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Greetings From Governor Felix

Greetings, Rotary Club Members!

As we bid farewell to the month of February, I am thrilled to reach out to club, filled with appreciation and respect. Throughout this brief period, I've had the privilege of connecting with our outstanding clubs, witnessing the passion and dedication that define our Rotary family.

The past month has been marked by memorable club visits, offering a firsthand experience of the transformative projects and unwavering commitment each of you brings to your communities. Your resilience and enthusiasm have left a lasting impression on our district, and I take great pride in the collective impact we've achieved.

In our continued pursuit of a polio-free world, your tireless efforts have been nothing short of heroic. As we move forward, your commitment to eradicating this disease embodies the true spirit of Rotary—a force for positive change.

The journey extends beyond this point. With pride and anticipation, I eagerly look forward to the unfolding year of 2024. Together, we will embark on new initiatives, explore innovative avenues for service, and strengthen the bonds that make our Rotary family truly exceptional.

As we reflect on the accomplishments of the past month, let us celebrate the impact we've made, the lives we've touched, and the enduring difference we continue to create. I extend my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering dedication, and here's to an even brighter and more impactful 2024.



District 6920 GRSP Updates

"We are thrilled to have partnered with Sleep in Heavenly Peace for this impactful event," said Terry Cook, President of the Hinesville Rotary Club.

"It's heartwarming to witness the dedication of our volunteers and the positive impact we can make in the lives of local children. The Hinesville Rotary Club remains committed to serving our community and addressing the needs of those less fortunate."

Sleep in Heavenly Peace expressed gratitude for the support and collaboration with the Hinesville Rotary Club.

"The generosity and commitment of the volunteers from the Hinesville Rotary Club, Hinesville Fort. Stewart Shrine Club, and the local community have made a significant difference in the lives of children who will now have a comfortable and safe place to sleep," said Roger Hutchinson, representative of Sleep in Heavenly Peace.

The Hinesville Rotary Club looks forward to future partnerships and initiatives aimed at making a positive impact on the community.



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GRSP Oslo Winners 2024 - District 6900, District 6910 and District 6920

Georgia Rotary Student Program Founder William A. Watt, Sr., established a relationship in Norway that is prospering more than 70 years later as evident in the three college students from Georgia who have been selected to spend six weeks this summer studying at the International Summer School at the University of Oslo. The opportunity is the result of a partnership with the university, Georgia Rotary Student Program and Rotarians in Oslo.

Isabel Forster will represent District 6900 and the Rotary Club of Buckhead with the endorsement of Rotarian Catherine Land-Waters. Vivian Elizabeth Cassaniti will represent District 6910 and the Rotary Club of Athens with the endorsement of Rotarian Jane Kidd Joshua Dean Youmans will represent District 6920 and the Rotary Club of Downtown Statesboro with the endorsement of Rotarian Weikang Ken Wang.

Forster attends Oglethorpe University and is majoring in international studies, writing her honors thesis to examine ways Palestinians and Israelis might learn to see one another as neighbors. Proficient in Spanish, she teaches tennis to international students and partakes in humanitarian service as part of the Oglethorpe University A_LAB, Rotaract. OU History Professor Glenn Sharfman described as mature beyond her years and discerning in her conclusions.

As a person, Izzy is always smiling, outgoing, and nurturing. She is just a lot of fun to be around, Sharfman said. More than once, she was able to help fellow students in my class in one way or another. She has a can-do attitude and wants to help bridge educational, economic, and social gaps between and among disparate groups. In Oslo, Forster aspires to understand how these different educational models exist within intercultural communication, economics, and Norwegian politics. I first landed on the Rotary and Rotaract clubs through an unconventional route, she said. And yet, I can see the intersection of my interdisciplinary interests: humanitarian service, teaching ESL, mentoring GRSP, Rotaract, and international students, researching comparative education, and much more. Spanning three years, I have enhanced these passions by studying near the multicultural cities of Atlanta, Fort Lauderdale, Philadelphia, and London. These experiences and my upbringing in the public, private, research, and independent school systems in three states and two countries have led to my interest in international education and the varying technological, financial, and political challenges facing school systems worldwide.

Cassaniti majored in political science and philosophy at Georgia College & State University, where she was named valedictorian in 2023. Dr. Harold Mock, is director of leadership programs and assistant professor of history at GCSU, described her as gifted, intelligent, diplomatic and straightforward. She has served as a Newman Civic Fellow, one of only two student members of Georgia College's Research & Public Service. She speaks French and is conversational in Norwegian.

Mock said last year, she completed an excellent public service project on Bandwidth in the Blackbelt, gathering data and offering both policy-based and private-sector approaches to increasing broadband access in the rural south, beyond FCC guidelines.

Cassaniti has a passion for service and has volunteered for the past 10 years with a special-needs ministry and an adaptive softball league for special-needs adults. She stated these experiences have ignited a passion to legally advocate for those who may not have the ability to be an advocate for themselves. She hopes to learn how Norwegians care for those with disabilities.

Her career objective is to work in law and public service, with an emphasis on international law and diplomacy. My goal in participating in this program is to bring together my personal and academic experience to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace, Cassaniti said. I grew up learning about Norwegian food, culture, and language from my Bestemor (Norwegian grandmother). Having lived through Nazi-occupied Norway, my Bestemor taught me all about Norwegian tenacity, perseverance, and spirit. As the first Norwegian flight attendant with an American airline, my Bestemor understood the importance of bringing nations together during times of conflict and peace through humility and respect. Studying in Oslo will enable me to take part in the same intercultural engagement that my Bestemor used to build a better and safer global environment.

Youmans is an accounting major at Georgia Southern University. He volunteers leading tennis camps, clothing drives through his church, and built an aquaponics system with fish and crops that was designed to be made into sandwiches and provided as free food to hungry students. A teaching assistant at GSU, he strives to serve others, protect the environment and be a good steward of finances.

Wang, a full-time faculty member of Georgia Southern's College of Business, described Youmans as the best student in his two management classes, scoring the highest grade in all of the three major exams. I cannot recall any student with such consistency of excellence in my 20 plus years of college teaching, he said.

Youmans, from Hoboken in south Georgia said he has always wanted to travel but has not had the opportunity. This scholarship would allow me to meet a diverse group of new people that I would likely never get to see otherwise, said Youmans. It could work well to broaden my mindset and help me understand the way of life for people outside my small town in Georgia. I believe this



Isabel Forster
District 6900

Vivian Cassaniti
District 6910

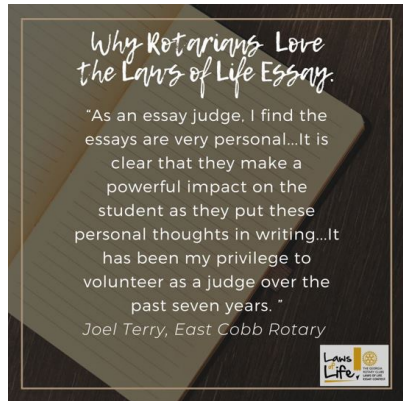
Joshua Youmans
District 6920

Oslo International Summer School 2024 GRSP Scholarship Recipients



scholarship would open the opportunity for me to have an experience that would very positively impact me, as well as the people I meet along my journey.â€

The scholarship for the six-week summer program from June 24 to August 2 includes air fares from Atlanta to Oslo and the return trip to Atlanta, room, board, 12-credit hours of undergraduate course work, administrative fees at the university plus an outing with a Norwegian Rotary host. The recipients of the scholarship are responsible for personal spending money and transportation to hand from the airport. In 1956, King Vakkon VII of Norway presented the brass St. Olaf medal for meritorious service to GRSP Founder Will Watt, who was also named Knight First Class of the Finnish Lion by the President of Finland in 1960 in recognition for scholarships awarded to Norwegian and Finnish students along with dedication to the ideals of world peace through understanding.



Georgia Laws of Life

With the Peach State PETS experience under their belts, Rotary Club President-Elects are mapping out their 2024-25 year. Now is the time to confirm high school partners for the 2024-25 Georgia Laws of Life Essay Contest. Together, local Rotary Clubs and the Georgia Laws of Life state office offer this character education program, free of charge, to high schools throughout the state.

High schools from Hartwell to Columbus make the Laws of Life contest an integral part of their English Language Arts curriculum.

Students love the contest as it offers them an opportunity to reflect and tell heartfelt stories of joy and of challenges. Teachers love the contest because they get to know their students on a deeper level. The contest also provides healthy competition among students. The Laws of Life contest offers your club an inspiring, turnkey program with flexible volunteer hours opportunities. The contest allows clubs to support key Rotary causes including Support for Education and Promoting Peace by fostering conversations among students and teachers.

Many Rotarians across Georgia share that their favorite meeting is when they celebrate student winners from their partner schools. Students feel a boost of confidence as they read their Laws of Life essays for a friendly audience of club members, teachers and parents. The GLL state office provides resources for your Rotary club in an online folder: prospect letter templates, contest talking points, and info flyers for clubs and schools. On our GLL YouTube Channel, look for 2022-23 Student Winners and the Teacher Experiences playlists to hear first and testimonials.

For complete program info, contact the Georgia Laws of Life team at lawsoflife@georgialawsoflife.org.

Another Busy Month for the Rotary Club of Augusta

In addition to a full slate of great programs, our club sponsored a visit and tour of the Savannah River Site! SRs is a very large employer in the area, and has been a vital part of our Nationâ€™s defense since its founding in the Cold War. Although pictures were not allowed on the tour, we were able to take a group photo on site.



Brunswick's February Students of the Month

The Rotary Club of Brunswick recently honored three seniors from area high schools for the month of February 2024. A club tradition of recognition for over 45 years, the current trio of outstanding young men are: Corey Atkinson of Frederica Academy, Zachary Reed from Brunswick High and Hsing Lo from Glynn Academy. All three expressed a keen interest in pursuing studies in engineering!



Centerville Rotary's Month of February

Centerville Rotary Club is grateful for the opportunity to support Central Georgia Technical College and their Adult Education Division by offering GED scholarships to students.

On Feb 13th, CGTC graciously provided a volunteer luncheon as a way of saying "thank you" to all volunteers for their hard work and time.



Centerville Rotary was honored to have Centerville's Mayor John Haley as our guest speaker. Mayor Harley has supported our club and our efforts for many years, to include our yearly Red Cross Blood Drive.

Our guest speaker Sister Theresa Sullivan is the program director for the Depaul USA Daybreak Center. The Daybreak center lives through a collaborative effort of the city's faith community who have come together to provide assistance and hope for the homeless living in their city.



Hinesville Rotary Club Teams Up with Sleep in Heavenly Peace Hinesville for Bed Build Day Event

On Saturday, February 3rd, the Hinesville Rotary Club proudly sponsored a 10-bed Build Day event in collaboration with Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing beds for children in need. The event took place at Bryant Commons park in Hinesville, Georgia, and saw the



Commons park in Hinesville, Georgia, and saw the participation of 33 enthusiastic volunteers from the Hinesville Rotary Club, Hinesville Ft. Stewart Shrine Club, and members of the local community.

The Hinesville Rotary Club's commitment to community service was on full display as volunteers joined forces to construct 10 beds for children who are currently without a proper place to sleep. This initiative aligns with Sleep in Heavenly Peace's mission to ensure that no child has to sleep on the floor.

The event was a testament to the power of community collaboration, with volunteers working tirelessly to assemble beds, ensuring they met the highest standards of safety and comfort. The atmosphere at Bryant Commons park was filled with camaraderie and a shared sense of purpose as participants from different organizations and backgrounds united for a common cause.



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Jekyll Rotary Had a Fantastic February

The Jekyll Island Rotary Club recently presented a check in honor of the Ted Rice Memorial Entrepreneur Scholarship to Jamie Bessette, the Vice President for Advancement at the College of Coastal Georgia. Pictured are Club President Joe Gore from left, Bessette, Caryl Rice and Rotarian Tim Kinsey.



The Jekyll Island Rotary Club recently hosted Steven Hinson, the Ga Society Registrar for the Sons of the American Revolution - Marshes of Glynn Chapter. The Sons of the American Revolution is a non-profit corporation whose purpose is maintaining and extending the institutions of American freedom, true patriotism, respect for our national symbols and the value of American citizenship. Pictured are Rotarian Cliff Faye, Hinson and Club President Joe Gore.

The Jekyll Island Rotary Club recently hosted Sarah Tallu Schuyler, the grand daughter of Tallu Fish who was the original historian and archivist for Jekyll Island. She also established the first museum on the island on the first floor of the Indian Mound Cottage. Pictured are Rotarian Jerry Ezell from left, Schuyler and Club President Joe Gore



The Jekyll Island Rotary Club recently assisted the Jekyll Island Authority with their annual reforestation program. Hardwood trees were planted at multiple locations on the island. Pictured are Rotarians Randy Gardner from left, Thomy Parker, Ted Fleshman, Resident Bruce Hildreth, Rotarians Anke Hildreth, Alan Price, Al Tate, JIA Director of Landscaping and Planning Cliff Gawron and Rotarian Rich Van Iderstyne.

The Jekyll Island Rotary Club recently installed a bicycle repair station along the bike path on the island. It includes an air pump and bicycle repair tools that can be utilized by riders free of charge. It also has a QR code for instructions on usage and bicycle repairs. Pictured are Rotarian Anke Hildreth on left and Club President Joe Gore.



Long County Rotary Charter Party

YOU'RE INVITED

CHARTER PARTY

THURSDAY | 5:30 p.m.
MARCH 21, 2024

520 S. McDonald Street
Ludowici, GA 31316

RSVP by March 8
Tammy Goober **912-294-6325**

Please plan to join us
and help us celebrate the
Long County Rotary Club
as we continue to

**"Create Hope
in the World."**

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The recently Chartered Long County Rotary Club and their President, Brandi Castaño, along with their sponsoring Club the Glennville Rotary Club and President Joe Sikas, are excited to announce the date for their Charter Ceremony. The ceremony will take place on Thursday, March 21, 2024, starting at 5:30 p.m. The event will be held at the Long County Board of Education, 520 S. McDonald Street, Ludowici, GA 31316. If you or any member of your Club plans to attend, please respond no later than Friday, March 8, 2024, to the following number. You may call or text Tammy Goober at 912-294-6325 with the name(s) of those who will be attending.

The Glennville Rotary Club is asking that your Club consider making a donation to the Long County Rotary Club to help defray expenses related to start-up costs.

You can bring the donation with you or you can mail it to:

**Glennville Rotary Club
Donald Fountain
P.O. Box 364
Glennville, GA 30427**

Updates from Macon Rotary Club

Over the past few weeks club members have been joined by local students at our weekly meetings. Starting with an update from University President, and club member, Christopher Blake from Middle Georgia State University. Dr. Blake shared an update on the many innovations happening at the University and introduced the club to several students who attended the meeting with him. The start of the new year also brought the return of our Star Student program. We have had visits from students and principals from Howard High School and Central High School so far.



Macon North Rotary Trail 5K

Sanctioned Cherry Blossom Event





Saturday, March 16, 2024

2800 Arrowhead Drive, Lizella, GA

Race begins at 8:30 a.m.

Packet Pick Up: Friday, March 15 at the Wellness Center,
3797 Northside Drive, Macon, between 12 – 5 p.m.,
or the day of event beginning at 7:30 a.m.

* Park fee paid in registration cost



Sponsored by **Macon North Rotary**

Race proceeds will benefit the
local charities of Macon North Rotary with
the mission of "Serve to Change Lives."

Visit www.racerpal.com to register!

Metro Savannah Rotary Shows Off Their Green Thumbs with the Savannah Tree Foundation



Instead of sleeping in on Saturday, February 10, this Metro Savannah Rotary crew got out of bed and planted trees with the [Savannah Tree Foundation](#) at the Al Bungard Conservation Area near the Ogeechee River!





February Recap For Perry Rotary Club

Saving Lives with Medicine in Houston County, a joint project of Perry Rotary, Centerville Rotary Club, and WarnerRobins Rotary Club
Three clubs in one Rotary meeting on February 20, 2024

Marietta Lomboy, President of the Perry Rotary Club was the guest speaker on 02/20/2024 during the Warner Robins Rotary Club meeting to talk about Saving Lives with Medicine.

The primary objective of "Saving Lives with Medicine" is to enhance the well-being of the patients served by the Houston County Volunteer Clinic by providing them with free medicines.

The funding for this project will be generated through an Annual Fishing Tournament scheduled for April 13, 2024.

Thank you all for your time and dedication to this project.

Centerville Rotary Club
Perry Rotary Club
Warner Robins Rotary Club
Dr. Joseph Lomboy MD and students from Trinity Medical School
Todd Edenfield, Administrator of Perry Hospital and Asst. Director of the Houston Medical Volunteer Clinic
Chief Lee Parker, Chair of the Annual Fishing Tournament
Beverly Trainor, MAP International
Elizabeth Arro- Brown, MAP International
All sponsors and donors.



GRSP Student Clara Lenander Visited the Perry Rotary Club- 02/12/2024

What a great presentation from our GRSP student Clara from Sweden, not to be mistaken for Switzerland. We enjoyed your visit to our club greatly!

FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to our February Student's of the Month

Perry Middle: Jordan Green
Westfield Middle: Peyton Seymour

Keep up all your great work. Perry Rotary is proud of you!





PAUL HARRIS FELLOW AWARDED TO BILL DAVIS!

Congratulations Bill Davis! Paul Harris Plus 7!

Thank you for your ongoing service and giving to Rotary.



PERRY ROTARIANS PARTICIPATED IN RLI ON FEBRUARY 10, 2024

Great day of RLI- Rotary Leadership Instruction = education and engaging with other clubs in District 6920.



WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER, JASON POOLE!

Sending a big welcome to our newest member, Jason Poole. Welcome to the Rotary family!

FEDERAL RESERVE ATLANTA VISITS PERRY ROTARY

Thank you Michael Chriszt, Vice President & Regional Engagement Officer for the Atlanta Federal Reserve, for speaking to our club on February 6, 2024.



Richmond Hill Rotary's Annual Senior Valentine Lunch

The Rotary Club of Richmond Hill had their annual Senior Valentine Lunch.



Saint Simons Rotary Club Busy Month

Saint Simons Rotary Club giving College Scholarships.

Every year, St Simons Rotary Club awards between three and five scholarships to graduating high school seniors in Glynn County. The scholarship award, the largest scholarship awarded in Glynn County, is \$3,000 per year for up to four years of undergraduate education. The college or university may be located in or outside the state of Georgia and must be fully accredited.

Scholarship awards are based on scholarship, leadership, community service, personal character and financial need.

The Scholarship Fund was created through an endowment in 1961 to assist local students in furthering their education. Since then, over \$750,000 has been awarded. Scholarships have been awarded to students attending a range of colleges including the College of Coastal Georgia, UGA, Harvard and Stanford. There are currently 15 Glynn County students receiving St. Simons Rotary scholarships.

Pictured is Board of Trustees, St. Simons Rotary Scholarship Fund
From left to right: Gary Schwartz, Janice Lamattina, Jim Bruce, Beverly Trainor, Drew Holland and Becky Farrow. Not pictured, Stan Kyker



St. Simons Rotary hosts Buff Leavy, Publisher & President of The Brunswick News

St Simons Island Rotary Club recently hosted Buff Leavy, Publisher and President of The Brunswick News. Buff reviewed the history, development and future of his family owned newspaper, first published in 1902, in the light of current trends with the state journalism and traditional news outlets. Brunswick News Publishing Co. also publishes Coastal Illustrated and Golden Isles magazine.

Pictured, from left, Buff Leavy, Publisher & President of The Brunswick News, and Janice Lamattina, President of St. Simons Rotary Club.

St. Simons Rotary hosts Torras Properties President

St Simons Island Rotary Club recently hosted Daren Pietsch, President of Torras Properties. He spoke about growth and progress happening in Brunswick and around the Golden Isles. He described development of Brunswick Landing Marina and celebrations being planned for the upcoming 100th Anniversary of the Torras Causeway.

Pictured, from left, Daren Pietsch, President of Torras Properties, and Janice Lamattina, President of St. Simons Rotary Club.



Pictured, from left, Karen Pietsch, President of Torras Properties, and Leslie Mattingly, SSI Rotary Club Programs Chair



Vidalia Rotary Holds Their First Ever Vidalia Rotary Mega Bowl

Wow!!! What a fantastic night last night for the first ever Vidalia Rotary Mega Bowl!!

We had over 20 four-man teams participate and 4 lane sponsors including Mount Vernon Bank, The Bowling Queens, Ag South, and Memorial Health Meadows Hospital! Congratulations to our own Vidalia Rotary Team, the Pinheads, for winning it all!! Altamaha Bank's the Midnight Rollers, came in close at second place!

Congrats to Eric Smith for winning the 50/50 Raffle and to the Bowling Queens for being voted Best Dressed! Our Vidalia community is the big winner as half of the \$4000 + net proceeds will go to local scholarships and the other half will help fund Alzheimer's research! Thank you to everyone who attended and participated!

We can't wait until next year!



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