

# Rotary



District 6910 Newsletter



Rotary Opens Opportunities

## Happy New Year

By DG Tina D. Fischlin on Friday, January 1, 2021

***"Rotary stands; though the tempest roars about – Rotary still stands. Why and how? Because it is grounded not on fear, rivalry, and /or suspicion, but the eternal and indestructible rocks of friendliness, tolerance, and usefulness". - Paul Harris***

Welcome to the NEW YEAR! 2020 went out with a roar, and 2021 has arrived with a bang!

A HUGE thank you! As of December 31, you had provided over 779,000 meals to families in our communities. You have stepped up to the plate with our District challenge of providing 1 million meals in this Rotary year with 6 months to go!

We have also extended the deadline to February 28 for clubs to apply for the District's \$500 COVID Relief Matching Grant. Better hurry! There is only \$25K available.

It is exciting to report that we now have *three* new EarlyAct clubs: Rotary Club of Martinez-Evans, Rotary Club of Greene & Putnam Counties, and the Rotary Club of Lawrenceville.

We also have a new Rotaract club sponsored by the Rotary Club of Jasper.

Looking to the future, DGE Mike Berg will soon attend International Assembly where they will announce the Rotary theme for 2021-2022. Club Presidents are also planning to attend PETS at the end of February with both virtual and in-person training.

The District Conference Committee will be heading to Jekyll Island to continue preparing for the Fun In the Sun District Conference. Rest assured, the conference team is working to ensure that your conference experience is awesome! Registration is OPEN!

In closing, our thoughts and prayers go out to those in our Rotary family who have lost loved ones this year. It has been a trying time for so many. But we must remain strong.

Thank you all for your commitment to Rotary and to serving humanity.

Let's make 2021 the BEST year ever!

DG Tina

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## Monthly Rotary Theme



Rotary Opens Opportunities

# Vocational Service Month

By Debby Ciccone on Friday, January 1, 2021



Vocational Service is rooted in the Second Objective of Rotary, which calls on all Rotarians to *encourage and foster* 1) high ethical standards in business and professions; 2) the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; 3) the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

Click here to open this month's [Vocational Service Flyer](#).

[Read More](#)

## January 31 Deadlines for Vocational Award Nominations

By Sallie Boyles on Thursday, December 31, 2020

January 31 is the deadline for two of District 6910's annual vocational awards: the Guardian of Ethics Award and the Lee Arrendale Award for Vocational Excellence. Both honors will be presented at the [2021 District Conference from April 22-25 in Jekyll Island](#). [Read More](#)

### District Focus



## Understanding the District COVID Relief

Sunday, January 3, 2021

Last spring the District leadership team recognized that some members and some clubs were financially challenged as they encountered the early onset of the COVID lockdowns. In response to that challenge the Board voted to send \$78,500 to the clubs from the Disaster Relief fund. These funds were allocated based on club size, ranging from \$1500 for smaller clubs to \$500 for extra-large clubs.

There were no restrictions placed on these funds as clubs could use them as they saw fit to support individual members and the club. The only requirement was that the clubs must report back to the District when and how the funds were used.

The second COVID relief monies that are currently available is the \$500 matching grant funded by The Rotary Foundation. Pete McDonald has been handling the process. This is a GRANT and is treated exactly as the normal district grant that clubs apply for every year. The requirements were two-fold: 1) provide food in the local communities and/or 2) provide PPE to organizations in the local community. This is not to be used to support club operations. For information on applying for a COVID grant, [click here](#).

## Heavy Hearts

Sunday, January 3, 2021



Silvia Shortt



Terry Gordon



George Gaines

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## Important Dates & Deadlines

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## Communication Pipeline

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## District Events

September 1st  
**DG Official Visit - Elberton**

**Speaker:** Tina D. Fischlin  
**Subject:** DG Official Visit

November 2nd  
**DG Official Visit - Monroe**

**Speaker:** Tina D. Fischlin  
**Subject:** DG Official Visit

November 19th  
**DG Official Visit - Washington**

**Speaker:** Tina D. Fischlin  
**Subject:** DG Official Visit

January 4th  
**RIZ 33/34 Monthly Zoomformation Call**

January 5th  
**DACdb University-GDPR Best Practices!**

January 6th  
**RLI Online Session 1.3 - Ethics & Vocational Service**  
**Speaker:** Peter Gleichman

It is indeed with a heavy heart that we bid farewell to three dedicated Rotarians this month, Silvia Shortt (Rotary Club of Athens), Terry Gordon (Rotary Club of Gwinnett County) and George Gaines (Rotary Club of Elberton). Both were very active in Rotary at both the local and district levels and will be sorely missed not only for all of their hard work but also because of the joy that they brought to life. Click read more for a short write up about Silvia, Terry and George as we mourn their passing. [Read More](#)

## 2020 Hindsight: What Opportunities Did Rotary Open for You?

Friday, January 1, 2021

By Peter Gleichman, District Community Service Chair

When Rotary International President Holger Knaack selected **Rotary Opens Opportunities** as his theme for Rotary Year 2020-2021, he could not have been more prescient in picking a theme more fitting for the global pandemic that the Rotary World encountered with the rest of humankind. Could there have been a set of circumstances that would challenge Rotarians more to turn threats into opportunities?

[Read More](#)



## EarlyAct: Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

By Kimberly S Reynolds on Saturday, January 2, 2021

Have you heard of EarlyAct? What about RotaKids? Maybe Interact?



- EarlyAct is for students ages 5-13
- EarlyAct may be known as RotaKids in clubs that have had long-established programs prior to EarlyAct.
- Interact is for students ages 13-18
- Action is key, which is why **Act** is part of both age groups' names. Rotarians are people of action, and teaching students about being people of action is an important part of being a future Rotarian!

Since Interact will be covered in other articles, let's explore EarlyAct.

EarlyAct is a school-wide service club for elementary students from ages 5 to 13. It is sponsored by one of the local Rotary clubs in the community where the school is located. Husband and wife dynamic duo David and Leslie Foster, Habersham and E-Club respectively, have been very active in launching EarlyAct clubs this past year.



January 8th  
**RLI Online Session 1.1 - I am a Rotarian!**  
**Speaker:** Bob Arnold

January 9th  
**RLI Online Session 1.2 - Rotary Opportunities**  
**Speaker:** Stephanie Windham

January 9th  
**RLI Online Session 2.4 - Communication Techniques**  
**Speaker:** Andre Marria

January 11th  
**RC of Atlanta Program - President/CEO of Atlanta Federal Reserve**  
**Speaker:** Raphael Bostic, President and CEO of the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank  
**Subject:** "2021: Economic Outlook"

January 12th  
**RLI Online Session 2.6 - Service Projects**  
**Speaker:** Ed Davis

January 12th  
**DG Official Visit - Jefferson**  
**Speaker:** Tina D. Fischlin  
**Subject:** DG Official Visit

January 12th  
**Zone 33 DMC Monthly Call**  
**Speaker:** RC Patrick Eakes & ARCs  
**Subject:** RIZones 33, 34, & More weekly Friday call

January 13th  
**RLI Online Session 2.3 - Fundraising**  
**Speaker:** Carl Treleaven

January 13th  
**Rotary Works: Vocation, Evaluation & Opportunities**

January 13th  
**RLI Online Session 2.1 - Analyze Your Club**  
**Speaker:** Gary Isreal

January 14th  
**Tina Fischlin, District Governor, Official Visit**

January 14th  
**DG Official Visit - Dahlonega**  
**Speaker:** Tina D. Fischlin  
**Subject:** DG Official Visit

January 14th  
**DCO (District Communications Officer) quarterly meeting -**

January 14th  
**RLI Online Session 1.5 - The Rotary Foundation**  
**Speaker:** Ivan Johnson

January 19th  
**DG Official Visit - Rome-Seven Hills**  
**Speaker:** Tina D. Fischlin  
**Subject:** DG Official Visit



David and Leslie put together a comprehensive, easy-to-read overview of EarlyAct: [Click here](#).

As David and Leslie outline in the presentation, EarlyAct teaches caring, respect, empathy, responsibility, tolerance, citizenship, compassion, friendship and leadership. EarlyAct members get first-hand experience in being involved in the community and being people of action by completing service projects.

Follow this Vimeo link to watch the video presentation led by David and Leslie Foster to learn how EarlyAct fosters service to the community and nurtures leadership development: [Click here](#).

**Want to see EarlyAct in Action? Read about these creative, service-minded clubs and see the great work they are doing!**

[Read More](#)

## Feed10Million Update: Feeding Lots of Families this Holiday

By Randy Redner on Friday, January 1, 2021



Thank you for taking care of so many families in need this holiday season. In this year like no other any of us have lived through, our work to feed families in our communities has never been more important. Click "more" for a current update on our progress so far this year.

**AS OF TODAY, DISTRICT 6910 HAS PROVIDED  
775,005 MEALS THIS ROTARY YEAR!!!**

[Read More](#)

## Literacy 2021

By Denise Leeson on Saturday, January 2, 2021

Make literacy a big part of your club's New Year's Resolution! Start by making a plan and check off your calendar with events and activities that foster reading all year long. For lots of great ideas how you can do this click the "read more" link below. [Read More](#)



## GRSP Turns 75 in 2021

By James McCoy on Friday, January 1, 2021

The Georgia Rotary Student Program (GRSP) celebrates its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. Some important and exciting changes are in the works following a challenging year in 2020 with students prohibited from participating as the result of the global pandemic. GRSP will be back up and running, welcoming students for the 2021/2022 year. The program will be introducing a new, full-time Director of Marketing & Development and testing a pilot program that could help grow the number of host clubs and number of students engaged in the program.

January 19th  
**RLI Online Session 2.3 - Fundraising**

**Speaker:** Carl Treleven

January 20th

**Lanier Area Rotary Means Business (RMB)**

**Speaker:** Lanier Area Rotary Means Business (RMB)

January 21st

**DG Official Visit - Rome**

**Speaker:** Tina D. Fischlin

**Subject:** DG Official Visit

January 21st

**DG Official Visit -**

**Bartow County**

**Speaker:** Tina D. Fischlin

**Subject:** DG Official Visit

January 21st

**RLI Online Session 1.3 -**

**Ethics & Vocational**

**Service**

**Speaker:** Peter Gleichman

January 22nd

**RLI Online Session 2.1 -**

**Analyze Your Club**

**Speaker:** Gary Isreal

January 25th

**RLI Online Session 1.2 -**

**Rotary Opportunities**

**Speaker:** Stephanie

Windham

January 26th

**RLI Online Session 2.6 -**

**Service Projects**

**Speaker:** Ed Davis

January 27th

**Rotary Works: Vocation,**

**Evaluation &**

**Opportunities Drill-**

**Down**

January 28th

**DG Official Visit -**

**Dawson County**

**Speaker:** Tina D. Fischlin

**Subject:** DG Official Visit

January 28th

**RLI Online Session 1.5 -**

**The Rotary Foundation**

**Speaker:** Ivan Johnson

January 29th

**Infinite Possibilities -**

**Diversity, Equity &**

**Inclusion**

**Speaker:** Host - Valerie

Wafer, RI DEI Task Force

Chair

February 2nd

**RLI Online Session 2.6 -**

**Service Projects**

**Speaker:** Ed Davis

February 4th

**RLI Online Session 1.3 -**

**Ethics & Vocational**

**Service**

**Speaker:** Peter Gleichman

February 5th

**Rotary Large Club**

**Conference--Leadership**

**by Design...**

February 9th

**RLI Online Session 1.2 -**

**Rotary Opportunities**



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## Club Focus



## Milestone Event:

# Rotary Club of Madison County Completes Ramp #800

Saturday, December 12, 2020



On Saturday morning, December 12, roughly 25 years after the Rotary Club of Madison County built their very first ramp, what is now known as the legendary "#1 Ramp Crew" assembled to construct ramp number 800! It will be a day that these Rotarians will long remember. It was particularly momentous for a few of the original Rotary Ramp Crew members that were on hand at both events: Jerry Bond, Roy Gandy and Pat Quinn. What a phenomenal legacy that this Rotary Club has built over the decades, a true testament of "service above self" and an inexorable force for good in the community. Click below to read more and see lots of pictures from this amazing event. [Read More](#)

**Speaker:** Stephanie Windham

February 9th

**Zone 33 DMC Monthly Call**

**Speaker:** RC Patrick Eakes & ARCs

**Subject:** RIZones 33, 34, & More weekly Friday call  
February 10th

**Rotary Works: Building Your Personal Brand**

## RI Monthly Themes

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## Braselton Rotarians Meet the Challenge of

# Christmas During COVID

By Hardy B. Johnson on Tuesday, December 22, 2020



At our regular Thursday morning Rotary Meetings, we often ask, ♦Why are we Rotarians? ♦Sure, there♦s the fellowship of close friends who are genuinely concerned for one another. We♦ve had a lot of concern in 2020! There♦s the opportunity for networking, mentoring, and business contacts to explore. But there♦s so much more to Rotary and the Braselton Rotary Club. [Read More](#)

## Creating a Community of Young Leaders in Gwinnett

By Logan Serrano on Saturday, January 2, 2021



The Rotaract Club of Gwinnett has been hard at work this year, despite the challenges of 2020. The revitalized club picked back up in May and began planning an entirely new experience with exciting goals and a streamlined mission: **to create a community of young leaders to impact Gwinnett.** [Read More](#)

## Johns Creek Rotary Club Makes this Time of Year a Little Easier for Those in Need

By John Salter on Sunday, December 20, 2020

With the focus on the holiday period this time of year, sometimes we forget that many people are hungry throughout the year. We have heard from food banks that they expect to be unable to help many of those in need by the end of January. Their shelves are expected to be nearly empty by then. With this in mind, Johns Creek Baptist Church and Johns Creek Rotary Club combined to have a January Food Drive to help four local food banks restock their shelves. [Read More](#)



## Photos from Around The District





Duluth Rotarian Mark Tyrrell, a.k.a. Santa Claus, attended the Rotary Club of Duluth's last meeting before the holidays on December 16 and read ♦Twas the Night Before Christmas. ♦  
(Photo Credit: Randy Redner)

For more great District 6910 photos and memories made during the month of December, click the link below.

[Read More](#)

## District Conference



## Are You Ready to Take the Plunge?

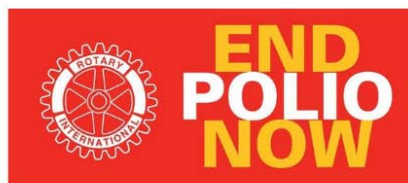
By Paige W Havens on Friday, January 1, 2021

# Take the Plunge!



DISTRICT CONFERENCE

JEKYLL ISLAND | Rotary District 6910 | APRIL 22-25, 2021



Help us finish the fight to eradicate polio, save lives, and give children a chance at a healthy future by taking the Plunge for Polio at the 2021 District Conference at Jekyll Island this April. Rotarians committed to the cause will plunge into the chilly waters of the Atlantic Ocean, and enlisted sponsors will donate to support our courageous efforts. One-hundred percent of our sponsorships will go to the Rotary Foundation Polio Fund, and The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will match donations 2-to-1. Rotarians will receive Foundation recognition points for donations of \$25 or more. Sponsors donating \$100+ will receive a special polio coin. Start enlisting your sponsors today! Click here to download a [Sponsor Form!](#)

## Odds & Ends



## Rotary Has Heart

By Paige W Havens on Friday, January 1, 2021



On or around Valentine's Day, Rotary clubs are encouraged to engage in a hunger project and "Rise Against Hunger." Each club may decide for itself how it wants to participate. It could be something as simple as donating money to an established hunger program, to organizing a full-fledged meal event as a club service project.

This is first and foremost an effort to put food on an empty plate, to fill a stomach, to bring a ray of hope to the hungry. It is also a chance for us to show throughout our communities what Rotarians do when we



are inspired to rise up against hunger. This effort is fully consistent with and can support our Feed10Million year-long initiative.

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## On the Horizon - Planning Ahead

Saturday, January 2, 2021

Since there is still a great deal of uncertainty in the world as it relates to COVID with immunizations, social-distancing guidelines and the like, it is difficult for all of us to make plans and lock things in as we don't necessarily know what the rules or limitations might be. With that in mind, here is an update on some scheduled events on the horizon and where they now stand.

Event	Scheduled Date(s)	Location	Status
District Conference	Apr. 22-25	Jekyll Island	On schedule and expected to take place as planned.
District Assembly	May 15	Lanier Tech - Cumming Campus	If allowed by the school and the state, the event will take place as planned.

Meanwhile, here is a list of reminders to make sure are on your radar.

Reminder	Link (if applicable)
President-Elects: Have you added the slate of 21-22 officers in MyRotary.org and DACdb?	
Presidents: Be sure to document your great projects and events in the Rotary Showcase!	<a href="#">Rotary Showcase</a>
Presidents and On-To Conference Chairs: Be sure to register for the House of Friendship at District Conference <b>by April 8</b> .	<a href="#">House of Friendship Form</a>
Presidents and Vocational Service Chairs: Submit your nominations for the Robert Stubbs Guardian of Ethics Award and the Lee Arrendale Vocational Excellence Award <b>by January 31</b> .	<a href="#">Nomination Forms</a>

## Pic of the Month

Saturday, December 12, 2020

Click here to see this month's "Pic Of the Month"! [Read More](#)

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### District Team



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



[Michael L. Berg](#)  
DG-Elect

[Gerry Taylor](#)  
DG-Nominee

[David Thomas Upchurch](#)  
District Communications Officer



[Chad Bingham](#)  
District Membership Chair



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



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



## Committee List 2021-22

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[Club Presidents](#)  
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[Club Treasurers-elect](#)  
[District Membership Chair](#)  
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[Club Presidents-elect](#)  
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