





DISTRICT 6900 NEWS FOR NOVEMBER, 2018







-  **DG Court with PDG Cheryl Greenway (who will be our new District Foundation Chair in July 2019), Americas Club President Jimmy Whaley and DGE Jim Squire at the gala celebrating 100 years of the Rotary Club of Americus.**


From the District Governor
Team Mechanics is Your Foundation to Winning!
 By Court Downs
 Without a foundation we cannot do or build anything in life. Think about how important it is to build a foundation for your education, your family, your ethics, your career. This month, we celebrated one of the clubs at the foundation of our district - as the **Rotary Club of Americus** celebrated its 100th anniversary. As I visited many of our clubs, I saw the enthusiasm and service that is at core of Rotary. And, I participated in two very special events where we celebrated and recommitted ourselves to the fight against Polio, a late September Polio Symposium sponsored by the E-Rotary Club of Emory-Clifton, and a World Polio Day event at the CDC.

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-  **District Conference 2019**
We'll Have Fun and You Should Come! Registration Now Open!
 By Bill Wolfelin
 All year, DG Court has been strong in his opinion that if you "Have Fun They Will Come!" That's exactly what we're planning for the 2019 District Conference so plan to come to Sandestin, Florida from April 25-28 for the 2019 District 6900 Conference. Even Smokey and the Bandit will be there!
 Why attend? *President Elect Kim Walden, RC of Thomasville: "District conference has been one of my favorite Rotary events because I always experience a life changing moment. It may come from one of the amazing speakers they always have or from having time to truly fellowship with so many Rotarians. Or it may happen during the service project, but there always is that awe inspiring moment where you feel our Service Above Self and are so glad to be part of it. And, that all happens at a beautiful venue with so much to explore which always makes for a great trip. I encourage you to attend - and promise you - you really will be so glad you did! See you there!!"*
 Registration is now open! [more]
-  **End Polio Now**
E-Rotary Club of Emory Clifton Hosts Polio Symposium in Atlanta
 By Alan Janssen
 Internationally known polio experts, vaccination field teams from Afghanistan, and Rotarians across District 6900 came together on Saturday, September 29, 2018 at the Polio Symposium: Past, Present, and Future held at the Shriner's Auditorium in Atlanta. Sponsored by the E-Rotary Club of Emory Clifton, the keynote speaker was Dr. Hamid Jafari, Deputy Director of the Center for Global Health at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) who previously was the Director of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) at the World Health Organization in Geneva. [more]


Webinar
Exploring Life Above the Club Level
 By Jim Squire
 So you have served your Club in a leadership role and wonder what you can do next in Rotary? Are you interested in learning what is possible in serving beyond the Club Level? Where do you fit? How much time does it take? How do you get your name on the list for District Committees and beyond? Join us for a panel discussion about the next steps ... [more]




-  **DGE Jim Squire and DGN Kirk Driskell with PDG Cheryl Greenway, who will serve as our 2019-22 District Rotary Foundation Chair.**




The Rotary Foundation
Thankful for How TRF Helps Us Make a Difference
 By Margie Kersey
 This is the one month a year that we really focus on The Rotary Foundation - and it is appropriate since November is also host to Thanksgiving. And frankly, I give thanks for The Rotary Foundation because of the way it allows Rotarians to make such a big difference in the world. Sometimes it is easy to become jaded and focus on the negatives in this world. How awesome is it that we can look at those negatives and say "I can do something about that!" [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]
-  **RLI News**
Make a New Year's Resolution to Join Us For RLI
 By Elwyn Gaisert
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 ... [more]
-  **Rotary Means Business**
Join in Rotary's Newest Fellowship
 By Famous Lou Alvarado
 Rotary Means Business is the newest Rotary Fellowship. It offers a business to business networking opportunity to share your business with fellow Rotarians. Empowering your business by the Power of the Pin. Atlanta Node Networking meetings are held monthly on the last Tuesday at 6:30 pm at Oglethorpe University Weltsner Library, second floor. Plenty of parking behind the library. [more]
-  **Feb. 3, 2019**
India National Immunization Day
 By Margie Kersey
 Here's your opportunity to participate in the Feb. 3, 2019 India Polio National Immunization Day (NID). [more]
-  **GRSP Update**
Scholarships, Holidays and More
 By Lynn Clarke
 Read about this year - including recent student weekends and planning for the holidays, take a look at scholarship opportunities for Georgia students and our current GRSP class, and important information about the requirements when current GRSP students want to travel out of country during their scholarship year. And get an update on the future of GRSP and our strategic planning process. [more]
-  **DG Al and Carol Lipphardt at Stone Mountain Elementary School**

Club News
Stone Mountain Distributes Dictionaries
 By Lizabeth Dixon
 Since 2007, The Dictionary Project has been a major annual volunteer activity for the members of the **Rotary Club of Stone Mountain**. Each year, the club has provided free dictionaries to third grade students in local public schools. This year the club distributed over 2,000 dictionaries to 11 schools in DeKalb County and ... [more]
-  **From a GRSP Alumni ...**
Life After GRSP - Making a Difference in Uganda
 By Lynn Clarke
 I thought I'd write to give you an update on how my trip to Uganda went this summer as I know how you like hearing from old GRSP students. I went to Uganda with the charity Little Big Africa. We arrived in Entebbe on the 10th June and we spent the first week training for what was ahead near a town called Mikono. During training we learned some Luganda - the local dialect, how to build the stoves, key information about the communities and teaching skills. Training was a lot of fun and me and my group (Student Volunteers Abroad) got to meet the other two groups that were there - one from Strathclyde University (also in Glasgow) and one from Bristol University (in England). We then all set off for our separate villages. [more]

Council on Legislation
Take an Opportunity to Comment on Possible Worldwide Rotary Rule Changes
 By Margie Kersey
 Every three years one representative from every district in the world comes together in Chicago for one week at the end of April to review, debate and vote on proposed changes to the Manual of Procedure, Club & District Constitutions, RI Constitution and other Rotary governing documents. This is where the rules are made, changed and deleted. This year I am your Council representative. We will be looking at 116 proposed changes. Now is the time take a look at the Proposals and let me know your opinion. [more]

-  **Above: Roswell and North Fulton Rotarians present grant to Roswell High School; below Rotarian Zach Fields**

Club News
Roswell Helping to Build a Future in Construction
 By Karen Schwank
 Just as schools are in full swing for 2018-19, so is **Roswell Rotary** in helping those schools. Club members are invaluable in contributing to programs that benefit the area school children and community. Rotarian June Brown leads the club's effort to collect ... [more]
-  **Club News**
LaGrange Supporting Polio Eradication
 By Barb Henigin
 For this year's World Polio Awareness Day members of the Rotary Club of LaGrange took part in a variety of activities. During their regular Wednesday meeting members had their pinkies dyed purple in solidarity with the children who are being vaccinated for polio, held a separate vaccination to raise additional funds for RI's PolioPlus campaign ... [more]
-  **Club News**
Peachtree City Directory Has a Legacy of Service
 By Michael Nelson
 October 13 was a lucky day for the **Rotary Club of Peachtree City** and the local community, when the club published the 45th edition of its Rotary Smart Directory. The directory was first published as a community service project for Peachtree City. Over time, ads were sold to cover the cost of production and printing. By the 1990's the directory had become the primary fundraising project for the club and has produced over a million dollars that has funded countless projects, both locally and globally. [more]
-  **DGE Jim Squire with Rotaractor Jeremy Moore. Both will attend the 2019 Rotary International Assembly**

Rotaract
District Rotaractor Selected to Attend RI International Assembly
 By Adam Wilkins
Jeremy Moore of Carrollton, Georgia, has been selected as one of 60 Rotaractors to attend Rotary's 2019 International Assembly in San Diego this coming January. This is the first time in Rotary history that Rotaractors have been invited to join in the International Assembly. Over 1,600 applications were received - and those Rotaractor leaders selected will have the opportunity to learn, grow, and share their Rotary experience alongside Governors-Elect. [more]
-  **Literacy**
"CLOMP CLOMP, WIGGLE WIGGLE, SHAKE SHAKE" ... The Sounds of Marietta Reads!
 By Dale Covington
The Rotary Club of Marietta has been reading up a storm in the local schools - as part of the 16th annual **Marietta Reads!** This Marietta City Schools citywide effort to foster reading and literacy in the community carries the slogan, "We all succeed when Marietta Reads!" The event kicked off at ... [more]
-  **Club News**
Johns Creek Helps Refurbish Woman's Shelter
 By Gillian Leggett
 Through a \$10,000 District Rotary Foundation grant, the **Rotary Club of Johns Creek North Fulton** helped Wellspring Living, a nonprofit serving survivors of human sex trafficking, to refurbish a women's shelter. Wellspring services women between the ages of 18 and 31, providing therapy, education and career training. [more]
-  **Family of Rotary Event**
Are You Ready for the Kentucky Derby? Mark Your Calendars ...
 By Claudia Merti
The Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton County is having a fundraiser May 4, 2019 - a **Kentucky Derby Gala** at the Atlanta Motor Speedway - and District Governor Court has endorsed the Gala as a District Family of Rotary Event! [more]

Upcoming Key Dates	
Thursday, November 8th, 2018	Roswell Governor Visit
Friday, November 9th, 2018	District Finance/Planning and Advisory Committee Meeting
Saturday, November 10th, 2018	District Nominating Committee Meeting
Tuesday, November 13th, 2018	Webinar: Rotary Life Above The Club Level
Thursday, November 15th, 2018	2018 Zone Institute
Tuesday, November 20th, 2018	Cuthbert Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 20th, 2018	Cuthbert Governor Visit
Tuesday, November 27th, 2018	Smyrna Governor Visit
Wednesday, November 28th, 2018	Viplings Cumberland Governor Visit
Thursday, November 29th, 2018	North Cobb Governor Court DOWIS Visit and Board meeting
Thursday, November 29th, 2018	South Cobb Governor Visit
Tuesday, December 4th, 2018	Jackson-Butts County Governor Visit
Thursday, December 6th, 2018	Tucker Christmas Party