DISTRICT 6900 NEWS FOR JULY, 2019



*Donna and DG Jim Squire with RI President Mark and Gay Maloney*

From the District Governor

## Looking Forward to Connecting With You in Our New Rotary Year

By Jim Squire

Rotary Connects the World is the theme selected by Rotary International President Mark Maloney for the new Rotary year we have just entered. To me, that is a theme that should resonate personally with all Rotarians. In fact, I view this as a very personal year, not just because I am so honored to be your District Governor and am excited about the prospects of what we can do as we Connect With Rotary in District 6900, but also because the theme emphasizes what Rotarians do best; reaching out and touching and Connecting the members in our clubs in fellowship, the citizens in our community in service, the clubs in our District in collaboration, and the world in compassion. [more]

Chaplain's Corner

## Rotary Starts with Relationships

By Mark Barbour

What is FREEDOM all about? Alternatives? Choices? Decisions? Options? Opportunities? Preferences?
All synonyms for our ability to consider what our new Rotary Year will become and accomplish when we reflect at the end of next June about what we actually achieved in our Clubs, District, and Internationally in the name of Rotary. [more]



*Some of last year's symposium attendees, gathered around an iron lung like those used by many polio victims.*

Join Us August 3, 2019

## Health Symposium: Meeting the Challenge of Ending Polio

By Yamin Farhat

The Annual Health Symposium focusing on the challenges and impact of the Global Polio Eradication Effort sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Emory Clifton** and the Yaraab Shrine Temple of Atlanta, Saturday, August 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. The event will take place at the Yaraab Shriner's Temple, 400 Ponce De Leon Ave NE, Atlanta ... [more]



*posted by the Being Rotarian group on Facebook*

The Rotary Foundation

## Celebrating OUR Rotary Foundation

By Cheryl Greenway

As we start another new Rotary year, I have to reflect on all the good work that is done through OUR Rotary Foundation.The legal name may be The Rotary Foundation but it is Our Rotary Foundation. Why you ask? Because we, the Rotarians, decide on how the money donated to the Foundation is used. Not a committee and not an executive director and not a board of directors. Money donated to the Foundation is only paid out for District Grants, Global Grants, PolioPlus Grants, Disaster Relief, and Global and Peace Fellowships. [more]



RYLA

## Learning to Lead; Accomplishing the Unimaginable; Building Friends to Last a Lifetime

By Jaclyn Donovan

If it's summertime in District 6900 that mean it's time for the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, better known as RYLA!! RYLA is designed for young adults with proven leadership ability and a commitment to community service. The District 6900 RYLA camp was hosted by the Rotary Club of Americus and held June 15-19 on the campus of Georgia Southwestern ... [more]



District Training

## Vibrant Club Workshop Now Set for August 24

By Claudia Mertl

Vibrant Clubs engage their members, conduct meaningful projects and try new ideas. District 6900 is holding a Vibrant Club Workshop on August 24th at the Macon Marriott. We begin at 9:00 with a continental breakfast and end at noon.This will be an excellent Workshop about how to make your club more vibrant by focusing on Public Image, ... [more]



RLI

## Join Us in Peachtree City for Rotary Leadership Institute

By Stephanie Windham

The **Rotary Club of Peachtree City** will host Rotary Leadership Institute on August 17, 2019, at Eaton's Cooper Lighting, 1121 Highway 74 South, Peachtree City, Georgia. Parts 1, 2, 3 and Grad Course Transforming Your Rotary Club and Discussion Leader Training will be held. Registration and course information may be found at ... [more]



District Conference Update

## Re-Connect with Jekyll Island for the D6900 District Conference

By Lauri Young

Rotary does, indeed, connect the world and our district conference connects our Rotarians. We are excited to be bringing the conference back home to Georgia from April 30 to May 3, 2020. Plan to join old friends and new for a weekend of Rotary fun and fellowship. If you haven't been to this Georgia jewel in a while, you are in for a treat. From the beautiful, state-of-the art oceanfront conference center to beautiful new hotels within walking distance of the conference center to a charming beach village full of shops and restaurants, Jekyll Island has come a long way. PLUS, the traditional favorites remain…the historic district, Sea Turtle Center, golf courses and tennis facilities. You won't want to miss this chance to see it all! [more]



## Save the Date for Rotary Networks

By Famous Lou Alvarado, Jr.

Rotary Networks 2019, a special Rotary Means Business event will be held at the Georgian Club on Thursday, September 26 at 6 pm. This is the Ultimate Rotary Networking event for District 6900. 150 spaces only. Rotarians and non-Rotarians are invited to check out Rotary People of Action in Business. Mark your calendars now. Steve Beecham ... [more]



Awards

## Congrats to RI Presidential Citation Winners

By Raymond Ray, Jr.

Congratulations to the six clubs who have qualified so far for their 2018-19 Rotary International Presidential Citations:

- **Alpharetta**
- **LaGrange**
- **Roswell**
- **North Fulton**
- **Thomasville**
- **East Cobb ... [more]**



*Renzo ANGELONI, GRSP Class of 2014-15, Argentina, sponsored by RC of Buckhead*

GRSP Update

## Get Ready to Welcome the GRSP Class of 2019-2020 ... and Take a Look Back

By Lynn Clarke

This is a good time of year to take a look at your student's "suitcase" to be sure that they have the things that they need to make their stay in a dorm a pleasant one. It is very easy to just recycle everything that your student from last year had, but it is a gift to your new student to take a look at what you have and throw out a few ... [more]



Club News

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By Hadil Maarouf

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*Jesse Patterson, North Cobb*

## Clubs Recognize Rotarians of the Year for 2018-19

By Jackie Cuthbert

We are sure that many individuals were recognized at the end of this past Rotary year for their unending energy and efforts on behalf of their clubs. We are recognizing a couple here - and would welcome more stories about Rotarians who are Connecting the World.
Congratulations to:

- **Jessy Patterson, Rotary Club of North Cobb**
- **Tom Mertl, Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton County**
- **Jack Sparks, Rotary Club of Dunwoody**

[more]



Club News

## Buckhead Rotary Introduces the Next Generation to Rotary

By Juliann Kaiser

Olympic bobsledder Elana Meyers Taylor brought her silver and bronze medals to **Buckhead Rotary**'s June 17 Club Meeting -- "Bring Your Kids/Grand Kids to Rotary." Elana is also president of the Women's Sports Foundation and she was the featured speaker, along with Aleia Taylor, the Foundation's CMO. [more]



Club News

## Marietta Sponsors DFCS Graduation

By Dale Covington

The **Rotary Club of Marietta** recently sponsored a special graduation for students in the Department of Family and Child Services (DFCS). In partnership with several other local charitable organizatons, the club sponsored a lunch afor the graduates. President Jesse and President-Elect Chris were both on hand to congratulate ... [more]

## Upcoming Key Dates

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| Tuesday, July 16th, 2019 | **Fayetteville Board Meeting** |
| Tuesday, July 16th, 2019 | **Fayetteville Governor Visit** |
| Wednesday, July 17th, 2019 | **East Cobb Governor Visit** |
| Wednesday, July 17th, 2019 | **East Cobb Board Meeting** |
| Wednesday, July 17th, 2019 | **Atlanta Metro Board Meeting** |
| Wednesday, July 17th, 2019 | **Atlanta Metro Governor Visit** |
| Monday, July 22nd, 2019 | **Sandy Springs Board Meeting** |
| Monday, July 22nd, 2019 | **Sandy Springs Governor Visit** |
| Tuesday, July 23rd, 2019 | **Atlanta Airport Board Meeting** |
| Tuesday, July 23rd, 2019 | **Atlanta Airport Governor Visit** |
| Friday, July 26th, 2019 | **Atlanta West End Board Meeting** |
| Friday, July 26th, 2019 | **Atlanta West End Governor Visit** |
| Tuesday, July 30th, 2019 | **Dougherty County (Albany) Board Meeting** |
| Tuesday, July 30th, 2019 | **Dougherty County (Albany) Governor Visit** |
| Wednesday, July 31st, 2019 | **Dawson Board Meeting** |
| Wednesday, July 31st, 2019 | **Dawson Governor Visit** |
| Thursday, August 1st, 2019 | **Albany Board Meeting** |
| Thursday, August 1st, 2019 | **Albany Governor Visit** |
| Saturday, August 3rd, 2019 | **Health Symposium: Meeting The Challenges of Ending Polio** |
| Monday, August 5th, 2019 | **Milton Board Meeting** |
| Monday, August 5th, 2019 | **Milton Governor Visit** |
| Tuesday, August 6th, 2019 | **North Fulton Board Meeting** |
| Tuesday, August 6th, 2019 | **North Fulton Governor Visit** |
| Wednesday, August 7th, 2019 | **Johns Creek North Fulton Board Meeting** |
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It has become apparent that once Rotaractors turn 30, they become uncertain of their decision on whether they are keen on joining Rotary, mainly because of the age gap between them and the already accomplished professional members. Another discouraging aspect is the high annual dues, as someone starting in their career path might feel the financial push back.

In his message to the extended worldwide Rotary family, current RI President Mark Daniel Maloney urged and stressed the importance to conform to the rules that the organization has been adapting to for years. Yet, he encouraged and pushed leaders to be more creative in their individuality of how each club retains and attracts new members. This is one of the many important reasons that the Rotary Club of Atlanta

Metro was established.

The Rotary Club of Atlanta Metro was created to resolve some of the issues that Rotaractors in the district faced. The idea behind this new club is allowing members to take part dually in both clubs until they are at the age where they can easily advance into Rotary. The core of the club will continue to push for vocation coupled with fellowship and service whilst championing these Rotary mottoes. Whether it is helping others in their communities or working on international relief projects, this is what pushes Rotary members towards that happy ending or shall we say an amazing start.

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