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## Birthdays

-  Wayne Ellison  
July 11th
-  Lee R Jordan  
July 15th
-  Tyler Phillips  
July 18th
-  Michael R. Smith  
July 21st
-  Sherwin M. Levinson  
July 24th
-  Matthew Holtkamp  
July 28th

## 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 Virtual Club Meeting - Olga Kane, Author - Growing Up in the Former Soviet Union



Olga Kane is an exciting new author, making her first appearance on the American literary scene. She grew up in the mining city of Vorkuta in northern Russia during the time that the former Soviet Union was under the Communist regime. Her family faced numerous hardships not just from subarctic climate, but also from the criminal atmosphere surrounding a coal mining city which had its beginnings as part of the Gulag, the forced labor camps in the 1930s. After her dark days in Vorkuta, Olga thought when she relocated to St. Petersburg to attend University she would begin a wonderful new chapter in her life. In 2000, following perestroika and the fall of the USSR, Olga once again saw the opportunity to start anew. She emigrated to America, this time with dreams of freedom, happiness and success. In the United States Olga worked as a hair dresser and kept her clients entertained with her real-life stories of growing up in Russia and how she was able to leave in order to find a better life. Through the years, many of her clients encouraged her to put her story in writing and share her amazing life with the world. She lives in Atlanta, Georgia.

To participate virtually, registration is required. For best results, please **COPY** the link below 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.

**Register in advance 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/upEtcumrjkkpZS9PSzK6C0u1YnjcOF6w](https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/upEtcumrjkkpZS9PSzK6C0u1YnjcOF6w)

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.
5. 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.**

July 21st - Scott Deviny, CEO of Chicken Salad Chick  
July 28th - TBA

## Recap of last week

### Recap of Last Week's Meeting: Adam English, GM of Gwinnett Stripers

Our very own Adam English kicked off the new Rotary year by speaking to our club about how minor and major league sports in Atlanta are navigating COVID19.

Adam shared with us that in 2018, the Gwinnett Stripers had projected a 20% growth in attendance through 2020 but due to COVID19, that just isn't going to happen. He is of the opinion that MLB cannot survive without people and without a big media presence like the MLB has, it makes no sense to play.

He also shared with us that the future of MLB sports is going to look very different. The current MLB and MLB agreement is being finalized and we will see a reduction from 160 teams to 120. Triple A teams will not be affected in the restructuring - only lower level teams. The 2021 calendar isn't final but Adam is confident that it will be soon.

The Gwinnett Stripers are taking extra measures to minimize interaction to keep their players, coaches and staff healthy. Players are tested every few days, coaches and grounds crew wear masks 100% of the time and only four players are allowed in the weight room at the same time. Players have their own individual hotel rooms and the baseball facility is deep cleaned each and every day. Not only are meals individually prepackaged, a maximum of two players are allowed to sit at a table to ensure they maintain the six-feet-apart rule.

Adam stated that this has been the most unique season in his career and he is blessed to be part of the process. He remains hopeful that MLB will make it to July 24th when the season starts - if they do, you'll see Adam smiling ear to ear!

Thank you Adam for giving us a sneak peek into the world of baseball during COVID!



### New Member Induction:

Derek Higgs officially joined our club this week. Buck Lindsay initiated Derek virtually and said that Derek is a devoted husband and father of four. He is an entrepreneur who thrives in motivating others to find and live their purpose. As a motivational speaker, coach and mentor, Derek challenges others to step outside their comfort zone and live out of their purpose. Derek stated that volunteering and being a servant to the community is not what he does; it is who he is. Welcome to the Rotary Family, Derek!

### COVID19 Update From Dr. Audrey Arona

Audrey provided us with the most up to date statistics regarding COVID19 and it's impacts not just globally but on a local county level. She shared that there were 11.6 million cases worldwide with 438K deaths. In the US alone, there are 2.9 million cases and 130K deaths with 100K cases and 2,887 deaths in Georgia. Gwinnett has almost 10K cases and 175 deaths. Audrey told us that the median age is 38 of those who test positive and our hospitalization rate is not increasing. She is seeing that younger, healthier individuals are being tested and they are working on community mitigation strategies to diminish the spread of the virus. The demand for tests is so high right now and it can take six to seven days to receive results due to the laboratories being overloaded and overwhelmed. She continues to press upon us that wearing masks, washing our hands and continuing to practice social distancing is the best approach in minimizing our risk. Thank you for your insight, Dr. Arona!

### Program Speakers Needed

Start putting on your thinking caps! Each member needs to think of people in their contacts who might have new and interesting subjects in science, business, education, public-awareness, charities, politics, literature, entertainment, etc. Send speaker suggestions to our new Program Chair, Scott Jordan.

In addition, if you would you like to participate in a roundtable discussion of what our club members have learned about working remotely, please let Scott and Terry know that too. Many thanks in advance for your



Louise Radloff  
August 4th



Chris Dooley  
August 7th

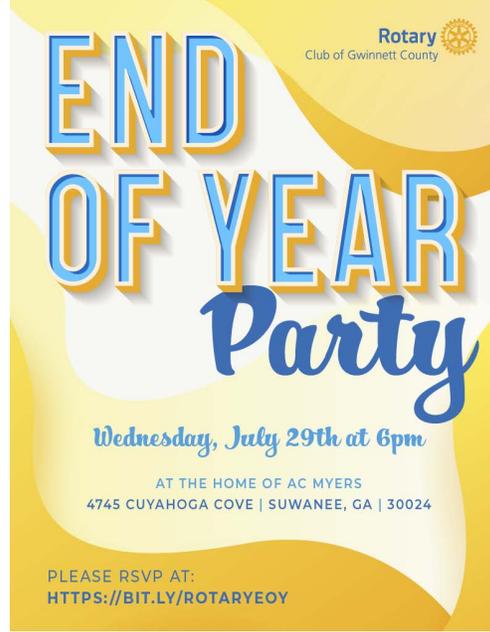
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**Rotarian of the Month**

Congratulations to Dionitia Cornell for being recognized as our Rotarian of the Month! Dionitia worked tirelessly to collect items as well as coordinated our virtual auction, enabling our club to raise funds for our local charities.

If you know of a member that deserves to be recognized as Rotarian of the Month, send submissions and recommendations to Terry Swaim.

**Mark Your Calendars!**



RSVP here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0445AEA92CA20-rotary>

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Gwinnett County  
Meets at The 1818 Club

Time: Tuesday at 12:00 PM