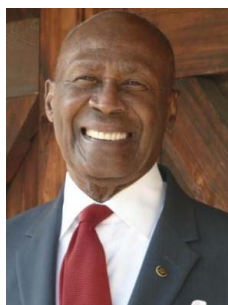


STONE MOUNTAIN VIEWS



Rotary Club of Stone Mountain, Georgia, USA Established 1965

PRESIDENT'S YEAREND REPORT



First let me thank everyone for your unstinting support throughout my year as President of this illustrious club. I am pleased to report that we are sound financially, and that we have the exciting challenge of preserving and expanding our venerable and highly respected club. We have a cadre of young leaders in waiting who are ready to rise to the task of advancing the work and fortunes of our club.

A Challenging Start:

COVID and the Emergence of the Zoom Culture

Rotary had always been a physical gathering of friends and associates, and suddenly it was highly dangerous and fearful of many to gather together physically.

We were besieged with technical problems as we transitioned from Projectors to interactive TV. The learning curve was steep and annoying for most of us.

The Club Becomes a Russian Troika

We literally split in three. A physically attending diminishing group; a group that preferred to attend via Zoom; and a group of our spinal column members who named themselves the Passport Club (full supporters but with their own attendance schedules and technical formats). We were off on a great managerial and diplomatic journey.

Weekly Speakers:

We witnessed a large number of speakers on varying topics. Our Program Chair Eric did yeoman service in coordinating a very pleasing array of speakers, and our Director of Projects Carol put us in closer touch with the Rotary World. She introduced us to speakers from Africa, the Indian subcontinent, the Caribbean and our own USA.

Our P.E. quit in mid-year, and we found an excellent successor

Our Secretary resigned in the fourth quarter, and we found an active replacement

We discovered a defunct Foundation with a healthy \$10,000.00 balance

We formed a new Club Foundation, 501 (c) (3), transferred the balance and increased it by almost 100% to date

We embarked on a Major Fund Raiser A TRIBUTE TO EDUCATORS which we hope will be an annual affair. We cannot pay enough tribute to PP Cynthia in particular and her small group of lieutenants for pulling off what was truly a Herculean task in making the fundraiser happen.

We engaged in several Projects over the year

Three social events

Several Food Distribution Projects with FODAC

Distributed COVID protection Masks with FODAC, to schools and institutions

Worked at the FODAC golf tournament and at two Equipment collection sites

Carried out our Annual Dictionary Supply to third-graders in Dekalb Schools

Engaged in a Competitive Grant of \$5000.00 to CDF Action for the Literacy Story Walk in collaboration with the city of Clarkston and the Clarkston Library.

Three of our members attended RLI Training Sessions during the year

Four members attended District Conference in San Destin

One member served as Chair of The Dekalb Rotary Council

We reintroduced our Christmas Carol Singing

Our Club helped to host the annual Teacher of the Year Awards and Dekalb Rotary Council Breakfast at Smoke Rise Country Club

Our own Dr. Tom Smith received The Show Rotary Cares Award

We donated \$3000.00 to FODAC

We established a relationship with Rise Against Hunger and contributed \$500.00 to their program.



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Club Leaders



David Cesar
President



Dorothy E. Edwards
Satellite Chair



Darlene D. Evans
Secretary



Michele Coats Weston
Satellite Secretary



Donna Jensen
Treasurer



Marjorie W. Kersey
Satellite Treasurer



Thomas L. Smith
President-Nominee



Cynthia Dorsey
Edwards
Membership Chair



Carol Carlene Phillips
Rotary Foundation
Chair



Alfred J. Lipphardt
IPast Satellite Chair



Irvine Weekes
IPast President

Events

No Events found

Wedding Anniversaries



William G. Witcher Jr.
July 10th

We established a relationship with Project Transformation and contributed \$500.00 to their program
We contributed \$1000.00 to the Stone Mountain program of Georgia Military College
We contributed \$500.00 to The Arts Center in Stone Mountain
Made a \$1000.00 financial contribution to The Club House in Stone Mountain, an organization dedicated to the care and rehabilitation of the brain injured
We have made a provision of \$500.00 for Stone Mountain Middle School to improve their Teachers' lounge
We continue to support Indian Creek Elementary School, Stone Mountain Elementary School, and Stone Mountain Middle School
We participated in a major School Supply Event in Clarkston for Indian Creek Elementary School, Clarkston High School, and Jolly Elementary School.
Provided three scholarships of \$500.00 each to girls in Tanzania, East Africa, to help in the upliftment of females in that society
Joining with our friends in the Alpharetta Club we subscribed \$1500.00 to a fund and participated with an international group to support training for those with Downs Syndrome in Pelotas, Southern Brazil.
We have started the preliminary thinking for the framework of a Global Grant
We are once more subscribing financially to our Scholarship fund at Georgia State University North Indian Creek Campus with a provision of \$1000.00 this year
We continue to support our Scholarship program at Georgia Piedmont Technical College with \$1000.00 this year
We continue to support The Salvation Army, especially in its Bell Ringing Christmas program
We participated in City of Stone Mountain Juneteenth celebration and in the Christmas parade
We brought in one new member, suffered the death of two members, had one member transfer to another Rotary Club, saw seven members transfer to the Satellite Club, and one member resign from our club
We embrace the fact that we are a club in transition. All of us welcome the opportunity and the challenge of rebuilding our club. The concept EACH ONE BRING ONE is our cry. Together we will make the calls in Lilburn, Stone Mountain and Lithonia.
Our records show that we have 26 active members, 4 honorary members and 16 Satellite Club members.
We will be trying new meeting formats to be more engaging with our members.
We face the future with confidence and commitment.

Gender Based Violence in Tanzania

Dr Thomas Thanks the club again for believing in this project effort to rescue and empower young African girls from gender based violence through scholarship program. Our club this year was able to fund and support 3 scholarships which was exactly the number needed to finish the scholarships for 2022. These 3 recipients are grateful for the support and are now able to complete the program. These girls took the time to thank our club by sending a thank you note.



Birthdays



Alan Paul Janssen
July 13th



David Cesar
July 14th

Lilian Felix Temba
P.O BOX 1106
Moshi, Tanzania

President Irvine Weeks

I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ our savior. My name is Lilian Felix Temba a student in the Gender based Violence (GBV) Program who you are sponsoring.

The main subject of this letter is to thank you for your sponsoring me to thi8s course. I come from a very poor family where I am also a defandant to my other siblings.

I believe to use the knowledge and skills that I would get from this course to look for a job in the hotel industry and help myself and my family.

May Jesus of Nazareth bless you always, Amen.

Faithfully yours,

Lilian

Marina B. Karia
Moshi, Tanzania

President Irvine Weeks

My name is Marina B. Karia a student you sponsored in the Gender based Violence (GBV) Program.

I am writing to thankyou for your assistance to change my life by giving me a second chance. I am studying hard and now at the Hotel doing Apprenticeship for three months.

I plan to use my skills and knowledge to turn my life around and also help my family.

May God bless you always. Amen.

Faithfully yours,

Marina

Felista Baltazar Kimbi
P.O BOX 1106
Moshi, Tanzania

President Irvine Weeks

When I found out that I was selected to join the Gender based Violence (GBV) Program in Hotel Management here at the prestigious college of KITC, my heart was overwhelmed. I cannot thank you or request God to bless you enough for your sponsorship which I am sure will help me move on in my life for you have come as a guardian angel to me.

I want to promise you one thing, that I will study hard and acquire enough knowledge to change my life and my child. I pray for your good health and successful throughout your life, AMEN.

Yours truly,

Felista Kimbi

Support Education

As They prepare to start a new school year, the principal of Stone Mountain Elementary School reached out for your support. Please see letter from the principal which she shared with all of their partners looking for assistance in any way possible. The Principal added that there is no such thing as too much or too little. Their school need all the help they can get.

Dr. Char-Shenda Covington
Principal



Dr. Vasanne Tinsley
Interim Superintendent

June 24, 2022

Greetings,

The mission of Stone Mountain Elementary is to teach the total child within a collaborative effort between home, school, and community to ensure academic success in a safe and nurturing learning environment. To realize our mission, we are soliciting your support as a Partner in Education. As a Partner in Education, there are several ways to support our school. Support may include, but is not limited to, providing donations for student academic and behavior incentives, providing donations for parent incentives, and or providing donations/gift cards as staff incentives.

We are in the process of revising our behavior incentive program known as Mountain Movers and Shakers. This program is aligned to the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support framework, designed to promote and reinforce positive behaviors, in students and staff to impact student achievement throughout our building. Your assistance with this initiative would ensure that we provide a culture and climate within our school that is second to none.

We would appreciate any donation to support our students, staff and/or parents. Additionally, we are interested to know how we can support your organization so that our partnership will be mutually beneficial. We look forward to working with you. If you have any questions about this request, don't hesitate to contact Dr. Char-Shenda Covington, principal, at (678) 676-4703.

Keeping Children First,

Dr. Char-Shenda Covington
Proud Principal
Stone Mountain Elementary School

Founder's Day Celebration

All members are encouraged to support and promote this expose' of Art of Steffen Thomas Gallery by attending on Saturday, July 16th, 2022.

*Hand-Painted Print by Steffen Thomas
Raffle in Support of Founder's Day*

Tickets: \$10 each; \$25 for 3; \$100 for 20

Purchase as many tickets as you like and return to the STMA to be entered in the raffle. 3 are included here.
Call to purchase more!

WINNER WILL BE DRAWN AT FOUNDER'S DAY!

The winner does not have to be present at Founder's Day. The print can be shipped and will not be framed.



Head of a Girl with Hat, ca. 1980, Hand-colored with airbrush over offset lithograph, original charcoal drawing signed by artist in 1968, STAR



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For more information, please contact
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FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION 2022

A fundraising luncheon in honor of Sara Thomas, founder of the Steffen Thomas Museum of Art.

Live Stream Link



[Join online](#)

Meeting ID: 810 1364 3756

Password: **811906**

Find your local number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81013643756>

Or

Join us in person at the *Smoke Rise Country Club* located at
4900 Chedworth Dr,
Stone Mountain, GA 30087