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Birthdays



John Thomas Souter
June 27th



Jennifer S. Hibbard
June 28th



Jole S. Hain
July 7th



Wayne Ellison
July 11th



Lee R. Jordan
July 15th



Michael R. Smith
July 21st

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 Allen, Executive Director - Gwinnett Place CID



Beginning with the March 2nd meeting, you must REREGISTER to get a new Zoom link for our weekly meetings. That link is:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81215d-murDMrHNOZLIkkImSqWcEF-3hpkPA1>

Joe Allen started his career of service to Gwinnett County in the Tax Commissioner's Office, where he served as Director of Administration and then Chief Deputy Tax Commissioner. Later, he was Gwinnett's Division Director of Risk Management and Employee Services. Allen also spent a number of years as the Director of Public Affairs and Business Resources for the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce. While at the Chamber, he helped organize the business leaders that later formed the Gwinnett Place Community Improvement District. In April 2006, Joe was named Executive Director for the CID. Joe is married to Melanie and they have two children.

Upcoming Programs - Be sure to visit the DACdb calendar to see all upcoming events.

July 6th - Khady Ellison - Urology Presentation
July 13th - District Governor Mike Berg
July 20th - Mark Farmer and Stephanie Sokenis, Executive Director - Gwinnett Entrepreneur Center - Overview of the Entrepreneur Center and Small Business Support
July 27th - Rodney Bullard, VP of Corporate Social Responsibility and Executive Director - Chick Fil A Foundation

Recap of last week

Recap of Last Week

We were blessed to hear from two of our fellow Rotarians - former Chairman Charlotte Nash and current Chairwoman, Nicole Love Hendrickson. Fellow Rotarian, Shantell Wilson facilitated a wonderful and candid conversation took place. They covered many topics, included but not limited to the first six months of Charlotte's retirement life and Nicole's first six months in office, their leadership styles, most proud accomplishments, what it means to be a "Standard Bearer" along with current projects underway, hardest decisions made while in office, things they're grateful for and provided final thoughts for fellow Rotarians and Gwinnettians. Charlotte asked us to remember our Four-Way Test, and be kind and encouraging to Nicole while she's in office.

Thank you, Charlotte and Nicole for sharing your time with us. We appreciate all that you've done and will continue to do, both in office and in your personal lives!



Remembering Jim Steele - By Elliott Brack

On Monday we learned of the death of Jim Steele, a former president of Gwinnett Rotary. He made a distinctive and lasting impression on our club in the way he spoke Rotary when inducting new members into our club. No one could do induct members better.

Jim introduced what I think was his original concept: that bringing a new person into the world of Rotary changed our club in a positive way, the same way adding another ingredient to a pot of soup changed the taste and the meal. He said that our club would be changed forever by this new member bringing his or her own characteristics to add to our mix of people. After all, each of us has our own distinctive elements.

Many of you in the audience may remember Jim officiating at your introduction to Rotary. His "soup mix" was a fresh way to look at Rotary, as we brought this new ingredient (person) into our soup of Rotary.

Jim had been a construction engineer when Dr. Alton Crews had the good senses not to promote a former principal or football coach to a higher-paying job, but to find a person with construction experience to build our schools. And built schools he did, as more Gwinnett schools continued to be needed, with him perhaps overseeing construction of more schools than anyone in the United States...some 120! And he built them more efficiently, so that the operational cost would be lower. He also built them on time and within budget. His efficiency in building earned him more responsibility, such as starting the School Police in Gwinnett. At the time of his retirement from the system, he was the Chief Operating Officer of all non-teaching operations, the number two person official for GCPS. His job also included running the vast county school bus system, recently 1,800 buses hauling students each day.

Jim Steele did this in a non-threatening, jovial manner, making friends along the way. Working with Connie Wiggins, he chaired for years the Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful non-profit, becoming a national model for similar organizations.

During his last weeks, Jim was suffering in pain from complications of prostate cancer. His medicines brought on more weight, and more suffering. He told me he was ready when his time came.

In his retirement, at his Lawrenceville home and spending more time at his farm in Toccoa, where he grew up, Jim and I often talked, at least once a week. Already friends, we deepened our friendship over long phone conversations, some lasting an hour. Toward the end of these calls, he recognized my retirement schedule: "It's nearing 4 o'clock, time for you to go home," he would say, and immediately get off the phone. Our last conversation was about 10 days ago.

Jim Steele was such a fine person. I'll miss him terribly.



End of Year Award Recipients



Congratulations To Our End of Year Award Winners

Troy Chatham Award, Rotarian of the Year – Jennifer Hibbard
 Bob Rule Award, Newcomer of the Year – Ryan Jensen
 People of Action Award – Paige Havens
 Boyd Duncan Award, Attendance – Elliott Brack (In Person)
 Boyd Duncan Award, Attendance – Derek Higgs (Virtual)
 Quiet Rotarian Award – Rodney Brundidge
 President Spouse, Paul Harris Fellow – Heather Swaim
 MYF Award – Mark Willis
 Legacy of Service Award – Elliott Brack



Sherwin M. Levinson
 July 24th



Introducing The 2021-2022 Board of Directors



CART Fund

CART is Change for Alzheimer's Research Trust, an organization founded by Rotarians and operated by Rotarians. One hundred percent (100%) of donated funds go to cutting edge research to find a cure for Alzheimer's disease. Thanks to your support CART was able to provide \$1,000,000.00 in Grants again this year. The bad news is that District 6910 has only raised \$38,000.00 as of March 31st and in 2020, we contributed over \$65,000.00. Please consider contributing in the next ten days to help us get closer to or previous levels of support.

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