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

















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## Birthdays

-  Derek Higgs  
September 2nd
-  Brad Beisbler  
September 6th

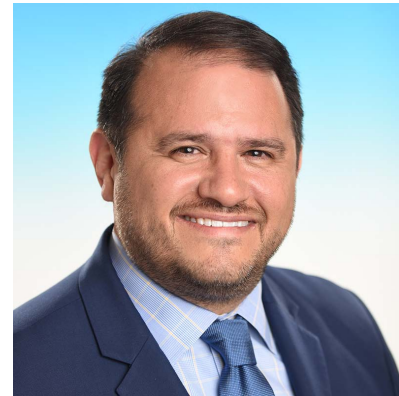
## About Rotary

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 In-Person & Virtual Club Meeting - Nick Masino, President & CEO of the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce.**



This week's meeting will be hosted in person as well as virtually.

Nick Masino is the CEO and President of the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce, one of the largest suburban Chambers of Commerce in the nation.

Masino joined the Gwinnett Chamber in 2007 and has served in the key economic development leadership role for the past 12 years. He oversees the business recruitment and retention efforts for Gwinnett, as well as the implementation of the Partnership Gwinnett Strategy. To create this community-focused economic development (ED) organization, Masino worked with public and private leadership to commission ED studies in 2011 and 2016; and spearheaded the implementation efforts of the initial plan in 2007 which has since brought approximately 250 company expansions or relocations, more than 23,000 new jobs and more than \$1.7 billion in investment to Gwinnett. Over the past 12 years, Masino has led his team in significant accomplishments, including major project wins such as Asbury Automotive (2007); Hisense (2010); Primerica (2011); Mitsubishi Electric Trane HVAC US (2012); Comcast (2015); Kaiser Permanente (2017) and Hapag-Lloyd (2018), as well as International Economic Development Council (IEDC) Excellence in Economic Development Awards (2010, 2012, 2014, 2016). In addition, Masino has been awarded Georgia Trend's Most Notable Georgians (2015-2019); 40 under 40 Georgia Trend magazine; 40 under 40 Atlanta Business Chronicle; and International Person of the Year Governor's Award Finalist Atlanta Business Chronicle.

Masino's economic development career began in February 2007, when he accepted his current role, but he was no stranger to the field. In December 2007, he ended his second term as mayor of the City of Suwanee having been one of the youngest mayors in Georgia's history. During his tenure as mayor, the city of Suwanee embarked on a comprehensive economic and community development project highlighted by the construction of a 24,000 square foot City Hall and the popular 65-acre Suwanee Town Center, which led Suwanee to be named a CNN-Money magazine's Top 10 Town in America. Prior to his position with the Gwinnett Chamber, Masino spent 12 years in the recruiting and staffing industry.

A graduate of The Ohio State University, Masino holds a bachelor's degree in Interpersonal and Organizational Communication. He and his wife's high school and college sweetheart, Suzanne, are the parents of three children, Anna, Vincent and Julia.

**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/upEtcumrjpkzS9PzK6C0u1Vnjc0F06w](https://zoom.us/join/join?joinurl=zoom.us/meeting/register/upEtcumrjpkzS9PzK6C0u1Vnjc0F06w)

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

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 DACb calendar to see all upcoming events.**

- September 8th - Candidates for Gwinnett County Commission and 7th Congressional District
- September 15th - Candidates for Gwinnett County DA and Gwinnett County Sheriff
- September 22nd - Eric Henderson, VCIO, Rocket IT
- September 29th - Slow Pour Brewery Vocational Tour

## Recap of last week

**Recap of Last Week's Meeting: Louise Radloff, GCPS District V, 2020 Chairman - Her Gwinnett Journey**

For nearly half a century, Louise has been a prominent figure on the Gwinnett County Board of Education. She shared her journey story with us.

She shared a few tidbits about growing up as a farmgirl in Canada and while she was a teen, her family moved across the border to the US so her Father could find work. Louise chose to stay back in Canada, living in a YMCA-type facility run by nuns. She met her husband Richard and they relocated to various places due to his job before finally settling in Gwinnett in the early seventies.

They bought their first and only house in Norcross and at that time, there were only three subdivisions countywide, with no fire protection, not much police protection and this month, she will celebrate 50 years of living in the same home. Passionate about education, Louise wanted to make a difference. She was told that she couldn't do anything politically without living in Georgia for a year and was told that "no one will elect a foreigner". As Louise has done countless times before when she was told she cannot do anything, she won the Board of Education election in 1972 and her tenure will commence at the end of this year.

She talked about how important connections and relationships are - especially if you need support or help in getting things accomplished. From creating Gwinnett's PTA, getting school counselors onsite in schools and rescuing and foster children from DFACS to creating English AS Second Language (ESOL) programs for transient children and parents, Louise has accomplished that and so much more through those relationships and connections.

Louise challenges each and every one of us to step up to the plate because leadership is the key to a successful community. While she doesn't know what the future looks like and for her, she states that she has bright fears about it but honed in on the fact that it is our responsibility to ensure that we have leadership as the seas of change occur across the school district and throughout the community. She said that Gwinnett is a great county and we are blessed and that throughout the wind tunnel of change that is coming our way, it is imperative that we follow the same rules as the past to ensure success.

Thank you Louise, for your leadership, both passion and compassion, as well as your commitment to making our school system and county the success story it has been for so many years!



## 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 the next in-person meeting you're able to attend and place your jingle in our blue CART Fund buckets. A small amount can quickly add up!



Dionilia Cornell  
September 12th



Anne Soutter  
September 25th



**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!

**Big News About Polio**

Africa has been declared polio-free. Check out this amazing article: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-53887947>

**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.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Fellowship Golf Outing - September 9th**

Joe Godfrey, Chair of the Fellowship Committee aka "The Sultan of Swing" has planned a fun afternoon of golf, fun and fellowship. See the invitation below. Please sign up soon!



**Gwinnett Rotary Golf Outing**

WHERE: Rivermont Golf Club

WHEN: Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 3PM

COST: \$50 including cart.

The Fellowship Committee, Chaired by "The Sultan of Swing" Joe Godfrey, invites you to come on out and enjoy an afternoon of golf, fun and fellowship. We have 5 tee times so room for plenty.

The format will be determined by participation, so **please sign up quickly** so we can agree upon what the game is.

I will be there at 1:30. Range balls included so come practice a bit before playing.

Look forward to seeing you all then-Mike Smith.

**ENTRY**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

SEND ENTRY TO: [mike@savvvvending.com](mailto:mike@savvvvending.com)

**Angel Tree**

One of our best, most rewarding efforts we do each year is to provide Christmas presents to children and seniors who otherwise might not have them. With everything going on in the world this year and so many people in our communities suffering financially the need is great. So please consider registering for a child or senior to brighten their day and let them know someone cared enough to give. I'm asking you to add one more person to your regular list this year if you can. A wise man (Marion Allen) once said, "Generosity is contagious." Let's be bold and give big this year. Please fill out the attached form and return to Scott Zamardo by 9/10/20 [szanardo@zanardopc.com](mailto:szanardo@zanardopc.com)

**Rotarians Stand for Peace and Unity on September 21st**

Georgia Rotarians are gathering at Rotary Peace Poles across the state on September 21, 2020 to recognize the International Day of Peace. Our club, along with Lawrenceville, Duluth and Gwinnett Sunrise will gather at the Rotary International Peace Pole on Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> on the Lawrenceville Lawn, located at the corner of Jackson Street and Luckie Street.

This event will be held both in person and virtually, and will feature speakers from across the state, a Duke/UNC Rotary Peace Fellow, Rotary District Peace Scholar and more. More details to come as they become finalized but go ahead and mark your calendars now to attend if your schedule allows.



*Will you stand with us for peace and unity in our communities?*

**End of Year Party 2.0**

Our party at A.C. Myers (aka Party Pad) is on September 24th! Special guests may include but are not limited to: Baby Yoda, Joe Exotic, Carole Baskin, Murder Hornets, President/Mayor-Country of CHAZ, and many more!

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