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






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Birthdays

-  John D. Gibb
February 12th
-  Charlotte Nash
February 14th
-  Shantell R. Wilson
February 14th
-  Dan Ricks
February 17th
-  Jeffrey S. Wages
February 22nd

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: Alvin Wilbanks, CEO and Superintendent of Gwinnett County Public Schools



J. Alvin Wilbanks was named chief executive officer and superintendent of Gwinnett County Public Schools in March, 1996. Under his leadership, the school district has earned a reputation as one of the most successful in the country. The Broad* Foundation selected GCPS as a finalist for the prestigious Broad Prize for Urban Education three times in 2009, 2010, and 2014 and awarded Gwinnett the Broad Prize in 2010 and 2014.

As superintendent, Mr. Wilbanks has been tapped by three Georgia governors and two United States Secretaries of Education to help craft significant education-reform legislation at the state and federal levels. He served seven years as chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia. In 2017, Governor Nathan Deal appointed Mr. Wilbanks to chair the Joint Study Committee charged with establishing a statewide school leadership academy for Georgia. He is a leader in organizations that advocate for public education at the state and national levels, including the Georgia Education Coalition and the national Large Countywide and Suburban District Consortium.

Mr. Wilbanks is the founding president of Gwinnett Technical College, which opened in 1984. Throughout his career, he has won numerous honors for his professional accomplishments and civic contributions, including being named 2005 Georgia Superintendent of the Year and one of four finalists for the national title. Other major honors include the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year, the Boy Scouts of America Distinguished Citizen Award, Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful Environmental Legacy Award, the University of Georgia College of Education Lifetime Achievement Award, the Professional Association of Georgia Educators 2016 honoree at its PAGE Turning Event that recognizes outstanding business and civic leaders for their contributions to public education in Georgia. In 2018, Mr. Wilbanks and the Gwinnett County Board of Education were named the state's first-ever Governance Team of the Year by the Georgia School Boards Association. Mr. Wilbanks was honored in 2019 with the Georgia Association for Career and Technical Education's first Lifetime Achievement Award.

Mr. Wilbanks earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in education from the University of Georgia, and his education specialist degree from Georgia State University. He is a member of several professional organizations and is a leader in his church.

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?meetingid=91764142222222222222&from=vcf

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.

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 16th - Debra Lowe, Rotary Foundation's Senior Major Gifts Officer - Rotary Foundation
- February 23rd - Special Online Meeting - Raja Saboo, Former Rotary International President
- March 2nd - Mike Mason, Mayor of Peachtree Corners
- March 9th - Dr. Wayne Johnson, Former Federal Student Loan Chief

Recap of last week

Recap of Last Week's Program

This week's speaker was Randy Dellinger, District Manager of Jackson EMC. First chartered in 1938 to serve electricity to rural areas of northeast Georgia where investor-owned and municipal utilities did not serve. They provide electricity from Jimmy Carter Boulevard to Athens over to Dahlonega.

Jackson EMC was organized as a result of President F.D. Roosevelt's Rural Electrification Administration as part of the New Deal programs. It is one of 39 non-profit membership owned electric cooperatives and the largest in Georgia. Of the energy they sell, 50% is Gwinnett based-approximately 120,000 customers.

Randy went on to tell us that Jackson EMC considers themselves a good corporate citizen, by helping communities in need. They are very cognizant of using their customer's money. One of their biggest ways to contribute is through their "Operation Round Up" - the members opt in to having their bills rounded-up to the nearest dollar. With customers giving less than one dollar each month has enabled them to put \$15 million dollars back into the community over the last 15 years - those pennies add up!

Thank you Randy for a great presentation. Congratulations again on being appointed to the Georgia Board of Natural Resources by Governor Kemp!

Rotarian of the Month

Congratulations to Ryan Jensen for being named January's Rotarian of the Month. Also known as the "sixth man" by Terry Swaim, Ryan has provided technical support, running our virtual Rotary meetings every week and always offering to help when needed. Thank you, Ryan for being a great example of what it means to be a true Rotarian!

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 Winnett 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



A. C. Myers
March 3rd



Greg Cantrell
March 4th

VALENTINE SNACK PACKS WILL BE
DELIVERED IN THE FIELD THANKS TO



Special Rotary Program on February 23rd
To register for this great event, visit: https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_J2cA2sNqTt112fme0DFQDA



You do not want to miss the special presentation.

Save the Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2021

Time: 12:00pm EST

Location: Virtual Event



PRIIP Raja Saboo and Ushai

In celebration of the 116th Anniversary of Rotary International, **Rotary Club of Johns Creek, District 6910**, takes pleasure in inviting you to attend a virtual presentation on **Rotary and World Peace** by:

Rajendra K. Saboo (Raja)
Past Rotary International President



Club President
Dr. Allen Browns



District Governor
Tina Fischlin

Registration information to follow.
Be sure to register for this virtual event to receive the link.

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