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Birthdays

-  Erica J. Brown
January 15th
-  Butch Ayers
January 20th
-  Jeff Alexander
February 3rd
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About Rotary

Rotary International is an international service organization whose stated purpose is to bring together business and professional leaders in order to provide humanitarian service and to advance goodwill and peace around the world. There are 34,282 member clubs worldwide, representing 200 countries and 1.2 million members.

RI President-elect Holger Knaack's theme for 2020-21, *Rotary Opens Opportunities*, asks Rotarians to create opportunities that strengthen their leadership, help put service ideas into action, and improve the lives of those in need.

Upcoming Programs

Upcoming Program: Walt Anderson, President & COO - Refuge Coffee Company

This week's in-person and virtual meeting features Walt Anderson with Refuge Coffee Company.



Refuge Coffee Co., a 501c3 non-profit business, and exists to serve the global community in Clarkston through coffee-related job creation, job training, social networking, and commerce. They dream of a more vibrant Clarkston, one where refugees have opportunities to thrive, where they move from survival in their first days here to building a life. Where people from greater Atlanta and beyond discover the multi-textured beauty of a global culture right here in our own backyard. Walt states that they believe in the resilience of our refugee neighbors and sees incredible strength in their barista/trainees.

Their goal is to join in the task of empowering our refugee friends to use their many gifts to help us create refuge. They are committed to serving great coffee and engaging all people they come in contact with telling a more beautiful refugee story. In addition to their location in Clarkston, Refuge Coffee has recently opened a second location on Auburn Ave. and will be purchasing a third coffee truck to add to their catering fleet.

Register for this meeting and future meetings. You only need to register once and you will have access to all future virtual club meetings: zoom.us/j/9161467894

To participate virtually, registration is required. For best results, please **COPY** the link above and **PASTE** it into your browser. Upon completion of registration, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. If you are new to using Zoom, we encourage you to connect at 11:45 a.m. on the day of the meeting. If you have any technical problems when connecting, you can call or text Tom Upchurch at 865-250-1141 or Mark Willis at 404-518-1894. Tom and Mark will also be available between now and Tuesday if you would like to do a one-on-one test to make sure you are comfortable connecting. Just let them know if you would like assistance. Here are some tips from Tom for using Zoom:

1. To see and hear everyone and for everyone to see and hear you, you need a computer linked to the internet, video camera, speakers and microphone (a typical laptop, smart phone or iPad has all this built in). If you don't have speakers and a microphone, you can use your telephone to listen to audio and talk to others while watching visual material on the monitor. If you don't have a video camera, you can still do and see everything except no one will see you.
2. To enter the zoom session click: the meeting link. (if this doesn't open the meeting, copy the address and paste on the browser address line).
3. When the Zoom screen opens click "open Zoom Meetings" as instructed.
4. After a minute or less, you should see some content on the big screen and a little screen will pop up asking which audio you want to use.

If you have microphone and speaker on your computer, select "Computer Audio". Then choose "Join with Computer Audio" and you are ready to go. If you don't have a microphone and speaker on your computer, select "Phone Call" Then dial any of the phone numbers that pop up and be prepared to give the meeting ID when asked. Then you can listen to everything on the phone. Be sure to click "done" in the box after you have set up the phone call (I usually write the phone number and meeting ID on a piece of paper in case the phone connection is lost and I have to redial).

Upcoming Programs - Be sure to visit the DACdb calendar to see all upcoming events.

- January 26th - Jim Galloway, Political Columnist with the AJC
- February 2nd - TBD
- February 9th - Debra Lowe, Rotary Foundation's Senior Major Gifts Officer - Rotary Foundation

Recap of last week

Recap of Last Week's Program

Gwinnett County Communications Director Joe Sorenson joined us virtually last week. Given the events surrounding our national and local elections recently, he thought it would be timely and most appropriate to speak about elections, and how his department communicates to the public.

Joe and his communications team disseminate information on how to register to vote, where to vote but his team focuses a lot of time on media communications. During elections, Joe helps our county's elections chief, Kristi Royston by speaking to the media on her behalf. This task is oftentimes tedious and time consuming.

During the 2020 election was especially busy as local elections, especially in Georgia drew local, state, national as well as international attention. Joe went on to discuss ballots, scanning errors and the adjudication process. He wrapped up the presentation by stating that he hoped people would trust the media again, especially with the efforts of the county's communications division.

Thank you Joe, for a very timely and candid discussion!

Community Champion

December's Community Champion is Paul Ryerson. His dedication to the Salvation Army's efforts to assist those in need, especially during the holiday season was incredible. A third generation Salvation Army Officer, Paul's hardwork ensured that those who needed assistance had a Merry Christmas for their families. Congratulations Paul - #serviceaboveself



ONLINE HEALTHCARE SUMMIT

Dr. Arona has encourage all of us to attend the Online Healthcare Summit on January 27th. Details are below:

JANUARY 27, 2021 | 8-9:30 AM

ONLINE HEALTHCARE SUMMIT

Tune in as Gwinnett's top healthcare leaders offer a briefing on the current state of COVID-19 response and care in our community. Get the factual information you need to know how to best navigate through and coexist with COVID-19.

Register at: <https://bit.ly/5SmeJzF>



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February 12th



Charlotte Nash
February 14th



Shantell R. Wilson
February 14th

Gwinnett County
Meets at The 1818 Club

Time: Tuesday at 12:00 PM