



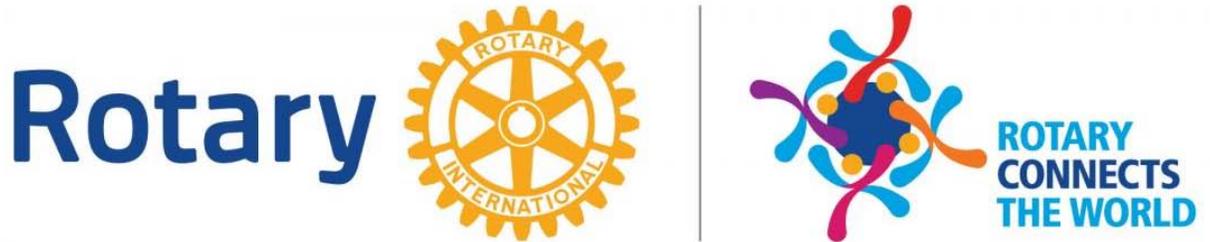
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About Rotary



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 Mark Daniel Maloney's theme for 2019-20, *Rotary Connects the World*, asks Rotarians to strengthen the many ways that Rotary Connects the World, building the connections that allow talented, thoughtful, and generous people to unite and take meaningful action through Rotary service.

Upcoming Programs

Upcoming Rotary Program: Jason McCarthy, Arbor Pharmaceuticals - A Behind the Scenes Look at the Pharmaceutical Dilemma



Jason McCarthy serves as Chief Financial Officer for Arbor Pharmaceuticals, a \$300M+ private specialty pharmaceutical company. Jason joined the company at start-up which has seen over 2,000% growth in valuation since he started. He has over 20 years of progressive accounting, auditing and finance experience from a mixture of public and private companies. In addition to Finance, Jason oversees HR and IT, and is heavily involved in the M&A process. Prior to Arbor, Jason managed the accounting function and was responsible for all SEC filings at Lodgian, Inc., an owner and operator of franchised hotels.

- Upcoming Programs:**
- August 20 - Brandy Swanson, Smith And Howard
 - August 27 - Donna Hall, Atlanta Journal Constitution
 - September 3 - Lisa Anders, Explore Gwinnett
 - September 10 - Ken O'Kelley, YMCA Summer Camp
 - September 17 - Denise Brinson, City of Suwanee
 - September 24 - Jennifer Barliament, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

Recap of last week

Recap of Last Week's Meeting:

A special thank you to Dr. Terry Welsher, Chairman of the Citizens Climate Lobby for visiting our Club last week and providing important information about reducing our carbon footprint. Dr. Welsher is a Rotarian of the South Forsyth Club and has been involved in climate change as a volunteer and advocate since 2009. He is the Co-State Coordinator for Georgia and the Chapter Leader for Gwinnett County for Citizens Climate Lobby (CCL). This nonprofit organization was founded by Marshall Saunders, who is also a Rotarian. The April



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Jasper Watkins III
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August 11th



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August 21st



Rich Bartolotta
August 24th



Paige W Havens
August 27th



edition of *The Rotarian* has a big article on climate change so be sure to check it out.

Dr. Welsher stated that climate change is complex, and the more he learns, the more he recognizes that the Earth has a problem. There are approximately seven billion people on Earth, and he states that we have built our world on an assumptively stable climate which he states is not true. He feels the mission of CCL is similar to Rotary in that the climate change is real and unfair to all, and if we can fix the problem, we will build goodwill to benefit all people.

He explained that as sunlight hits the earth and bounces into the atmosphere, greenhouse gases unnaturally catch carbon dioxide (burning fossil fuels) and thereby, carbon dioxide levels increase and as a result heats the earth more and more. Dr. Welsher mentioned that science shows a clear link because as carbon dioxide levels increase, the earth temperature rises. The last five years have been the hottest on record and he further explained that a couple of degrees makes a big difference because as the average temperature increases, we will see an increase in days with extremely hot weather and less extremely cold weather. And as the temperatures increase, there will be more extreme weather events, rising sea levels, more severe droughts, and an increase in the ocean temperature (threatening our coral reefs which is already happening). He also said that Georgia is and will be more affected because increased temperatures threaten traditional crops and spread more tropical diseases, coastal flooding will cause loss of property (as the sea level rises) and extreme weather events will cause damage.

Dr. Welsher introduced a concept of **Blue Sky Flooding**, which is an increase in water and flooding on sunny days, not due to rain but due to the increase in sea levels and tides. He said this is already happening in Savannah (Tybee Island) and parts of South Florida (Ft. Lauderdale and Miami). Hurricanes like Hurricane Michael last year may not increase in number, but they will become stronger and stronger due to climate change effects.

CCL is an international non-profit organization that focuses on being non-partisan and solution focused. CCL has been in Gwinnett County for five years and more Chapters are being added in Georgia with their mission being to respect, appreciate and be grateful for everyone, even those in opposition.

CCL has a solution for climate change. They believe that if our Country puts a larger price on carbon, increasing it over time, and giving the revenues from doing so back to the people, an emphasis on other non-emitting technologies will rise, including solar energy, wind, geothermal, nuclear and biomass technology. Their proposal is in a Bill form (HR 763) and the proposal basically requests a starting increased fee of \$15/ton of carbon dioxide and increases thereafter at a rate of \$10/metric ton annually. 100% of net receipts are to be returned as dividends to the people. And border adjustments will be made to other countries. HR 763 represents this solution with a few other small exceptions. CCL believes this solution will decrease emissions by 31% in 10 years, and 50% in 20 years.

Benefits from this solution will be the elimination for pollution from coal, our economy will be improved with two million more jobs within 10 years, and they feel this solution will be more effective than regulations and/or subsidies. Dr. Welsher said there has been a great deal of support for this solution including endorsement from the Climate Leadership Council, more than 3,500 economists, the United States Chamber of Commerce, Trout Unlimited, and over 78 CEOs who have lobbied Congress for this (see recent article in *Fortune Magazine*).

Dr. Welsher said there are some things we can do individually:

- Learn more (skepticalscience.com) or watch the YouTube series by Katharine Hayhoe
- Contact your senators and representatives, tell them you are concerned, and ask them to support HR 763
- Get active **♦** come to CCL Chapter meetings (every Wednesday at 8pm) and/or join a live info session at cclusa.org/intro
- Decrease your personal and business carbon footprint

Dr. Welsher believes that what we do and not do really counts! His phone number is 678.378.2748 and he encouraged us to reach out to him at any time.

Thank you for a great presentation, Dr. Welsher!

Rotarian of the Month: This month's Rotarian of the Month is **John Gibb**. He has been a member of our Club for four years but was also a previous member for some time. He has led vocational tours, made sure we had a great space for our Kentucky Derby fundraiser, hosted our year-end party and is hosting an upcoming pig-roast gathering. Jennifer says he never says no to any Rotary request. We are grateful for you, John. Congratulations!



Rotary Special Announcements:

Melanie Connor, CEO of Duluth's Rainbow Village announced that they were given a donation by Safe Co Insurance in the amount \$5,000 and they have the opportunity to double the donation. Rainbow Village will be sending a link via email and they need 250 **♦likes♦** to receive the double donation. She made a special request to our Rotary Club to "like" the link that will be sent out on Wednesday, August 7th. Let's help them help our community. Thank you in advance!



Nothing But The Truth (a ministry in Lawrenceville) has a new Annex and will have an open house celebration on August 11th from 1:00 to 3:00pm. The address is 324 W. Pike Street, Suite 100 in Lawrenceville. All Rotarians are invited.

The GCPS Bus Driver Hidden Hero Award winner will visit our Club to be recognized at our Rotary meeting on September 3, 2019. Please be sure to attend to show our appreciation!

Matthew Holtkamp is in BIG T-R-O-U-B-L-E!!! Matthew was put on trial last week, accused of not displaying his Object of Rotary plaque in his new office. This accusation is considered a Rotarian crime because the plaque represents the Object of Rotary Statement which comes from our Constitution. Judge Tom Upchurch was lenient and did not throw the book or should we say, the plaque at him! Is your plaque proudly displayed in your office because if not, chances are someone will find out. Don't be like Matthew!



2019-2020 AVENUES OF SERVICE GRANT APPLICATION



NOW ACCEPTING GRANT APPLICATIONS

This year, the Rotary Club of Gwinnett County will accept applications to determine eligible nonprofits to be considered for selection as the charitable recipients of the proceeds raised via the Club's Derby Down South fundraising event to be held May 2, 2020. Three non-profit beneficiaries will be selected to receive grants to support their work in the Gwinnett community specifically focused on addressing poverty, food insecurity, homelessness and human sex trafficking. We ask that members please share this grant application with non-profit organizations that you work closely with that you would like to be considered. Applications will be accepted July 1-August 30, 2019. For questions, please reach out to Paige Havens.

[Application Link](#)

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Gwinnett County
Meets at The 1818 Club

Time: Tuesday at 12:00 PM