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Birthdays

-  Joseph Justin Ariano
January 8th
-  Erica J. Brown
January 15th
-  Butch Ayers
January 20th

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: Dr. Wayne Johnson, Student Government Loan Expert

This week's in-person and virtual meeting features Wayne Johnson of Macon, an expert on student government loans.



Wayne Johnson was born in Macon, Georgia. He earned his B.A. from Mercer University, his MBA from Emory University, and his Ph.D. in higher education leadership from Mercer University.

Johnson's professional experience includes serving as a senior official in President Donald Trump's Administration as the chief strategy and transformation officer and chief operating officer for the Department of Education's Office of Federal Student Aid from 2017 to 2019. He also has more than 30 years of experience as an entrepreneur, senior executive, and CEO of multiple businesses specializing in consumer finance and customer service support industries. Johnson served in the United States Army from 1974 to 1978.

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/join/joinmeeting/register/upfctcumrjkoZ59P5pZk6C0uYnjcOf06w

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 12th - Joe Sorenson, Director of Communications - Gwinnett County Government
- January 19th - TBD
- January 26th - Jim Galloway, Political Columnist with the AJC

Recap of last week

In Memory Of Willard Swanson and Terry Gordon

Over the past two weeks, our club and community lost two amazing men who were the epitome of what it means to be a Rotarian. Jim Boyd of the Membership Committee so eloquently states:

A Rotarian believes in Rotary and in what Rotary stands for. What Rotary stands for is stated in the Object of Rotary 1 Above all, Rotarians believe in Service Above Self. Rotary's international motto, Rotarians believe in sharing Rotary with others. Being a Rotarian means more than the sum of what a Rotarian believes about Rotary; it means maintaining high ethical standards in one's business, one's profession, and in one's personal life. Being a Rotarian means having the opportunity to experience the warm fellowship of a Rotary Club which can greatly expand one's circle of acquaintance, foster lifelong friendships, and help one do for his or her community what he or she might never accomplish alone. Being a Rotarian means to be actively involved in the affairs and service projects of one's club. Rotarians look for ways to get involved. Rotarians demonstrate the strength of their commitment to Rotary in the service they render to their club, through their club to the community, and through the Rotary Foundation to people throughout the world. Being a Rotarian is a way of life and can be a satisfying lifelong adventure for those who are willing to give of themselves to enjoy and benefit from all that Rotary has to offer.



Congratulations Chairwoman Nicole Love Hendrickson & Commissioner Jasper Watkins III

Two of our club Rotarians made big headlines recently. On December 28th, Nicole Love Hendrickson was sworn in as Gwinnett County's Chairwoman and Jasper Watkins was sworn into office on December 23rd as the District 3 Commissioner. Both will officially take office on January 1st. Congratulations to both of you! We are beyond proud and excited to see the amazing things you will accomplish in your leadership roles.



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Gwinnett County
Meets at The 1818 Club

Time: Tuesday at 12:00 PM