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-  Tyler Phillips
July 18th
-  Michael R. Smith
July 21st
-  Sherwin M. Levinson
July 24th
-  Matthew Holtkamp
July 28th
-  Louise Radloff
August 4th
-  Chris Dooley
August 7th

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 - Jack Griffin, CEO - Food Finder's Story



A news story that ran in 2013 is what started it all. This segment profiled two children who were living out of truck with their father. They were forced to live there because medical bills for the children's late mother cost the family everything. One, a 12-year-old girl, and her brother, 10 years old, looked like normal kids. Even so, they had to get ready for school in the bathrooms of public libraries and gas stations. They didn't always have food to eat every night. Even as the economy was improving after the Great Recession, the problems facing the least fortunate in America had not improved at all.

Jack Griffin, a Georgia high school student at the time, saw this news story and decided to do something about it. He wanted to help kids like the ones he saw on TV but around where he went to school and around where he lived. He initially searched online for places to volunteer at, but the results he found weren't what he was expecting. His search ended up at a bunch of confusing websites, none of which gave him a clear answer as to how, when, or where he could help. This seemed entirely more complicated than it needed to be. Jack thought to himself, "What if I was a kid who actually needed the help that these shelters and pantries offer?" He then had a peculiar idea: Instead of volunteering somewhere, maybe I could help families in need by making it as easy as it should be to find food pantries, kitchens, and shelters. And that's how FoodFinder was born. FoodFinder launched in May of 2014 as <https://clicktime.symantec.com/3H3B88kaK0S3pcD3wSF8p7Vc2u=www.foodfinder.org>, a humble website that provided an easier way to search for free food resources in Gwinnett County, Georgia. Since then, FoodFinder has launched iOS and Android smartphone apps (FoodFinder Fighting Hunger) and switched its domain name to <https://clicktime.symantec.com/39EzvoGnsBgtzq3KpT6Tn7Vc2u=www.foodfinder.us>, a change that reflects an ambition to serve anybody facing hunger and food insecurity any time of year, anywhere in the country. Over 20,000 people have visited FoodFinder online, and over 1,000 people have downloaded the app.

Jack Griffin, our founder, is now a student at the University of Michigan studying Business and Social Change. To this day, he remains remarkably thankful to have the opportunity to serve the tens of millions of Americans who are food insecure.

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/join/zoom/register/upEtcumrpkpZ59PSPzK6C0ulYnjcOFo6w

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 28th - Stacy Watson, Director of Economic and Industrial Development - Georgia Ports Authority
- August 4th - Randy Redner & Britt Ramroop - Community Foundation of Northeast Georgia
- August 11th - Gregg Burkhalter, The LinkedIn Guy
- August 18th - Ron Skeete, Executive Director - 100 Black Men of Atlanta
- August 25th - Louise Radloff, District V, 2020 Chairman of GCPS Board of Education

Recap of last week

Recap of Last Week's Meeting: Olga Kane, Author of Russian Mosaic

Olga Kane was our featured speaker this week. The author of *Russian Mosaic*, she told our Club the story of growing up in the coldest part of Russia, a poor mining town. Her life was very different than anything most of us could imagine. Olga stated that the Soviet communist indoctrination began as early as five years of age! Russians of all ages were taught to be deathly afraid of Americans, showing them pictures of Hiroshima and being constantly reminded that Americans were monsters.

There were limited food supplies and Olga said that she would stand in line for hours just to get frozen food that already had frost bite. You can learn more about Olga's story and her experiences by purchasing her book, *Russian Mosaic* at: <https://www.amazon.com/RUSSIAN-MOSAIC-Story-Russian-North-ebook/bp/B078SM3HV8> or stop by her salon, Salon Sedona in Duluth to get a signed copy. Thank you Olga, for sharing your personal story with us!





Jasper Watkins III
August 10th

Bobby Robinett
August 11th

Joe Godfrey
August 11th

CART FUND - The CART JAR Challenge

Terry Swaim encouraged us to get creative in raising funds while we continue to meet virtually. He suggested that we have a CART JAR (mason jar, high ball glass, bowl, etc.) in our office and/or home to collect our daily "extra change" while encouraging others to do the same. Terry requests that we bring our change to our next in-person meeting to be placed in our blue CART Fund buckets. A small amount can quickly add up!

Kicks For Kidz Event

Our club is once again supporting the Kicks for Kidz effort to buy new shoes for children in need as they head back to school. Now more than ever these kids need our help. We all love new shoes and when you are in school, a good pair of "kicks" can make a big difference. Lets pull together and make this year's donation to Kicks for Kidz the biggest EVER!

There are two easy ways you can join this fantastic effort.

1. Donate directly on their website <http://kicksforkidz.org>
2. Email Wanda Weegar indicating your donation amount and it will be added to this quarter's invoice. Wanda's email address is wanda.weegar@renasant.com.

To learn more about this great effort, please check out their website <http://kicksforkidz.org> and or this video: [7-7-20 Rotary Promo.mov](#)

Gwinnett Rotary Farmers to Families Truckload of Love

Rotary District 6910 received a \$25,000 grant from The Rotary Foundation to empower Districts to help real-time with COVID-19 relief on the ground in their communities. The District has decided to dedicate \$12,500 of that grant for the Farmers to Families program, which delivers fresh produce grown by local farmers into local communities to give out to needed families. The District is excited to parlay this as part of Rotary's 10 Million Meal Challenge.

On average the cost for one truckload of fresh produce is \$1,200 to \$1,300 (based on the number of pallets between 24 to 26 per truckload - 2,000 food boxes). Cost to then hire the driver and truck to deliver on average is \$700 so in total a round number of \$2,000 per truckload. The District team agreed that they would like to do a matching program where \$1,000 is given from the grant and ask a local Rotary Club(s) to match with a \$1,000 donation. This allows us to double the impact and do 12 truckloads across the District versus six.

We have raised our hands and asked for the first truck to come to Gwinnett and it was delivered on Thursday! Demand at our food pantries is up 500-700% and we need the food! To have healthy fruits and veggies to give our families is like gold!

Our Club and the Duluth Club agreed to split the \$1,000 which is a BIG bang for our buck! Our \$500 donation will help feed 2,000 families! The 10 Million Meal Challenge is District Governor, Tina Fischlin's big initiative for the year and we are one of the clubs to step in and help kick it off. Rotary Opens Opportunities - and this initiative will help so many in our local community who need it.

Many thanks to Terry Swaim and his daughter Reilly, Tina Fischlin, Kelly Herndon and her husband Stacy, Jim Savadelis, Jeff Alexander, Paige Havens and her husband Reagan, and so many more that helped with this project!



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 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 input!

Rotarian of the Month

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.signugenius.com/go/60B0445AE92CA20-rotary>

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Gwinnett County
Meets at The 1818 Club

Time: Tuesday at 12:00 PM