

# 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



No Meeting 12/31

### Club Leaders



Robin V. Major  
President



Becca Cook  
Secretary



Tommy Clark  
iPast President  
Treasurer



Jessica Zurheide  
Public Relations Chair



Gayle B. Woolard  
Rotary Foundation Chair



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

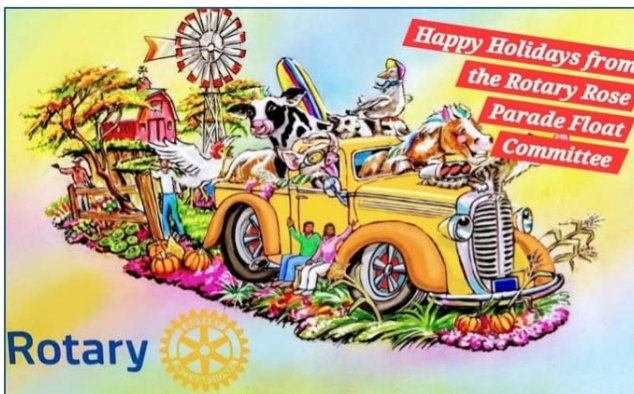
### Birthdays

Sonya Spalinger



January 2nd  
Mary Frances  
Bickerstaff  
January 3rd  
Morgan  
Seegmueller  
Carpenter  
January 19th  
Joseph Cornell  
Watkins  
January 20th  
Randi Tatum  
January 27th

## Rotary Rose Bowl Parade



Rotary is continuing its tradition of participating in the Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena, CA. This year's Tournament of the Roses Parade theme is "Best Day Ever", which perfectly aligns with the 2024-2025 Rotary International theme: "The Magic of Rotary".

With a vibrant spirit and creative vision, Rotarians came together to design, build, and showcase an awe-inspiring parade float that embodies the power of service and uplifts communities worldwide. Don't miss the Rotary float on New Year's Day in the Rose Bowl Parade!

### Parade Details:

Start Time: 8:00 am PST / 11:00 AM EST  
Tune in here: [Rotary Rose Bowl Parade](#)

**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 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!

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## 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

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

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

[\*\*New Member Club Orientation\*\*](#)

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

[\*\*Dougherty County \(Albany\) Monthly Board Meeting\*\*](#)

January 28th, 5:00-7:30 PM

[\*\*Dougherty County \(Albany\) Monthly Social\*\*](#)