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
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Birthdays

-  Jeff Alexander
February 3rd
-  John D. Gibb
February 12th
-  Charlotte Nash
February 14th
-  Shantell R. Wilson
February 14th

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: Jim Galloway, Political Columnist with the AJC



This week's in-person and virtual meeting features Jim Galloway, Political Columnist with the AJC. Jim has been a writer and editor at the AJC for 41 years. Many of metro Atlanta's streets and byways are named after prominent political figures, alive and dead. Galloway has known many of them. Maybe most of them. In past decades, he has covered religion, steered the newspaper's 1992 presidential coverage, and run the AJC foreign desk. He created the AJC's Political Insider blog, one of the South's most influential political news sites.

His longer relationship of choice is to his wife Judy. They have two grown, successful daughters and a dog who has ambitions of one day climbing a tree.

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/upEtcumrpkpZS9SPzK6GQuYnjcOF66w

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 Lipchurch 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.

February 2nd - Randy Dellinger, District Manager - Jackson EMC
February 9th - Debra Lowe, Rotary Foundation's Senior Major Gifts Officer - Rotary Foundation
February 16th - Salma Jaffer, President of the Ismaili Council of Southeastern USA - Peace Initiatives Worldwide and in Gwinnett County

Recap of last week

Recap of Last Week's Program

Today's speaker was Walt Anderson, President and Chief Operating Officer of Refuge Coffee Company located in Clarkston, GA. Walt opened his presentation with the word **Welcome** and definition of making someone feel like you knew how to make them feel at home.

Refuge Coffee Company has a vision of world-wide welcome by welcoming refugees from across the world. The definition of a refugee is an individual who is crossing international borders to escape armed conflict. Eighty-seven percent of all refugees become self-sufficient within six months of locating here in Georgia.

Clarkston is the official resettlement site for Georgia because of its availability of efficiency housing and proximity to I-85 and MARTA. Time Magazine has named Clarkston as the most diverse square mile in America.

Refuge Coffee Company offers a 12-to-18-month training program for its clients thus enabling them a path to self sufficiency and becoming part of the local community. English and GED classes are offered along with customer service training for American culture. The organization helps people to move from surviving to thriving. Presently, there are 13 trainees. Four of the program's graduates have been hired by Refuge Coffee Company to run its various coffee shop locations and coffee trucks.

Walt closed by saying we all have a part to play in welcoming people who live in the margins of our society. Additional information about the nonprofit can be found at <https://www.refugecoffee.com/>

Classification Talk - Captain Paul Ryerson

Captain Paul Ryerson of the Salvation Army gave his classification talk at today's meeting. Paul is currently the head officer for the Gwinnett County chapter of Salvation Army. He was named Rotary Community Champion of the month for December.

Paul comes from four generations serving in the Salvation Army. His grandmother began in 1955 as a pianist for the Salvation Army in Texas. Paul is the first in his family to be a commissioned officer and now oversees the Gwinnett County chapter. He moved here from Texas in June 2020. COVID made the move and transition difficult but, thanks to Rotary, Paul was able to meet community leaders and establish crucial relationships for his position. Paul is an ordained minister and conducts services weekly with his wife, Analese, at The Salvation Army, who is also a Salvation Army officer. Together they have two children, Josh, 6, and Eleanor, 3.

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/35mcJqF>



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Dan Ricks
February 17th

Gwinnett County
Meets at The 1818 Club

Time: Tuesday at 12:00 PM