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-  Joseph Justin Ariano  
January 8th

## 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: Tamika Stafford, Vincent Cain, and Shantell Wilson, Truist MultiCultural Banking Team and Gwinnett Econ Development - Supporting and growing Minority Owned Businesses**



Vincent earned a Bachelor of Science degree, with an emphasis in Business Administration and Management, from Morehouse College. With over eighteen years of management experience and fifteen of those in banking, he currently is the Vice President/Regional Multicultural Banking Officer at Truist Financial for the Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina markets. In this role, Vincent focuses on connecting the community with those dedicated to fixing the community regardless of the ethnic background.

Vincent strives to bring the bank to the people. Through this approach, he identifies and supports opportunities that will have a long-lasting impact within the community.

Vincent is a member of Dogwood Church in Tyrone GA., and is actively involved with the 100 Black Men of South Metro Atlanta. He is married to Karol and has two sons, Ryan and Jason.



Tamika Stafford attended the BB&T Banking School at Wake Forest University and is a Georgia State University candidate for her Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. Tamika has over 15 years experience in financial services with BB&T now Truist and has spent over ten years as a consumer and small business lender. She is currently facilitating financial education sessions for micro and small business owners, providing bank solutions and other relevant resources.

She sits on the board for the Atlanta Business League, Georgia Micro Enterprise Network and Atlanta Black Chambers Corporate Advisory.



Shantell R. Wilson is the Economic Development Manager of Business Outreach for Gwinnett County Government Office of Economic Development. She is responsible for business outreach, retention and expansion.

Shantell began her economic development career with the Georgia Department of Economic Development in 2004. During her tenure with the Department, she held positions as Research and Existing Industry Specialist and Operations Manager of the Governor's Mentor Protégé Program (GMPP). After assisting the Global Commerce Division with major projects such as the Kia Motors Manufacturing facility, Shantell was later promoted to work with GMPP.

As Economic Development Manager of Business Outreach, Shantell works alongside business and industry to ensure their success in the Gwinnett community through eliminating barriers, providing access to tools and resources and stronger relationships with County officials. Shantell hosts Coffee and Conversation, a premier networking event for business owners and leaders to get face time and establish relationships with County officials.

Shantell graduated from Georgia Southern University with a Bachelors of Business Administration in Economic Development and holds a Masters of Business Administration from Walden University. She is a member of the Georgia Economic Developers Association, International Economic Development Council, Gwinnett Young Professionals, International Council for Shopping Centers and the Rotary Club of Gwinnett County.

Shantell is a proud resident of the City of Duluth where she resides with her daughter Abeigh Elle.

**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/upfEtcumrjpkZ59PspzK6C0uYnjcOF6w](https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/upfEtcumrjpkZ59PspzK6C0uYnjcOF6w)

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:

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.

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

## Recap of last week

**Last Week's Program: Dr. Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall, Distinguished Professor of the Practice at the Georgia Institute of Technology Nunn School of International Affairs and a Senior Fellow at its Strategic Energy Institute - The Case for an Integrated Energy, Climate, Economic and National Security Agenda**

Last week, Dr. Sherwood-Randall joined us as our virtual guest speaker and she spoke about how important integrated energy, climate, economic and national security were important topics as the nation turns the page from 2020 and looking toward our environment's future.

She stated that the burden of integrating and creating a climate resiliency plans should not only become a national/federal level discussion but it needs to take place at the local, state and regional level too. There are tools available to generate options for all regions including "tool boxes" of helpful information. While this task is moving quickly, the issue of internet security comes into play as well as providing clean energy sources. She impressed on us that deliberate social equity is needed to soften the impacts on climate change.

Locally, there is science-based cutting edge technology in Georgia and that it is important that our local plans meet the magnitude of resiliency and impact in both the national and international plans.

Thank you, Dr. Sherwood-Randall for a very informative and thought-provoking presentation!



**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 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/SMG5SBY>

**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**

Week 10's games provided plenty of drama. Even though we had two freebies due to a change of opponent (Carolina v BYU) and a postponement (UGA v Vandy), there were no perfect cards this week. Congratulations to Mike, Paige, Shelly and Wayne for coming close. Unfortunately for all four of them, the Badgers couldn't take care of business and lost to Indiana for the first time in 10 years. Disappointed I am, but it's hard to not be on the Hoosier bandwagon this season. A couple of themes stand out when you review the results:

- Don't Mess With Texas! The Lone Star state had a clean sweep for the week.
- The Demonstrating Courage Award - Jeff Alexander went all in for the upsets. He was alone in picking against Ohio State and Texas, and was one of only a few to nail the Indiana pick.
- Overall Standings: Chris Dooley 111, Paige Havens 106, Team Rule 105 & 104, and Wanda Weegar 98 (remember that Wanda took a week off to let everyone else catch up).

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

**Bell Ringing Sign Up**

We need bell ringers!!! 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/489054d5c-a82ca4fc1-salvation1>



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