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-  Brandy Lynn Swanson
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Birthdays

Nicole Hendrickson
November 30th

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 and Virtual Meeting: Bill St. Clair, Rotary Foundation - Rotary Foundation Program



Bill was born and raised in Charlottesville, Virginia, graduating from Woodbury Forest School in Orange, Virginia. After graduating from North Carolina State University, with a degree in Civil Engineering, he served as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and Seoul, Korea.

After leaving the service, he worked for Norton Company in Massachusetts, Japan, Brazil, North Carolina, Flowery Branch and Luxemburg. Early in his career at Norton, he earned his MBA at Boston University, where he was President of the MBA Association and held a Gillette Fellowship, graduating with honors. Bill has owned ServiceMaster of Gainesville, a commercial cleaning company since 1987. The business was sold in the spring of 2009.

During his 38 years in Gainesville, Bill has been active in many business and civic organizations including President of Manufacturing and Processors Council, Chair of Lanier Technical Institute Board, Search committees for Heads of Lanier Technical College, and Gainesville College, Executive Board of Gainesville College Foundation, North Georgia Swim Team President and Treasurer, First Presbyterian Church Elder, and Chair of Hall County Clean Council.

His Rotary experience began in 1974 in Newton, North Carolina. Upon moving to Georgia, he joined the Gainesville Rotary Club, in 1978. He served as President during Gainesville Rotary Club's 75th Anniversary Year 1997 - 1998, receiving the Governor's Award for exceptional service. He has served as Club secretary since 2001. Bill has served at the District 6910 level as AIDS Awareness Chair 2001 - 2004, District 6910 Rotaract Chair 1992 - 1993, District 6910 Secretary, Assistant Governor 2007-2010, District Governor 2011-2012 and is currently serving his third term as GRSP Trustee.

Bill and his wife Elizabeth are Major Donors, PHS members and Kendall Weisiger Fellows. Together they have attended Rotary International Conventions in Glasgow, Singapore, Barcelona, Brisbane, Birmingham, Chicago, Lisbon, Sao Paulo and Salt Lake City. They have also served as members of a Rotary Friendship Exchange Team to District 3160 in India. The St. Clairs have two children, Alexander, an Investment Banker in Alexandria, Virginia and Christiana, a Real Estate Agent with Dorsey Alston Realtors in Atlanta, Georgia. Unfortunately, Bill lost his Rotary Partner, Elizabeth, in the spring of 2011.

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/UpEtoUmprjknZS9SpzK6CQuIYnjcOF6w

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 tablet 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.

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.

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
December 22nd - TBD
December 29th - NO MEETING - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Recap of last week

Survey For COVID19 Vaccine - A Message From Dr. Audrey Arona:

As you have heard in the news, a COVID-19 vaccine is being developed. The Gwinnett Newton Rockdale County Health Department understands that this will provide another layer of protection from this virus, and it's a critical step to getting our communities back to normal. Yet while we recognize the importance of the vaccine, does the community? We'll need to assess attitudes and beliefs to help inform our communications campaigns moving forward.

The Health Department has developed a survey about the vaccine. At the core, we want to learn who is willing to get the vaccine and then determine what barriers may exist. If we can understand these basics, then we can work to promote a better vaccine uptake, which will provide more protection to our community.

That's where we need your help. We need our partners, like you, to help us push this survey to your networks. Encourage all you know to provide their thoughts. The results are anonymous, but the impact will be lasting. The survey can be found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SMGSSBY>

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 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!

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!

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

#RescueChristmas

Captain Paul Ryerson spoke to us a few weeks ago, introducing the Rescue Christmas initiative that the Salvation Army is hoping will help fill the fundraising gap with anticipated reduced kettle contributions due to the pandemic.

Due to the considerable decline in donations to red kettles due to reduced foot traffic and retail store closures, you can help by joining their Virtual Red Kettle Team by visiting: <https://give.salvationarmygeorgia.org/MetroAtlantaVirtualRedKettle>

- ◆ Simply click "Become a Fundraiser"
- ◆ Complete the information to set up a Fundraiser page for your group.



John Petrillo
December 8th

◆Your members can then share a link to your fundraiser page by email, text message or on your FB page.

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.

Gift Bag Procedures:

1. Place the Angel Tree Tag in the bag facing out so that it can be read from the outside.
2. If an item does not fit in the bag, make a copy and tape it very well to the outside item.
3. All bags are due at the Salvation Army Church on Sugarloaf by December 4th.

If you have not received your clear bag yet you may be able to coordinate with one of 3 of us to get them from our office:

Scott Zanardo 295 Culver Street SouthSuite C in Lawrenceville, GA 30046 p 770.806.1031 szanardo@zanardopc.com
Terry Swaim 2675 Mall of GA Blvd, Suite 601 Buford 30519 terry_swaim@tj.com
Paul Ryerson Salvation army paul_ryerson@vss.salvationarmy.org 3455 Sugarloaf parkway Lawrenceville 30444

Thank you all for participating. We know you are going to bring some real JOY to those in need this year through your generosity.

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.



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 signup is: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054daca82cadfc1-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 NOMINEE DESIGNATE Brandy Swanson

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

It's official now! Brandy Swanson is the District Governor Nominee Designate, and will be DG for 2023-2024! Congratulations, Brandy!



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.

Gwinnett County
Meets at The 1818 Club

Time: Tuesday at 12:00 PM