

Rotary



District 6910 Newsletter



Rotary Opens Opportunities

Lights, Camera, Action!

By DG Tina D. Fischlin on Saturday, May 1, 2021

WOW ♦ that is the first word that stands out in my mind when I think about last weekend ♦s virtual District Conference.

There are no other ways to express this awesome event. If I tried to list all of thank yous that need to be listed, I would miss someone. However, I must give a HUGE thank you to Dianne Cammarata and our entire District conference team. Phil Ciccone and the technology team brought an event that was as close to being in person as possible.

We celebrated our clubs and our members. Congratulations to Doug Bolton, Rotarian of the Year; Pete McDonald, Assistant Governor of the Year; and Dianne Cammarata, who received Rotary ♦s highest award, Service Above Self. These are just a few of the highlights from conference. Read all about the wonderful awards in the Awards & Honors article.



DG Tina prepares to present the "Service Above Self Award."



Jennifer Hendrickson and Mark Willis, both from the Rotary Club of Gwinnett County, performed superbly as this year's district conference emcees.

celebrate this month ♦ was my path into true engagement in Rotary. My wife, Susanne, and I began hosting exchange students soon after I joined, and the experience helped me go from simply being a member of my Rotary club to being a true Rotarian. Now Rotary Youth Exchange is a family tradition, and a strong one: Over the past 24 years, we have hosted 43 students! ♦

Our District ♦s Interact and EarlyAct clubs have been active this year, even in the middle of a pandemic. Check out their most recent video here. [Video Link](#).

Lastly, there are four reminders for our clubs:

1. Register for District Assembly ♦ it is FREE, but you must register in DACdb.
2. Please update your 2020-2021 Officers and Directors in DACdb. The District Directory is being prepared and we want your most current information in this Directory. Please contact your assistant Governor if you are not sure how to update your information.
3. Sign up for RYLA.

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4. District grant final reports are due May 10.

Have a great month!

DG Tina



Phil Ciccone, a member of the the Rotary Club of Towne Lake and the genius director behind all the video and editing for district conference, tries to figure out if this camera is working!?!

District Conference



Fun In the Sun District Conference Award Winners and Honors

By Paige W Havens on Friday, April 30, 2021



A crowd favorite of our annual District Conference is the unveiling of the year's award-winning clubs and individual award winners that were standouts for their work across the District and beyond. This year was no exception. In case you missed it, here's a quick recap of our 2020-2021 distinguished award winners, along with their spotlight videos. Congratulations to everyone for your time, commitment, and dedication to Rotary! [Read More](#)

The Rotary International "Service Above Self Award" was presented to Dianne Cammarata!

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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.

Club Anniversaries

Elberton
May 1st

[Gwinnett County](#)
May 2nd

Monroe
May 7th

Cartersville
May 7th

[South Forsyth County](#)
May 7th

Woodstock
May 11th

[Rockdale County](#)
May 13th

North Forsyth-400
May 16th

[Canton](#)

Each and every member of our Rotary family is cherished, and when our fellow Rotarians pass on, we all grieve. We want to give everyone in the District the opportunity to share in the Memorial Service held at District Conference to honor and remember those we lost this year and celebrate the life of service they lead.

[Watch the Video Here.](#)



PDG Alan Smith led a wonderful prayer and tribute to all D6910 Rotarians that we lost over the course of the last year.

District Conference Replays

Friday, April 30, 2021



click the "click here" icon to the left and it will take you to a YouTube page featuring all the different segments. From the "It's 5 O'Clock Somewhere" segment to the "Beach Bash," you can relive it all over again.

And the most popular video of all is the bloopers segment (click on the image below and it will take you right to the bloopers) and is as funny as can be. If you haven't seen it, you will enjoy it.



Did you miss a portion of this year's Fun in the Sun District Conference? Or, do you just want to see something again? Some of those award presentations were awesome, weren't they?

Well, no problem! You can still go back and watch the portions or segments that you either missed or want to see again. Simply

Monthly Rotary Theme



May is Youth Services Month

By Sallie Boyles on Thursday, April 29, 2021

In the Rotary world, May is Youth Services Month, during which time members of Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact clubs celebrate the

May 20th

[E-Club of the South, District 6910](#)
May 21st

RI Monthly Themes

[Click here](#)

District Events

May 3rd
[RLI Online Session 2.2 - Strategic Planning](#)
Speaker: Heather Kellen

May 3rd
[RIZ 33/34 Monthly Zoomformation Call](#)

May 3rd
[CART Annual Meeting](#)

May 4th
[RLI Online Session 3.4 - Rotary Foundation Grants](#)
Speaker: Carl Treleaven

May 4th
[DACdb University- 3 part series on Engagement - Part 1](#)

May 5th
[RLI Online Session 1.3 - Ethics and Vocational Service](#)
Speaker: Peter Gleichman

May 7th
[RLI Online Session 2.5 - Membership Attraction](#)
Speaker: Drew Monaghan

May 7th
[RLI Online Session 3.5 - International Service](#)
Speaker: Ted Kirchharr

May 8th
[RLI Online Session 1.2 - Rotary Opportunities](#)
Speaker: Stephanie Windham

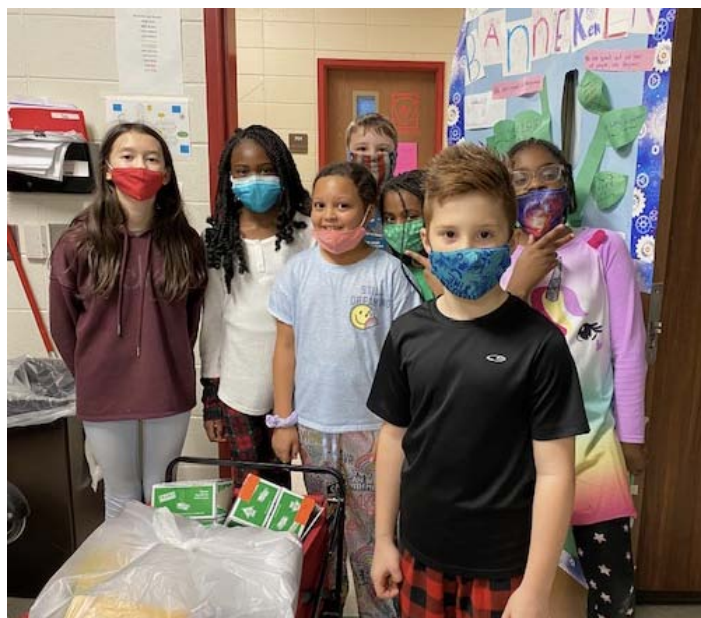
May 10th
[Final Report on 2020-2021 District Grant Due in DACdb](#)

May 10th
[RLI Online Session 3.1 - Rotary History](#)
Speaker: Bob Arnold

opportunities Rotary provides to connect, grow through service, develop leadership skills, mentor or be mentored, and have fun, according to Rotary International.

Although activities were limited over the past academic year, District 6910 has added new EarlyAct, Rotaract, and Interact clubs. Also, between 15 to 20 Rotaract and Interact clubs have continued to make an impact by participating in one, two, or three, district-wide challenges: the Fall Food Drive in November, Letters Against Isolation (a letter-writing campaign to seniors) in January through March, and Earth Day Challenge (trash collection and recycling) in March and April.

[Read More](#)



District Focus



District Assembly--May 15

By Michael L. Berg on Thursday, April 29, 2021

The annual District Assembly will be virtual this year. The general session will take place on Saturday, May 15th from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. All other presentations will be taped for viewing after May 15th. This process will allow Rotarians to view presentations on their own time schedule.

DACdb will be the registration point for the Saturday event. There will be no charge for registration. All other presentations can be viewed on the District 6910 website shortly thereafter. There will be something for everyone interested in many different aspects of District 6910 Rotary. Further learning opportunities can be found by viewing the Rotary Learning Center on the RI website or our own Rotary District 6910 website.

To register now for District Assembly, click the image below.



May 11th
RLI Online Session 3.2 - Leadership Strategies
Speaker: Ivan Johnson

May 11th
DACdb University- 3 part series on Engagement - Part 2

May 11th
Zone 33 DMC Monthly Call
Speaker: RC Patrick Eakes & ARCs
Subject: RIZones 33, 34, & More weekly Friday call

May 12th
RLI Online Session 3.3 - Public Image
Speaker: Betsy Owen

May 12th
Rotary Works: Roadblocks to Avoid on your Road to Success

May 12th
RLI Online Session 2.1 - Analyze Your Club
Speaker: Gary Isreal

May 12th
RLI Online Session 1.1 - I am a Rotarian!
Speaker: Bob Arnold

May 13th
RLI Online Session 1.5 - The Rotary Foundation
Speaker: Lee Phares

May 13th
RLI Online Session 1.4 - Rotary: The Bigger Picture
Speaker: Kim Waters

May 14th
RLI Online Session 2.6 - Service Projects
Speaker: Ed Davis

May 14th
Rotary Presidential Conference Series USA

May 15th
2021-22 Virtual District 6910 Assembly


May 17th
RLI Online Session 2.3 - Fundraising
Speaker: Tracy Belton

May 17th
RLI Online Session 2.2 - Strategic Planning
Speaker: Heather Kellen

May 17th
RLI Online Session 1.3 - Ethics and Vocational Service
Speaker: Peter Gleichman

May 18th
DACdb University- 3 part series on Engagement - Part 3


May 18th
RLI Online Session 1.2 - Rotary Opportunities
Speaker: Stephanie Windham
May 19th



A Virtual Event

District Assembly

On Zoom May 15



Rotary
District 6910

Main
General Session
May 15
9:00 am - 11:00 am
Zoom

Join PDG Mike Berg
and his leadership team
as they plot out a course for
the new Rotary year.

WHAT IS IT?

TRAINING & EDUCATION for ALL Rotarians who want to learn and hear new ideas, especially Club leaders, board members and committee chairs who are looking to strengthen their skill set and Rotary knowledge.

INFORMATION about retaining and growing membership, improving your club's public image, developing impactful service projects, doing more good through The Rotary Foundation, using DACdb to better manage your club, and more!

REGISTRATION FEE: None

All other presentations can be viewed on the District 6910 website shortly after the Main General Session. There will be something for everyone interested in many different aspects of District 6910 Rotary.

Further learning opportunities can be found by viewing the Rotary Learning Center on the RI website or our own Rotary District 6910 website.

**To Register for
the May 15 event & get
the Zoom Link visit
DACdb.com**

After the General Session, all other training presentations will be recorded for viewing after May 15. This process will allow Rotarians to view presentations on their own time schedule.

District Grant Reminders

By Clarence (Pete) McDonald Jr. on Friday, April 23, 2021



Here's just a quick reminder that the deadline for District Grant applications for 2021-2022-- DG Mike Berg's year--is May 31, 2021. Also, DG Mike has asked the clubs to consider an environmental grant project.

The Final Reports for 20-21 District Grants are due May 10, 2021.

C.A.R.T. Update

By Gene H. Windham on Monday, April 19, 2021

Lanier Area Rotary Means Business (RMB)

Speaker: Lanier Area Rotary Means Business (RMB)

May 19th

RLI Online Session 3.4 - Rotary Foundation Grants

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May 20th

RLI Online Session 2.4 - Communication Techniques

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May 21st

RLI Online Session 2.6 - Service Projects

Speaker: Ed Davis

May 25th

O and A with Pakistan's Polio Team

Speaker: Alina Visram and Aziz Memon

May 25th

RLI Online Session 3.3 - Public Image

Speaker: Betsy Owen



The total amount of C.A.R.T. funds raised in this Rotary year, through April 15, has now reached **\$41,880.54**. This represents a big jump from the February 15 report of \$13,997.04. Many thanks to the clubs that got their donations submitted ahead of the April 15 deadline (for citation points)! Top clubs year-to-date are as follows:

Gainesville	\$3,260
The Classic City of Athens	\$2,652
Johns Creek	\$2,582
Gwinnett County	\$2,550
Lanier-Forsyth	\$2,102
Athens	\$2,000
Dawson County	\$1,944
Canton	\$1,355
Covington	\$1,275
Dahlonega Sunrise	\$1,250
Gilmer County	\$1,200

THE GOLDEN BUCKET AWARDS

Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Gainesville for winning the Golden Bucket Award for most giving and the Rotary Club of Johns Creek for the highest per capita contributions. This was the second year in a row that Johns Creek has achieved this honor and as a result will get to keep their Golden Bucket permanently. Johns Creek has the two highest per capita giving levels ever in District 6910.

Keep in mind that we are still accepting your contributions, as the Rotary year continues through the end of June. So, we still have a great opportunity to do even better. For more information on C.A.R.T. and on how to submit your club's funds, click on the [read more](#) link below.

[Read More](#)

Laws of Life Final Winners Announced

Monday, April 26, 2021

Congratulations!

2020-2021 GEORGIA LAWS OF LIFE ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

State Winner
CORBIN AUSTIN
Bainbridge High School

1st Runner-Up
ERIYEL FISHER
Lovejoy High School

2nd Runner-Up
IAN KLIGORA
Rome High School

3rd Runner-Up
ADRIAN WHITLOCK
Heritage High School

4th Runner-Up
LILY GRINER
Colquitt County High School

5th Runner-Up
CHRISTOPHER O'NEAL
Thomasville High School

George A. Stewart Jr.
Character in Action Award
JAMEA HARRIS
ME Stilwell School of the Arts

Congratulations to ALL students who wrote a Laws of Life Essay.

CONGRATULATIONS
STATE WINNERS
GEORGIA ROTARY CLUBS
LAWS OF LIFE ESSAY CONTEST

May 25th
Rotary Webinar: Our Foundation, Our Future
Speaker: Past RI President Barry Rassin, Directors Stephanie Urchick and Peter Kyle

Subject: Interviews of three Grants Project Recipients and Sponsors

May 26th
RLI Online Session 1.5 - The Rotary Foundation
Speaker: Lee Phares

May 27th
RLI Online Session 2.1 - Analyze Your Club
Speaker: Gary Isreal

May 27th
RLI Online Session 3.1 - Rotary History
Speaker: Bob Arnold

May 29th
RLI Online Session 2.4 - Communication Techniques
Speaker: Andre Marria

May 31st
Deadline for entering District Grant Application into DACdb

Communication Pipeline

[Click here to send a note to the Public Image Committee](#)

Our Rotary Club volunteer judges had the honor of choosing these stellar statewide winners from the nearly 1200 essays submitted from 48 high schools across our state.

"That was incredibly difficult. Any one of these essays could have been ranked first. I feel guilty ranking any of them last. These are moving, inspiring, and most of all, hope producing."
-LS, Rotarian Judge

Click on the [link to the Laws of Life Essay Contest Facebook page](#) if you would like to watch videos of some of the winners reading their essays or to read the official [press release](#) from the Georgia Laws of Life!

10Million Meal Challenge Update

By Randy Redner on Thursday, April 29, 2021

Here is the update on Feed10Million as of April 29♦

- 2,188,061 meals provided by the Clubs of District 6910
- That is 1,312 TONS OF FOOD ♦ WOW!!
- To date, District 6910 has provided 45% of the meals for the Feed10Million initiative across Rotary Zones 33 and 34 - 2,000 Rotary Clubs!!
- DG Tina say, "Can we get to 3 million meals?" What the heck--let♦s give it a try!

Click the [read more](#) link below to find out how your club can help to get District 6910 reach three million meals.

[Read More](#)

Feed 10 Million Challenge



D6910 Disaster Relief Team Announces Recent Donations

Saturday, May 1, 2021

Tim Ranney and the Disaster Relief Team has been hard at work supporting efforts to identify ways Rotarians in District 6910 can

For the Rotary Club of Clayton, three years of hard work, planning, and effort, culminated in the celebration of a ribbon-cutting ceremony on April 14 at the new Community Dental Clinic for adults. District Governor Tina Fischlin was on hand to witness and participate in the event. In addition to DG Tina, Rabun County Commissioner, Greg James, and Clayton Rotarian Tim Ranney offered remarks as part of the program agenda. This project represents a significant achievement and a great example of Rotarians, People of Action, thinking outside the box to solve problems and effect change in the world. Click the [read more](#) link below to learn about this tremendous initiative. [Read More](#)

Rotary donates 12,000 Masks to Hall County Schools Transportation

By Amanda R Groover on Saturday, April 3, 2021



South Hall Rotary recently had the opportunity to donate 12,000 masks to help bus drivers across the county have the necessary supplies to get them through the remainder of the school year. [Read More](#)

Photos From Around the District - April



Three in One: Tree Planting Party!

How do you join 1) Community Service, 2) the Environment, and 3) Family of Rotary? The Rotary Club of Canton found a way: A Tree Planting Party! This was a super fun and clever way to work on Rotary's Seventh Area of Focus, the Environment, while making it an enjoyable Family of Rotary wellness activity (social and physical) that provided much needed Community Service to Next Step Ministries in Woodstock.

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

[Read More](#)

Odds & Ends



Public Image Boot Camp

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

If you weren't able to attend on April 26, club Presidents and Public Image Chairs for the 2021-22 Rotary year are encouraged to watch the

recording of the zone 33-34 Public Image Boot Camp 2021. It is one hour in length. Led by zone public image chair, Marshall Butler, the program offers a tremendous amount of information and tips on how to maximize your clubs presence and reputation. The session sets the stage for future zoom calls and webinars.



Click the image above to watch Public Image Boot Camp 2021.

Coming up in May is the next webinar entitled, "Navigating the 2021-22 Zone 34 Public Image Citation." It will take place on May 24 at 6:00 p.m. You can register for the session at the following link: [Public Image Citation Webinar](#)

An Invitation from Zone--Presidential Conference: The Trailer

Saturday, May 1, 2021

From Zone 33-34 Directors Stephanie Urchick and Peter Kyle:

Join us on Monday, May 3, at 1 p.m. EDT as we present "[PRESIDENTIAL CONFERENCE: THE TRAILER](#)." The Ascension Rotaract Executive Team and a few stars of the program will provide a SNEAK PEEK at the upcoming Presidential Conference featuring RI President Holger Knaack and a cast of dozens. Thousands if we count all the great Rotarians and Rotaractors who have contributed to the successful theme of this conference entitled Collaboration Through Relationship Buiding. Please share this announcement with all in your districts, clubs and members who will benefit from learning more about how Rotary and Rotaract can team up to Open Opportunities! [Click here for the zoom link](#).



May is Rotary History Month

By Paige W Havens on Friday, April 30, 2021

In honor of Rotary History Month here are five fun facts you might not know about Rotary.

#1 - Service Above Self was not Rotary's original motto. In 1911, at the 2nd Rotary convention in Portland, Oregon, the motto "He Profits Most Who Serves the Best" was adopted as the official Rotary motto. "Service Above Self" was adopted as the principal motto in 1950.

[Learn more here.](#)

#2 - Rotary's polio eradication efforts began on September 29, 1979, when Rotarians, in partnership with the Philippine Ministry of Health, administered drops of the oral polio vaccine to children at a health center in Guadalupe Viejo, Makati, Philippines. That project's success led Rotary to make polio eradication a top priority. Rotary launched PolioPlus in 1985 and was a founding member of the Global Polio Eradication Initiatives in 1988.

[Learn more here.](#)

#3 - Rotary was a major player during the 1918 flu pandemic. Just like during the COVID-19 pandemic, clubs were inspired to adapt and act. They adjusted how they met, following local guidelines of the time, and took action to help give local governments and health providers necessary services and support.

[Learn more here](#)

#4 - On 23 February 1905, Paul Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram Shorey gathered at Loehr's office, Room 711 of the Unity Building in downtown Chicago, for what would later be known as the first Rotary club meeting. For the 1980 Rotary International Convention in Chicago, local Rotarians rented that same space and used period furnishings to recreate the scene. [Take a virtual tour here](#)

#5 - As Rotary's president emeritus, Paul Harris traveled extensively during the 1920s and 1930s. During these trips, the nature-loving Harris planted trees to symbolize goodwill and friendship. Ever since, Rotarians have planted trees in the name of fellowship, friendship, and community service. These trees, which can be found worldwide, have grown into enduring monuments of Rotary's ideals.

[Learn more here.](#)

To read more stories about Rotary's History, [click here](#).

Preface Project Develops School Partnerships

By Jonathan Wu on Wednesday, April 28, 2021

Right here in District 6910, an innovative, national childhood literacy non-profit is helping to empower communities and foster equality through education through peer-to-peer mentorship! Preface, a fast-growing Gwinnett-headquartered 501(c)(3) initiative, founded and led by Duluth Rotarian Jonathan "JT" Wu, is partnering with schools all across America (including Gwinnett County Public Schools!) to recruit and train local high school student "Ambassadors" in educational and reading best practices. [Read More](#)



District Team



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District Governor



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District Governor-Nominee



[David Thomas Upchurch](#)
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