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Birthdays

-  Jennifer K. Hendrickson
October 15th
-  Rodney T. Brundidge
October 18th

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 and In-Person Club Meeting - Scott Deviney, CEO of Chicken Salad Chick



Scott Deviney serves as the president and CEO of Chicken Salad Chick. Prior to joining the Chick Family, Scott honed his franchise experience owning 25 Wendy's franchises in Atlanta.

Before that, he built an impressive track record of success as a director and SVP of retail and franchise industry management at SunTrust Bank. He graduated from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Arts in economics.

Top Chick: ♦My go-to is Buffy (aka Buffalo Barclay), but all of the spicy Chicks♦Kicken♦ Kay Lynn, Spicy Pimento, and our seasonal Jamaica♦me Jenny♦make my hit list♦

Register 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/upfEtcumrjpkz7S9PspzK6C0u1YnjcOF6dw

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 DACdb calendar to see all upcoming events.

- October 20th - Polio Day Program
- October 27th - Lisa Anders, Explore Gwinnett and Beth Talbert, Eagle Rock - State of the Film Industry
- November 3rd - Becky Turner and Landen Dowden - Haven at Hebron
- November 10th - Sachin Shalendra, Chairman of the Board - Rowen

Recap of last week

Recap of Last Week's Meeting: BJ Pak, US Attorney for US District Court for Northern District of Georgia

Last week, BJ Pak, US Attorney for US District Court for the Northern District of Georgia spoke to our club. He shared that despite the Pandemic, they've prosecuted more individual cases in 2020, compared to 2019. Due to not being able to have trials, all of that work is being pushed back to 2021 and will increase everyone's workload. Defendants have the right to face their accused, therefore without live trials instead of virtual ones have pushed everything back.

The Northern District is focusing on elder fraud as well as economic relief related fraud as there has been an increase in the scam cases since COVID19 began. BJ shared that his district has created a strike force to combat these cases. Other cases they try include domestic terrorism, public corruption, the opioid epidemic as well as many different scams.



Thank you, BJ for a super informative presentation!

Former Rotarian In The News!

Last week, Jim Steele who is a former longtime Club Rotarian was featured in the Toccoa Record on the front page. Originally from Toccoa, Jim divides his time between Toccoa and his other hometown, Lawrenceville.

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Gwinnett BOE honors Steele

Stephens County native Jim Steele has been honored by the Gwinnett County Public Schools Board.

Steele, who was born and reared on West Curshaw Street, the son of the late veterinarian L.D. Steele, served some 36 years in school administration in Gwinnett County.

The school board recently named the district's facilities, maintenance, and operations complex in Lawrenceville.

Members of the Board of Education approved a recommendation from CEO Superintendent J. Alvin Wilbanks to name the district's Facilities, Maintenance, and Operations Complex after Steele.

Steele began his 36-year career with GCPS in 1976 and retired in 2012.

During that time, the district grew from 28,000 students to more than 184,000 students.

As Chief Operations Officer, Steele was responsible for the departments in the Division of Facilities and Operations.

During his tenure, 97 new schools were built along with numerous building additions and renovations to existing schools.

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This is an artist's rendering of how the entrance to the Gwinnett Schools' facilities, maintenance and operations complex will look when completed.

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Steele: Honored by Gwinnett board

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district. Steele was named in 2012, however, the maintenance program for GCPS equipment, and was named in the 2012 School Resource Officer program for the school district.

In his remarks, Wilbanks said the naming of the school district and this community.

Steele and his wife, Susan, have three children: Robert, Francis and Lawrence. He is a member of the Stephens County Schools Hall of Fame.



David Post
October 22nd



Ryan Thomas Jensen
November 2nd



Carla Brown
November 4th



Wanda Weegar
November 4th

World Polio Day Event

October 24th is World Polio Day and below is an update on the hard work that has been done to eradicate this awful disease as well as some things we can do to help the effort. Be sure to join us for our Club's World Polio Day celebration on October 20th!



World Polio Day is Oct 24

We have eliminated two types of polio from the world. Only Type 1 still exists in the wild.

Wild polio is cornered in Pakistan and Afghanistan—it hasn't occurred anywhere else in the world in the last 3 years, including Africa.

We must not let up until Type 1 is destroyed. If we do, the monster will quickly reemerge all over the world.

The effort to destroy the last vestige of polio requires money, dedication and great personal risk by some people.

We will be discussing details of this final challenging push over the next 3 weeks leading up to World Polio Day on Oct 24.

Please consider donating the cost of a Rotary meal, \$20.00, or more as a gift to Polio Plus. You will receive an invitation to give after our meeting on Oct 20th.

Tom Upchurch, MD, FACS
Chair of the Polio Plus Committee



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!



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 input!

Hidden Hero Special Letter

Michele Bourdonnay, our 2020 Hidden Hero received a special letter from Senator Kelly Loeffler congratulating her. How awesome is that to be recognized for her time, treasure and talent.



August 19, 2020

Ms. Michele Bourdonnay
Gwinnett County Public Schools
437 Old Peachtree Road, Northwest
Suwanee, Georgia 30024-2978

Dear Ms. Bourdonnay:

It is with pleasure that I send my heartfelt congratulations to you upon being named the 2020 Hidden Hero by the Rotary Club of Gwinnett County! This honor is evidence of your dedication to your profession, and I commend you for your significant contributions to your community.

Congratulations again. I am sure your family and friends are very proud that you are being recognized in this way.

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Kelly Loeffler

KL/cem

Congratulations!

Rotarian of the Month

Congratulations to Susan Bacon for receiving this month's Rotarian of the Month award. Susan worked tirelessly, putting so much of her personal time and energy into coordinating last month's Peace & Unity event on the Lawrenceville Lawn. Thank you Susan for being a great example of a true Rotarian!

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

Football Pool

We are in week three of the Gwinnett Rotary Pick'em! Brad Beisbier will continue to communicate the weekly picks via email so please be on the lookout for a weekly email from him.

There is a winner take all prize with plenty of points awarded along the way. Fun and friendly competition is guaranteed - may the best picks win!

Service Above Self - Great Days of Service

President Swaim has stepped up to motivate our club to donate to the Coalition's Great Days of Service project. As President of Rotary and the current face of our club, he is willing to pay for a "Glamour Shots" session out of his own pocket dressed in the outfit of our choosing, while keeping it tasteful. The shots could even include his pet rooster, El Diablo! He will then post it all over his social media page and we can share it to ours, including our Rotary Facebook and Instagram pages. He's calling it "Humiliation for Humanity".

What's the catch? Fifty percent of the club PLUS one participant must donate a bag of items for the GDOS collection event. So grab a shopping bag, recycled bag, large grocery bag - any kind of medium to large bag, fill it with your donations and drop it off to these convenient locations:

Terry Swaim: 2675 Mall of Georgia Boulevard, Suite 601
Wayne Ellison: 5425 Peachtree Parkway in Norcross
Club Meeting on October 20th

Gwinnett Coalition: 750 South Perry Street, Suite 312 in Lawrenceville (Be sure to write on the bag or tag it with our Club's name on it)

Rotary Opens Opportunities

Great Days of Service - Terri Kolander

Every Donation Helps

Service Above Self
Gwinnett Great Days of Service

How to Participate:

1. Pick up a bag of 100-150 lbs. containing your own or others' contributions (200 items)
2. Get your donation(s) dropped off to the bag during the list of dates provided
3. Drop the bag off to the location of collection with:
 - Gwinnett Rotary meeting at the 1000 club
 - White Oak Health Management - Terry Swaim 2010 North Lake Road, Suwanee
 - Wilson Insurance Agency - Wayne Ellison 1443 Peachtree Parkway, Suwanee

100% of the proceeds from the Great Days of Service event will be used to support the local organizations serving our citizens most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Rotary Opens Opportunities

Goal = If we get 50% of the club +1 to participate

Club Presidential Glamour shot Session - "Humiliation for Humanity"

Terry with his Pet Rooster "El Diablo"

Angel Tree

A huge thank you to members who are participating in the Salvation Army's Angel Tree Program. Tags and bags from the Salvation Army will be distributed to the club members towards the end of October. Scott Zanardo will share details regarding how to pick up your sponsored Angel soon.

Mark your calendar for December 2nd to return the Angel Tree bags and gifts. Scott has asked that everyone take their bags directly to the Salvation Army instead of bringing them to a club meeting, as we've done in years past. If you finish shopping early, you may take your gift bags to the Salvation Army anytime prior to December 2.

Please reach out to Scott if you have any questions - szanardo@zanardopc.com.



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