

Rotary



District 6910 Newsletter



Rotary Opens Opportunities

NEW Doors of Opportunity

By Tina Fischlin on Friday, July 3, 2020

One of the many wonderful things about Rotary is that every time we near an end, we are already looking forward to another beginning.

Rotarians continue to find opportunities to turn their passion for change into action. This past Rotary year, *you* stepped up to help those in need during the initial COVID19 pandemic, and *you* continue to address those needs. *You* found ways to stay connected not only to your personal family, but to your Rotary family. *You* have continued to change lives with your service projects and your donations to The Rotary Foundation. The ripple effect of your service will be felt for generations. A huge THANK YOU!

Rotary Opens Opportunities, and *now* is the time for us to walk through those NEW doors of opportunity with excitement and enthusiasm.

We are guided by the four strategic priorities in Rotary's Action Plan. Increase our impact, expand our reach, enhance participant engagement and increase our ability to adapt. How do we achieve these things? By staying connected, by continuing to serve with compassion and being courageous as we embark on a new Rotary year.

We are blessed to have an outstanding leadership team serving during the 2020-2021 Rotary year. They, along with the District Governor chain, are ready to guide and assist you to achieve your club goals.

In a message to the 1914 Houston convention, Paul Harris said, "The future of Rotary is shrouded in expectant mystery. It will be for you, my Rotarian friends, to aid in the unfurling of the Rotarians' destiny. Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves."

I look forward to serving with you.

Yours in Rotary Service,

DG Tina

Monthly Rotary Theme



Rotary Opens Opportunities

New Year - New Leadership



July is Rotary's New Leadership Month. Congratulations to all the 2020-21 Presidents! Be an inspiration this year, especially to your Presidents-Elect. You can only be successful if they are successful!!

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Remarkable Rotary International Recognition for District 6910

Amazing Rotarians

2019-2020 Rotary International Recognition in District 6910



Gene Windham
Past District Governor
Rotary Club of Union County
Rotary International
SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD



Bill St. Claire
Past District Governor
Rotary Club of Gainesville
Rotary International
THE ROTARY FOUNDATION
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
AWARD



Bill Strickland
Past District Governor
Rotary Club of Bartow County
Rotary International
SERVICE AWARD FOR A POLIO FREE WORLD
Rotary International
THE ROTARY FOUNDATION FOR MERITORIOUS
SERVICE



Joe Whittemore
Past District Governor
Rotary Club of Hartwell
POLIOPUS PIONEER AWARD

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District 6910



It was an incredible spectacle at the 2019-2020 Virtual Rain Check Awards program on the evening of June 13th, as District Governor Don Martin proclaimed that District 6910 achieved an amazing feat by 'running the table' on the major Rotary International Awards! It's kind of like a 'grand slam!' Gene Windham, Bill St. Claire, Bill Strickland and Joe Whittemore, all Past District Governors, help to make District 6910 a real powerhouse on the world stage. Their experience and leadership are certainly well documented with these prestigious awards. Congratulations Gene, Bill, Bill and Joe ... you are each incredible and amazing Rotarians and a blessing to all of us!

Congratulations all District Conference Rain Check Award Recipients

District Conference may have faced incredible obstacles this year, and it may have looked just a little different from what we have grown accustomed, but there is no holding back the excitement, energy and enthusiasm of Rotarians all across the district as they participated in the three day virtual event. District Governor Don Martin became a legitimate TV STAR host right before our eyes, and Peter Gleichman had the whole Hollywood props & costume department at the ready! The event demonstrated tremendous resilience, determination and good old Rotary fun. Congratulations to the entire District Conference Committee for pulling off a masterful program. Congratulations are also in order for the many, many award recipients during the conference ... almost too many to name. Well not really, just click the link below for a complete list of District level award winners. Special accolades to District Rotarian of the Year Leo Lawrenson, for his extraordinary contributions to the District, especially all of his behind the scenes work on revamping the D6910 website! Congratulations Leo and all the Rotarians and Rotary Clubs who celebrated a successful year during the Virtual District Conference Rain Check event. [Read More](#)

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District Events

July 1st
Installation of International Rotary President

July 15th
DG Official Visit - Jasper

July 16th
DG Official Visit - Greene and Putnam Counties

July 20th
DG Official Visit - Carpet City (Dalton)

July 21st
DG Official Visit - Etowah Cartersville

July 21st
DG Official Visit - Dalton

July 22nd
DG Official Visit - Cartersville

July 23rd
DG Official Visit - Calhoun

July 27th
DG Official Visit - Gilmer County

July 28th
DG Official Visit - Lake Chatuge/Hiawassee

July 30th
DG Official Visit - Union County

Club Anniversaries

Braselton
July 1st

Franklin County
July 19th

Dalton
July 23rd

RI Monthly Themes

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Communication Pipeline

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Leo Lawrenson, District 6910 Rotarian of the Year

Congratulations to 'Our District's Mr. Polio'

By Bill Strickland on Wednesday, July 1, 2020

It is with great honor that we recognize a great 6910 Rotarian for being selected by the Board of Trustees of the Rotary Foundation to receive the **PolioPlus Pioneer Award**.

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PolioPlus Pioneer Award Winner, PDG Joe Whittemore (center) is flanked by PDG Bill Strickland (left) and PDG Don Martin.

Make Plans Now

Beach Towel COMPETITION

Show your club spirit!

**Present your towel or mat
during your club's DG visit!**

Must Include:

- Name of Club
- Showcase the Spirit of Your Club
- Anything attached should be securely fashioned
- Bring it to District Conference for the House of Friendship

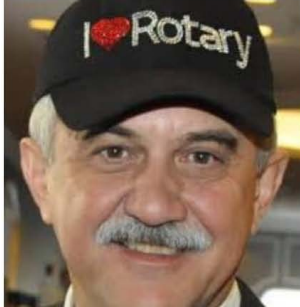


District Focus



Thank You To A Brilliant Servant

By Brandy Lynn Swanson



David Stovall and Kim Waters

Thank you, thank you, THANK YOU **David Stovall** for your service and leadership as Zone Director and a special thank you to your wife and Past District Governor **Kim Waters** for all the background work! You made David shine even brighter.

Rotary, communities and the world are a better place because of you both. We have all greatly benefited from your willingness to say **YES** to just about everything. Even on the rare occasion that **yes** was not the answer, you always had an alternative on hand to make sure we all accomplished our goals. Not only was David a resource for all districts in Zone 34, but since district 6910 is his home district, we were privileged to have some additional insights and resources.

For those of you who don't know David & Kim, please take a moment to read their bio. You will see leaders who truly embody Service Above Self and the 4 way test, as well as understand why it was a blessing for all of District 6910 to have them represent us at Rotary International! You will also notice that just because the zone role is finished, they are still serving and being our advocates in other offices at the international level.

THANK YOU Kim & David for your unwavering service!

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Gene Windham Receives Rotary's Highest Honor

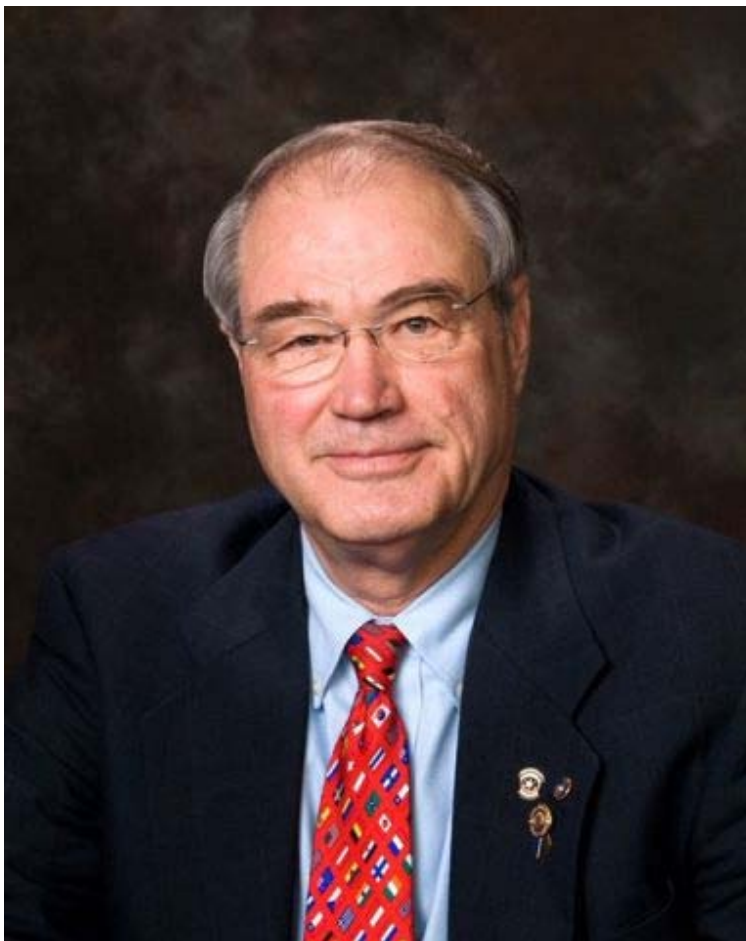
By Sallie Boyles

Why did PDG Don Martin **collude** with Rotarian Denise Windham to ensure her husband Gene did not fall asleep on June 13 before observing the very end of the district's virtual awards ceremony?

Gene conveys how he felt to have received Rotary International's highest honor and shares insights about the CART Fund, his current passion.

Click here for the whole story:

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20-21 District Goals

As we launch ahead, seeking new opportunities in 20-21, the District Leadership Team has outlined a number of top level **◆District Goals◆**. According to District Governor, Tina Fischlin, it is important that we communicate our overall District Objectives effectively to all of our clubs and our members so that we can build a shared partnership in realizing the vision by this time next year!

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Leadership Spotlight

By Paige W Havens on Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Our new District Governor Tina Fischlin's Rotary journey has most certainly opened many doors of opportunity for her around the world. Her story is inspiring and compelling. Read on to learn all about Tina and what makes her tick.

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One of the highlights of Tina's life was having the opportunity to drive a school bus full of children through the streets of Myeik, Myanmar during one of her many international missions. This is the main mode of transportation for the kids that come from one of many surrounding islands to the mainland.

2020 District Ethics Award Winner Passes Away

By Peter Gleichman

It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of Colonel George L. Bailey on June 18, 2020. George passed away just 5 days after the public announcement of his receipt of the Rotary District 6910 Robert S. Stubbs, II Guardian of Ethics Award at the Rotary Family Vacation Virtual Rain Check Awards on Saturday, June 13. The award had been privately presented to George in early May. Click here to read more: [Read More](#)



Club Focus



Rotary Club of Union County Awards Scholarships

By Cathy O♦Gara on Wednesday, July 1, 2020

The Rotary club of Union County is proud to announce that Jordan Workman and Isabella Harris, recent graduates of Union County High School, have received college scholarships from Rotary. [Read More](#)

Rotary Club of Canton Steps up to Facilitate National Retailer Donations to Cherokee County

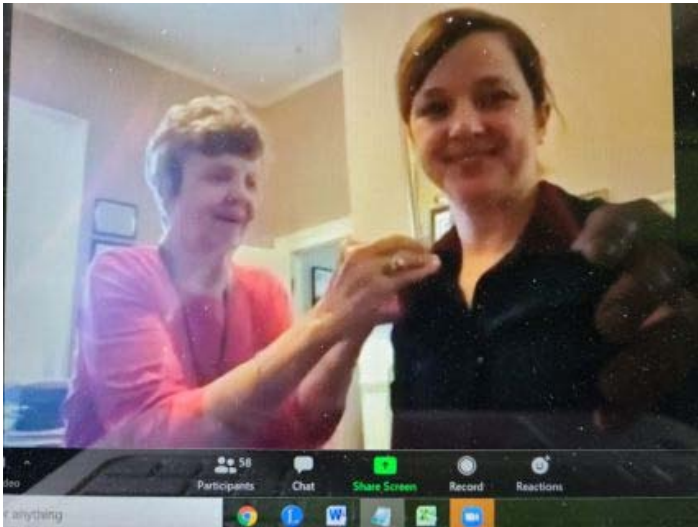
By Peter Gleichman

In what is becoming a phenomenal program with significant impact across our district, find out how the Rotary Club of Canton really stepped up to pull all the necessary levers to bring amazing donations to the nonprofits of Cherokee County, click here: [Read More](#)



COVID 19 Adjustments

By Kimberly S Reynolds



Connecting through COVID-19 has had its challenges, but many clubs around the district are getting creative. A few have passed the gavel through virtual club meetings and recognized members with virtual awards ceremonies. Some are even calling in experts to help keep everyone safe during the pandemic. [Read More](#)

*New Member Orientation Via Zoom?
The Rotary Club of Athens welcomes new member, Casey Spell,
who completed her Rotary orientation virtually! First ever?*

Club Foundation Headline

By Nicole Stewart on Wednesday, July 1, 2020



Ted Bearden is officially a Paul Harris + 6!!

Ringling in the New Year

Whether it's 'Passing the Gavel', 'Changing the Guard,' or just plain 'Happy New Year,' Rotary Clubs around the district started ushering in the new 2020-2021 Rotary Year in their own unique and special ways. Click below to scroll through a number of great photos from around the district!

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After ceremoniously passing the gavel, outgoing Winder Rotary Club President, Lynn Stevens, and incoming President Ben McDaniel, proudly pose with their respective theme banners. Ben is the club's 57th President.

Rotary Loves Banks County Day



Above Photo (left to right): Deputy Brian Gilbert, HERO Unit; Deputy Josh White, HERO Unit; Sergeant Kelle Patterson, Award of Merit; Stacey Krumnow, Community Leadership Award; Corporal Sharon Chapman, Lifesaving Award; Mike Cleveland, Distinguished Service Award; Sergeant Joshua Robertson, Award of Valor; Lee Humphrys, Lifesaving Award; Deputy Spenser Ventrice, HERO Unit and Deputy Joe Williams, HERO Unit.

The Rotary Club of Banks County declared June 19th as 'Rotary Loves Banks County Day!' The day's events and activities culminated with a 'Rotary Salute: A Distinguished Service Awards Program' to recognize and honor first responders and community leaders.

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ezStory is the Bomb



This month's training focus is on the subject of something called ezStory, a wonderful free module available in DACdb. It is a platform for clubs to use to enhance efficiency and communication in writing articles for their bulletins or newsletters. It is a valuable resource for every club's Public Image team.

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Odds & Ends



Pic of the Month

Click here to see this month's picture of the month. [Read More](#)

A Life's Work ... Continues

As the month of July is upon us, a Rotary Salute is in order for Past District Governor Don Martin. Rotarians across north Georgia came to know Don and truly appreciate how much he loves Rotary. They found a dedicated and eager servant, determined to "Go Do Rotary!"

His energy, enthusiasm and sincerity are his trademarks! Above all he delivered decisive, steady and strong leadership from day one then was forced to pivot into the role of a crisis manager as the COVID Pandemic took hold. His performance was uplifting, supportive, encouraging and inspiring.

It would appear that Rotary has become, at least in large part, his life's work! It is a noble and honorable pursuit familiar to many Rotarians, but Don leads by example and one can't help but want to



follow.

The good news, this life's work of his continues. At last count he has already signed up for at least 5 or 6 different jobs for the coming Rotary year.

Thank you, Don and Regina! What a tremendous team! Your time, sacrifice, hard work, and passion for Rotary and for life has left us all in a better place.

We are indebted and eternally grateful!



Account Leaders



[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



[Brandy Lynn Swanson](#)
District Public Image/PR Chair



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

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