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## Birthdays

- Sherwin M. Levinson  
July 24th
- Andy Anderson McClung  
July 27th
- Matthew Holtkamp  
July 28th
- Louise Radloff  
August 4th
- Chris Dooley  
August 7th
- Jasper Watkins III  
August 10th
- Joe Godfrey  
August 11th
- Bobby Robinett  
August 11th
- David D. Hall  
August 17th
- Suleima Salgado  
August 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 Shekhar Mehta's theme, **Serve to Change Lives**, urges Rotarians to become more involved in service projects, saying that caring for and serving others is the best way to live because it changes not only other people's lives, but also our own.

## Upcoming Programs

**Upcoming Program: Mark Farmer, Economic Development Manager with Gwinnett County's Office of Economic Development - Overview of the Gwinnett County Entrepreneur Center and Small Business Support**



**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/71sd-murDMrHN0ZLlKkImSqWcFf-3hnkPA1>

Rodney Bullard leads Chick-fil-A's community engagement, philanthropic and sustainability strategy as Vice President, Corporate Social Responsibility for Chick-fil-A, Inc. and Executive Director of the Chick-fil-A Foundation. Before coming to Chick-fil-A, Rodney served as an Assistant United States Attorney prosecuting complex criminal cases. For his service, the United States Attorney General presented him with the Department of Justice Director's Award. Prior to this role, Rodney was selected as a White House Fellow, the nation's most prestigious public service Fellowship. As a White House Fellow, Rodney was placed at NASA working directly for the NASA Administrator. Rodney also previously served at the Pentagon as a Congressional Legislative Liaison in the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force.

Rodney is an alumnus of the Air Force Academy, Duke Law School, the University of Georgia's Terry College of Business and Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program.

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

- August 3rd - Michael J. Skordeles, Senior US Macro Strategist - Truist Advisory Services, Inc. - US Economic Update
- August 10th - Club Assembly
- August 17th - TBA
- August 24th - Kaye Lanning Minchew - FDR and Jimmy Carter Documentary

## Recap of last week

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Executive Director of the Gwinnett Entrepreneur Center, Mark Farmer visited our club last week. Mark is an Economic Development Manager with Gwinnett County and part of a team of three charged with enhancing economic development in Gwinnett.

The Gwinnett Entrepreneur Center is located in the former Sheltering Arms building in downtown Lawrenceville. Four years ago during their planning retreat, the Board of Commissioners had a vision and idea of forming this type of center. The center has a two-fold mission which is to support financially challenged and diverse entrepreneurs and strengthen the Gwinnett economy by providing entrepreneurs a rich set of resources.

Gwinnett County has partnered with Georgia Gwinnett College to operate and staff the center that is managed by a three person team, composed of a center manager, center director - both of whom are GGC employees, as well as a Mark who represents the County's Office of Economic Development.

The center offers education and development, incubation and acceleration, offering resident membership opportunities as well as affiliate memberships, i.e. remote workspaces.

Thank you Mark for an insightful program about the exciting opening of the Gwinnett Entrepreneur Center!



## GRSP Conclave: August 19-21 - 75th Anniversary

Conclave, the opening assembly for [Georgia Rotary Student Program](#)'s international college students Class of 2021-22, is open to all Rotarians and will be held August 19-21 in Thomasville, home of GRSP Founder William A. Watt, PDG, PP, RC of Thomasville.

New this year, Conclave will open with the inaugural [Conclave Classic Golf Fundraiser](#) on Thursday followed by a complimentary Big Birthday Party celebrating the 75th anniversary of the founding of GRSP and the 100th anniversary for the Rotary Club of Thomasville. The [GRSP Peace Plaza](#) and [William A. Watt Memorial Fountain dedication](#) will be held 11:30 a.m. on Friday. Conclave will feature student introductions for the Class of 2021-22 plus Trustee and host families, a parade of flags, student Cabaret talent show Saturday, plus food and fellowship.

The [Conclave registration page](#) for golf and general Conclave and/or hotel reservations can be made at [www.grsp.org/conclave](http://www.grsp.org/conclave). Donations to support the [Generations of Generosity](#) campaign fundraiser for the plaza, can be made at <https://grsp.org/donate/>. A current list of [Generations of Generosity Donors](#) along with a [Conclave Detailed Agenda](#) for the weekend can also be found on the website. Please note, special hotel rates are available until August 2. Space is limited for golf and first-come, first-served. Conclave event registration ends August 13.

If you are in contact with any GRSP alumni who are living stateside or abroad and are able to attend the 75th Conclave, please reach out to extend an invitation to them and email [grsp@grsp.org](mailto:grsp@grsp.org) to let us know of their availability.



GRSP 75th ANNIVERSARY @ CONCLAVE | THOMASVILLE | AUG. 19-21, 2021  
 GOLF | GRSP PEACE PLAZA DEDICATION | STUDENT CABARET

**CONCLAVE REGISTRATION OPEN**

**WWW.GRSP.ORG**

**Salvation Army - Impact of Can-A-Thon Donations**

Perry Dillman, Major Gifts Manager with the Salvation Army shared a heartfelt thanks to the Gwinnett Clubs for the amazing impact we made to the local effort of assisting our community. Perry shared with us that together we helped the Salvation Army of Gwinnett to provide:

- Over 238,000 pounds of food to their clients,
- Served over 5,400 households, and
- Almost 20,000 individuals last year!

**THE SALVATION ARMY** Gwinnett County  
**ANNUAL REPORT**

- Financial Assistance and Housing to **461** Households
- Financial Assistance and Housing to **1,236** Individuals
- Bed Nights of Shelter to **6,603** Individuals
- Emergency Food for **5,413** Households, **19,944** Individuals, **238,103** Total Pounds
- Angel Tree Assistance for **665** Households, **1,359** Children, **187** Seniors

www.salvationarmygwinnett.org | 3485 Sugarloaf Parkway, Lawrenceville GA 30044

**Rotary International's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Statement**  
 Rotary International recently adopted the following revised DEI Statement:

**Our Commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**

At Rotary, we understand that cultivating a diverse, equitable, and inclusive culture is essential to realizing our vision of a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change.

We value diversity and celebrate the contributions of people of all backgrounds, across age, ethnicity, race, color, disability, learning style, religion, faith, socioeconomic status, culture, marital status, languages spoken, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity as well as differences in ideas, thoughts, values, and beliefs.

Recognizing that individuals from certain groups have historically experienced barriers to membership, participation, and leadership, we commit to advancing equity in all aspects of Rotary, including in our community partnerships, so that each person has the necessary access to resources, opportunities, networks, and support to thrive.

We believe that all people hold visible and invisible qualities that inherently make them unique, and we strive to create an inclusive culture where each person knows they are valued and belong.

In line with our value of integrity, we are committed to being honest and transparent about where we are in our DEI journey as an organization, and to continuing to learn and do better.

**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.

Individuals who would like to make a CART Contribution and get Tax or personal Credit: you can go to [Login Form \(mycartfund.org\)](#) and using your DACdb credentials to log in. once you are logged in click on Make a Contribution on the left-hand side of the page. Not only will you get credit, but so will your Club.



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