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The Monthly Newsletter for the "People of Action" of District 6910



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Over The Transom #11

By Donald (DIST GOV) W. Martin on Monday, June 8, 2020

Over The Transom # 11

This note will be shorter than usual because you will have the opportunity to be exposed to my thoughts more than is probably healthy for anyone over the next few days.



Please plan to attend the **District ALL CALL** tonight (**Tuesday evening**) at **7:00 PM**. Two GREAT presentations by our favorite Rotary Peace Scholar, Linh Vo, and our favorite Zone Major Gifts Officer ♦ and about to be District 6910 Rotarian, Debra Lowe. Details in the article, on the website, and on DACdb.

Final recordings are underway for the **Rotary Family Vacation ♦ Raincheck Awards** on **Saturday night at 6:00** with Bonus presentations on Thursday & Friday evenings and Saturday morning. Details in the article, on the website, and on DACdb.

One special prayer request, please. Morgan Mitchell who is the daughter Kelsey Mitchell, from the Rotary Club of Rome, is in the hospital with a brain tumor that cannot be operated on at the present time. Morgan, Kelsey and her husband Bruce, and the whole extended family would appreciate your prayers at this very challenging time.

I will be back on June 30th with one last hurrah and then it will be time to claim the title of Immediate Past District Governor and you can look forward to an exciting year from your new District Governor, Tina Fischlin. You are going to love her and you are going to understand right away why she was selected to lead the best District in Rotary ♦ yours!

Let ♦s Go Do Rotary,

Don Martin

June 8, 2020

Last Two District ALL CALLS this Rotary Year

By Donald (DIST GOV) W. Martin on Monday, June 8, 2020

The next District ALL CALL is Tuesday night, June 9th at 7:00 PM. We have two very special Foundation Guests. Linh Vo, a Rotary Peace Scholar from Vietnam and Debra Lowe our Zone 34 Major Gifts Officer. Debra will discuss the intersection of PolioPlus with the COVID 19 Pandemic. Linh will discuss her path from Vietnam to the US to study as a Peace Scholar. If you would like to know more about Linh you can read her bio here: <https://rotarypeacecenternc.org/fellow/linh-vo-thi-my/> and read her blog here: <https://rotarypeacecenternc.org/2019/07/kibera-slum/>

Registration for the call is on the Calendar or right here: <https://zoom.us/j/957371054337>

pwd=QTZwdFJMYIIxWEK5MJYNDfYQXA4Zz09

Meeting ID: 957 3710 5433

Password: 703351

The June 26th ALL CALL will feature the(nearly) World Famous Charlene Hall to talk on CART and our own DG Minus 4 Days, Tina Fischlin. You won't want to miss that.



Rotary Family Vacation Raincheck Awards


By Kelsey Mitchell on Monday, May 11, 2020



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DISTRICT GOVERNOR DON MARTIN
INVITES YOU TO

THE ROTARY
FAMILY VACATION
RAIN CHECK
AWARDS



June 13, 6 o'clock pm
Register For Zoom Invitation
Attire: Black Tie Optional

The Rotary Family Vacation - Rain Check Awards have finally arrived. In order to recognize as many deserving Rotarians and their Clubs as possible, the Rain Check awards will be presented in 4 parts. The Awards begin with three preliminary sessions on Thursday night at 6:00 PM, Friday Night at 6:00 PM and Saturday Morning at 10:00 AM. The MAIN EVENT will be Saturday Evening at 6:00 PM. For a video message from DG Don, click [HERE](#).

You may attend all of the events on Facebook Live at this link: <https://www.facebook.com/rotarydistrict6910/>

You may attend all of the events on Zoom at the links provided below:

THURSDAY at 6:00 PM: Bronze Club Awards & Retiring Assistant Governors

<https://zoom.us/j/92806454283?pwd=SmhVSTdkZTkxME1YSghvTXBEQkVwZz09>

Meeting ID: 928 0645 4283 Password: 180647

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FRIDAY at 6:00 PM: Silver Club Awards, GRSP Parade, Special GRSP Presentation to Nancy Seymour, District Foundation Service Awards & \$100 Per Capita Club Recognition

<https://zoom.us/j/98128773553?pwd=Nkw3QStrY0tCUXBNtFub0VWl0t5QT09>

Meeting ID: 981 2877 3553 Password: 169374

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SATURDAY AT 10:00 AM: Memorial to Departed Rotarians, Public Image Awards, Membership Awards, Gold Club Awards

<https://zoom.us/j/97708791599?pwd=N2hTZDJGOGY3ZEZ1anFjZkNjBkUT09>

SATURDAY AT 6:00 PM: Arrendale, Stubbs, AG of the Year, Message from the RI President's Rep, R.L. Panyik Leadership Awards, TRF Citation for Meritorious Service, Two Major Polio Awards, Rotarian of the Year, Service Above Self, Club of the Year Awards, final DG Comments, Pinning Ceremony, First DG Comments for 2020-2021 & (you must be present to win) Door Prizes!

(Please Note: On Saturday night only - you must be in the Zoom call in order to be eligible for \$1000 in Door Prizes.)

So knock the wrinkles out of your best pajamas or dress to the nines, order take-out from your favorite restaurant, pour yourself a big glass of sweet tea or one of your favorite adult beverages, pull your TV tray up in front of your biggest computer monitor and come join the fun. Saturday, June 13, 2020 from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM or the awards run out.

To register for this event on Zoom, click on the link below or copy this link to your browser:

https://zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?jMjGtYKX2a_BLUxewHg6boC1UVw

Can't make all those times? Not to worry, once each days "live" events are over, links to view the recorded sessions will be available on the District Website and DACdb.

Come join the fun and revel in the accomplishments of our great clubs and amazing individual Rotarians.

Rotary Connects

By Tina Fischlin on Monday, June 8, 2020



Rotary Opens Opportunities

◆ Delivering meals to hospital workers

On behalf of all Rotarians in District 6910, I thank you, District Governor Don, for your steadfast leadership during unprecedented times. We must also thank First Lady Regina for her constant support as you traveled around the district on this journey. Her passion to serve and dedication to Rotary were evident by her presence in person and behind the scenes. As a true example of the motto ◆People of Action,◆ you both inspired and empowered us to ◆Go Forth and Do Great Things.◆

The theme for 2019-2020, Rotary Connects the World, could not have been more fitting with keeping us connected as a district. Under your leadership, the clubs in our district united in fighting the impact of Covid-19 and took the pandemic as a call to action. Clubs stepped up and took the challenge by:

- ◆ Donating money and supplying food banks and other charities
- ◆ Making masks for medical personnel and first responders
- ◆ Disseminating news to benefit the community

Championing ingenuity, Governor Don inspired clubs and members to remain engaged via online meetings and social distancing. He, along with the training team, communication and technology experts, and talented presenters, also delivered an amazing ◆virtual◆ District Assembly. Much to our surprise, we ended up with record-breaking attendance at every session, including those late-evening breakouts.

Stepping into Governor Don shoes, I have my work cut out for me. Thankfully, I am blessed to preside over an outstanding District of Rotarians with amazing leaders in every club and an incredible team at the district level.

Our incoming Rotary International President, Holger Knaack, who spoke during our virtual General Assembly, also affirmed that Rotary remains in solid hands. He couldn't have chosen a better theme for the 2020-2021-year: Rotary Opens Opportunities and these Opportunities Open Rotary.

By marshaling courage to create the ◆new◆ Rotary, radiating compassion to serve our communities and the world, and forging connections to expand our reach, we will open those doors of opportunity.
Mike and I look forward to meeting with you soon!

South Hall Presents \$1,000 Check to South Hall Food Bank

By Amanda R Groover on Saturday, May 16, 2020

The South Hall Rotary Club presented a \$1,000 check to [South Hall Community Food Pantry](#) as part of the club's efforts to assist with food insecurity during COVID-19. The check was a collaboration of funds from the club and a matching grant from Rotary District 6910's District Designated Funds program stated Rotary President Rena Pendley.

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Hartwell Rotary Supports First Responders

By Richard Edwin Butler on Monday, June 8, 2020

We completed a project to support locally owned restaurants this week here in Hartwell. We purchased 30, \$10 gift cards each from DO, Market 50, Blazers, Downtown Cafe, and Back Street BBQ. The 150 cards were then given to City and County employees as a thanks for their efforts during a difficult time.

Dick Butler
Hartwell Rotary Club

ROTAR DONATE GIF CARDS

Sunshot by Michael Hall

Hartwell Rotary Club president, Dick Butler, left, fist bumps with Hartwell City Manager, Jon Herschell, as Rotary Club member Earl Johnson looks on at City Hall on Tuesday as Butler donates restaurant gift cards to city employees. The club donated 150, \$10 gift cards from locally owned restaurants to city and county employees to use. Ninety cards went to city employees and 60 went to county employees.

Madison County Crew Builds New Ramp

By Edward A. Brown on Monday, June 8, 2020

On Thursday, May 21, 2020 the Rotary Club of Madison County Ramp Crew and Volunteers constructed a 12 foot ramp for Carol Gail Gentry, 56, originally from Carlton Georgia and currently living in Colbert.

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**Meals of Hope - Lake Chatuge/Hiwassee**

By Jack Bernard Payne on Monday, June 8, 2020



On Friday afternoon, March 13 of this year, members of the Lake Chatuge/Hiwassee Rotary Club gathered at the Towns County Recreation and Conference Center to complete set-up for the following morning's big event—the club's annual Meals of Hope Project, when Rotarians and more than 200 community volunteers were scheduled to come together to pack 60,000 enriched cinnamon and apple oatmeal breakfast meals for local food banks in both Towns County and Clay County, NC.

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Toccoa Holds First "Non-Virtual" Meeting

By Robert Leon Womack on Monday, June 8, 2020

Toccoa had their first Rotary meeting at Rotary Park in TOCCOA! They presented a plaque to Agnes Oglesby (in the blue blouse) and Melisa Plaisted (In the white blouse.) We presented both with Paul Harris Fellows Award. The weather was perfect, we had Chick Fil A lunch and 25 members.





Rotary Club of Covington Responds

By Douglas E. Bolton on Monday, June 8, 2020

When the Pandemic started to be taken seriously in March, 2020 in the USA, a major national retail warehouse immediately felt it -- not the virus itself, but the ripple effect of the virus. The warehouse had a great quantity of goods that had been returned from the many stores it serviced regionally that were seasonally out of date or not moving off the selves. The warehouse manager had been selling those items at a fraction of the cost to another company to make a slight profit rather than take a loss. In March, the company that bought and hauled the excess goods stopped everything due to the virus.

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Clayton Provides Masks for Seniors

By Timothy W. Ranney on Monday, June 8, 2020



The Rotary Club of Clayton is making medical masks available to Rabun County citizens 65 and older and those who may need them because of medical conditions, President Tim Ranney announced Thursday.

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Jasper Rotarian Plays in Taps Across America

By Max Caylor on Monday, June 1, 2020

The photo below is of local trumpeters Dr. Carl McCurdy and Pat Gallagher who joined the national "Taps Across America" program by playing Taps at 3 p.m. on Memorial Day from the Veteran's Memorial. CBS's Steve Hartman organized the event to "pay tribute to fallen service members and victims of coronavirus."



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C.A.R.T. - Final Numbers for 2019-2020



This is a little blue bucket of love!

Each week Rotarians across North America empty their pockets of change and drop it in these buckets to provide funds for cutting edge research to cure Alzheimer's. 100% of every penny dropped in that bucket goes to research! 100% friends! All administrative expenses are paid from interest earned from invested contributions. This Rotary Year District 6910 Rotarians Donated \$66,836.61 to CART. That is 110% of what we clearly thought was a stretch goal. Congratulations to all of you for stepping up - again and again and again.

Membership Plus

By PDG George Robertson-Burnett on Monday, June 8, 2020
Membership Plus

I trust that you are doing well and keeping safe in these unusual and unprecedented times. Unsurprisingly the Covid 19 pandemic is the subject of the latest issue of MembershipPlus, which is attached for your information and use.

(Editors Note: PDG George was to be our President's Rep at Rotary Family Vacation and will speak to us on Saturday Night during the Raincheck Awards.) [Read More](#)



Short Takes # 11

By Donald (DIST GOV) W. Martin on Monday, June 8, 2020



Georgia Literacy Program - The program that PDG Dick Hyer started last year has been put on hold, but it will return when PDG Dick is able to get around the District and promote it once again. PDG Dick is still recovering from the horrible accident he was in last year. He will undergo surgery again on June 23rd. Please keep Dick and his wife Marsha in your prayers.

Rotary Youth Protection Plan - PDG Gary Moore is the Youth Protection Chair for 2020-2021 and he is rolling out a brand new program. Look for the new plan and forms on the District Website in the next few days.

2020 Census - Letter from Rusty Haygood

I hope you and yours are well. I wanted to reach out as co-chair of Governor Brian Kemp's Complete Count Committee (CCC) to encourage participation in Census 2020. We are tasked with doing everything possible to ensure that every Georgian is counted in Census 2020. Full Letter Here: [Haygood Census Letter](#)
Childhood Development [Community Growth](#) [Professional Growth](#)

News for Peacebuilder Districts - Rotary Peace Fellowship Alumni Association initiatives

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District Events & Reminders

June 9th
[District 6910 All Call](#)

June 12th
[Rotary Rain Check Awards - Silver Club & Foundation Awards/GRSP](#)

June 15th
[Secretaries Confirm Officer and Membership with RI](#)

June 11th
[RYLA Weekend **CANCELLED**](#)

June 13th
[Rotary Rain Check Awards - Gold Club, PI and Membership Awards](#)

June 11th
[Rotary Family Vacation Rain Check Awards - Bronze Club Awards](#)

June 13th
[Rotary Family Vacation Rain Check Awards - The Main Event](#)

District Leaders



[Donald \(DIST GOV\) W. Martin](#)
District Governor



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DG-Elect



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



[David Thomas Upchurch](#)
District Communications Officer



[Bobby D Hildreth](#)
District Membership Chair



[Tammy Tate Gilland](#)
District Public Image/PR Chair



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