

This Week....Tina D. Fischlin, District 6910 Governor 2020-2021

For over 20 years, Tina has been enabling programs around the world to maximize impact and reach out to those most in need. A native of Reidsville, Georgia, USA. She attended Georgia Southern University. After graduation, she moved to Atlanta and continued her education and worked in the financial sector and eventually made her way into real estate. She is a licensed agent with Coldwell Banker Lake Oconee Realty serving the Lake Oconee area. In addition, she continues to operate Barefoot Mountain Farms providing Fraser fir Christmas trees and greenery to schools and civic clubs throughout the Southeast. An advocate for reforestation she established the DavisHollcroft Family Forestry Scholarship at the University of Georgia. This scholarship is presented annually to a student studying at UGA's Warnell School of Forestry & Natural Resources.

Her volunteer work with organizations across the globe addresses the need for clean water, disease prevention, health care and literacy projects. In 2008, Tina joined Alliance for Smiles, a Rotary founded volunteer-based nonprofit, mobilizing hundreds of medical and non-medical volunteers from all over the world. Their work advances health care, trains local medical professional, and delivers surgical care for patients with cleft lip and cleft palate in their communities.

Tina is a proud member of the Rotary Club of Greene & Putnam Counties where she served as Club President in 2011-12 and currently serves as the clubs International Service Co-Chair. Active at the District Level, she has served on the finance committee, Assistant Governor and the District's International Service Chair. She is a graduate of the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI), a Major Donor, a GRSP Will Watt Fellow, a Benefactor, a member of the Bequest Society and Paul Harris Society.

Tina received Rotary's highest honor, the Service Above Self, an international award which recognizes less than 150 individuals annually who demonstrate their commitment to helping others.

Tina is married to Mike Fischlin, a former Major League baseball player who continues to live his passion as a sports agent with the Boras Corporation. In her spare time, she enjoys running, golf, spending time with family and friends and serving in her community and around the world. Tina, Mike and their dog, Sophia Loren reside in Greensboro, Georgia.

Next Week...Milton Little, President and CEO, United Way Greater Atlanta

Milton J. Little, Jr. became the first African-American president of United Way of Greater Atlanta, the second-largest in the national system, in July 2007. Altogether, Little has helped raise more than half a billion dollars for local community needs and priorities. Before joining United Way, he served as chief operating officer and interim president and CEO of the National Urban League. He graduated magna cum laude from Morehouse College with a B.A. in sociology and earned an M.A. in urban sociology and social policy from Columbia University. He is a member of many boards and advisory committees. Notable among them are the Center for Assessment and Policy Development, chair of the Southern Education Foundation, and as vice chair of the board of directors for Ways to Work.

Little is a native New Yorker and is married to Traci Gibson Little. He has two sons, Milton and Taylor, and three grandchildren: Joi, Miles and Langston.

Rotary Announcement

- October 3rd (Saturday) at 9:00 AM **Rotary Workday at Lighthouse Village**. There will also be a plaque presentation thanking the Conyers Garden Club for all their support at 11:00 AM.
- October 16th (Friday) **Raffle**. Please keep selling tickets to the Raffle. If you are going to purchase your allotment of tickets, please do so as soon as possible and let Jamie know. If you need additional tickets, contact Jamie or myself and we will get you additional tickets.
- Piedmont Rockdale has started a program called Adopt a Healthcare Worker where they encourage you to send a note once a month to a healthcare worker at the hospital. If you are interested please contact Laura Sistrunk at laura.sistrunk@piedmont.org or [770.918.3078](tel:770.918.3078). (Flyer attached)
- The Rotary Conference is scheduled for April 22 thru April 25 at the Jekyll Island Conference Center. I completed my registration yesterday and would love to have you join me. Please register at <http://www.rotarydistrict6910.org/district-conference-2021.php>
- The Rotary Leadership Institute is now presenting their programs online. This is a great way to learn more about Rotary and provide yourself with the tools to succeed in leading Rotary to a greater future. Please sign up online at https://www.rlitraining.org/?doing_wp_cron=1597950466.4333369731903076171875. The club will reimburse your training fees.

Upcoming Programs...

October 8 - Bill Crane, Journalist and Political Analyst
 October 15 - Amy Jacobs, Commissioner, GA Department of Early Care and Learning
 October 22 - Dr. Tavaraz Holston, President, Georgia Piedmont Technical College
 October 29 - Joe Brannen, President & CEO, Georgia Bankers Association

Membership Roster 2020

Conyers Roster - 2020

Last Name	First Name	MemberType	Classification	Pref. Email	PData	Code	Participation Data
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Birthdays

Terry N. Massey
October 5th
 Daniel S. Digby
October 7th

Wedding Anniversaries

Terry N. Massey
September 25th
 Wilson F. Mathews Jr.
September 28th
 Joseph Consolo
September 29th
 Shane Persaud
October 8th
 William T. Rogers
October 18th

Years of Service

John E Harper
09-05-2002
18 Years
 Daniel S. Digby
09-30-2004
16 Years
 Vince G. Evans
10-06-2005
15 Years
 James A. Maxwell
08-23-2007
13 Years
 Scott G. Slaughter
08-25-2009
11 Years
 Terry Oatts
09-13-2018
2 Years
 Terry N. Massey
09-20-2018
2 Years

Club Leaders



Scott G. Slaughter
President



Moses G. Kabia
President-Elect



Sandra Cowan
Etheredge Secretary



Bernard Stanford
Treasurer



Wendy A. Bear
Membership Chair



Ermel E. Forrester
Membership Retention Chair



Dave Benson
Family of Rotary



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GRSP Chair



Albert A. Myers III
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Shane

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PEACE THROUGH ACTION

By Tina D. Fischlin on Wednesday, September 2, 2020

Hi Everyone,

Can you believe we are in the third month of this Rotary year?

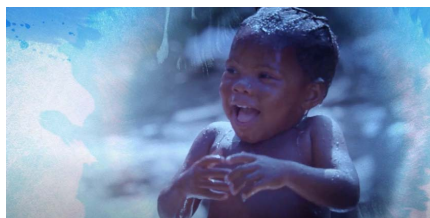
So much has happened in just the last 30 days. Jennifer Jones was nominated to serve as the first female Rotary International President in 2022 ♦ 2023. The World Health Organization (WHO) announced that the transmission of the wild poliovirus has officially been stopped in all 47 countries in Africa. This milestone is historic toward the global eradication of polio.

Locally, clubs are continuing to find ways to stay connected and participate in service projects. We ♦re feeding hundreds in our District with the Farmers 2 Families program.

To comply with Rotary International ♦s branding standards, the D6910 PI Team has redesigned our District logo. You can find the designs in the ♦Logos ♦ folder in DACdb under the ♦District Files ♦ tab.

Georgia Rotarians are gathering at Rotary Peace Poles across the state on September 21 to recognize the International Day to demonstrate the positive changes that occur when people unite in good faith to serve humanity resulting in "Peace Through Action." Reach out to Jennifer Hibbard at Jennifer.hibbard@vphealth.org for the Peace Kit outlining step-by-step information on how to organize an event. If you have an event planned, please provide the location, time and a short description of the activities to the PI Chair Brandy Swanson at bswanson@smith-howard.com.

Rotary has designated September as Basic Education and Literacy Month, reflecting our dedication to creating a literate world. Every Rotarian has the ability and opportunity to share knowledge, both locally and abroad (click on the picture to play video):



Education for individuals of all ages ♦an essential component to achieving peace and prosperity ♦fuels many projects of Rotary clubs in our District that inspire learning.

We continue to witness how Rotary Opens Opportunities both locally and globally!

May Peace Prevail on Earth,
DG Tina

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Rotary International



R.I. Five-Year Forecast

Saturday, September 5, 2020



Click on the picture above to see a video report updating Rotary International's "Five-Year Financial Forecast." It is presented by R.I.'s C.F.O., Julie Burke, and Treasurer, Bharat Pandya.

Hot! Hot! Public Image Deadlines

Friday, September 4, 2020



To be eligible for the Zone 34 Public Image Citation for the '20-'21 Rotary Year, there are two important deadlines coming up on **SEPTEMBER 30**:

#1 - Get your club registered. Simply Click the link: [PI CITATION REGISTRATION](#)

#2 - Submit your content calendar. Click the link: [SUBMIT CALENDAR](#)

Important notes from the Zone 34 PI Team: This year, to achieve the Public Image Citation, clubs will be asked to complete a series of tasks each month. The idea is to develop sustainable public image capabilities to tell the Rotary story and promote what our clubs do in their communities. And we know that strong public image supports membership initiatives. In addition to bringing in new members, a solid public image program can elevate the pride that members have in their clubs which ensures higher retention rates!

Step one is simply to get registered. Step-two, we are now asking clubs to [submit content calendars](#). We know that creating a plan around Rotary themes, club projects and fundraisers makes it easier to be consistent in public image efforts. And some INCREDIBLE content plans have already been submitted. For those clubs that need a little assistance, the Rotary Zone 34 Public Image Team is here for you and your clubs every step of the way.

As always, if there is anything we can do for you or your clubs, please reach out to us!
www.rotaryshares.org/teamflyer

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Monthly Rotary Theme



Don't Forget!

By Paige W Havens on Sunday, August 23, 2020



DON'T FORGET!! Design your club's beach towel or mat to reflect the heart and spirit of your club. Present it to DG Tina during her official visit and then display it in the House of Friendship at this year's convention.

Membership Matters

By Sallie Boyles on Monday, August 31, 2020



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Along with causing financial hardships from job losses and declines in business revenue, this highly contagious coronavirus initially had everyone on lockdown. Even though most clubs in our district are meeting again to some degree with social distancing, a great number of members have continued to stay away. We encourage extra caution for those who have health risks. Some also have memberships through their employers that prohibit in-person gatherings.

On top of the virus, we are living in a period of civil unrest.

In the best of times, Rotarians are known for solving difficult problems. We♦re ♦people of action♦ who share a go-getting spirit and a wealth of resources that yield results. Instead of fixating on what♦s wrong, we assess our options and get busy.

The same success-minded components, guided by the 4-Way Test, should also apply to membership:



Looking out for one another

Individuals with big hearts for serving others are often the last ones to ask for help. We need to reach out to our fellow Rotarians as well as encourage one another to talk about our struggles and voice our concerns.

Using innovation♦technology and outside-the-box ideas♦to stay connected

Many clubs are hosting hybrid meetings with some attending in person and others connecting via Zoom. We must investigate different ways, times, and places to meet that would accommodate most♦if not all♦members. Grab ideas from other clubs. Moving past the pandemic, the same or similar configurations could help us retain and recruit members who need/desire greater flexibility.

Remaining relevant and nimble by embracing current areas of interest and concern

Does the typical speaker lineup or usual community outreach continue to fulfill the needs and desires of members and those served? In addition to assessing weekly programs and service projects based on their practicality, we need to scrutinize their intrinsic value.

Reevaluating who might be a prospective member

Individuals who were not ideal prospects in the past, perhaps because of a work commute or heavy travel, possibly now have time for Rotary because they♦ve changed jobs or operate from home. Also, major events prompt people to shift their priorities. Realizing that individuals♦ circumstances and perspectives change, we need to rethink who would be a good fit for Rotary♦and vice versa.

Use social and local media to share Rotary♦s positive initiatives

Promoting the theme of Rotary Opens Opportunities is a wonderful way to showcase Rotarians at work♦making a difference and reaping the advantages of fellowship. In addition to showcasing your club♦s endeavors, share what other clubs in the district and elsewhere are accomplishing. Consistently extend the welcome mat. Include your club♦s contact information, and make sure someone is assigned to respond (maybe divide the responsibility by periods of time and social platforms) in a timely manner to requests.

Grooming the next generation

While empowering their ability to make a difference and fostering a sense of purpose, EarlyAct and Rotaract introduce young people to Rotary. We should seek opportunities to get involved with them, whether that entails launching or sponsoring a group via a local school, guiding a group in a project, and/or inviting them to help out with a volunteer project.

If you have other suggestions, please share them.

The great concerns of the day have many people feeling depressed, isolated, and helpless. Rotary membership is a remarkable cure!

Opportunity Knocks

By Paige W Havens on Sunday, August 23, 2020



Sponsorships opportunities are now available for our **Annual Rotary District Conference**, scheduled April 22 -25, 2021 at Jekyll Island, Georgia. Your support is critical to underwrite the event, which attracts over 400 Rotarians and their guests. District Conference is a time when we come together to highlight the clubs' service to their community and beyond. This is an excellent way to showcase your business to fellow Rotarians while helping us spotlight the great work we do together. [Click here](#) to explore all of the opportunities available in the sponsorship packet.

Photos From Around The District



Rotarian Tim Ranney loads boxes of food at the Farmers to Families Food Drive sponsored by The Rotary Club of Clayton Aug. 22.

For more memories made and great District 6910 photos, click the link below.

Banks County Rotary Club



Banks County On-To-Conference Chair, Becky Carlan, shows District Governor Tina Fischlin the club's entry in the 'Fun In The Sun' Beach Mat Contest.

Rotary Club of Cherokee County



Past President Mike Dietzel (pictured here) and Rotarian Jeannie Hayden represented The Rotary Club of Cherokee County. The 5 Rotary clubs in Cherokee and Pickens Counties joined together on August 26 to distribute 1,680 boxes of fresh vegetables equivalent to 30,800 meals to families in need during the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. Leaders and members of the Rotary Clubs of Canton, Towne Lake, Woodstock, Cherokee County, and Jasper coordinated the delivery of a trailer filled with pre-packed boxes of vegetables and fruit as part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farmers to Families Program.



Classic City Rotary Club



Pictured above Classic City Rotarians (l to r): Marilyn Appleby, Tammy Gilland and Deborah Gonzalez. They teamed up to work on their Denney Tower service project bringing boxed lunches to the residents.







Nearly 700 food boxes were distributed by The Rotary Club of Clayton at their Farmers to Families Food Drive Aug. 22. Above, Rotarian Tony Penrose helps load vehicles.



Rotarian Ray Pagano greets cars with a box of fresh food at The Rotary Club of Clayton Farmers to Families Food Drive Aug, 22.

Rotary Club of Conyers

	
<p>September 3, 2020 Guest Speaker - Ben McCumber, Rockdale Career Academy</p> <p>In his presentation, he highlighted the rate of attendance of their students during COVID 19 being similar to last year; ways that the staff a students are developing and implementing creative ways of delivering educational content.</p>	<p>August 27, 2020 Guest Speaker - Mark Galvin, E-Presence</p> <p>He shared valuable information and instructed Rotary members on ways to improve their LinkedIn Profile.</p>



**August 20, 2020 Guest Speaker -
Marty Jones, Rockdale County
Development Authority**

Marty gave the club an update on the county's plans on short and long term economic development, and how COVID 19 has affected certain aspects, but not all, in terms of economic development.

**August 13, 2020 Guest Speaker -
Dr. Jeff Cole, Piedmont Rockdale
Hospital**

Provided a special update on the region's COVID 19 situation, and the patients who are being taken care of by his staff.

Dahlonega Sunrise Rotary Club



Pictured L-R: Mayor Sam Norton, Ben English, Ron Larson, President Jarell Jones

BLUE CART BUCKETS UNDER QUARANTINE - - The Dahlonega Sunrise Rotary Club has moved to virtual Zoom meetings for several months. Our blue Cart Buckets have been quarantined in a closet for the same time. Members have been encouraged in the weekly bulletin to continue collecting coins and bills for a CART collection. Saturday, August 1, several members assembled in the parking lot in front of the Picnic Cafe from 7:30 to 10:00 A.M. The Cafe is owned by Sam Norton, the Mayor and an active Sunrise Rotarian. \$939 was deposited in the bucket. Judi Cooley, the 501c3 Foundation Treasurer, tossed in her check for \$61 to bring the total to an even \$1,000. Another collection date will be used in order to bring the total to at least \$1,240 or \$20 per member.



The collection crew had to be fed by the Picnic Cafe before they could work. (L-R): Jim Carroll, above Ray Prince, Denson Martin, Jarell Jones above Robert Fuller. Knowing that the banks and businesses were short of change, the Dahlonega Sunrise Rotary Club held a second collection on Friday August 21. A combined check will be presented by their foundation to Past District Governor and District Chair Gene Windham on September 16. Having not made their initial goal of \$20 per member, the CART drive though once again held a collection on August 21. We just barely made our goal of \$1240. Fortunately, the rain didn't completely fill the buckets. This time Jarell Jones, Jim Carroll, and Ben English added more money for the CART collection.

Rotary Club of Duluth



A very special fundraising golf tournament took place in August for one of the Rotary Club of Duluth's favorite charities, Operation One Voice. This charity supports wounded special operations soldiers and their families. Club member Bill Stevens founded this charity. Pictured above on August 12th at Legacy on Lanier (l to r): Greg Hocutt-guest, Navy seal, And Rotarians Alan Cobb, Mike Ballenger, Brad Martin.

Operation One Voice is the beneficiary of Duluth Rotary's annual car show, held in April. With the fundraiser canceled because of COVID, club members generously paid their sponsorship fees anyway as a direct donation to the charity.

Rotary Club of Elberton



Board meets with District Governor Tina Fischlin.



Pictured (l to r): AG Neil Azevedo, DG Tina Fischlin and President Chris Kubas.

Rotary Club of Hall County



Thanks to Rotary Club of Hall County, each student at New Holland Academy in Gainesville has a pencil box with a Rotary logo.



South Hall Rotary Club



South Hall Rotary Club hosted their annual 5k with an 80s theme. It was a great socially distanced race with a virtual component that raised money for local food banks and non-profit partners. Pictured left to right: Rotarian Mandy Volpe with race participants Chloe Staley, Parker Volpe and Jenny Staley.



South Hall Rotary Club President Elect Brenda McMillan preparing shirts for race day. The annual 80s 5k is held in August each year to kick off the Rotary year and fund club initiatives for the community. They had over 100 runners and raised thousands of dollars to match our District Grant for the UNG Food Pantry.



Rena Carden picked up these food boxes from a Rotary food truck distribution event and then set up in her church's community to go directly to the residents.

Rotary Club of Hartwell



Members of the Hartwell Rotary Club volunteered to help pack and pass out bags of school supplies at the 2020 Back2School Bash that provides school supplies for hundreds of students in Hart County. More than 600 families were served in the event. The club also donated pencil pouches for the event.



Loganville Rotary Club



Former President Brian Peart's Birthday!

Martinez-Evans Rotary Club



Lucina Clark at the Columbia County Commission Meeting August 23rd: Past President Lucinda Clark receives a proclamation from the Columbia County Georgia Board of Commissioners commemorating the passage of the 19th Amendment ("Women's Suffrage").



Past RI Director Jon Smarge's presentation on HANWASH (the Haiti National Clean Water, Sanitation and Health Strategy) on August 7th. Rotarians were blown away by the information on the health and water crisis in Haiti are very proud of our fellow Rotarians who have taken on this effort.



Check Presentation to Mosaic Club: Dr. Shirley Suarez, Director of Development, The Mosaic Center August 28. Through their efforts the club has become more familiar with the Mosaic Center programs ♦ GED tutoring, addiction recovery, employment and leadership training for women ♦ just to name a few. To quote their web site ♦ ♦The Mosaic Center builds lives and breaks cycles by helping individuals eliminate the educational, financial, relational, and spiritual barriers to lasting transformation. ♦ Dr. Suarez, and her organization has identified significant needs within the community, and they are taking action to create lasting positive change. The Martinez-Evans Rotary Club is very proud to support this mission by providing a donation of \$1,000 to The Mosaic Center.

Oconee County Rotary Club



The Oconee County Rotary Club wraps up the building of ramp #81!!! WOW!

Rotary Club of Thompson



Members of the Thomson Rotary Club met for Rotary Park Clean Up day on August 27! They also had a few family members join in the fun! Above: Stacey Thomas and Carolina Crawley help to clean up limbs.



Alan Smith cleaning up the sidewalks.



George Lokey and a few family members pitch in to trim bushes and hedges.



Don Powers and Kenneth Usry take a moment to rest after some hard work!

Rotary Club of Union County



When a call went out from Union General Hospital for food donations for their overburdened medical staff who need to eat on the run, the Rotary Club of Union County responded. In addition to stacks of pizzas, purchased with a special discount at Papa John's in Blairsville, the Club supplied dozens of fruit cups from The Skillet on Welborn Street. Nicomas Bradburn from the hospital is seen here accepting the donation from Rotarians Dr. Richard Raborn, Cathy O'Gara and club President, Ed Sternberg.



District Governor Tina Fischlin's official visit to the Rotary Club of Union County was the perfect setting to induct two new members into the club. Rev. Elizabeth Schellingerhoudt, Rector of St. Clare's Episcopal Church became a member, along with Melissa Bridges, Assistant Principal/Media Specialist for the Union County Middle School. She works very closely with their Interact Club.

Rotary Club of Winder



Rotary Club of Winder was proud to formally induct 3 new members in August. Krystal Arbogast (right) is shown above with her sponsor Steffanie Sorrells, whom she met through her involvement in The Guatemala Literacy Project. Krystal served as a missionary in Guatemala for 10 years and is exemplary of #ServiceAboveSelf.



The second photo shows Terry Casper who is sponsored by Steffanie Sorrells. Terry has been a long-time supporter of Rotary and our community, so we are happy to finally have her join as a member.



Pictured above is new member Christy Ware, who is sponsored by Ben McDaniel. Christy recently moved to Winder and has dived in head first to get involved in her new community and give back. We are happy to welcome her to Winder and Rotary Club.



Rotary Club of Winder serving at the Barrow County Family Connection annual Back 2 School Bash. Left to right are Christy Ware, Ann Cronic, Ben McDaniel, Linda Hendricks, and Steffanie Sorrells.





The Back 2 School Bash was a little different this year thanks for COVID-19, but we were still able to help serve over 950 students in Barrow County by providing them with a new bookbag and much needed school supplies.

Awesome 80's 5K Raises over \$9,000 for Local Charities

By Amanda R Groover on Monday, August 31, 2020



South Hall Rotary raised over \$9,000 from its recent Awesome 80's 5K run to support local charities during the 2020-2021 calendar year efforts. The race - held on August 15th, 2020 in downtown Flowery Branch featured over 100 runners and numerous local sponsors- even with the changes in procedures taken to compensate for COVID-19 concerns. Several new protocols were implemented to encourage social-distancing and health guidelines while on the course but the spirit of the 80's was still present. Check it out!

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We were highly concerned that we were not going to pull of this year's event stated Club President Amanda Groover. However, those who showed up just kept telling us how thankful they were to be able to run an actual race. We definitely exceed our expectations with all the health concerns.

Proceeds from this year's race have been earmarked to benefit The University of North Georgia Food Pantry and the Annual effort to support underprivileged kids through hosting Christmas parties

Race Chair Sean Childers stated that this year's event was surprisingly successful due to the number of challenges we faced keeping it on the calendar. Without this fundraiser, our club doesn't get to make as large of an impact on our local community, stated Childers. We worked very hard to make arrangements to keep everyone safe.



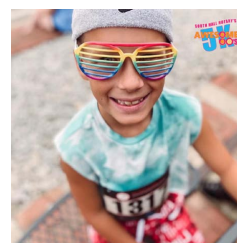
In order to provide more safety precautions, runners started the race 6 feet apart. Volunteers wore masks and had hand sanitizers. All water was provided in bottles instead of cups and no award ceremony or additional food drive as conducted to prevent people from huddling close together. Results were provided on the [race website](#) and medals were mailed to the participants.

Part of the funds from the race will be used to match the recent award of the Rotary District 6910 grant the club received to help fight food insecurity. Our club was honored to receive the grant funding and is excited to provide additional funding for the amazing work of the University of North Georgia's food pantry program.

The 7th Annual 5K is was held in downtown Flowery Branch and featured support from the City of Flowery Branch Police Department, local Boy scouts, and South Hall Rotary Members. The club works hard to make this event successful each year by partnering with other groups who align with Rotary's Service Above Self Motto.

The Rotary Club of South Hall meets weekly for lunch at the Train Depot in Flowery Branch.

For more information about this organization or to find out more about the club please visit the [events page](#) to see our upcoming meetings.



Registration for District Conference 2021 Is NOW OPEN!

By Paige W Havens on Thursday, July 30, 2020

Be one of the first to reserve your place in the sand with Rotary District 6910 on Jekyll Island in April! By that time



you will be ready to have fun, so start planning now and don't put it off. Just click below to get more details. Our plans for "Fun in the Sun" are sailing along and now you can be one of the first to reserve your place in the sand with us on Jekyll Island in April. This will be a great family-friendly weekend. We have amazing speakers and events lined up like Mark Miller, VP with Chick-Fil-A, a Beach Bash, Plunge for Polio, and entertainment by the Beach Boys tribute band, Sail On. You will also have plenty of free time to spend with your fellow Rotarians and family exploring the island or relaxing on the beach. And best of all your registration is risk free, so don't let the pandemic unknowns hold you back. IF we were to have to alter our plans, full refunds will be issued. Click here to get all of the great details! (link to: <http://www.rotarydistrict6910.org/district-conference-2021.php>)

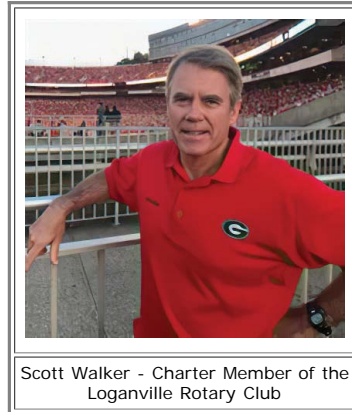
HELPFUL HOTEL REGISTRATION HINT: Closely follow the registration instructions provided on our website to ensure you get the special conference rates. DO NOT use a third party booking site (i.e., Expedia, Trivago or Kayak) - they will not offer the same rates and we cannot transfer your into our conference block if you book through them.

Get your hotel reservation information here. (link to:

<http://www.dacdb.com/Rotary/Accounts/6910/Downloads/0/Conference2021/2021ConferenceHotelInfo.pdf>)

PACK-A-BACKPACK SERVICE PROJECT: For the 'Fun In The Sun' District Conference Rotarians will be asked to bring school supplies and then help stuff 1,000 school backpacks for the children who need them in three elementary schools in Glynn County, Georgia. School supplies are on sale now so we wanted to give you advanced notice as you may want to stock up now to save money while these items are on sale for the 'back-to-school season.' [Click here](#) for a list of recommended items!

Loganville Rotary Club Says Goodbye to Charter Member



Scott Walker - Charter Member of the Loganville Rotary Club

In August the Loganville Rotary Club lost a very near and dear friend and fellow Rotarian, Scott Walker. He was a charter member of the club and has served as the club Treasurer for over 15 years. Please join all of District 6910 in the following short tribute to Scott.

Scott Walker

1962-2020

Scott Sheffield Walker of Lilburn, Georgia, passed away on August 9, 2020. Scott was born on October 5, 1962 in Greensboro, Georgia. His natural outdoorsman personality began during his childhood and continued throughout his life.

After graduating from Nathaniel Greene Academy in 1981, he attended Young Harris College and graduated in 1983. Scott began studying engineering at the University of Georgia and dating his wife Anne, where they started attending every bulldog game together. In 1986 Scott graduated from UGA with a degree in Agricultural Engineering.

His career in electric and gas utilities included working at Snapping Shoals EMC, Oglethorpe Power, and Walton EMC. Working at Walton for over 20 years, he most recently was their Director of Commercial and Industrial Accounts.

A large part of his character was to serve others. He always supported his children with involvement in sports, music and school. During his son William's time as a Boy Scout, Scott helped the troop on many outdoor outings and events.

He was a charter member of the Loganville Rotary Club, where he has been a Rotarian for over 17 years and the club's treasurer for over 15 years. He was a Paul Harris Fellow and a Sustaining Member of the Rotary Foundation.

His love of hiking the Appalachian Trail, camping, traveling to state and national parks, playing in tennis leagues, hunting, and fishing gave many years of enjoyment with his family and friends. He hiked all of the Appalachian Trail in Georgia and in North Carolina.

He was a kind and selfless man who will be missed dearly by his family and friends. Scott and his wife of 33 years, Anne, had two children, Caroline and William.





One of our own, Scott Walker, Loganville Charter Member Rotarian (he was our treasurer) was called home to be with our Lord and Savior. He will be missed by many in which he always put service above self. RIP, Scott Walker.

Scott's 5 Way Testimony in Life

Our treasurer is in Heaven,
I wish we could have said Goodbye
Scott Walker was his name,
He was a little bit shy
He was a giving man,
Put service above self
He always spoke the truth,
He was fair to all concerned
He built goodwill and better friendships,
And it was Beneficial to all concerned
He was fun!

-Marty Thrasher



Randy Redner
#6910 District
Feed10Million
Champion

If you haven't heard, you need to hear the news that the District 6910 Champion of the Feed10Million Campaign this year is Randy Redner (Rotary Club of Duluth). As campaign chair his role is to help mobilize the clubs in the district and to report results up to the zone level where the program originates.

Once again this year Zone 33-34 is turning it's focus toward making meals happen for needy families...10-million is the goal to be exact. According to Randy, today in Georgia over 1.3 million people are food insecure, of which more than 400,000 are children. "As District 6910's Feed10Million chair, I would like to help change that because Rotarians are People of Action," said Redner.

At this time there are three things each club is asked to do: (1) click the LINK below, (2) enter the name of your club's Feed10Million Champion (or chair), and (3) enter a goal for the number of meals your club will provide this Rotary year (remember this can be food drives, meals on wheels, back pack programs, etc.).

Click this Feed10Million [LINK](#) to get your club signed up today.

Need more information? Check out this video: Feed10Million Kick-off [VIDEO](#)

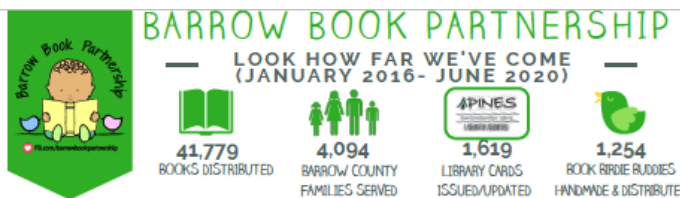


Making Connections Through Literacy

By Kimberly S Reynolds on Monday, August 24, 2020

September is National Literacy Month and a Rotary focus! Clubs throughout District 6910 are supporting literacy in many exciting ways.

Winder Rotary Club provides financial partnerships and leadership on steering committees with the Barrow Book Partnership, which since 2016 has distributed 41,779 books and served 4,094 families.



South Hall Rotary is doing a book drive with the local United Way's Little Library program. Additionally, they are beginning efforts to support Lanier Technical College's Adult Education Foundation to donate funds for GED testing. This funding helps encourage those who do not think they have enough time or money to take the tests to do the prep classes and succeed in taking the GED, as well as to participate in Adult Literacy programs.

White County Rotary donates a book to the local library in honor of each of their program speakers. Speakers sign a Rotary sticker that is placed in the donated book.

Union County Rotary also donates books in honor of their program speakers. Along with their Interact Club, the Union County Rotary has also published three books. Last year, they began giving a dictionary and Rotary pen to each third grader.

The **Rotary Club of Forsyth County** supports the local mentoring program, Mentor Me, through donations. They also provide Chromebooks to third graders and sponsorship to Leap into Literacy.





Rotary Club of South Forsyth raised funds for literacy through their Spelling Bee and through their Trivia Night.

Towne Lake Rotary conducted reading sessions with students at Bascomb Elementary in February for Read Across America.



Has your club sponsored literacy projects, or do you have literacy events planned for September? Share your ideas with clubs around the

Second Harvest And Greene County Food Pantry Hold Special Food Distribution

By Laura Dent on Friday, September 4, 2020



Second Harvest Volunteers ready to help distribute food.

Second Harvest and the Greene County Food Pantry partnered together for a special food distribution held on August 25, 2020. All of the food was supplied by the Golden Harvest Food Bank in Augusta. Together, they served 250 families and each family received a box of dry goods plus grapes, tomatoes, plums, watermelon, and milk.

The food distribution was held outside at the former Greensboro Elementary School. Members of the National Guard from Fort Gordon were on hand to help pack the loose produce and load all the food in the recipients' vehicles.

Despite the rainy day, many volunteers were on hand to help sort and load the food, to handle registration, to direct traffic, and to oversee the entire food distribution. At the conclusion of the distribution, Becky Smith of the Food Pantry and Reid Conklin of Second Harvest added, "We want to thank all of our dedicated volunteers and our partners at Golden Harvest for helping make this food distribution a success. We hope to again partner in the future as we continue to address food insecurity and help those in need in our community."

Second Harvest is a signature project of the Rotary Club of Greene and Putnam Counties. The mission of the program is to help eliminate hunger in these counties. The program started in late 2008 by identifying places to "rescue" excess food. Over the years, the program has expanded to include monthly food distributions and the School Backpack Program which provides "weekend backpack meals" to elementary school children from low-income families.



Food Pantry volunteers all looking happy!



Demand was high as cars were lined up.



The registration team consisting of all volunteers are ready to get to it!

WORLD POLIO DAY Is October 24th

By Paige W Havens on Sunday, August 23, 2020

GET READY FOR WORLD POLIO DAY

When Rotary and its partners launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in 1988, there were 350,000 cases of polio in 125 countries every year. Today, polio cases have been reduced by 99.9 percent, and just two countries continue to report cases of wild poliovirus: Afghanistan and Pakistan. We are **◆THIS CLOSE◆** and we remain committed to the end. So, how will your Club join the fight and take action this year on World Polio Day? [Click here](#) for some great ideas on ways you can engage!

Hidden Hero Celebration

By Schelly Tennant Marlatt on Thursday, August 20, 2020



As the saying goes, "no good deed goes unrewarded!" At least, thanks to the Rotary Club of Gwinnett, no one would have ever heard of Michele Bourdonnay and the many things that she quietly goes about doing in her everyday life. Read on to find out why Rotarians surprised her on her doorstep recently and how she ended up the talk of the town. You will be inspired by this story! Be sure to read to the end!

Each year, the Rotary Club of Gwinnett recognizes a Gwinnett County Public School (GCPS) bus driver who goes above and beyond in our community. Because of COVID19, the annual GCPS Transportation training was not held in person, so we had to find a creative way to recognize our recipient.

On August 17, Club President Terry Swaim, along with other club Rotarians, attended a Publisher's Clearing House-style surprise at the home of Michele Bourdonnay. She was presented a plaque, flowers, balloons and a \$500 check.

A little about Michele: She, along with her family, offers community outreach with Atlanta Dream Center. They go to low-income housing and provide activities for the children, participating in a compassion night where they go to downtown Atlanta and set up a barbeque for the homeless. After eating, they provide blankets, toiletries, food items etc., as well as offer a moving clothing boutique and shower truck. They have another outreach program called Princess Night where they go out late at night and give roses and encouragement cards to the prostitutes and try to get them off the streets, while also speaking with the pimps to try to get them off the streets as well.

During the pandemic, Michele continues to go into Atlanta and hand out meals - she also delivers meals daily to GCPS students. Before Michele worked for GCPS, she was an Elementary teacher in Abu Dhabi for seven years. When returning to the states, she applied for a bus driver position, while gathering all required documentation from Abu Dhabi government and the U.S., which is needed to teach in Georgia, since her license lapsed in the U.S. while teaching in Abu Dhabi. Michele has completed everything needed to teach, but says her heart is now with the Special Needs students she transports, and has decided to continue being a bus driver. She shared with us that being a bus driver it is one of the most rewarding jobs she has ever had. As if all of this was not enough, on her available time she is making specialty cakes and cupcakes, and has provided many for her co-workers. Michele always has a positive attitude and great dedication to her students.

You can watch the video here: <https://www.wsbtv.com/video/?id=77239477-87cd-496f-832b-caed8fd71435> and read the article in the Gwinnett Daily Post here: https://www.gwinnettdailypost.com/local/gwinnett-rotarians-honor-bus-driver-for-service-to-those-in-need/article_f58472ec-e0f4-11ea-8e21-ff1dadca7895.html.





Clubs Working Together Make a HUGE Impact!

By Peter Gleichman on Wednesday, September 2, 2020

*African Proverb: **If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go FAR, go TOGETHER!***

The 5 Rotary clubs in Cherokee and Pickens Counties joined together on August 26 to distribute 1680 boxes of fresh vegetables equivalent to 15,000 meals to families in need during the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. Check out this video <https://youtu.be/UdXIPYHPqII>



Leaders and members of the Rotary Clubs of Canton, Towne Lake, Woodstock, Cherokee County, and Jasper coordinated the delivery of a trailer filled with pre-packed boxes of vegetables and fruit as part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farmers to Families Program.

The Rotary clubs reached out directly to food pantries and other nonprofits in Cherokee and Pickens Counties to come pick up the boxes from the delivery point in Acworth together with the clubs themselves taking possession of dozens of boxes for delivery to the nonprofit organizations they work with. In a matter of 2-3 hours, the boxes were unloaded from the trailer and loaded onto pickup trucks, box trucks, vans, and SUVs for distribution. Many thanks to Area 16 Assistant Governor DD Lee for arranging for the delivery of the produce to her father's warehouse loading dock and pallet jacks which streamlined the unloading, separating, and reloading of boxes of vegetables. [#CantonGARotary](#) [#RotaryOpensOpportunities](#) [#District6910](#) [#RotaryTogether](#) [#RotaryCares](#)

ROTARIANS MAKE A DIFFERENCE: For Pet Lovers Only!

By Debby Ciccone on Thursday, August 20, 2020

As a pet lover, when Millie of Never Alone, a Cherokee County-based non-profit food pantry made a presentation to the Rotary Club of Towne Lake, I posed a question: "Do you accept donation of pet food?" It tugged at my heartstrings to learn that there was a great need. Millie let us know that many clients request dog food and cat food, but many times they don't have any to give out.



As Rotarians, our club sprung into action and allocated \$250 to purchase dog food. We placed an order on Chewy.com With coupon codes, we were able to obtain 250 pounds of food.

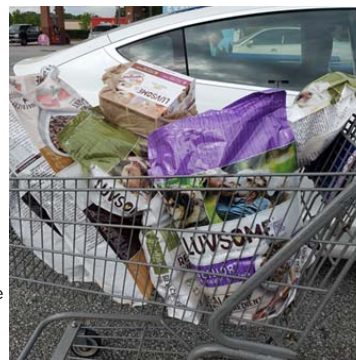
Phil Ciccone and I also started a pet food drive in our neighborhood, securing another 125 pounds of dog and cat food, along with treats, vitamins and CBD oil for dogs.

Painting and drawing dogs has always been a hobby of mine, displaying my art online as *Art by Ciccone*. On a whim, I did an online auction, indicating that whatever I took in for one of my dog paintings would be spent solely for pet food donations for Never Alone. I raised enough money to buy another 125 pounds! That month, our group was able to deliver 500 pounds of food!

After a meeting, I stopped by Never Alone to drop of a few more donations and the staff that was working, curiously asked if I were "the Dog Food Lady." I smiled and said, "I didn't know there was one, but I did drop off quite a bit last month, so maybe that is me?" She joyously jumped up and exclaimed "VIRTUAL HUG!" And, she asked me to come behind the desk so she could show my the client log. In the log were lists of clients and a column asking if they needed pet food. She scrolled through pages and there were so many who answered yes. She told stories of how so many were helped and how they came back with photos and stories of how much their pets enjoyed the food. The only sad part is that they ran out. She told me that she didn't know who we did it, but that we need to keep doing what we do because it is vital and often overlooked. It was such an emotional moment, we were both teary-eyed.

No one who is struggling should have to choose between feeding themselves and a pet. No one struggling should have to give up a pet. It IS BECAUSE they are struggling that they NEED that pet more than ever. The pet offers companionship, relaxation, stress management and joy. It is now my "PET PROJECT" to ensure that Never Alone is stocked with pet food. I will be continuing pet art, using 100% of all proceeds to purchase pet food.

If you would like to send pet food, you can drop ship from Chewy.com or Amazon.com directly to Never Alone located at 291 Ropemill Road, Woodstock, GA 30188.



District Focus



Leadership Spotlight

By Paige W Havens on Sunday, August 23, 2020



DGN Gerry Taylor (far right) stands proudly alongside his fellow Rotarians after installing a granite bench on the Oconee River Greenway in Athens, GA.

We continue our monthly "Leadership Spotlight" series in September to help Rotarians throughout the district to become more familiar with the team leading the charge in District 6910 this year and in the years to come. This month we turn our focus toward Gerry Taylor, the District Governor Nominee (DGN). He is on track to be our District Governor in 2022-2023. If you have the pleasure of having him come to speak to your club, you may want to insist that he brings his trombone with him!!! Read on to find out why!

LEADERSHIP SPOTLIGHT: DISTRICT GOVERNOR NOMINEE - GERRY TAYLOR

DGN Gerry Taylor lived in Aurora, Illinois, during most of his childhood. He spent his formative years in Minnesota where his big claim to fame was being named the State Trombone Solo Champion in his sophomore year. Gerry enjoyed a long career in non-profit management and was blessed to retire recently from United Way.



Today, Gerry and his wife, Lisa, a retired special education teacher, call Oconee County home. They have two grown sons, Chris and Ryan. Chris is in IT in Rock Hill, SC, and Ryan is a chef in Athens. In his free time Gerry enjoys playing golf, swimming, listening to southern rock, model railroading and playing Frisbee with his black Lab, Hannah. He's been a member of the Classic City Rotary Club for 16.5 years. Some of Gerry's favorite service opportunities have been supporting local students at JJ Harris Elementary with grounds beautification, classroom, and playground projects.

Through the years he's served his Club and the District well as Club President, Assistant District Governor, District Vice Chair of Training, and RLI Discussion Leader. Rotary's Doors of Opportunity have taken him to Hamburg, Vancouver and Hawaii. We are excited that Rotary has open yet another door of opportunity for Gerry to serve as our District Governor in 2022-23.

New District RI Compliant Logos

By Leo J. Lawrenson on Wednesday, August 19, 2020



To comply with Rotary International branding standards, the D6910 PI Team has redesigned several of the logos used throughout the District. They have been placed in the Logos folder under the DACdb District Files tab, and are also available using the Insert Image

functions in EZStory and Easy & Beautiful websites. PNG, JPG and PDF formats have been provided, as well as both color and black & white versions.

Gwinnett Duck Derby will make a Virtual Splash in 2020

By Ginger Powell on Tuesday, September 1, 2020

The Rotary Club of Sugarloaf will host the 6th Annual Gwinnett Duck Derby online this year due to continued Covid-19 safety protocols.



Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) (@RotaryClubofSugarloaf) to stream our live event on Tuesday, September 22nd at 5 p.m. and find out who will be a lucky duck this year! The winners will be chosen through a random number generator provided by GAME fundraising services. Those who adopt a duck will have the chance to win a cash prize of \$2,500 along with other great prizes! Ducks can be purchased by visiting www.GwinnettDuckDerby.com.

As the largest fundraising event for the Rotary Club of Sugarloaf each year, net proceeds of more than \$60,000 has benefited many local charities including the Lawrenceville Boys & Girls Club, Annandale Village, Gwinnett Medical Center Foundation, Rainbow Village, Gwinnett County Library Foundation, Gwinnett Tech, Because One Matters, Nothing But the Truth Food Ministry, and our partner in education, Corley Elementary, a title I school in Gwinnett County. We've also funding district and international projects endorsed by Rotary including *Alliance for Smiles* and *Rotary Has Heart*.



Rotary Hero Fundraising Challenge

By Lisa Hadden on Monday, August 17, 2020

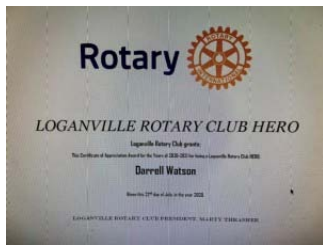
The cancellation of our annual Wing Fling due to Covid-19 caused our club to have to adapt to government restrictions on public gatherings. As you know the relationship between the Rotary Club and the community is more than just raising money. Connecting with the community during local events has always played an essential role in building our community relationships.

In a brainstorm session with several members many ideas were tossed around and several will be implemented in the future. Our first virtual fundraiser was called: *Rotary Hero Fundraiser Challenge!* During this challenge we utilized the GoFundMe platform and asked our members and connections to donate and share. Within this fundraiser we explained how the Rotary helps local organizations with both time and money.

We established several levels of partnership with the fundraiser to encourage participation.

- Donors of \$100 (or more) received a Loganville Rotary Club Hero certificate (see picture below)
- Donors of \$1000 (or more) received a certificate as well as a Rotary Hero Service Above Self lapel pin. (see picture below)
- One Donor volunteered to match donations for 5 days - As a Thank you for his donation of \$4000 he received a Paul Harris 3D Glass Light award. (see picture below)

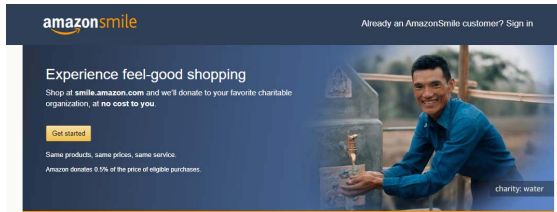
You might be wary to ask others to donate during a public health crisis, but people and businesses are looking for ways to reach out and help their communities in this time of need. We have raised over \$10K in just a few short weeks. This is a perfect example of keeping the mission relevant to the current situation while helping those in need right now.



Fundraising Ideas: FREE MONEY with Amazon Smile for Non-Profit

By Patricia Schaeffern Kenney on Wednesday, August 12, 2020

During this difficult time, Rotary Clubs are coming up with new ideas for fundraising. If your club is a 501(c) (3), one easy way to raise funds is to set up an Amazon Smile account for your non-profit. As more and more people are shopping on-line, with a generous amount of that shopping being done on Amazon, this program (and it's return) provides **low hanging fruit** for strapped Rotary Clubs.



When you join AmazonSmile you can...

- Generate donations
Shop at smile.amazon.com and we'll donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to your favorite charitable organization—no fees, no extra cost.
- Donate products to charity
Thousands of charities created AmazonSmile Charity Lists of items they need right now. Simply browse, order, and enjoy giving.

From the Amazon site:

◆AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at smile.amazon.com on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones. When you shop at AmazonSmile, you◆ll find the exact same prices, selection and shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. ◆

The following is the method given by Amazon for setting up your non-profit◆s AmazonSmile account.

Getting started (full details): https://org.amazon.com/?ref=sxsts_aspa_qna_amazon_smile_igq

Briefly:
Create an organization administrator account and accept the AmazonSmile Participation Agreement on behalf of your organization.

Verify your email address (we recommend that you use an email address that is associated with your charitable organization).

Submit your organization◆s bank account information.

Upload a copy of a voided check or bank statement to verify your organization◆s bank account information.◆

A participation agreement and full requirements for non-profits to be eligible can be found here: https://org.amazon.com/?ref=sxsts_aspa_qna_amazon_smile_igq

All details can be found on the AmazonSmile site.

District Conference

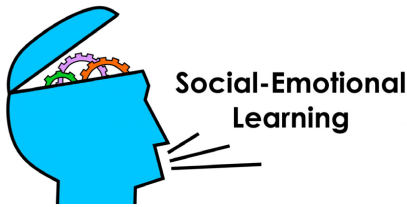


Laws of Life



Tool For Schools....Laws of Life

Thursday, August 13, 2020



Written by: Linda Hatten, Laws of Life Staff Member

Schools face a daunting challenge for the 2020-21 school year -- how to ensure that every student can reach their potential in the current education environment. Each passing week presents new changes and the stress that goes with them. Most schools will focus on *Social-Emotional Learning (SEL)* programs to help students get the year started from a positive place. The Georgia Laws of Life (GLL) Essay Contest provides high school teachers with a powerful tool to promote SEL along with writing skills.

LAWS OF LIFE ESSAY CONTEST OFFERS VALUABLE TOOL TO SCHOOLS

According to *Edweek*, a recently released survey of high schoolers found that a large share of teens struggled with depression, anxiety, and unhappiness during the school closures due to the coronavirus pandemic this spring. The *Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL)* offers an SEL guide that lays out what schools can do to help students develop the emotional skills to build personal relationships and academic partnerships. This enables them to endure personal challenges, including missed milestones, economic instability, racism, and even the death of loved ones. Research shows strong emotional health leads to improved academic outcomes.

Exploring life lessons in the development of the Laws of Life essay fosters self-awareness for students. As they peer review their work with classmates, students feel connected and supported. ♦ All my teachers are amazed at how the assignment to write a Laws of Life essay opens up a dialogue with their students, ♦ said Melissa Giggey, GLL Contest Chair at West Hall High School, ♦ It is the best way to earn trust and create a classroom environment. We always do it at the beginning of the school year. ♦

♦ Social, Emotional and Ethics Learning is proven most successful when repeated and supported by a broad network of family, community and social reinforcements, ♦ said Carol Gray Walker, Executive Director for Georgia Laws of Life. ♦ This perfectly describes the community network of Georgia Laws of Life. Students, their teachers, peers, family, friends and local Rotarians are engaged in and impacted by the contest. ♦

To further support teachers and students in this distance learning era, GLL will implement online training for teachers and their Rotary Club partners as well as online essay submission and judging. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, schools and students will rely more heavily on technology for the 2020-2021 school year. Students may spend less time in the school building, so teachers will stay connected via online classroom platforms. A grant from the John Templeton Foundation provides some financial support for this timely technology investment.

GLL invites Rotary Clubs throughout Georgia to join the Laws of Life program. As a Contest Sponsor your Rotary Club support provides a life-changing program for educators and students which encourages students to reflect upon values like those in the Rotary Four-Way Test. Contest Sponsors may also serve as a School Partner, working directly with a school or schools in your local area. GLL invites clubs throughout Georgia to participate with or without being a school partner.

The average cost per school, including student and teacher prize money, school contest materials, essay publication, student recognition, and administrative costs is approximately \$1,200 per year. Your support provides the program free of charge to Georgia Schools.

For more on serving as a GLL Contest Sponsor or School Partner simply complete a [Sponsorship Form](#) or contact Executive Director, Carol Gray Walker at carol@georgialawsoflife.org, 404-590-8039.

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Since 1999, the Georgia Laws of Life Essay Contest has impacted over 750,000 students. Inspired by the power of simple quotes, or *Laws of Life*, Sir John Templeton established the writing competition in the 1970s to encourage young people to embrace the wisdom of these sayings and live their best lives. In their essays, students use a Law of Life to reflect on values that mean the most to them ♦ values such as generosity, courage, perseverance, honesty, integrity, and compassion. The Georgia Laws of Life Essay Contest is made possible through a grant from the John Templeton Foundation. Major support also comes from Rotary Clubs as well as individual and corporate donors throughout Georgia. Visit <https://georgialawsoflife.org/>

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What Do All Of These Logos Have In Common?

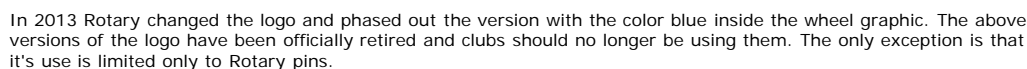


Do these logos look familiar?

Can you guess what's wrong with them?

Click thru to find out!





Logos

Mark of Excellence



In addition, there are a couple of one-color versions that can be used if placed on a color background that is the same color as the Masterbrand Signature or the Mark of Excellence. There is a blue version, a black version and a white version, as shown below...



Official Rotary logos can easily be downloaded from My.Rotary.Org, in the Brand Center, along with the guidelines on the proper use of the logo.

If you'd like to read up on the history of the Rotary wheel and logo and how it has evolved over the years, click [HERE](#).

Odds & Ends



A Reminder From our Beloved iPDG



The Nomination Period is open for District Governor for 2023-2024!!!

The nomination notice and forms went out to all Rotarians on August 4th and nominations close on **October 15th**.

If anyone needs information or another copy of the email they can contact iPDG Don Martin.

Click [HERE](#) to review the District Election Guidelines.



Pic of the Month

Click [HERE](#) to see this month's photo of the month!

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