

DISTRICT 6900 NEWS FOR JULY, 2019

Dennis 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 Barbout
 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 as they hang 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 Chilton** 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 Shrine's Temple, 400 Ponce De Leon Ave NE, Atlanta ... [more]

Justed 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

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 Americas 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]

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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]

Benzo 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
The Rotary Club of Metro Atlanta Comes To Life
 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:
 - **Jesse Patterson, Rotary Club of North Cobb**
 - **Tom Mertl, Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton County**
 - **Jack Sparks, Rotary Club of Dunwoody**
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Club News
Buckhead Rotary Introduces the Next Generation to Rotary
 By Julian 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 organizations, the club sponsored a lunch for the graduates. President Jesse and President-Elect Chris were both on hand to congratulate ... [more]

Upcoming Key Dates

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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In May, the Rotary Clubs in District 6900 welcomed the 71st club, **The Rotary Club of Atlanta Metro**, to its District 6900 family. The ceremony for Rotary International charter 90000 took place at the Donaldson-Bannister Farm in Dunwoody and was attended by then District Governor Court Dowis, fellow Rotarians and Rotaract Club of Atlanta members. PDG Court inducted many of the attendees and read 2018-2019 RI President Barry Rassin's beautiful letter of encouragement and support.

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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