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











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-  Brandy Lynn Swanson
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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: Joe Sorenson, Director of Communications - Gwinnett County Government

This week's in-person and virtual meeting features Joe Sorenson, Director of Communications for Gwinnett County Government who will be joining us via Zoom.



Joe earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Georgia and began his career with Gwinnett County in 1991 in the field of video production and cable programming. Joe was instrumental in the formation of the Communications Division, which occurred when three distinct functions - television production, Web site management, and public relations - were folded into one division in 1998. He continued to manage all aspects of the County's government access cable television station and website content until his appointment as Communications Director in 2000. In this capacity, Joe oversees the County brand and directs the operation of the County's primary channels of communication including the Web site (www.gwinnettcountry.com), cable television station (TVgwinnett), social media, and printed publications.

The Communications Division provides creative services for the overall County enterprise as well as County departments and agencies: research, writing, editing, media relations, photography, video production, event planning, and audiovisual system consultation and management. Joe has steered the successful launch of the 2017 rebranding of County Government, three phases of the official Gwinnett County Web site, an intranet, and full automation of the cable channel and the adoption of social media. He is a member of PRSA, and 3CMA. He resides with his wife and twin sons in the Grayson area of Gwinnett County.

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/meeting/register/upE1cumrjKpZS9SPzK6C0uYVnjcOf6w](https://zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?meetingRef=1234567890)

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.

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.

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 19th - Walt Anderson, CEO - Refuge Coffee
- 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

Our original speaker, Dr. Wayne Johnson couldn't make it to our meeting due to a family emergency. Our very own club member, Dr. Audrey Arona stepped up and provided us with a Covid-19 vaccine protocol and rollout update. Her website has a pyramid that offers information about the vaccine and who is eligible. You can learn more here: <https://1.co/1x4h7A35K7amp=1>



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/35mcJpF>



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Caring for our community through COVID-19

Salvation Army Thank You

Hello Friends,

On behalf of Paul and Analese Ryerson, Captains of The Salvation Army Gwinnett, the staff and Recipients of The Angel Tree Program, kindly convey our sincere appreciation to all involved for their adoption/contribution in making this Christmas so special of the kids/seniors as they opened their gifts on Christmas Day. Your support over the years have made it possible for this Program to continue meeting the needs of nearly two thousands Children and Seniors of Gwinnett /Rockdale Counties. We could not have done it without you.

Unfortunately, because of Covid19, we will not be having our annual Sponsors/Volunteers Reception this year. Notwithstanding, just know that you are greatly appreciated and we look forward to the time when we will be able to resume this small gesture of how much we value and appreciate you.

My wish is God's blessings for a safe, healthy and prosperous 2021 to you and your families/co-workers and Company and that we will come out of this Pandemic a better People because of your loving care for and generosity to others.



Jeff Alexander
February 3rd

Sincerely,
Hazel E. Barrett
Volunteer/Angel Tree Coordinator

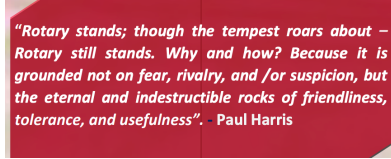
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Happy New Year

By DG Tina D. Fischlin on Friday, January 1, 2021



Welcome to the NEW YEAR! 2020 went out with a roar, and 2021 has arrived with a bang!

A HUGE thank you ♦as of December 31, you had provided over 779,000 meals to families in our communities. You have stepped up to the plate with our District challenge of providing 1 million meals in this Rotary year ♦ with 6 months to go!

We have also extended the deadline to February 28 for clubs to apply for the District ♦s \$500 COVID Relief Matching Grant. Better hurry ♦there is only \$25K available.

It is exciting to report that we now have *three* new EarlyAct clubs: Rotary Club of Martinez-Evans, Rotary Club of Greene & Putnam Counties, and the Rotary Club of Lawrenceville.

We also have a new Rotaract club sponsored by the Rotary Club of Jasper.

Looking to the future, DGE Mike Berg will soon attend International Assembly where they will announce the Rotary theme for 2021-2022. Club Presidents are also planning to attend PETS at the end of February with both virtual and in-person training.

The District Conference Committee will be heading to Jekyll Island to continue preparing for the Fun In the Sun District Conference. Rest assured, the conference team is working to ensure that your conference experience is awesome! Registration is OPEN!

In closing, our thoughts and prayers go out to those in our Rotary family who have lost loved ones this year. It has been a trying time for so many. But we must remain strong.

Thank you all for your commitment to Rotary and to serving humanity.

Let ♦s make 2021 the BEST year ever!

DG Tina