

Rotary



Club of South Forsyth County



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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Andrew Bell
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Meeting



Next Meeting.....Wednesday, October 27, 2021, 12:15...@ Lanier Tech.

We will order food from Tams Tupelo this week. Please choose the pickup option at 11:30 a.m., not delivery, and enter ♦Rotary♦ after your first name.

<https://tamstupelo.getbento.com/online-ordering/tams-tupelo/menu/order-settings>

Don♦ forget to wear your pin to the meeting to enter a drawing for a gift card. We will also encourage members to contribute to CART by playing the Queen of Hearts game of chance. Don♦ have cash? We will gladly take Venmo!

Member Spotlight



L to R: Sonja Bullard, Club President,
Ted Richardson, Ass't Governnor
and Marcie Kreager, Major Donor



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Chair



L to R: Renee Welch, Club Service Chair,
John Bramblett, Paul Harris Fellow (+6),
Sonja Bullard, Club President

President's Corner

By Sonja Bullard

Basic Education and Literacy Month

Whenever you read a good book, somewhere in the world a door opens to allow in more light.

◆ Vera Nazarian

At the beginning of my career, I was a middle school Language Arts teacher in Topsham, Maine. I grew up in the suburbs of Atlanta, studied at UGA to become a teacher, and moved to the northeast to teach English at Mt. Ararat Middle School.

Growing up in Atlanta, my parents began reading to me when I was very little. (My mother still has my favorite book: "The Little China Pig"). I entered first grade reading independently. Mine was a common experience among my classmates. In my Maine classroom, I recognized the effects on children from a lack of reading in the home. I had a wide range of skill levels in each of my classes. Topsham's local economy was based on lobstering and fishing. The average education level of adults was eleventh grade. There were seventh graders whom I taught who couldn't write a basic sentence. My co-teacher, a native Mainer, did not assign homework due to the fact that most kids who didn't have a home environment where homework was encouraged. One of my students took care of her five younger siblings after school while her parents worked to keep the family afloat. Sending work home would set these children up for certain failure. There would be no resource in the home to help them. School was the only environment for learning.

It was a shocking lesson to learn at the age of 23. Experience with books and reading at an early age provides children the opportunity to learn about the world at large. There are students who miss this stage to start life far behind their counterparts. Literacy provides a link to an outside world; opportunities that could not be imagined without it.

Leap Into Literacy is our district grant project this year. Our club is partnering with Forsyth County Schools and Library System to provide an interactive literacy experience for those in our community who are considered underserved. Many of the students come from homes where English is the second language, or English-speaking homes where books are not readily available. The focus of Leap Into Literacy is the whole family. We will host an event at four different elementary schools. The program concentrates on one book with separate workstations where families will interact with book in different ways. Our club will provide food and drinks, and Jeremy will dress up as the main character.

We expect this hands-on experience to impact hundreds of children and their families. And my hope is to have a majority of the club participate at any level they can to make these events successful. We are waiting to hear from the District on the amount of funds allocated to our projects. We will share this information as it becomes available. Please plan to be a part.

Thank you for your service,
Sonja

Program Calendar

Wednesday October 27, 2021...Speaker Host.. John Bramlette

Speaker: Alan Dunn.. Alan Dunn is a 25 year resident of Johns Creek and was a five time champion on Jeopardy! in October 2018 and a Quarterfinalist in the Jeopardy! Tournament of Champions in November 2019. He retired in 2020 after 40 years with AT&T.

Wednesday November 10, 2021...Speaker...GRSP Student Wade Gunning

Wednesday November 17, 2021...Speaker Host.. Andrew Bell...

Speaker : Alex Cottingham. Autor and Podcaster. See mor info. @ www.holohlth.com

ALSO Club Thanksgiving, club members, invited potential members and former members will get a catered lunch.

Wednesday November 24, 2021... NO MEETING (Thanksgiving)

Wednesday December 22 & 29, 2021...NO MEETINGS (Christmas)

Meet the New Members 2020/21



Marcus Turk



Angela Dikes



Tim Rose

Do you know any happenings with our Rotarian family?

Please give Ann Decherd an email or phone call and let them and the club know. We want to celebrate good times and sympathize in times of need and be there to help.

Donate to help research Alzheimer's Disease so that maybe one day we will find a cure



CLUB MEMBERS PLEASE DONATE TO "CART" USING "VENMO" SEE BELOW

October 27th

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November 10th

[Wade Gunning, GRSP Student](#)

November 17th

[Alex Cottingham, Author and Podcaster](#)

November 24th

[No Meeting](#)
Thanksgiving

Club Meeting

South Forsyth County

Meets at Lanier Technical College

3410 Ronald Reagan Blvd.

Cumming, GA

Time: Wednesday at 12:15 PM