spalding County student. The scholarship honors the life and legacy of J. Henry Walker III, a distinguished Griffin businessman whose remarkable achievements included success as a collegiate athlete, business leader, community servant, and dedicated Rotarian for more than five decades, including service as Rotary Club president from 1969–1970. [\[more\]](#)



Club News
Columbus Celebrates Laws of Life

By LeighAnn DiCesaris
There was something powerful in the room as students from Shaw High School and Chattahoochee County High School stood to share the personal values that guide their lives through the Georgia Laws of Life Essay Contest at the **Rotary Club of Columbus**. More than just an essay competition, the program gives young people the opportunity to reflect on the truths, lessons, and voices that shape who they are becoming. This year, students from Shaw High School and Chattahoochee County High School submitted more than 550 essays - among 24,000 student essays across Georgia.
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Club News
**Clubs
Collaborate
to Pack
1700
Weeks of
Meals**

By Thomas House Members from the **Vinings Cumberland, Smyrna, and Atlanta Brasilia Rotary Clubs** came together in May for a joint service project at the Marietta warehouse of Rise Against Hunger, demonstrating the power of collaboration in action. Together, volunteers packed more than **1,700 weeks of meals**, helping support Rise Against Hunger's global mission to fight food insecurity. [\[more\]](#)



Club News

Smoke on the Lake Benefits Charities Far and Wide

By Jose Gonzalez

The **Rotary Club of North Cobb**'s Smoke on the Lake BBQ Festival is an annual tradition enjoyed each Mother's Day Weekend at Logan Farm Park in Acworth, Georgia. Thousands attend to enjoy BBQ cooked by competitive backyard cook teams. The club hosts this charity fundraiser event with 90% of net proceeds benefiting local charities and 10% benefiting charities outside of the United States. [\[more\]](#)



Club News **Brookhaven Grants Support Local Community**

By Jennifer Yanulavich
At a recent club meeting, **Brookhaven Rotary Club** President Jennifer Yanulavich announced \$9,000 in Community Grant to worthy organizations who are making a difference for Brookhaven residents of all ages when it comes to food, clothing, education and more.
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Club News **Dunwoody Supports Special Olympics**

By Jackie Cuthbert
In a month loaded with service opportunities, **Dunwoody Rotarians** took time out to do something extra special - volunteering at the Special Olympics State swimming competition! This event was part of the State Special Olympics - which Dunwoody supported with volunteers and a \$5,000 donation.
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Club News

Roswell Celebrates Our Veterans

By Becky Nelson
The 27th award winning Roswell Remembers Memorial Day Ceremony was held on Memorial Day 2026 with the presentation of the colors at Roswell City Hall by representatives from all military branches.

Roswell Rotary sees this public service event as a great opportunity not only to serve, but also to remind and highlight those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy.
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Club News
**North
Fulton
Hosts
24th
Annual
Prayer
Breakfast**

By Lisa Gelber
The **North
Fulton Rotary
Club** held its
24th Interfaith
Prayer
Breakfast last
month at St.
David's
Episcopal
Church in
Roswell. In
contrast to the
heavy rain
outside, the
room was filled
with open
hearts and
minds as we
gathered to
hear inspiring
messages of
hope,
generosity, and
love. Our
keynote
speaker, Kirk
Driskell,
founder of
Vision Warriors
(and a District
6900 PDG),
shared a deeply
personal story
that shaped his
philosophy of
giving away
what you have,
even something
as small as a
kind interaction
with a stranger,
because it may
change a life.
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Club News

North Cobb Runs for Hope; Cooks End of School Dinner

By Jose Gonzalez
In support of youth, **North Cobb Rotarians** supported the first annual Run for Hope hosted by the Mountain Top Boys Home and provided labor and smiles for BBQ with the Blue, an End of School Dinner sponsored by Kennesaw PD and Walton Apartments. [\[more\]](#)
