

Rotary



District 6910 Newsletter



Rotary Opens Opportunities

Our Time to Shine

By DG Tina D. Fischlin on Saturday, June 5, 2021

Rotary Opens Opportunities ♦ Opportunities Open Rotary

Where do you begin ♦ how do you say thank you? We all wondered how would we survive as an organization this Rotary year. How would we continue our work in the community and in the world during COVID?

It all started with a passion to serve. Each of us owes a debt of gratitude, first, to the Presidents and their clubs, and to the Assistant Governors, District Officers, and the District Board of Directors. Thank you for your commitment, leadership, and guidance.

One of the most notable projects was our Feed 10 Million Meal Challenge ♦ what an ♦opportunity♦! With food insecurities at an all-time high, you have provided over 2.4 million meals. The district's recent \$25K matching grant program will help us reach our goal of 3 million meals. You have another week to apply for \$1,000 matching funds. Be sure to LOG all those meals you provided this year in the Feed 10 Million Meal Challenge log page.

Our disaster relief committee was busier than ever: We received a \$25K grant from TRF, which was distributed to clubs as \$500 matching grants to provide much-needed food and PPE in their communities.

Youth Services kept our kids busy with 6 ACTIVE EarlyAct clubs and 3 more slated to start in the Fall.

The Interact clubs stayed active during the pandemic with the Letters of Love campaign, which generated over 5,000 letters delivered to care facilities throughout the district. They also participated in an Earth Day recycling event, and we recently named our Interact scholarships for 2020-2021.

Rotaract continues to grow. Congratulations to the newest Rotaract Club of Jasper!

GRSP students and their host families are preparing for the program to resume this fall!

RYLA ♦ Rotary Youth Leadership Award ♦ was held this past weekend at Tallulah Falls. What a great-looking group of future leaders! Check out the article in this newsletter from our RYLA weekend!

This year, we had new online learning opportunities to provide personal and professional development through RLI and the much-improved Learning Center in Rotary.org.

To keep our wheels turning, you continued to support The Rotary Foundation, and the latest numbers from Scott Parmenter indicated we were on track to finish the year strong. It is imperative that the work of Rotary continue through your support. ALL projects I just mentioned offer only a glimpse of what we can do with your contributions to The Rotary Foundation.

Our District continues to be a recognized as a Peace District and is committed to promoting Peace & Unity by encouraging conversations to foster understanding within and across cultures.

We are committed to fighting disease; providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene; saving mothers and children; supporting education; and growing local economies.

Rotary's new area of focus ♦ protecting the environment ♦ will give us an important role in fostering the health of Mother Earth

THIS YEAR was OUR TIME SHINE ♦ to Unite, to take action, to create lasting change, locally and globally. It has been an honor to serve with you this year. Reflect on and celebrate your many successes in a time of great uncertainty.

As the world continues to open and we begin to transition into 2021-2022, I have no doubt you will build upon the experiences of this past year and continue to do good in the world. Rest assured, Mike Berg and his leadership team have a great year planned to support you.

June 2021

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May you always look for those doors of opportunities to open as you  Serve to Change Lives !

Thank you for your dedication and support this year.

DG Tina

Rotary International



Be Sure to Register for the R.I. 2021 Virtual Convention



The [2021 Rotary International Convention](#) is almost upon us, and it will be an unforgettable experience.

Want more reasons to attend? The convention will offer a fantastic [lineup of activities](#), [motivational speakers](#), innovative [Breakout Sessions](#), and will help you discover new ways to create lasting change in your community. Come together to witness the power of Rotary connections. Click the image above to register right now. [Click here](#) to view an invitation message from Rotary International President, Holger Knaack.

Rotary International Convention 2022: SPECIAL EARLY DISCOUNT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Saturday, June 5, 2021

By: Mike Berg, District Governor-Elect



Rotary International Convention 2022
Houston Texas June 4-8, 2022

Special **Discount** Registration Information

Between June 12 and June 16 there will be a discounted cost for Registration of \$250.00 per person, from the regular registration cost of \$675 per person.

Instructions:

Go to [HTTPS://convention.rotary.org/en](https://convention.rotary.org/en)

On JUNE 12 a link will open up on the top right of the Convention web page. Click there and follow the instructions. Hotel and program information are also provided. Note, it is not necessary to register for the Virtual Convention.

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June 27th

[Gilmer County](#)
June 29th


[Cherokee County](#)
June 30th



DISTRICT 6910

is hereby named a

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
GLOBAL PEACEBUILDER DISTRICT**

in appreciation of its commitment to building sustainable peace by supporting the Rotary Peace Centers program and the peacebuilding and conflict prevention area of focus



Rotary  

On June 2 Rotary International announced that Rotary District 6910 was officially named a Global Peacebuilder District. In addition to a variety of efforts during the year, the district also donated \$25,000 from district designated funds (DDF) to support the peace centers. Click the *Read More* link to read the letter from Rotary International.

[Read More](#)

\$1,000 Matching Grants for Feed10Million

By Randy Redner on Saturday, June 5, 2021

Breaking News: Deadline Extended



As Rotary District 6910 continues to feed hungry families across our district, District Governor Tina Fischlin issues a third and final challenge to Rotarians to go for a 3-million meal goal! A new matching-grant opportunity is revealed, and if this goal is achieved, DG Tina and our Feed 10 Million Meal Champion, Randy Redner, will jump out of a plane! Click the image above to watch the video. For Randy's latest update click the *Read More* link.

[Read More](#)

RI Monthly Themes

[Click here](#)

District Events

- June 7th
RLI Online Session 2.3 - Fundraising
Speaker: Tracy Belton
- June 7th
CART District Chair Meeting
- June 8th
RLI Online Session 1.4 - Rotary: The Bigger Picture
Speaker: Kim Waters
- June 8th
7 Part Club Leadership Series: Preparing for the new Rotary yr
- June 8th
RLI Online Session 1.1 - I am a Rotarian!
Speaker: Bob Arnold
- June 8th
Zone 33 DMC Monthly Call
Speaker: RC Patrick Eakes & ARCs
Subject: RIZones 33, 34, & More weekly Friday call
- June 9th
Rotary Works: Networking Ahead for Career Success
- June 10th
RLI Online Session 2.4 - Communication Techniques
Speaker: Andre Marria
- June 12th
Rotary International Convention 2021
- June 12th
Rotary International Convention Taipei
- June 12th
RLI - Peachtree City 6900
Speaker: Stephanie Windham
Subject: Grad - Membership
- June 14th
RLI Online Session 1.3 - Ethics and Vocational Service
Speaker: Peter Gleichman

RYLA - About Building Grit

By Jeremy Echuck on Saturday, June 5, 2021



RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) is back and in a big way! Click the [Read More](#) link to find out more about this year's adventure.

[Read More](#)

DG Fischlin, District 6910 Leads Way for GRSP Peace Plaza Donations

Wednesday, May 19, 2021



June 15th
7 Part Club Leadership Series: Preparing for the new Rotary yr

June 15th
RLI Online Session 2.1 - Analyze Your Club
Speaker: Gary Isreal

June 16th
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June 16th
RLI Online Session 3.3 - Public Image
Speaker: Betsy Owen

June 17th
RLI Online Session 1.5 - The Rotary Foundation
Speaker: Lee Phares

June 18th
RLI Online Session 2.5 - Membership Attraction
Speaker: Drew Monaghan

June 18th
RLI Online Session 3.5 - International Service
Speaker: Ted Kirchharr

June 22nd
RLI Online Session 3.4 - Rotary Foundation Grants
Speaker: Carl Treleven

June 22nd
7 Part Club Leadership Series: Preparing for the new Rotary yr

June 22nd
RLI Online Session 2.2 - Strategic Planning
Speaker: Marcy Ullom

June 23rd
RLI Online Session 1.5 - The Rotary Foundation
Speaker: Lee Phares

June 23rd
RLI Online Session 3.1 - Rotary History
Speaker: Bob Arnold

June 24th
RLI Online Session 2.6 - Service Projects
Speaker: Ed Davis

June 29th
RLI Online Session 3.2 - Leadership Strategies
Speaker: Ivan Johnson

June 29th
7 Part Club Leadership Series: Preparing for the new Rotary yr

June 29th
RLI Online Session 1.1 - I am a Rotarian!
Speaker: Bob Arnold

June 30th
Contribute to the Rotary Works Impact Fund

June 30th
RLI Online Session 3.3 - Public Image
Speaker: Betsy Owen

DG Tina Fischlin presents Georgia Rotary Student Program (GRSP) Secretary Lorri Christopher, Marketing and Development Director Kathy Fields and GRSP Foundation Trustee Emeritus Steve Harrold with a platinum sponsorship, \$7,500 check for the GRSP Peace Place and Will Watt Memorial Fountain that will be dedicated at their 75th Celebration at Conclave in Thomasville August 20-21, 2021.

[Read More](#)

D6910 To Join VOAD

By Timothy W. Ranney on Saturday, May 29, 2021



**National
Voluntary Organizations
Active in Disaster**

COOPERATION | COMMUNICATION | COORDINATION | COLLABORATION

Rotary District 6910 is embarking on a new initiative and partnership with the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, otherwise known as VOAD. Find out how D6910 Disaster Relief Co-chair, Tim Ranney, came up with a way for Rotarians to make a real difference when people may need it the most!

[Read More](#)

Georgia Laws of Life Names Rotary D6910 Teachers of Distinction

Friday, May 28, 2021

By Linda Hatten, Program Manager - Schools, Georgia Laws of Life Essay Contest



CONGRATULATIONS! 2020-2021 Teachers of Distinction District 6910

Apalachee High School	Becky Hasty
Brookwood High School	Jesse Hancock
Dawson County High School	Lindsey Luchansky
Evans High School	Dr. Mayah Wood
Forsyth Central High School	Antonia Alberga-Parisi
George Walton Academy	Wrynn Carson
Gilmer High School	Karen Phipps
Heritage High School	Jennifer Howell ★
LaFayette High School	Kim Burnett
North Forsyth High School	Elizabeth Smith
Paul Duke STEM High School	Regina DeBeatham
Pickens High School	Jackie Powell
Rome High School	Amanda B. Howell ★
South Forsyth High School	Clori Rose-Geiger
West Hall High School	Morgan Baum

★ Ian Kligora, statewide 2nd Runner-Up attends Rome High School. Adrian Whitlock, 3rd Runner-Up attends Heritage High School.

July 4th
4th of July

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July 5th
CART District Chair Meeting

July 6th
RLI Online Session 3.4 - Rotary Foundation Grants
Speaker: Carl Treleven

July 6th
DG Official Visit - Dahlonega

Speaker: Michael L. Berg
Subject: DG Official Visit

July 6th
7 Part Club Leadership Series: Preparing for the new Rotary yr

July 7th
RLI Online Session 2.3 - Fundraising

Speaker: Tracy Belton

July 7th
RLI Online Session 3.3 - Public Image
Speaker: Betsy Owen

July 8th
DG Official Visit - Calhoun
Speaker: Michael L. Berg
Subject: DG Official Visit

July 12th
DG Official Visit - Peachtree Corners
Speaker: Michael L. Berg
Subject: DG Official Visit

July 13th
DG Official Visit - Gwinnett County
Speaker: Michael L. Berg
Subject: DG Official Visit

July 13th
7 Part Club Leadership Series: Preparing for the new Rotary yr

July 13th
DG Official Visit - Gwinnett Mosaic
Speaker: Michael L. Berg
Subject: DG Official Visit

July 14th
DG Official Visit - Duluth
Speaker: Michael L. Berg
Subject: DG Official Visit

July 14th
RLI Online Session 2.4 - Communication Techniques
Speaker: Andre Marria

July 14th
DG Official Visit - Buford/North Gwinnett
Speaker: Michael L. Berg
Subject: DG Official Visit

July 14th
Rotary Works: Career Search in Our Gig Economy

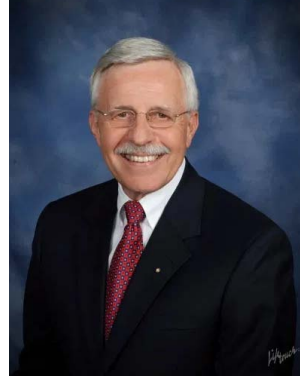
Click on the graphic above to read the official press release announcing this years Georgia Laws of Life Essay Contest Teachers of Distinction.

R. L. Panyik Leadership Award Recipients

Monday, April 26, 2021

By PGD Don Martin, with contributions from Erika Neldner, Laura Dent, and Mandy Volpe

The R. L. Panyik Award was established in 2015 by PDG Bill Strickland. The award is named after past District Governor, Rich Panyik, who showed us all what extraordinary leadership should look like. This year's recipients of the award demonstrate those same qualities while executing their roles as club President in an exceptional manner. The five 2020-21 winners of this award were announced at the District Conference by District Governor, Tina Fischlin. This month we'd like to shine our leadership spotlight on these terrific leaders, who are an inspiration to us all. [Read More](#)



PDG Rich Panyik
Namesake of the
R.L. Panyik Leadership
Award

GRSP Alumnus Is Working To Pay It Forward

By Paige W Havens on Friday, May 28, 2021



Nipuna Ambanpola was born and raised in Sri Lanka. In his youth he became actively involved in community service through local Interact, Rotaract, and Rotary Clubs. In 2015 Nipuna was granted a scholarship from the Rotary Clubs of Savannah South and Savannah West to attend Armstrong State (now Georgia Southern University ♦ Armstrong Campus). It was obvious from day one that Nipuna didn't come to simply take; In gratitude for the doors of opportunity Rotary offered, he quickly began giving back in so many ways and embodying Rotary's motto of ♦Service Above Self♦ in every way he could. [Read More](#)

Infinite Possibilities

Click the logo above if you would like to go back and revisit any of the "Infinite Possibilities" webinars presented during the past year from Zone 33-34, including Series 1: Women In Rotary and Series 2: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion.

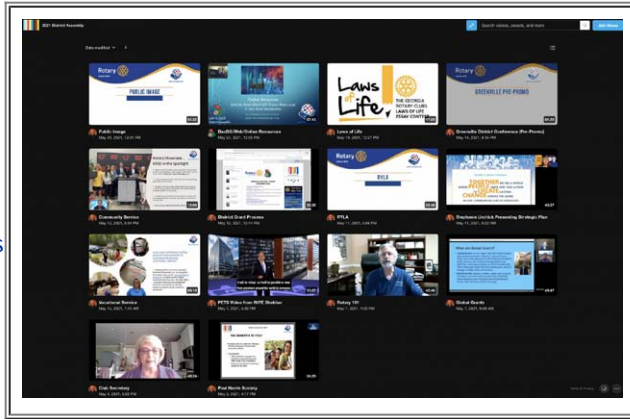
Video Showcase is Online

By Mike Berg, District Governor-Elect

Over 100 Rotarians attended the 6910 District Assembly on May 15. Speakers included: RPE Shekar Mehta, PRID Stephanie Urchich on RI's Strategic Plan, DG Tina Fischlin, DGE Mike Berg and DGN Gerry Taylor. This video will be on the District 6910 Website.

For the benefit of Club Committee Chairs and others; twenty-two (22) separate videos (Rotary Showcase) are being produced to help educate concerning different aspects of club responsibilities. Currently, links to fourteen (14) videos can be found on the District 6910 website (from the dropdown menu across the top of the website, select 'Events' and then 2021 District

Assembly...or, click the graphic to the right). These video presentations offer Rotarians the opportunity to view important information on their timeframe.



Leadership Spotlight: Paul Matthews

By Paige W Havens on Wednesday, May 19, 2021



Our monthly "Leadership Spotlight" series continues in June to help Rotarians throughout the district become familiar with fellow Rotarians working hard at the district level to help lead our organization into the future. This month we'd like to shine the spotlight on our District Grants and International Services Chair, Paul Matthews.

Pictured above is Paul serving as emcee for his Rotary Club's Vic Chesnutt Songwriter of the Year Award program in 2019.

[Read More](#)

Changing of the Guard

By Paige W Havens on Wednesday, May 19, 2021

This time of year is always full of transition as we work to close out one Rotary year and launch a new one. Now is the perfect time to take a moment to recognize some of our district leaders for their dedication and loyal service to our mission as we have a changing of the guard. [Read More](#)

Elberton Celebrates 100 Years

By Shaheen Jalil on Thursday, June 3, 2021



It was a historic night in Elberton as the club celebrated 100 years of serving their community. Click the [Read More](#) link for the story and some great photos! [Read More](#)

A Very Proud Rotarian: Karl W. chtler

By Sallie Boyles on Thursday, May 20, 2021



Karl W. chtler shown here in 2016 after receiving the Ronnie Waller Fellow for his commitment and contributions to GRSP.

Throughout District 6910 we are blessed with a number of very special and remarkable Rotarians that have been dedicated to making a difference in the world and in our communities for a very long time. This month we'd like to share the story of one such distinguished Rotarian, Karl W. Wachtler. A member of the Rotary Club of Rome since July of 1986, Karl G. Wachtler is in his 39th year as a Rotarian with perfect, uninterrupted attendance in three clubs. Incredibly, during that time, he has visited 180 Rotary Clubs in 70 districts.

[Read More](#)

Photos From Around the District - May 2021



In case you can't see it or if you are wondering if there is something wrong with your eyes, that check to the NE Georgia Hospital System - Braselton, is for **\$100,000!!!!** Talk about impact in our local communities! Check out the [story that appeared in The Braselton News](#) for more of the details.

Pictured above (l to r): Braselton Rotarian Toni Funari; Cheryl Shippey, with the NE Georgia Hospital System; Hardy Johnson, President of the Rotary Club of Braselton; Chad Bingham, Rotary District 6910 Assistant Governor; Charm McCall, Rotary Club of Braselton President-Elect, and Maggie James with the Hospital.

For more great District 6910 photos and memories made during the month of April, click the [Read More](#) link below.

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South Hall Rotary Dedicates New Peace Pole

By Amanda R Groover on Tuesday, June 1, 2021

On a very rainy 4th of May, several South Hall Rotarians joined with members of the City of Oakwood commission to dedicate a new Peace Pole in the downtown area. This custom fabricated pole represents five languages in the South Hall Community. [Read More](#)



A Double Celebration in Duluth

By Sallie Boyles on Wednesday, May 19, 2021



Pictured above at the Duluth Library are Randy Redner (left) and Ryan Jones.

On May 5, two honored guests, District Governor Tina Fischlin and the Honorable Nancy Harris, Mayor of Duluth, joined the Rotary Club of Duluth for their meeting at the new Duluth Library, giving attendees a preview of the facility before the official ribbon cutting on May 25. With the help of District 6910 grants, the club has donated \$50,000 to augment the technology provided through the Children's Room. [Read More](#)

MEET DILLON KASSON 📍 2021 GLOBAL GRANT SCHOLAR

By Paige W Havens on Wednesday, May 19, 2021

Dillon Michael Kasson, from Lilburn, Georgia, has been bestowed the honor to serve as District 6910's 2021 Global Grant Scholar focused on peacebuilding and conflict resolution. With our support, Dillon will work to obtain a Master of Science in Migration Mobility and Development from SOAS University of London. The program will teach valuable strategies and methods that can be used to understand complex issues that result in conflict and instability. The program promotes a multi-disciplinary, pedagogical structure that incorporates focus on issues such as climate change, interethnic



relations, globalization, food security, and access to education. As part of the program, Dillon will be required to examine numerous case studies of scenarios from around the world and will write a dissertation that he can use as basis on which to build an impactful career. [Read More](#)



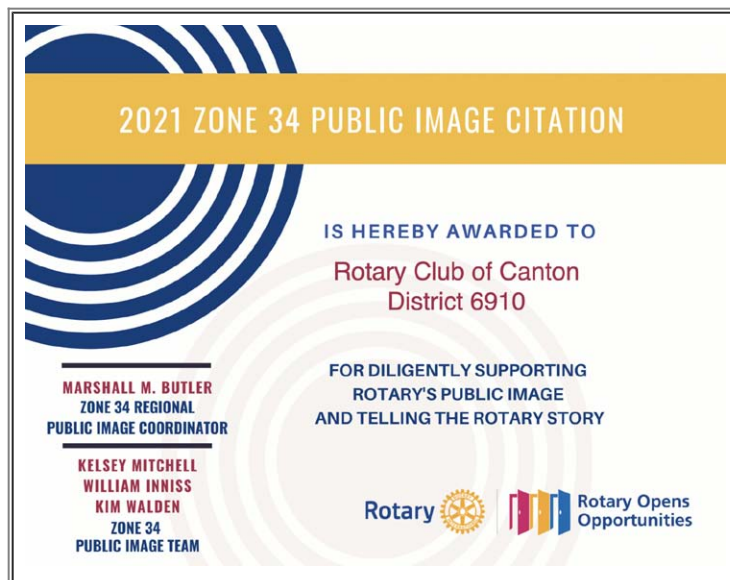
Public Image



2021 Zone 34 Public Image Citations Announced

By DG Tina D. Fischlin on Saturday, June 5, 2021

Congratulations to all of the clubs in District 6910 that have been awarded the Zone P.I. Citation for 2020-2021. This year a total of fifteen clubs have been recognized and we are all so proud of them for their extra efforts in going the extra mile to make sure that the public image of Rotary and their individual clubs is a very high priority. Please join me in offering praise, kudos and congrats to the following clubs....click the [Read More](#) link.... [Read More](#)



Training



Training Opportunity: DACdb Leadership Series

Saturday, June 5, 2021

DACdb has announced the next in their series of online virtual training sessions:



When: Tuesday, June 8, 2021

What: Part two of a seven part Club Leadership Series - Learn how to add your club leadership in DACdb and have it update in Rotary International automatically.

Time: 3:30 p.m. (This session will be 20 minutes long with 10 minutes of Q&A.

Registration: You must register in advance by going to the Calendar in DACdb (www.dacdb.com). Make certain that the "multi-district" checkbox is checked in the calendar options to be able to see this event in the calendar. Find the event under June 8 and click the 'register' button.

You can find the recording for this and all past sessions by visiting the Support Tab within dacdb.com. Once there, from the left navigation, click on DACdb Training, DACdb University Tuesday Training. A page will then be displayed showing this and all past recordings. The recording for this session is typically posted within 48 hours of the live session.



District Team



[DG Tina D. Fischlin](#)
District Governor



[Michael L. Berg](#)
District Governor-Elect



[Gerry Taylor](#)
District Governor-Nominee



[David Thomas Upchurch](#)
District Communications Officer



[Chad Bingham](#)
District Membership Chair



[Brandy Lynn Swanson](#)
District Public Image/PR Chair
District Governor-Nominee Designate



[Bruce Allen Azevedo](#)
District Rotary Foundation Chair

Committee List 2020-21

[Club CART Chairs](#)
[Club Community Services Committee](#)

[Club Communications Officers](#)
[Club Executive Secretary](#)

Club Membership Chairs	Club President-Nominees (before becoming the PE)
Club Presidents	Club Presidents-elect
Club Public Image Chairs	Club Rotary Foundation Chairs
Club Secretaries-elect	Club Secretary
Club Treasurers	Club Treasurers-elect
District Administration	District Assistant Governors (see Area Icon for Details)
District Board of Directors	District College of Governors
District Communication Team	District Conference Committee
District Diversity Equity & Inclusion Committee	District Finance Committee
District Leadership Team	District Membership Team
District Public Image Team	District Rotary Foundation Committee
District Service Leaders (Youth Service Separate)	District Strategic Planning Committee
District Training Team	District Youth Service Leaders
GdG-Presidents and Treasurers	MD Reception
z-Grants Webinar	Zone 34 & RI