

DISTRICT 6900 NEWS FOR DECEMBER, 2018

 *Rotary Club of Cuthbert with President Clara Hammock, AG Donna Gray and District Service Chair Terry Rouse; this great club helped their neighbors during Hurricane Michael*

From the District Governor
Celebrating the Gifts of Rotary
By Court Dows
As the holiday season is in full swing, it is a great time to take a break from the race to celebrate our families, friends and all the good that we able to do as Rotarians. Just consider the BIG thinking of the **Rotary Club of Emory Druid Hills** in establishing partnerships to fund grants that are providing a C-Arm to one hospital and a complete nephrology unit to another hospital in India. Or the **Rotary Club of Atlanta** partnering with CARE USA in a project that's just getting underway to build sustainable livelihood for Syrian refugees living in camps in Jordan. This project could provide with a model for addressing refugee issues around the world. Or look closer to home, at the projects our District Grants are supporting this year ... [more]

The Rotary Foundation
TRF ... a Great Tax Deduction

By Margie Kersey
Wow! Foundation month was a lot of fun - and on behalf of the District Foundation team and me, thank you for your invitations to visit your clubs and share information about the Foundation. Y'all did a great job raising funds this month for The Rotary Foundation...rumor has it that one club raised \$40,000 in November alone. Wow! [more]

	GRSP Update Celebrating Holidays and Planning for the New Year! By Lynn Clarke Learn more about GRSP holidays, the GRSP endowment, planning for next year, a Peace Award, and the Oslo Scholarship. [more]
	From a GRSP Scholar Top Learnings from My GRSP Year By Lynn Clarke <i>Smilla Luuk from Stockholm, Sweden was hosted by the Muscogee R/C and Harris County R/C last year at Columbus State University and listed some things that she learned from her year in the United States. She writes:</i> Trying to summarize the year in ... [more]
	Global Grant Scholar Update Thank You District 6900 By Kathy Brandt It's fall again in Wageningen. I've been riding my bike to classes and the local Saturday market for over a year, now. The picturesque fields around my town have become familiar paths that I casually use for runs and errands. And I am still spoiled daily by homemade ... [more]
	Global Grant Scholar Update As Their Year Gets Underway ... By Kathy Brandt Hear about the early experiences of our two Global Grant Scholars who have started their year of study at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and the London School of Economics [more]

Public Image
Are You on Track for 2018-19?

By Jaclyn Donovan
Public Image Citation
Is your club on track for the Zone 34 Public Image Citation? Clubs which complete four required activities and at least two additional activities by March 31, 2019 qualify for a Citation. Get more information at more]

	Rotary Leadership Institute Join Us in Thomasville on January 19 By Elwyn Gaisert The Thomasville Rotary Club will host Rotary Leadership Institute on January 19, 2019, at the Southern Regional Technical College. Parts 1, 2, 3 and Grad Course Transforming Your Rotary Club will be held. Registration and course information may be found at www.rlitraining.org . [more]
	Sandestin-Bound - April 25-28, 2019 It's Time to Register, Win Prizes, Plan for Fun at the Beach! By Bill Woulin Conference registration and conference room reservation sites are now active and linked to the District website. All you have to do is go to www.rotary6900.org/v2/ and click on the Smokey and the Bandit REGISTER button and you are off to the races. The " MORE INFO " button leads to the 2019 Conference home page with information about the speakers, events, and the opportunity to Register and Get your Hotel room. Learn more here about why it's time to register now! [more]
	RYLA RYLA is Right Around the Corner! By Jaclyn Donovan RYLA 2019 is right around the corner!The dates for next year are June 15 - 19, 2019.There are a couple of things you can do now to get ready. [more]
	Club News North Cobb Grant Supports Ending Human Trafficking By Jessica Patterson The North Cobb Rotary Club has committed a \$2000 grant to the Rescuing Hope Foundation. Rescuing Hope's mission is to eradicate sex trafficking by enlightening the public about the dangers of sex trafficking in America, educating potential victims and first responders, and empowering advocates and survivors ... [more]
	Future Leader Mary Ligon Selected By Jackie Cuthbert We are pleased to announce that Mary Ligon from the Rotary Club of Dougherty County has been nominated for the post of District Governor Nominee Designate. This means that Mary will serve as our District Governor in the 2021-22 Rotary year. The district leadership was out in force to celebrate Mary's nomination! Watch for more about ... [more]
	Rotary Fellowship Rotary Means Business By Famous Lou Alvarado Watch for activities to start again in January! There will be no meeting in December.
	Club News SOUNS Makes a Difference in Georgia, Puerto Rico and Around the Globe By Michael Nelson In early November, the Rotary Club of Peachtree City travelled to Puerto Rico to work on its ongoing literacy project, SOUNS. The project combines the talent and resources of clubs in Districts 6900 and 7000. Developed by Rotarian Brenda Erickson, SOUNS is a letter-sound program with touchable letters that has had tremendous results in helping children learn to read at an early age. Learn more about the SOUNS program at http://www.souns.org/approach . [more]

Rotary Legislation
Helping Shape Rotary's Future

By Margie Kersey
At the last Council on Legislation they split Resolutions and Enactments. Now Resolutions are handled yearly online as the COR (Council on Resolutions). Voting on this year's resolutions is complete and you can read more about them. Enactments are still handled once every three years live in Chicago - still known as the COL (Council on Legislation). As your delegate, I will be asked to vote Enactments in April - so I am asking for your thoughts on these to help guide my voting. [more]

	Club News Vinings Student Enjoys Rotary and Football Experiences By Ross Henderson Members of the Vinings Cumberland Rotary Club recently helped clean up the old Civil War era cemetery on Paces Ferry Rd. The Club's Italian Rotary Youth Exchange Paolo (far left) participated. Paolo has also had an opportunity to experience American football. Club President Joe Luranc took Paolo Lazzaroni ... [more]
	RI Convention Join Us in Hamburg, Germany in 2019 By Jim Squire District 6900 is excited to be heading for Hamburg, Germany for the Rotary International Convention June 1-5, 2019. The District has chosen the Reichshof Hamburg Curio Collection by Hilton as its recommended hotel. You can register for the convention AND book your hotel by visiting http://www.riconvention.org/en/hamburg If you register by December 15, you will benefit from discounted registration fees! [more]
	Club News Rotary Club Helps Kick Off Salvation Army Kettle Drive By Dale Covington The Rotary Club of Marietta and two other local Rotary Clubs were on hand to support the 2018 Salvation Kettle Drive in Marietta. President Jesse Evans encouraged everyone to give generously this holiday season.

Upcoming Key Dates

Sunday, December 9th, 2018	Buckhead Social
Monday, December 10th, 2018	Buckhead Governor Visit
Tuesday, December 11th, 2018	Quitman County Governor Visit
Wednesday, December 12th, 2018	The Big Reveal: 2019-2020 RYE Outbound Students
Wednesday, December 12th, 2018	Cairo Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 12th, 2018	Cairo Governor Visit
Wednesday, December 12th, 2018	Thomasville Governor Reception
Thursday, December 13th, 2018	Thomasville Board Meeting
Thursday, December 13th, 2018	Thomasville Governor Visit
Friday, December 14th, 2018	Marietta Metro Christmas Party
Tuesday, December 18th, 2018	North Fulton Governor Visit
Wednesday, December 19th, 2018	Stone Mountain Boars Head Feast
Thursday, December 20th, 2018	Camilla Board Meeting
Thursday, December 20th, 2018	Camilla Governor Visit
Friday, December 21st, 2018	Pelham Board Meeting
Friday, December 21st, 2018	Pelham Governor Visit
Thursday, December 27th, 2018	Tucker No Meeting scheduled