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AV & Stage Manager Chair



Joe Godfrey  
Club Fellowship Chair



Ife Marie Williams  
Youth Services Chair



Jennifer S. Hibbard  
iPast President



Brandy Lynn Swanson  
Assistant Governor

## Birthdays



Susan Bacon  
November 22nd

Kevin Pierannunzi  
November 26th

## 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

No Meeting This Week - Happy Thanksgiving!



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

December 1st - Bill St. Clair - Rotary Foundation Program

December 8th - Dr. Elizabeth Sherwood Randall, Georgia Tech

December 15th - Tamika Stafford, Vincent Cain, and Shantell Wilson, Truist MultiCultural Banking Team and Gwinnett Econ Development - Supporting and growing Minority Owned Businesses

## Recap of last week

**Recap of Last Week's Meeting: Tina Fischlin, District Governor - District Goals and Rotary Initiatives**

Last week, we hosted our District Governor, Tina Fischlin and she shared with us the amazing accomplishments our District has made despite the current pandemic. One of the biggest accomplishments is that the continent of Africa is now Polio-free! She reminded us that we will have our first female Rotary International President at the helm for the 2022-2023 year, Mrs. Jennifer Jones. In addition, our District was able to provide one million meals to the 10 Million Meal Challenge.

Looking ahead, Tina went on to state that there is a strategic plan in place to increase our impact in eradicating Polio and in doing so, we will be successful by all clubs continuing to contribute to Rotary's efforts. Although we are having to adapt to change that we have not seen before, including GRSP being suspended until 2022, we must continue the path as true Rotarians do and that is to continue doing what we are doing, continue to serve others and the community that we love; both near and far.

Terry presented a check to Tina on behalf of our club to the philanthropy that is near and dear to her heart, Alliance for Smiles which is a nonprofit organization that provides free surgical repairs for cleft lip and cleft palate, with missions mostly in the continents of Asia and Africa.

Thank you, Tina for spending time with us and sharing all the great works District 6910 has done and will continue to do in the years to come.



**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 cap! 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!

**Community Champion**

Ellen Gerstein was recognized as this month's Community Champion. As you all know, Ellen has led the Gwinnett Coalition for 29 years and recently retired. Her contributions have been incredibly impactful and include but not limited to starting the Gwinnett Hotline which has provided over 750,000 referrals to address life's basic needs, starting an affordable housing nonprofit-the Gwinnett Housing Resource Partnership, oversaw the largest volunteer event in the country-Gwinnett Great Days of Service with a combined economic impact of over \$40 million dollars over the last 20 years, helped start five of our county's six cooperative ministries and more. Ellen, you truly are the epitome of a community champion and we are forever proud and grateful of all the amazing things you've done for Gwinnett!



Nicole Hendrickson  
November 30th

John Petrillo  
December 8th



**Butch Ayers - Classification Talk**

Butch recently joined our club and shared a little about himself. Born in Hollywood, Florida and married to his wife Lisa for 33 years. Together, they have two daughters - Hope and Paige. Butch holds a degree in Political Science from UGA with Masters in Public Administration. Butch had a 35 year career with the Gwinnett County Police Department and after retiring in 2019, he immediately began his next chapter at the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police as Executive Director.

Butch joined Rotary because of his sense of service to Gwinnett, Georgia and the US. His values of ethics, honesty and fairness which resemble that of the 4-Way Test therefore Rotary was a perfect fit for him. He joined Rotary to develop friendships, serve as a positive influence and foster better relationships.



**Football Pool**

Brian mentioned during Tuesday's meeting, week 8 resulted in a couple of perfect cards...congratulations Chris & Elliott!! He stated that he can't help but notice the correlation between betting against Wisconsin and being at the bottom of the group. Week 9 has some wide spreads, but Brian senses that the games will be closer than Vegas thinks. There's always an upset out there, and hopefully we can find it within our 10 games.

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!

**38th Annual 11Alive Holiday Can-A-Thon Benefitting the Salvation Army**

The Gwinnett Rotary Clubs have committed to raise the equivalent of 25,000 cans which will feed a lot of hungry people this holiday season and beyond. There is a trophy and a competition for the Rotary Club in the county donates the most and the one and only Wayne D. Ellison **GUARANTEED** a victory for the Rotary Club of **Gwinnett the Greatest club in the universe/ galaxy and cosmos!** I know that our club will continue to help and give where it is needed most and what is more important than food for a person who is in need.

Lets get our own networks involved with helping this great cause, **GENEROSITY IS CONTAGIOUS** and people want to help others. We will be posting on social media ways to spread the word.

To make sure our club gets credit go to this link and be sure to click the Rotary Club of Gwinnett where it asks who you are donating on behalf of:  
<https://give.salvationarmygeorgia.org/give/312835/#1/donation/checkout>

**Angel Tree**

A huge thank you to members who are participating in the Salvation Army's Angel Tree Program. By now you should have received your assigned child and/or senior from Hazel at the Salvation Army. The clear bags will be available during Tuesday's meeting but if you're unable to attend, plan to pick yours up from Scott's office, located at 295 South Culver Street, Suite C in Lawrenceville.

Bags should be delivered directly to the Salvation Army prior to December 4th. Please reach out to Scott if you have any questions - [szanardo@zanardopc.com](mailto:szanardo@zanardopc.com).



**Bell Ringing Sign Up**

The sign up to ring the Salvation Army is available. It's a great way to spend a two hours helping our friends at the Salvation Army provide assistance to our community during the holidays. Remember to sign up early and wear your mask while ringing the bell! The link to the sign up is: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054daca82ca4fc1-salvation1>

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**Rotary Foundation Month**

By DG Tina D. Fischlin on Thursday, November 5, 2020

How fitting that in this month of Thanksgiving, we give thanks for all we have and all the **opportunities** we have as Rotarians to serve!

November is Foundation Month. This District has been exceedingly generous in its support of the Foundation. This year, over \$144,000 came back to provide District Designated Funds to 58 clubs. Of this, half goes to the District for club projects, and the other half goes towards global grants and to support the eradication of Polio.

Below are just a few pictures of our how your donations support programs in your community and in our world.





Morgan County Rotary Club: Pets Love Vets



Rotary Club of Sugarloaf: Mobile Library Program



Banks County Rotary: Food2Kids Program

Global grants support Alliance for Smiles providing **free** surgery to those born with cleft lip/palate. HANWASH will provide clean water in Haiti. Peace Scholarships and the support of Global Grant scholarships. So many more accompany those few.

Consider how our District and Rotary Clubs ♦ Initiatives center around Rotary ♦s seven areas of focus: peacebuilding and conflict prevention; disease prevention and treatment; water, sanitation, and hygiene; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy, community economic development; and the environment.

On a recent visit with Rotarian Francisco Lozano, he shared with me why he is **thankful** for Rotary.

♦What Rotary means to me: Rotary is a lifestyle of Service Above Self; a platform of like-minded individuals who work together to make a positive difference in our communities and the world. Rotary means service, friendship, teamwork, and success. What GRSP means to me: GRSP is a hands-on initiative through which Georgia Rotarians promote peace, understanding, and life-long friendships among people from different countries. GRSP means the world to me, no pun intended. It transformed my life in a wonderful way! ♦

I am thankful for You and your dedication to those we serve.

Yours in Rotary Service,

DG Tina

## DG Candidate Brandy Swanson

By Leo J. Lawrenson on Saturday, November 14, 2020

Rotary District 6910 Nominating Committee has named Brandy Swanson as the District Governor Candidate for 2023-2024.



Brandy has been a Rotarian since 1994 and is currently a member of the Rotary Club of Gwinnett. She currently serves as an Assistant Governor and chairs the District Public Image Committee. Most notably, Brandy was named Rotary District 6910 Assistant Governor of the Year in 2020. A Charter member of the Rotary Club of Buford/North Gwinnett ♦ June 1994 where she served as the Youth Services Chair, a GRSP Host Family, International Chair, Club Service Chair, Club Secretary, Club Treasurer, Club President Elect, Club President ♦ 2000-2001. She joined the Rotary club of Gwinnett County in July 2007 and served as the Chair of Family of Rotary, Service Chair, Red Badge Mentor Membership Chair, GRSP Host Family, Club Programs Committee and Vocational Chair, Hugh Thomas Award 2016 and was Rotarian of the Month 2020.

Brandy is married to Greg, her high school sweetheart and best friend for over 30 years. Grateful for & proud of her 2 grown children. She values her quiet time; enjoys family time, games, scuba diving, reading, traveling, serving and gardening.

As per Rotary International By-laws, Article 14, clubs have fourteen days from today (11.14.2020), to notify District Governor Tina Fischlin of any challenges to this DG Candidate.