

This Week....Amy M. Jacobs - Commissioner, Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning

Amy M. Jacobs is commissioner of Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL), the agency responsible for helping meet the early child care and education needs of hundreds of thousands of Georgia's children and their families. Governor Nathan Deal appointed her to lead the department in June 2014. As DECAL Commissioner, Jacobs oversees an annual budget of more than \$900 million for programs focused on child care licensing, subsidized child care, child and adult care nutrition, child care quality, and early childhood education, specifically Georgia's Pre-K Program.

Before joining DECAL, Commissioner Jacobs served as Senior Policy Adviser for the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (OPB). She began her career at OPB in 2001 in the planning, research, and evaluation division focusing on strategic planning and program evaluation. Also while at OPB, she served as director of the Education Division and the General Government Division. Before that, she worked for two years in the Georgia Court of Appeals.

The Commissioner serves on the Georgia's Children's Cabinet (Co-chair), the Georgia Child Fatality Review Panel, the 2020 Complete Count Committee, the Promising All Atlanta Children Thrive Advisory Board, and the boards of the Sandra Dunagan Deal Center for Early Language and Literacy at Georgia College and State University (Board Chair); Georgia Foundation for Early Care and Learning (Board Chair); and the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education.

Commissioner Jacobs is a graduate of the University of Georgia. She and her husband, John, live in Cobb County with their two children.

Next Week...Laura Meadows - Director, University of Georgia Carl Vinson Institute of Government

As director of the Carl Vinson Institute of Government, Laura Meadows coordinates the efforts of more than 150 employees who provide technical assistance, applied research, technology solutions, and training and development services to governments in Georgia and internationally.

Dr. Meadows joined the Institute of Government in 2009 and was appointed permanent director in February 2012. She has an extensive career in public service, working with state and local governments on a variety of issues such as planning, housing, infrastructure development, and facilitating community development and economic growth efforts. Prior to her work with the university, Dr. Meadows served in several executive positions at the state and federal levels, including commissioner of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, the first executive director of the OneGeorgia Authority, assistant secretary of state, and state director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development program.

Education:

Ed.D. Higher Education Administration, University of Georgia; M.P.A., Brenau University

Additional Info:

Areas of Expertise: governmental administration and management, community and economic development, governmental training

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 29 - Joe Brannen, President & CEO, Georgia Bankers Association
 November 5 - Dr Wayne Kerr - Dentist, Retired, Author
 November 12 - Michael Holder - Commander at Air Force Special Operations, Africa
 November 19 - Margie Kersey - Rotary Foundation
 November 26 - No Meeting
 December 3 - Dr. Tavaraz Holston, President, Georgia Piedmont Technical College
 December 10 -
 December 17 -
 December 24 - No Meeting
 December 31 - No Meeting

Membership Roster 2020

Conyers Roster - 2020

| Last Name | First Name | MemberType | Classification | Pref. Email | PData | Code | Participation Data |
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| Ahlstrand | Bruce | Active-R85 | Two Way Radio Industry | bahlstrand@bellsouth.net | PHF,B,PP,PAS 2005,ROTY 2003, 2010,PHFn,4106,4107 | ALU | ALUMNI or Rotary |
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Birthdays

Michael W. Lassiter
November 2nd
Dorothy Bala
November 11th

Wedding Anniversaries

William T. Rogers
October 18th
Daniel S. Digby
November 2nd

Years of Service

Martin Jones
11-01-1993
27 Years
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
Wilson F. Mathews Jr.
11-10-2016
4 Years
Terry Oatts
09-13-2018
2 Years
Terry N. Massey
09-20-2018
2 Years
Stephen Boyle
10-01-2020
0 Years

Club Leaders



Scott G. Slaughter
President



Moses G. Kabia
President-Elect



Sandra Cowan
Etheredge
Secretary



Bernard Stanford
Treasurer



Wendy A. Bear
Membership Chair



Ernel E. Forrester
Membership Retention Chair




Dave Benson
Family of Rotary


















A.L. Myers Jr.
GRSP Chair



Albert A. Myers III
Rotary

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- On-To Conference Chair
- District Events Coord
- Wayne Robinson
- Sergeant-at-Arms
- Vince G. Evans
- Club Fundraising Chair
- Michael Hutcheson
- Community Service Chair
- Martin Jones
- Club Service Chair
- Shelli Siebert
- Club Programs Chair
- Suchet L. Louis
- International Service Chair
- Michael Macchione
- Vocational Service Chair
- Bryan Hilburn
- Youth Services Chair
- Thua G. Barlay
- iPast President
- Kim Glaze
- Executive Secretary
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Economic Development & Community Development Month

By Tina Fischlin on Wednesday, October 7, 2020

As Rotarians, we are encouraged by the acts of kindness in our community and around the world. While the COVID-19 pandemic has slowed some efforts, it has also affirmed how much we accomplish as People of Action and brought some unexpected opportunities. The resilience and service by Rotary clubs in our District are inspiring.

For example, on my recent governor's visit to the Rotary Club of Loganville, I had an opportunity to participate in the ribbon-cutting event at Loganville High School's College and Career Resource Center. The center will provide assistance and resources as students prepare for life after high school. (See photo.)

May Peace Prevail On Earth was demonstrated by District 6910 clubs' participation in the International Peace Day. We had great participation among clubs who registered events. Your donations to the Rotary Foundation empower our dedication to peace by supporting the Rotary International's Peace Fellowship. We are a Peace District because of your support of The Rotary Foundation. Read more about Peace Fellowship: <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/peace-fellowships>

How will your club celebrate World Polio Day on October 24? We reached a milestone: eradicating polio out of Africa! But the work is not done. We must continue our efforts in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Remember to register your event at <https://www.endpolio.org/register-your-event>.

October is Economic and Community Development. The Rotary Foundation enables Rotarians to invest in people by creating sustainable, measurable and long-term economic improvements in their communities. Click on the link here to gain inspiration from other Rotarians: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5vzd0nypweY&t=3s>

As President Nick Frankle says, **The mission of the Rotary Action Group for Community Economic Development** is defined as being a source of knowledge and expertise that helps Rotarians plan, implement, and manage impactful and sustainable economic development projects and create lasting change in poor and underserved communities. To learn more, please visit <http://ragm.org/>.



Meet Wendy Bird, Founder of Pearls with Purpose. She is dedicated and passionate about providing women in impoverished regions an opportunity to be self-sustaining.

<https://pearlswithpurpose.org/>

Let's continue to be the positive newsmakers in our communities and around the world!

Peace & Unity



Georgia Rotary Embraces International Day of Peace

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

The three District Governors from across the State of Georgia joined forces in an impressive way to get behind this year's International Day of Peace, planned for September 21. In a climate of division, politics, pandemics and more, all creating stress and leading toward potential disharmony, District Governors Kirk Driscoll (#6900), Tina Fischlin (#6910) and Steve Barnes (#6920) banded together to create a remarkable joint online video project that was shared on Facebook Live on the morning of Peace Day. This presentation acted as the foundation upon which numerous individual club events were organized and took place across all three districts.

The twenty-nine minute Facebook Live video was an intricately woven thread of insights not only from the three District Governor's, but also from a quartet of very impressive guests that willingly took part in the opportunity to talk about peace. These guests included Rotary International Director, Peter Kyle; Rotary Peace Fellow and Institute for Economics & Peace Global Ambassador, Patricia Shaffer; Brigadier General, USAF (Ret.), Kenn Tadarov; and the notable and influential Ambassador Andrew Young.



The overall message and impact of this presentation is one you just have to see for yourself, and you can do that simply by clicking the image above. You'll be glad you did!

The creative and video production was done by Christian Janson who is the Founder of Most High Media, a non-profit creative agency and studio in Roswell, GA, who's mission is to spread awareness, educate, and crush the stigma of addiction and mental health disorders. Christian did an amazing job working very closely with DG's Kirk, Tina and Steve to put this masterful production together.

Two key goals of this endeavor were to create positive inertia resulting from Peace Day. First and foremost, this video production will be made available to Rotary Clubs to use as a future program at club meetings, emphasizing one of Rotary's seven key areas of focus (Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution). In addition, the end of the video promotes a very specific action item that each and every Rotarian can take to make a difference by participating in the Rotary Peace Academy, a free program that can be found at RotaryPositivePeace.org.

To top it all off, Rotary Clubs across Georgia were celebrating the day with a wide array of special events to help bring peace into each community in a unique and positive way. Outlined below are a series of links that will lead you to a variety of stories and photographs from some of the awesome programs that took place in District #6910 on the International Day of Peace.



Rotary Club of Jasper releases a symbolic dove during a Peace & Unity Day event on September 21.

Peace & Unity Day Events in District #6910

Click on any of the Rotary Club names listed below for details, photos and, in some cases, videos from their Peace Day event.

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| Banks County Rotary | Lanier Forsyth Rotary Club |
| Rotary Club of Canton | Loganville Rotary Club |
| Rotary Club of Covington | Rotary Clubs of Rockdale & Conyers |
| Rotary Club of Dawson County | South Hall Rotary |
| Rotary Clubs of Gwinnett | Rotary Club of Winder |
| Rotary Club of Jasper | |

PolioPlus



#1 In The World

Thursday, September 17, 2020



Tommy and Chantel Bagwell Honored as they become

With a little help from Forsyth County Rotarian Tommy Bagwell and his wife Chantal, District 6910 was the highest giving district to PolioPlus in the world during the 2019-20 Rotary year! Likewise, their home club of Forsyth County was the highest giving club in the world! Can you guess the common denominator here?

Tommy and Chantal are Arch Klumph Society Platinum Trustees Circle members who are very passionate about raising funds for PolioPlus. According to Robert Hall, Vice-Chair of the End Polio Now Countdown to History Committee, in 2017 Tommy expressed his belief that in Georgia we ought to be doing a lot better when it comes to supporting Rotary's PolioPlus fund. After much discussion, he and Chantal decided to make the commitment to put up \$3 million dollars in matching funds over the course of three years. It then became Robert's job to find the contributors to put those matching funds to work.

The Bagwells surpassed their commitment giving over \$3 million. These funds will go a long way in Rotary's campaign to eradicate polio from the face of the earth and keep our promise to the children of the world.



Robert Hall (right), Vice-chair of the End Polio Now Countdown to History Committee, presents Tommy and Chantal Bagwell with very special Arch Klumph Society recognition pieces, including a platinum pendant and necklace.

On September 17, Robert Hall was on hand at the weekly Forsyth County Rotary Club luncheon meeting to pay special tribute to the Forsyth County Club, District 6910 and, of course, Tommy and Chantal Bagwell. They were joined, virtually, by past Rotary International President and Chairman of the End Polio Now Countdown to History Committee, John Germ. After special plaques were presented to the top club and the top district, John called upon Tommy and Chantal to step forward so that he could thank them in front of the entire club. Tommy was presented a recognition pin and Chantal a lavalier and pin. The entire club quickly rose to their feet to offer up a thundering applause and standing ovation.

Tommy took just a second to express thanks to his club. He wanted sincerely to let them know how much he appreciated how the club rose up to meet a challenge that he set out for them, to become a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club. "I can't tell you how much it meant to me that the entire club worked so hard to make that happen," said Bagwell.

The Bagwells were officially inducted into the Arch Klumph Society in the fall of 2019 at the world headquarters of Rotary International in Evanston, Illinois. They visited the Arch Klumph Society Gallery where member's portraits are etched on glass plaques. It is a stunning display. In addition, each member has their profile included in an interactive display. With their most recent contribution, the Bagwells became Platinum Trustees Circle members of the Arch Klumph Society.



| #1 In the World - PolioPlus Giving '19-'20 | |
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| Tommy & Chantal Bagwell | \$1.25 million |
| Rotary Club of Forsyth Co. | \$1.257 million |
| District 6910 | \$1.473 million |

Hall said that Tommy once told him that he likes to see his donations leveraged to optimize the impact. The Bagwells' matching funds in excess of \$3 million generated an additional \$3 million plus from Rotarians. With the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation 2-for-1 match, their effort and commitment resulted in over \$19 million generated for the PolioPlus Fund to eradicate polio.

After the close of the Forsyth County Rotary meeting on September 17, one of his fellow Rotarians came up to Tommy off to the side to thank him for all that he does to make such a difference! In response, Tommy humbly and sincerely responded that he is very lucky and very blessed to be able to do so and that he looks forward to the day when Polio is history!



Claire McDonald, President of the Rotary Club of Forsyth County (Cumming), receives an amazing distinction as the top giving Rotary Club to the End Polio Now campaign during the Rotary Year 2019-2020. Robert Hall, presenting the award, serves as the Vice-Chair of the End Polio Now Countdown to History Committee.



Immediate Past District Governor, Don Martin is all smiles as he poses with the framed certificate that sets District #6910 apart in the fight to end Polio!

Polio, Where Are We and How Are We Trying to End Polio?

By Bill Strickland on Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Polio cases are still going up in only two countries. Afghanistan and Pakistan are the only two countries left with wild poliovirus. So far this year, we have had 120 cases of wild poliovirus. Afghanistan has had 47 cases and Pakistan has had 73 cases this year.

When COVID-19 hit, Polio inoculations were stopped and everyone stayed at home. But, just recently in Pakistan, the inoculations have started again. Health workers have started going door to door with armed soldiers. There have been some that have spread false rumors about the inoculations. Some were told that the inoculations were to sterilize children of the countries. The End Polio chairs from both countries are working on correcting these false statements.

There are two types of polio vaccines. One was invented by Jonas Salk. His vaccine is a dead virus that is given in a shot. Albert Sabin invented a vaccine that is a very weak virus that is alive. The Sabin vaccine is given with just two drops. Sabin's vaccine is the most cost-effective vaccine in the world. Most people can have this vaccine and never get polio. In mostly poorly vaccinated populations, there will pop up a mutated type of vaccine-derived polio that can give someone polio. Only 1 in 500,000 might get the mutation from the live virus. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation are working on a new polio serum that will not give any children polio.

We are so close to ending polio, we just need your help. When we get to the last case of polio, Rotary will stand with the leaders of the world to celebrate the End of Polio. Polio will be the only second disease eradicated in the World. Small Pox is the only disease eradicated so far.



Club Focus



Photos From Around the District

Thursday, October 1, 2020



The Rotary Club of Sugarloaf hosted its first virtual Duck Derby at Slow Pour Brewing in Lawrenceville. The fundraiser was a huge success, raising nearly \$25,000.

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



President Vicki Boling presents Certificates to Titus Peterson, Rotary Student of the Month and Ms. Stephanie Kinsey, Teacher of the month. Also included is Banks County Middle School Counselor, Ms. Tressa Dodd.



Banks County Primary School

September 22 at 4:50 PM · 🌐

Thank you to Banks County Rotary Club for their wonderful donation to our media center through their rotary literacy project.



The Banks County Primary School offers kudos to the Banks County Rotary Club for all the books that are donated by the club throughout the year!

Rotary Club of Canton

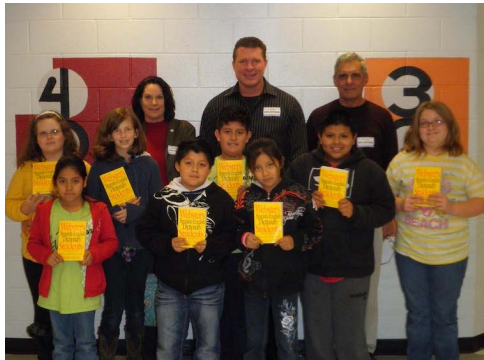


Canton Rotarians Assistant District Attorney Rachel Ashe and Cherokee County Schools Police Chief Buster Cushing (second from right) collected/picked up about 300 reusable water bottles collected by Canton Police Department!

Rotary Club of Cherokee County



The Rotary Club of Cherokee County held its September 15 meeting at the Cobb EMC Solar Flower Garden in Kennesaw. Members gathered in the open air to watch the Solar Flowers as they closed up for the night at dusk.



Rotary Club of Conyers



President Scott Slaughter, with the help of Literacy Chair Beth Anderson and Programs Chair Shelli Siebert, organized a drop off of Book Buddy Bags and short story books to students at Peachtree Academy in Conyers Ga. Pictured are Rotary Club of Conyers President, Scott Slaughter, the pre-K teachers, and Rotarian Janice Van Ness, a member of the Rotary Club of Rockdale.

Rotary Club of Dawson County

The Rotary Club of Dawson County is blessed with numerous veterans and they honored them today by giving them a homemade quilt. Group leader, Lynda Duke with the Dahlongega Valor Quilters presented the quilts to the veterans. The non-profit Quilts of Valor Foundation honors war veterans for their sacrifices with a freedom quilt. It was truly a touching moment hearing our veterans talk about their military experience while wrapped in a beautiful quilt.



Pictured: Dr. Larry Anderson (U.S. Army), Doug Powell (U.S. Air Force), DG-Elect Mike Berg (U.S. Army) Dr Brian Burke (U.S. Army), John Jordan (U.S. Army)



Pictured: DG-Elect Mike Berg (U.S. Army), Dr. Larry Anderson (U.S. Army), Doug Powell (U.S. Air Force), Randy Wells (U.S. Air Force), Dr Brian Burke (U.S. Army), John Jordan (U.S. Army)

Rotary Club of Duluth



Rotarians, as People of Action, have stepped up to serve Georgians in the State House and Senate. Attending a September 16 event in Suwannee with State House Representative Bonnie Rich (second from left) are Rotarians (left to right) Dr. Charan Shikh, Matt Reeves (State Senate Candidate), Soo Hong (State House Candidate), Erica McCurdy (State House Candidate), and Kent Davies.

Rotary Club of Forsyth County



Robert Hall presents the club with a new banner!



(l to r): Bob Hagan, End Polio Now Zone Coordinator - Zone 34; Tommy Bagwell, Arch Klumph Society Member; Don Martin, iPDG; Bill Strickland, PDG & District Polio Chair







Over 25 volunteers joined together for their annual service project to clean up Destination Park, which is special to the club as they have have a memorial bench placed in the park on behalf of a former Rotarian, Kurt Hansen.



The club celebrates President Marty Thrasher's Birthday!



What a good sport! President-Elect Doug Blevins goes along with the fun as the club organizes a baby shower!



The Martinez-Evans Rotary was excited to have Brian Epps, Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia as our guest. It was fascinating hearing why Judge Epps decided to choose to practice in federal court, the types of cases that come through the federal court system and how many counties make up the U.S. District Court (43 counties, including our area).



As Evans makes national news as the number one place to live by Money Magazine, we got to hear from County Development Authority Executive Director Robbie Bennet. A huge thanks to him for sharing what lies ahead when it comes to growth within the county.

Oconee County Rotary Club





Oconee County Rotarians are hard at work cooking BBQ chicken for their fundraiser project!

Oglethorpe Rotary Club



Oglethorpe County Student of the Month check presentation for \$1000 in September. Pictured above (l to r): Student of the Month Evie McGovern, Executive Secretary Mason Somerville and Club President Joseph Holtzleiter.

Rotary Club of Peachtree Corners





19 years ago we made a promise never to forget what happened on 9/11. When COVID hit, many places decided not to hold events or hold virtual events. I spoke with local business owners, Vinny Vitale and John Doris who own Fire and Stone Pizza and are from NY. Together, we received permission to put on an event in our Peachtree Corners Town Center's Veterans Memorial. We enjoyed a remarkable response from several local businesses and over 100 people attended including the Watch Commander from the local Fire Department, Major Edward Restrepo of the West Precinct, and Lou Solis from the Gwinnett Sheriff's department along with their teams. We also heard testimony from a first responder who was present at the site of the Twin Towers on the day of the attack. The building was lit for 24 hours to commemorate the day, a wreath was dedicated to all those lost and those first responders who made the ultimate sacrifice, and Fire and Stone Pizza provided authentic NY Pizza to all. We are incredibly thankful to the people of the community who chose to come together and honor that promise.

Rotary Club of South Hall





Lake Lanier Association's annual Shore Sweep took place on September 26. Hundreds of volunteers, including a group from South Hall Rotary jumped on board to get their hands dirty in an effort to keep our beautiful lake clean. Rotarians were able to pull in 6 large rogue Styrofoam mats along with numerous smaller pieces of trash that day.

Rotary Club of Sugarloaf



The Rotary Club of Sugarloaf hosted its first virtual Duck Derby at Slow Pour Brewing in Lawrenceville. The fundraiser was a huge success, raising nearly \$25,000.

Rotary Club of Thompson



Julie Langham gathering school supplies to take to Thomson High School.



Principal Trevor Roberson of Thomson High helps bring in donated supplies while Thomson Rotary President Julie Langham talks with teachers.



Several members of the Thomson Rotary Club helped to deliver donated school supplies to Thomson High School teachers.

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Monthly Rotary Theme

Rotary Opens Opportunities

It's a \$1.90 kind of day....

By Kimberly S Reynolds on Wednesday, September 23, 2020

It♦s a \$1.90 kind of day♦

Imagine that today you have \$1.90 in your wallet. No debit card or credit card. Just the \$1.90 to get yourself to work, take care of your children and possibly your aging parents, feed your family and buy anything else you need today. An impossible challenge, right?



For 800 million people, that is what it is like today and every day.

One of the six focus areas that Rotary is committed to is Growing Local Economies. Rotarians work together to strengthen local communities by providing assistance with local economic development. Helping communities who are impoverished to create sustainable livelihoods, increasing access to renewable energy, supporting entrepreneurs and farmers – these are only a few of the many ways Rotarians are people of action in this very important focus area.

Are you considering a service project and interested in how you can make a difference? Rotary clubs and the Rotary Foundation are transforming lives. You can be a part of this transformation!



What is your club doing to support local economies? We want to hear from you! Share your stories and encourage others to get involved.

Visit these online resources for more information:

Rotary Areas of Focus: Growing Local Economies
<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/growing-local-economies>
 Rotary District 6910 Foundation Humanitarian Grants
<http://www.rotarydistrict6910.org/foundation-humanitarian-grants.php>
 Rotary District 6910 Foundations Vocational Service Training Grants
<http://www.rotarydistrict6910.org/foundation-vocational-service-training-grants.php>
 Rotary District 6910 Training Resources
<http://www.rotarydistrict6910.org/training-main-page.php>
 Rotary Take Action Project Development
<https://my-cms.rotary.org/en/take-action/develop-projects/project-lifecycle-resources?embed=true>
 Rotary Learning Center: Strategic Plan
<https://my.rotary.org/en/learning-reference/about-rotary/strategic-plan>

District Focus



Leadership Spotlight

By Paige W Havens on Thursday, October 1, 2020

Our monthly "Leadership Spotlight" series continues in October to help Rotarians throughout the district become familiar with fellow Rotarians working hard at the district level to help lead our organization into the future. This month we'd like to shine the spotlight on the newest member of the District's Board of Directors, Jennifer Hendrickson.



District Board Member, Jennifer Hendrickson and her husband, Curtis at the Rotary International Conference in



Jennifer Hendrickson shown here while on stage with District Governor David "Coop" Cooper at District Conference in 2018.

This month we are excited to introduce you to our newest District Director, Mrs. Jennifer Hendrickson. Jennifer was born and raised in Michigan and has always had a love for all things art. Jennifer studied vocal performance at the University of Michigan and went on to earn a master's in arts administration from Florida State University. Her career has taken her from the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation and the University of West Georgia's Department of Music, to the Gwinnett Tech Foundation and Georgia Gwinnett College.

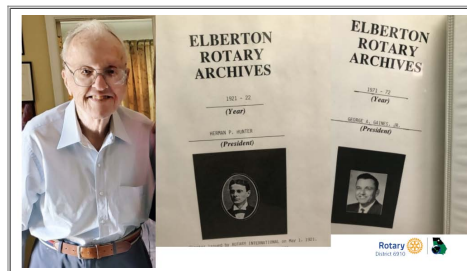
She currently serves as the Associate Vice President for Advancement at GGC. Jennifer was first introduced to Rotary when she served as the executive Director of the Rotary Action Group for Population Growth and Sustainable Development. There she led all efforts for membership, grants management and events for the international nonprofit. As Jennifer had the opportunity to attend nine international conferences, she saw firsthand how Rotary opens doors of opportunity for so many around the globe. For years, her role allowed her an honorary membership in Rotary, but in 2010 Jennifer officially joined the membership ranks of the Rotary Club of Gwinnett County and served as Club President in 2018-19. Jennifer is a Rotarian through and through and has led with great momentum at the club, district, zone and international levels. When Jennifer isn't working to champion education or volunteering with her Rotary family, you'll find her and her husband Curtis out horseback riding, boating, and enjoying the arts.



Jennifer Hendrickson excitedly poses shortly after receiving The Governor's Leadership Award for her efforts as 2017-18 President of the Rotary Club of Gwinnett County.

A Special Rotarian ... George Gaines

By Sallie Boyles on Friday, September 25, 2020



DG Tina Fischlin had the privilege of visiting Elberton Rotarian George Gaines, who just celebrated his 101st birthday. We hope to share a video of their meeting in the near future. Thank you to George's daughter Elsa Ann, his brother-in-law Joe Meyer, who is a member of the Rotary Club of Dahlonega Sunrise, and Elberton Club President, Chris Kubas for the introduction.

Like many who are looking ahead to next year, the Rotary Club of Elberton is preparing for a milestone occasion. Chartered in 1921, the club will soon celebrate its centennial birthday. Not to be outdone, Elberton Rotarian George Gaines had 101 candles on his birthday cake in August.

While too young to have been a charter member of his club, George has a long history with Rotary. In 1946, George's Rotarian father-in-law invited him to speak for his club about George's three years of overseas combat in North Africa, Italy, and Austria during WWII. It was a club for old men, George chuckles, revealing his first impressions of Rotary. The youngest there looked like he was about 55 or 60. With his wife Tootsie, the love of his life, by his side, George further spent most of his career in the granite industry. Starting out as a partner in the Atlas Granite Company, which he operated for 17 years, he went on to work as a quality control manager for the Granite Association. A local church and football stadium are among the granite structures built because of George's generosity. George's brother-in-law and member of the Rotary Club of Dahlonega Sunrise, Joe Meyer affirms that George has always been one to step forward when someone in the community needed assistance.

He became a Rotarian in 1959. Missing the days when the dress code for a Rotary gathering was a coat and tie, George admits that he was initially not a fan of women joining. Frankly, he confesses, I wasn't for it. His attitude quickly changed. I guess we have about twelve in the Elberton Club now, he says, and we couldn't do without them. They do all the work!

Assuming an active role himself, George served as Club President in 1971 and spent years as a board member, working to eradicate polio. Giving of his time, George also served on his local board of education and volunteered at church. Both he and Tootsie, who passed away eight years ago, are Paul Harris Fellows.

Considering all he values about Rotary, which has been professionally and personally gratifying to him, George says, The fellowship is what I love most enjoyed. Over the years, meetings kept him in touch with friends he wouldn't have otherwise seen from week to week. George also looked forward to district conferences and attended about 25 at Jekyll Island.

Since he's not inclined to participate virtually, George acknowledges that the pandemic has put a damper on his meeting attendance. Thankfully, his club

Our Individually Beautiful Humanity: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

By Kimberly S Reynolds on Wednesday, September 23, 2020

The beauty of being human is that we are all different in our humanity. It is that uniqueness that makes us who we are as individuals and that which works to build strong communities, secure in a foundation of varied skills, viewpoints, ideas and backgrounds which we can all learn from and grow through. Rotary, as an international organization, values diversity across the world and within each club. With differing points of view and experiences, there is a collective yet broad understanding of the needs of the community and how Rotarians can work together to address those needs.



How can we each be a part of ensuring our clubs are reflective of the communities we serve and that we foster a culture of equity and inclusion? The beauty of being human is that we are all different in our humanity. It is that uniqueness that makes us who we are as individuals and that which works to build strong communities, secure in a foundation of varied skills, viewpoints, ideas and backgrounds which we can all learn from and grow through. Rotary, as an international organization, values diversity across the world and within each club. With differing points of view and experiences, there is a collective yet broad understanding of the needs of the community and how Rotarians can work together to address those needs.



How can we each be a part of ensuring our clubs are reflective of the communities we serve and that we foster a culture of equity and inclusion?

- Talk about diversity with your club members.
- Complete the [Diversifying Your Club Assessment](#) and create a member diversity and inclusion [action plan](#).
- Invite local diversity, equity, and inclusion experts to speak at your club meeting. Consider creating a community advisory board and invite members of the community in to discuss ways to work together and take action together.
- Work with local organizations that are supporting diversity, equity and inclusion efforts.
- Encourage and support members from underrepresented groups to take on leadership positions in your club.
- Visit the online Rotary Learning Center.

Let's create lasting change together, in our uniquely individual and collective humanity. Then, SHARE what you are doing so that other clubs are inspired, encouraged, and strengthened in their efforts to do the same.

Additional Resources:

- 3 Ways to Make Your Club More Inclusive <https://blog.rotary.org/2019/08/01/3-ways-to-make-your-club-more-inclusive/>
- Rotary International Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Statement <https://my.rotary.org/en/learning-reference/about-rotary/diversity-equity-and-inclusion>
- Rotary International Areas of Focus Policy Statements file:///Users/kreynolds/Hamilton%20Marketing%20Dropbox/Kim%20Reynolds/Rotary%20District%20PI/Areas_of_Focus_Policy_Statements_en.pdf

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change ♦ across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. ([Rotary International Action Plan Presentation](#))

ShelterBox Heroes

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Based on their participation during the 2019-2020 Rotary Year, six District 6910 Rotary Clubs recently received special recognition and were designated as ShelterBox Heroes. Each of the following six club earned the Bronze Hero Award:

- Dahlonaga Sunrise Rotary Club
- Gainesville Rotary Club
- Rotary Club of Gwinnett County
- Rotary Club of Lake Chatuge
- Oconee County Rotary Club
- Rotary Club of Toccoa



A ShelterBox HERO is a Rotary Club that has committed to making an impact in worldwide disaster response by giving \$1,000 (Bronze), \$3,000 (Silver), or \$5,000 (Gold) within the Rotary year. When a Club becomes a HERO Club, they receive a certificate and a HERO digital badge for their website. They will also be listed on the ShelterBox webpage.

HERO Clubs enable ShelterBox to have the resources and time to be ready when disaster strikes by allowing ShelterBox to purchase and pre-position aid in or near countries where we respond, often resulting in a more efficient and timely response.



ShelterBox provides Shelter Kits which include a selection of durable tools and materials that are customized to suit the needs of each community. The tools and materials they send provide the essentials that families need to start rebuilding homes right away, ranging from tough tarpaulin and timber, to corrugated sheeting and even room dividers. The versatile tools they provide help with everything from clearing rubble to building shelters and even tending crops. These tools can also be used to build furniture, cut firewood and make repairs.

Since 2000, ShelterBox has provided shelter, warmth, and dignity following more than 300 disasters in over 100 countries. ShelterBox responds urgently to earthquake, volcano, flood, hurricane, cyclone, tsunami, or conflict by delivering boxes of essential shelter aid and other life-saving supplies. Each iconic green ShelterBox contains a disaster relief tent for an extended family, blankets, a water filtration system, emergency lighting, and other tools for survival. ShelterBox USA is a 2-time Nobel Peace Prize nominee and is based in Santa Barbara, California.



District Conference



Surf's Up!

By Paige W Havens on Friday, September 25, 2020

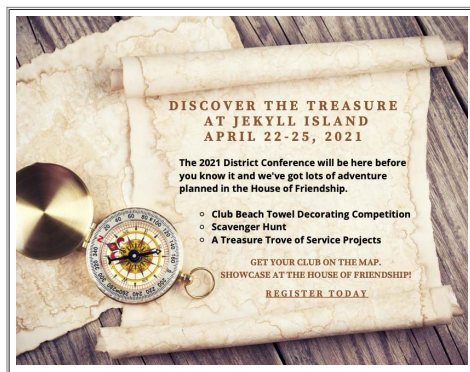
That's right - everyone's going surfin' at this year's District Conference. Lots of exciting plans are being made to ensure we all enjoy "Fun In The Sun," April 22-25, 2021 at Jekyll Island. Take a moment to sit back, relax, and soak up some of the good vibes headed our way and then [Register Today!](#)



Click on the image above to watch a great Surf's Up "Fun In the Sun" District Conference Video!

Discover The Treasure

Monday, September 28, 2020



District Conference Official Web Page

Here is your "Fun In The Sun" official QR Code:



Odds & Ends



Pic Of The Month

[Click here to see this month's Pic of the Month!](#)



District Facebook Page

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GRSP Newsletter Link



Click the image above to see the new Georgia Rotary Student Program (GRSP) Newsletter.

October 2020

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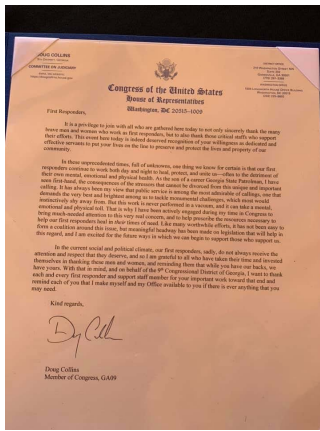
Rotary International

Rotary Opens Opportunities

September 2020

By: Nicole Stewart

We are so grateful to [Dawson County Fire and Emergency Services](#), [Dawson County Sheriff's Office - Dawsonville, GA](#), and [Dawson County Government](#) for all they do to serve our community! Today, our club honored Dawson County Emergency Services, Sheriff's deputies, and Public Works as part of the International Day of Peace Celebration. [#rotariansforpeaceandunity](#) [#district6910](#) [#AwesomeDawsonRotary](#)



South Hall Rotary

By: Amanda Groover



On Monday September 21st, the Rotary Club of South Hall hosted members from the Rotary Club of Gainesville and Hall County to recognize the International Day of Peace and Unity. Club members gathered at Elachee Nature Center afterward to hear from [Gateway Domestic Violence Center](#) Executive Director Jessica Butler.

Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21 September. The UN General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire. Although many of us don't think about the need for peace in our own communities, this year's organizers recognized that there has been an increased focus on domestic violence in our communities during COVID-19. Local Rotarians wanted to take a moment to hear from Jessica about the changes Gateway has seen over the last few months and the realities of domestic violence in our communities.

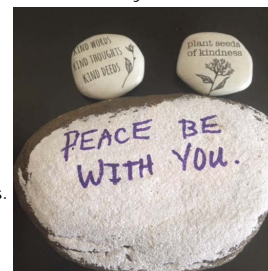
Jessica shared with club members the identifying signs and reasons why many victims struggle with getting themselves out of unhealthy situations. She also shared the staggering statistics that they have doubled the number of individuals served this year as opposed to the same time frame last year.

Following the presentation, Rotary discussed the need to continue to promote peace not just globally but locally. Rotarians then kicked off the first Rotary Rocks project in an effort to share peace, unity, and kindness within the community. This project is a spin off of the Kindness Rocks project that uses basic rocks to spread simple messages of hope to public spaces within the community.

Over 40 rocks were distributed to local places throughout Hall County on that night and Rotarians continue to spread these rocks with messages of hope.

South Hall Club President Amanda Groover shared that she hoped this was the beginning of an ongoing project for the clubs. ♦We know that simply spreading positive messages can impact lives that we may never meet and help people in ways we may never know. However, we truly think that it will at least help to put a smile on the recipient's face.

Learn more about domestic violence prevention efforts in Hall County at [Gateway's website](#).



Rotary Club of Canton

CANTON ROTARY CELEBRATES PEACE AROUND PEACE POLE

In its first in-person meeting of the new Rotary year, the Rotary Club of Canton celebrated peace in Canton Rotary Park around its Peace Pole on September 22. On a beautiful sunny day made for the occasion on the first day of Fall, the spirit of peace and camaraderie was in the air as Canton Rotarians were excited to be with each other in person once again as they "stand for peace and unity."

The reason for this peace program, "Spreading the Message of Peace," on this day was to coincide with International Peace Day the day before, September 21. Past President and Club Historian Rebecca Johnston, who was the emcee for the program, opened by dedicating the meeting in memory of recently deceased "former Canton Rotarian of the Year and state legislator from Cherokee County, Garland Pinholster, who . . . was nationally known as an innovator and inspiring basketball coach, who brought those skills to everything he did, including as a leader of this club."

Recounting the words of President John F. Kennedy that she spoke when the Canton Rotary Peace Pole was dedicated in May, 2017, Johnston said: ♦I am talking about genuine peace, the kind of peace that makes life on earth worth living, and the kind that enables men and nations to grow, and to hope, and build a better life for their children♦not merely peace for Americans but peace for all men and women, not merely peace in our time but peace in all time."

Johnston also expounded on what peace poles represent: "Peace poles are the most recognized monument dedicated to peace on earth. They represent the highest aspirations of peace and goodwill inherent in the human heart transcending race, religion and creed. Peace Poles serve as vehicles to carry the message, May Peace Prevail On Earth, out to every corner on our world. They are planted to uplift, empower and elevate the human consciousness to embrace the oneness of our global family."

Explaining the reason for the 4 languages appearing on the Canton Rotary Peace Pole, Johnston noted: "The four-sided pole, one of almost 200,000 peace poles in over 100 countries worldwide, expresses the message of peace --

"May Peace Prevail on Earth" -- in English, Spanish, native Cherokee, and Latin."

"The Spanish reflects the native language of the Hispanic community in Cherokee County; the Cherokee language was spoken by the Cherokee Nation that once lived here; and the Latin reflects the setting of Canton Rotary Park between the Old and New Courthouses in downtown Canton."

Keynote speaker Cherokee County Sheriff Frank Reynolds highlighted the role of law enforcement officers as peacekeepers, telling the story of a recently identified unsung Cherokee County peace officer killed in the line of duty long ago whose name is missing, but will soon be inscribed, on the Cherokee County Public Safety Memorial standing behind him. Reynolds candidly acknowledged how he frequently comes to Canton Rotary Park to reflect and hardly noticed, until now, the Canton Rotary Peace Pole and all it represents.

The program concluded with Canton Rotary Club Family of Rotary Chair and former Georgia Rotary Student Program (GRSP) student (2002-2003) Francisco Lozano explaining the 74-year history of the program and how it has produced over 3600 "ambassadors of peace and goodwill" since its inception. Canton Rotarians then contemplated peace as they listened to a recording of "The GRSP Peace Song" written by former GRSP Administrator Janis Comer (music) and 1994-1995 GRSP Student Bernard Wong (lyrics).

After the peace program ended, Canton Rotarians and visitors from other Cherokee County Rotary clubs gathered around the Canton Rotary Peace Pole for a group photo to represent peace in our community! May Peace Prevail on Earth, in America, and in our Community!



Canton Rotary Club Past President and Club Historian Rebecca Johnston spoke eloquently about the history and meaning of the Canton Rotary Peace Pole and the significance of its setting in Canton Rotary Park in downtown Canton.



Canton Rotarians and visiting Rotarians from other Area 16 Rotary clubs standing for peace and unity at the Canton Rotary Peace Pole.

Rotary Club of Covington



To celebrate the International Day of Peace, members of the Rotary Club of Covington gathered Monday morning at Rotary park in Covington to pray for peace in our community. Pictured, from left: Hugh Steele, Lauren Poynter White, Cathy Laseter, Club President Thomas Kephart, Clay Hodges, Bryan Fazio, Greg Proffitt

Rotary Club of Jasper



The Rotary Club of Jasper partnered with the [Jasper Lions Club](#) for Standing Together for Peace at the Peace Park in Jasper. Thank you to the community leaders who showed unity, cooperation, service, and kindness in celebrating with us.



Loganville Rotary Club

Click on the image below to watch a Loganville Rotary Club's Celebration of International Peace Day!



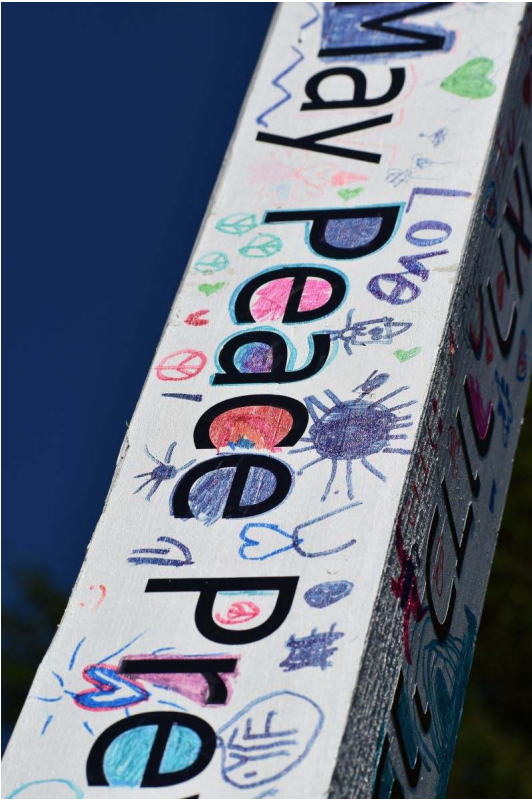
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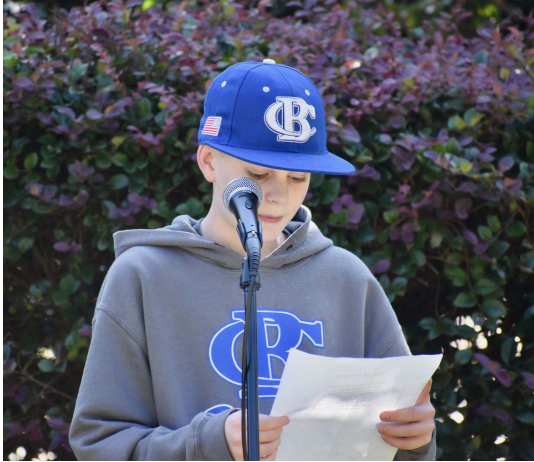
Rotary Clubs all across Georgia were celebrating and observing the International Day of Peace today in a variety of ways, in an effort to help build a culture of peace. The Banks County Rotary Club invited the community to get together in downtown Homer for the dedication of a Peace Pole, an iconic symbol carrying the message "May Peace Prevail on Earth!"

Peace poles are the most recognized monument dedicated to peace on earth. There are thousands of them around the world. Peace Poles represent the highest aspirations of peace and goodwill inherent in the human heart transcending race, religion and creed. They are planted to uplift, empower and elevate the human consciousness to embrace the oneness of our global family.

The Banks County Rotary Club would like to recognize the talented children in the art classes in the Banks County Elementary School who decorated and painted messages on the peace pole. We were also thrilled to have several students from the Banks County Middle School who shared their poetry based on the theme of peace. This was very proudly a community effort!







Rotary Clubs of Rockdale & Conyers

Highlights from the Rotary Clubs of Rockdale County & Conyers during International Peace & Unity Day on September 21st in Olde Town Conyers.





Lanier Forsyth Rotary Club

Peace Pole Dedication - Click on the image below...



Rotary Club of Winder



For [#InternationalDayOfPeace](#), the Rotary Club of Winder had a ceremony to commemorate our new Peace Pole which will live at the [Center for Innovative Teaching](#).

We were honored to have [Barrow County School System](#) Superintendent Dr. Chris McMichael and other guests join us for this ceremony.

You may find yourself wondering, ♦What is a Peace Pole?♦ A Peace Pole is a hand-crafted monument that displays the message and prayer May Peace Prevail on Earth on each of its sides. Peace Poles are an internationally recognized symbol of hope for humanity to promote worldwide peace.

May peace prevail in 2020!







On Monday, September 21st, Georgia Rotarians gathered at Rotary Peace Poles across the state to recognize the International Day of Peace. Our club, along with the eight clubs in Gwinnett gathered at the Rotary International Peace Pole on the Lawrenceville Lawn, to hear inspirational speeches about peace, unity, understanding with the importance of working together to create a world that meets our Four-Way Test: 1. Is it the TRUTH? 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned? 3. Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned? Thank you to our wonderful our emcee, JT Wu, and speakers including Rev. Marlon Allen, Hank Stewart, Poet Laureate and Dr. Dr. Jann L. Joseph, GGC's President.

What an amazing day to bring Rotarians together for a great event and movement!

