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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: Randy Dellinger, Gwinnett District Manager - Jackson EMC



This week's in-person and virtual meeting features our very own, Randy Dellinger with Jackson EMC.

Randy Dellinger has been with Jackson Electric Membership Corporation, an electric power utility, since 1988 and is the Gwinnett District Manager. He obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture mechanization technology from the University of Georgia and completed his MBA at Brenau University. Randy is a graduate of Leadership Georgia, the Atlanta Regional Commission's Regional Leadership Institute, and Leadership Gwinnett.

He currently serves on many community and professional organization boards including his recent appointment by Georgia Governor Brian Kemp to the State's Board of Natural Resources. Randy also serves on the Board of Directors of the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce having served as its Chairman, Council for Quality Growth, Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful, Gwinnett County Public School Foundation, and is the Chairman of the Board of the Gwinnett Student Leadership Team. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Gwinnett County and has been a Rotarian for the past 25 years having served as club president.

A native of Athens, Georgia, Randy and his family have lived in the Snellville area of Gwinnett County for the past 32 years. He enjoys time with family, remodeling projects, bird hunting and shooting sports. Randy and his wife have two grown children and two grandchildren.

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?j=up6tcumprjKpZS9PzK6C0u1YncOF06w

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:

- 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). When the Zoom screen opens click "open Zoom Meetings" as instructed. 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 16th - Salima Jaffer, President of the Ismalli Council of Southeastern USA - Peace Initiatives Worldwide and in Gwinnett County
- February 19th - Debra Lowe, Rotary Foundation's Senior Major Gifts Officer - Rotary Foundation
- February 23rd - Special Online Meeting - Raja Saboo, Former Rotary International President

Recap of last week

Recap of Last Week's Program

This week's speaker was Jim Galloway, political columnist with the AJC. He opened his presentation mentioning that the world is not finished with Donald Trump and that we will continue seeing things unfold as it relates to not only his impending impeachment trial, but more so how his influence will impact future elections, especially in Georgia.

Jim went on to say that Trump was like "a fly in the ointment" for the Republican Senate Runoff, stating that he wouldn't allow Kelly Loeffler and David Perdue to acknowledge that Joe Biden had won the election which impacted their re-election race. Jim stated that both Governor Kemp and Secretary of State Raffensperger are at the top of Trump's list of enemies.

Looking ahead, Jim stated that we can expect to see continued fractures in the Republican Party in Georgia. While political parties are supposed to campaign - more importantly, it's their job to govern.

Jim shared with us that he is retiring after 41 years of daily deadlines. Due to Covid, it was very challenging to cover the 2020 election and did so from his daughter's former bedroom. Disappointed in not being able to be at the capitol, he is equally disappointed in being unable to interview those in the political arena. He is accustomed to interviewing hundreds of people and during 2020, he only spoke with Donald Trump, Jr., David Perdue and Kelly Loeffler.

He closed by saying that he will continue writing (perhaps a book) but will also take up woodworking which is his favorite hobby. Jim signed off by wishing us all well and once he has the Covid vaccine and things return to a more sense of normal, he will gladly visit our club and speak in person.

Many thanks Jim, for your candid perception of the state of political affairs - past, present and future as it relates to our home state!

Classification Talk - John Petrillo

John is a transfer from Savannah's Rotary Club where he served 14 years, holding several positions including Club President in 2008-2009. Born in New Haven, CT and moved to Georgia during his Junior and Senior year of high school. Graduating from Roswell HS in 1983 and earned his bachelors degree in finance from Auburn University in 1988.

He's worked at Yale University as a financial analyst, Circuit-Wise as a payroll manager and The Boy Scouts of America as District Director. For the last 20 years, he's worked for Siemens in both sales and management.

John met his wife while at Auburn and have been married for 30+ years and live in Hamilton Mill. Together, they have two children-Anthony who is a second-year medical student and Julie who is a GT graduate and living in Wisconsin. His hobbies include golf, camping, travel and cooking but John loves to volunteer, the comradery of doing so and giving back to the community. He values Rotary's Four-Way Test but added a fifth component during his tenure in Savannah, which is "Will It Be Fun".

Welcome to our club, John. We are so glad to have you with us!

Super Bowl Squares

John Petrillo is heading up a great fundraiser for our club. We will be selling Super Bowl Squares which can help us raise up to \$1000. Be on the lookout soon for more information!

Farmers To Families Volunteer Opportunity

Rotary has sponsored another Farmers to Families event to meet our 1 Million Meal Goal and we are well on our way to exceeding it! Clubs are volunteering to unload boxes from trucks and deliver them to nonprofits. Our date is Friday, February 5th from 930am-1230pm.

Terri Kolander will create a sign up genius for members to register to volunteer, so be on the lookout for an email regarding that.

Together, we can make great things happen!



**CALLING ALL
GWINNETT ROTARY CLUBS**

To continue to show Rotary has a BIG heart for Gwinnett, we're asking you to join us in two BIG efforts that will have BIG impact as we work together to care for our community through COVID-19.

(1) SPONSOR A FARMERS TO FAMILIES FOOD BOX DELIVERY DAY
Every Friday from January 29th through February 26th Rotary District 6910 has arranged for more than 1,100 fresh produce boxes to be delivered to benefit food insecure families in Gwinnett. We need Club volunteers to help distribute these boxes to our non-profits serving those in the greatest of need. This is a fun Club project that has BIG impact! For details, contact **Ryan Jones** at **404-285-3760**.

(2) MAKE SNACK PACKS FOR OUR HEALTHCARE HEROES
Our healthcare workers on the frontlines are weary as COVID-19 cases are on the rise, so we want to help them "Feel the Love" this Valentine's Day! We are asking each Rotary Club to make at least 100 Grab & Go Snack Packs and Valentines full of notes of encouragement. Deliver bags on February 10th and we'll get them delivered to our healthcare heroes Valentine's weekend! This is a great opportunity to partner with your Youthact, Interact & Rotaract Clubs! Reach out to your ADG for details.

Both projects qualify for the Zone 33/34 Feed10Million Challenge!



Rotary Has Heart

Below are the details for this year's service project. Please help us show the love for our healthcare heroes by dropping off Valentine snack packs. For any questions, contact Paige Havens - paigehavens@bellsouth.net.

Bags can be dropped on February 10th between Noon-2pm in the Chamber's parking lot - there will be a drive-through so you don't even have to get out of your car.



SERVICE PROJECT DETAILS:

1. ENLIST CLUB MEMBERS TO MAKE SNACK BAGS & VALENTINES
Please pack in small paper lunch bags. A few items in each will do.

Suggested items to include:

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| Fruit - Apple, Tangerine or Orange | Dried Fruit - Jerky |
| Mixed Nuts- Trail Mix | Protein or Granola Bars |
| Cookies - Fig Newtons | Muffins |
| Hard Candies | Popcorn - Healthy Chips |
| Cheese or Peanut Butter Crackers | Tea bags - Honey packets |
| Small Water Bottle | Hand Lotions |
| Travel Size Toiletries | Chap Stick |
| Face masks | Compression Socks |
| Manicure Kit | Mani/Pedi Gift Cards |

Please include a Valentine in each bag with a note of encouragement. Food items must be individually wrapped. Think small airplane snacks.

2. DELIVER GIFT BAGS ON FEBRUARY 10TH - Noon to 2 pm
Safe, drive-through drop off will be offered in the Gwinnett Chamber parking lot. Individual members can drop off bags or Clubs can arrange for a group delivery.

OUR GOAL IS FOR EACH CLUB TO DONATE A MINIMUM OF 100 BAGS. A GREAT PROJECT FOR YOUTHACT, INTERACT & ROTARACT CLUBS TOO!

For questions, contact Paige Havens 678-938-4279 / paigehavens@bellsouth.net

VALENTINE SNACK PACKS WILL BE DELIVERED IN THE FIELD THANKS TO



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Dan Ricks
February 17th



Jeffrey S. Wages
February 22nd

