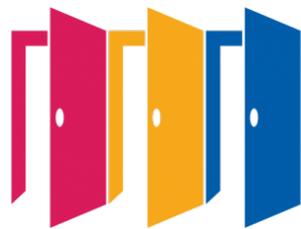


Rotary



Rotary Opens Opportunities

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Birthdays



Joseph Justin Ariano
January 8th



Erica J. Brown
January 15th

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

There are no meetings December 22nd and 29th - See You In 2021!



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

December 29th - NO MEETING - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January 5th - Wayne Johnson - Student Loans

January 12th - Joe Sorenson, Director of Communications - Gwinnett County Government

Recap of last week

Last Week's Program: Tamika Stafford and Vincent Cain - Truist MultiCultural Banking Team - Supporting and growing Minority Owned Businesses

Last week, we heard from a speaker panel featuring Vincent Cain and Tamika Stafford. Moderated by our very own, Mark Willis, a great conversation was had and we learned about the many things Truist (formerly BB&T and SunTrust) are doing in the community. In addition, they shared with us how important having a diverse team to better understand each other, their customers and their community is vital to the success of any organization.

Thank you, Vincent and Tamika for a meaningful and engaging conversation!

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/SMGSSBY>

CART FUND - The CART JAR Challenge

Terry Swalm 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

What a wild week of football games. Above all, we learned that throwing an opposing player's shoe 20 yards downfield will draw negative attention from the referee team. Not to mention, I don't believe that type of behavior would fit the Rotary 4-Way Test???

On a more positive note, congratulations to Jeff Alexander and Ife Williams for being our weekly winners.

Our Demonstrating Courage Award also has two winners this week: Sherwin Levinson was the lone winner on LSU, and Jay Ariano was the lone loser on the Mizzou pick. Genius can appear to be madness...or vice versa depending upon the outcome.

Our season leaders: Chris Dooley 125, Paige Havens 119, Bob Rule 118, Elleda Rule 117, and Wanda Weegar 112

Week 12 will be our final week of picks. To celebrate the end of our season I've lengthened the list of games...think of it like the final Jeopardy question. Remember the season winner will collect a prize and it will be huge...really huge.

Angel Tree Recap

The Salvation Army Angel Tree was a huge success this year. Our club delivered 90 bags and \$500 to be used to purchase gifts. Compared to 2019, our club delivered 85 bags. Despite the pandemic, our club rose to the challenge to help those in need. Thank you to all who donated bags full of gifts and/or money!

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

Thank you to those who gave their time to help ring the bell for the Salvation Army this Christmas. We appreciate you!



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Gwinnett County
Meets at The 1818 Club

Time: Tuesday at 12:00 PM