

# Rotary



## Club of Dougherty County (Albany)

### Club Meeting

Dougherty County (Albany)  
Meets at Austin's Firegrill  
2817 Old Dawson Rd  
Albany, GA 31707  
Time: Tuesday at 12:00 PM

### January is Vocational Service Month



#### Club Leaders



Robin V. Major  
Major  
President



Becca Cook  
Cook  
Secretary



Tommy Clark  
Clark  
iPast President  
Treasurer



Jessica Zurheide  
Zurheide  
Public Relations  
Chair



Gayle B. Woolard  
Woolard  
Rotary Foundation  
Chair



Mary E. Ligon  
Ligon  
Club Executive  
Secretary  
Club Service  
Chair  
Club Learning  
Facilitator

#### Birthdays

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Rotary International designates January as Vocational Service Month, during which Rotarians celebrate and renew their commitment to serve their communities through professional skills and ethical practices in business and professions. Here are some things you can do this month to put your vocational service into action:

- Mentor a young person to help them achieve their career goals
- Offer leadership and professional development guidance to others
- Practice your profession with integrity, inspiring others to do so too

### Service Project: Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build Volunteer Sign Up

Do you enjoy sleeping in a bed? Our local Rotary Clubs branded bed build is Saturday, February 1st from 9:00AM - 12:30PM and we need to know who will help us build beds that day. See more details and [register here through the local Sleep In Heavenly Peace site](#) to indicate your plans to volunteer. You can also register

Seegmueller  
Carpenter  
January 19th  
Joseph Cornell  
Watkins  
January 20th  
Randi Tatum  
January 27th  
Mary E. Ligon  
February 3rd

family members and/or friends that will come with you. This is a good way to introduce our Rotary club to others interested in serving and impacting our community. Sign up today! We need lots of volunteers!

## Upcoming Meeting 1/7



Tracy Suber currently serves as the Vice President of Education for the Phoebe Putney Health System. Dr. Suber returned to Phoebe in 2015 and serves as a leader over multiple areas to include nursing education, leadership development, new employee orientation, academic partnerships, nurse and respiratory externe program, nurse residency program, and the simulation and innovation center. For the past four years, Tracy's focus has been on workforce development, specifically building the pipeline through innovative and diverse partnerships. Most recently, she has been serving as one of the leads on the Living Learning Community project between Phoebe and Albany Technical College.

Prior to her return to Phoebe, Tracy taught at Darton College in courses throughout the nursing program, ending her tenure there as an Assistant Dean of Nursing

and Director of the RN to BSN program at Darton College, Tracy is an associate degree graduate from Darton College, a Baccalaureate graduate from Thomas University, and a master's graduate from the University of Phoenix. She obtained her Doctor of Education with a focus on Leadership from Valdosta State University in 2018.

Tracy is passionate about education and serves as a preceptor/mentor for novice nurses. Tracy advocates for healthcare policy, specifically as it impacts workforce issues. She serves on the Board of Directors for Leadership Albany, Darton Foundation, and 4C Foundation. Tracy is married to Britton Suber, an anesthesiologist she met at Phoebe Memorial Hospital, and they have three children, Brayden (20), Lily (19) and Grant (14). They enjoy traveling in their RV, boating/water sports, and spending time together.

## Can't Make It In Person? We Still Want to See You!

Great news! For those who cannot attend in person, we now offer the option to join the meeting virtually via Zoom. Of course, we still want to see your smiling face in person, but if life is getting in the way that do, zoom in and don't miss!

**See you at the meeting or online! ??**

[Join Zoom Meeting Here](#)

Meeting ID: 969 512 0262  
Passcode: 8jXhuW1+K

## Happy Happy Birthday!!

January is here! What better way to show a fellow Rotarian that you care by wishing them a Happy Birthday!!

Sonya Spalinger – January 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Mary Bickerstaff – January 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Morgan Carpenter – January 19<sup>th</sup>  
Joseph Watkins – January 20<sup>th</sup>  
Randi Tatum – January 27<sup>th</sup>



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## Laws of Life

It is that time of the year - essay judging season is just around the corner! As a Rotary Club Contest Sponsor, our club members are invited to participate in the judging process which will kick off with the essay due date of February 10, 2025.

School-Level Essay Judge overview:

- Essay Judges in teams of three are assigned 30 to 48 essays from one or more high schools one week prior to their Team meeting.
- It should take about three hours of your time to read and score assigned essays over a one-week period.
- All scoring should be submitted 48 hours before your Team Meeting.
- On the day of your Team Meeting, teams use **GoTo** to meet and select school-level winners and Honorable Mentions.

If you wish to be an Essay Judge:

Complete the [Volunteer Sign-Up Form](#) at your earliest convenience:

1. Choose your training option
2. Sign Up for your team at the [Essay Judge Team Meeting Sign Up Genius](#)

- Once completed, you will receive a Google calendar invite for your training session.
- We urge everyone to attend the training.
- If you cannot attend, a recording of the training session will be made available following the session.

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## Service Project: Helping Hands Volunteers for Upcoming Dates

Upcoming service days and volunteers:

**There are no dates in January.**

Friday, 02/07 - Robin Strickland, Becca Cook, Randi Tatum

Friday, 02/28 - Morgan Carpenter, Becca Cook, Gayle Woolard

Friday, 03/07 - Robin Strickland, Randi Tatum, Gayle Woolard

Arrive at Alice Coachman by 12:30.

Please find your own replacement and notify teammates.

Take pictures of the packing activity for social media. A 10 second video would be great! Wear your Rotary shirt!

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## Events

January 7th, 12:00-1:00 PM

[Dougherty County \(Albany\) Weekly Club Meeting](#)

January 14th, 12:00-1:00 PM

January 14th, 11:00-11:55 AM

[New Member Club Orientation](#)

January 21st, 11:00-12:00 PM

**Dougherty County (Albany) Weekly Club Meeting**

January 21st, 12:00-1:00 PM

**Dougherty County (Albany) Weekly Club Meeting**

February 1st, 8:30-12:30 PM

**Service Project: Sleep in Heavenly Peace**

**Dougherty County (Albany) Monthly Board Meeting**

January 30th, 5:30-7:30 PM

**Dougherty County (Albany) Monthly Social**

February 4th, 12:00-1:00 PM

**Dougherty County (Albany) Weekly Club Meeting**