

This Week....Shantee Henry & Dr. Jose Doss - Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program Program

Sexual assault is a growing concern in the United States. Appropriate care of its survivors is essential to controlling the short and long-term effects of this trauma. A sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE) is a registered nurse that acquires additional training specializing in the comprehensive care of sexual assault survivors. Research indicates that there are not enough SANEs to provide coverage for the increasing number of sexual assaults, especially in rural areas. To increase the number of certified SANEs in rural areas, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. government provided funds through a grant that was awarded to a university in middle Georgia. The focus of this paper is the design and evaluation of one portion of the SANE training program, the clinical skills immersion. Twenty-four trainees participated in the study to answer the question, ♦What is the effect of a 3-day clinical skills immersion on SANE participants♦ knowledge, competence level, and self-efficacy?♦

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Next Week...Bryan Hillburn - Hills Academy Interact Program

Rotary Announcements - May 27 - No Meeting

Upcoming Programs...

June 3 - GRSP Program

Should you have to miss, please make-up:

Make-up Locations:

Social Circle Magnolia Manor Monday Noon
Covington First Methodist Tuesday 12:15
Rockdale Rockdale Medical Ctr. Wednesday 7:15 am
Loganville IHop Restaurant Thursday 7:15 am
RotaryEClubOne.org
RockdaleEClubOfTheSouth.org

Any club function including Board Meetings, Service Project, Fundraiser or Social Function also counts as a make-up,

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Membership Roster 2020 - 2021

Last Name	First Name	MemberType	Classification	Pref. Email	PData	Code	Participation
Ahlstrand	Bruce	Active-R85	Two Way Radio Industry	bahlstrand@bellsouth.net	PHF,B,PP,PAS 2005,ROTY 2003, 2010,PHFn,4106,4107	ALU	ALUMNI or Rotary
Andersen	Beth	Active	Insurance-Life & Health	beth7754@gmail.com	PHF,PP,PAS 2005,ROTY 2007,PHFn,4106	B	Benefactor
Bala	Dorothy	Active	Printing Services	dotti@copycentral.comcastbiz.net	PHF,BS,PP 2017-18,PAS 2012,ROTY 2014,4106	BS	Bequest Society
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Barlay	Thua	Corporate-Active D6910	Attorney	tbarlay@luederlaw.com	PHF,B,PP 2014-15,PHFn,4106	DSA	Distinguished Service Award
Bear	Wendy	Active	Insurance	wendy@wendybear.net	PHF	DSM	Double Sustaining Member
Benson	Dave	Active	Religion-Methodist	pastordbenenson@gmail.com		GRSP	Georgia Rotary Student Program(GRSP)+
			Education-				GRSP Hue

Birthdays

Vince G. Evans
May 22nd
Moses G. Kabia
May 27th
Tommy O. Morgan
May 27th
Kenneth Gaylord
May 28th
Wayne Robinson
June 3rd
Brian Simpson
June 4th

Wedding Anniversaries

Ann George
May 28th
James A. Maxwell
June 4th

Years of Service

Edward L Cowan
02-01-1973
48 Years
Tommy O. Morgan
02-01-1981
40 Years
William T. Rogers
04-01-1984
37 Years
Mark Chris Bowen
04-01-1988
33 Years
Bruce C. Ahlstrand
04-01-1990
31 Years
Albert A. Myers III
03-23-2000
21 Years
Suchet L. Loois
02-22-2007
14 Years
Sandra Cowan
Etheredge
03-01-2007
14 Years
Tonya Bloodworth
03-22-2007
14 Years
Wayne Robinson
03-29-2007
14 Years
Sam Crowe
03-26-2009
12 Years
Thua G. Barlay
01-14-2010
11 Years
Dorothy Bala
02-10-2011
10 Years
Wendy A. Bear
01-12-2012
9 Years
Michael Macchione
01-10-2013
8 Years
Kenneth Gaylord
02-14-2013
8 Years
Aubrey Hedrick
03-07-2013
8 Years
Ernel E Forrester
02-18-2016
5 Years

Bloodworth	Tonya	Active	Director Family Engagement	tbloodworth@rockdale.k12.ga.us	PHF,4106	4107	Thomas Fellow Jr.
Bowen	Jimi	Honorary		bowenstv@bellsouth.net	PHF,PP,ROTY 2006	4108	GRSP Ronnie Waller Fellow
Bowen	Mark	Active-R85	Cemetary	mcbacb6254@gmail.com	PHF,4106,4107	4106	GRSP Will Watt Fellow
Boyle	Stephen	Active-R85	Surgeon - Retired	sboylemd@gmail.com	PHF,PP,PRY 22,4106	MSA	Meritorious Service Award
Brown	Andrew	Honorary	Investment Advisor	andy@brownwm.com	PHF,PP	PDG	Past District Gov / District Served:
Cabe	James	Active		james.cabe@rockdalecountyga.gov		PP	Past President
Consolo	Joseph	Active	Financial Advisor	joseph.consolo@edwardjones.com		PDRI	Past RI Director
Cowan	Edward	Active-R85	Hardware-Retailing	elcowan8535@comcast.net	PHF,PP,PHFn,4106,4107	PHFn	Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) +
Crowe	Sam	Active	Attorney - Trial	sam@crowelaw.org	PHF,4106	PAS	Perfect Attendance Since:
Cuthpert	Clarence	Active	Attorney - General Practice	cuthpertandassociates@gmail.com		PHF	PHF - Paul Harris Fellow
Digby	Daniel	Active	Military - Reserve	daniel@digbylegal.com	PHF,PP,PHFn,4106	PHFS	PHS- Paul Harris Society
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Grace	Lewis	Honorary	Financial Advisor	lewisjgrace@gmail.com	PHF,PP 2015-16,ROTY 2012		
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Hutcheson	Michael	Active	Non-Profit Children & Families	director@rockdalecoalition.org			
Jones	Martin	Active-R85	Economic Development	Marty@conyers-rockdale.com	PHF,4106,4107		
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Lools	Suchet	Active-R85	Sustainable Dev.	pes1223@att.net	PHF,ROTY 2009, 2015,4106, B, RFDSA		
Lucas	Tony	Active	Municipal Director	tony.lucas@conyersga.com	PHF,4107		
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Mathews	Wilson	Active-R85	Insurance Medical	wilmat405@att.net	PHF,PP 2012-13		
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Myers	Al	Active-R85	Pastor-Presbyterian	aamii@att.net	PHF,PP,PAS 1993,GRSP 5,4106,4107,4108		
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			IT-Information				

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Tisa Smart-Washington
01-26-2017
4 Years
Shane Persaud
03-02-2017
4 Years
Dan Morgan
04-06-2017
4 Years
Lewis J. Grace
03-01-2018
3 Years
Bernard Stanford
04-19-2018
3 Years
Bryan Hilburn
01-08-2019
2 Years
Bennett E McCumber
04-04-2019
2 Years
Laura Sistrunk
04-11-2019
2 Years

Club Leaders



Scott G. Slaughter
President



Moses G. Kabia
President-Elect



Sandra Cowan
Etheredge Secretary



Bernard Stanford
Treasurer



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Membership Chair



Ermel E. Forrester
Membership Retention Chair



Dave Benson
Family of Rotary



Daniel S. Digby
Laws of Life Contest Chair



AL A. Myers Jr.
GRSP Chair



Albert A. Myers III
Rotary Foundation Chair



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Slaughter	Scott	Active	Accounting - Tax	scott@jajohnson.com	PHF, 4106
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Smith	Ron	Honorary		ronaldsmith937@comcast.net	PHF, ROTY 2005, 4106, 4107
Stanford	Bernard	Active	Banking - Commercial	bernard_stanford@ucbi.com	


District Assembly--May 15

By Michael L. Berg on Thursday, April 29, 2021

The annual District Assembly will be virtual this year. The general session will take place on Saturday, May 15th from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. All other presentations will be taped for viewing after May 15th. This process will allow Rotarians to view presentations on their own time schedule.

DACdb will be the registration point for the Saturday event. There will be no charge for registration. All other presentations can be viewed on the District 6910 website shortly thereafter. There will be something for everyone interested in many different aspects of District 6910 Rotary. Further learning opportunities can be found by viewing the Rotary Learning Center on the RI website or our own Rotary District 6910 website.

To register now for District Assembly, click the image below.



TOGETHER, WE **LEARN**

Rotary **PEOPLE IN ACTION**

A Virtual Event
District Assembly
 On Zoom May 15

Rotary
 District 6910

Main General Session
 May 15
 9:00 am - 11:00 am
 Zoom

Join PDG Mike Berg and his leadership team as they plot out a course for the new Rotary year.

To Register for the May 15 event & get the Zoom Link visit DACdb.com

After the General Session, all other training presentations will be recorded for viewing after May 15. This process will allow Rotarians to view presentations on their own time schedule.

WHAT IS IT?

TRAINING & EDUCATION for ALL Rotarians who want to learn and hear new ideas, especially Club leaders, board members and committee chairs who are looking to strengthen their skill set and Rotary knowledge.

INFORMATION about retaining and growing membership, improving your club's public image, developing impactful service projects, doing more good through The Rotary Foundation, using DACdb to better manage your club, and more!

REGISTRATION FEE: None

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Infinite Possibilities

Click the logo above if you would like to go back and revisit any of the "Infinite Possibilities" webinars presented during the past year from Zone 33-34, including Series 1: Women In Rotary and Series 2: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion.

May 2021











Lights, Camera, Action!

By DG Tina D. Fischlin on Saturday, May 1, 2021

WOW♦ that is the first word that stands out in my mind when I think about last weekend♦s virtual District Conference.

There are no other ways to express this awesome event. If I tried to list all of thank yous that need to be listed, I would miss someone. However, I must give a HUGE thank you to Dianne Cammarata and our entire District conference team. Phil Ciccone and the technology team brought an event that was as close to being in person as possible.

We celebrated our clubs and our members. Congratulations to Doug Bolton, Rotarian of the Year; Pete

	Conference Chair
	District Events Coord
	Wayne Robinson
	Sergeant-at-Arms
	Vince G. Evans
	Club Fundraising Chair
	Michael Hutcheson
	Community Service Chair
	Martin Jones
	Club Service Chair
	Shelli Siebert
	Club Programs Chair
	Suchet L. Loois
	International Service Chair
	Michael Macchione
	Vocational Service Chair
	Bryan Hilburn
	Youth Services Chair
	Thua G. Barlay
	iPast President
	Kim Glaze
	Club Executive Secretary

McDonald, Assistant Governor of the Year; and Dianne Cammarata, who received Rotary's highest award, Service Above Self. These are just a few of the highlights from conference. Read all about the wonderful awards in the Awards & Honors article.



Jennifer Hendrickson and Mark Willis, both from the Rotary Club of Gwinnett County, performed superbly as this year's district conference emcees.

Check out their most recent video here: [Video Link](#).

Lastly, there are four reminders for our clubs:

1. Register for District Assembly♦ it is FREE, but you must register in DACdb.
2. Please update your 2020-2021 Officers and Directors in DACdb. The District Directory is being prepared and we want your most current information in this Directory. Please contact your assistant Governor if you are not sure how to update your information.
3. Sign up for RYLA.
4. District grant final reports are due May 10.

Have a great month!

DG Tina



DG Tina prepares to present the "Service Above Self Award."

May is here! We have a lot going on in the District, and Clubs are busy with their fundraisers and finishing up their service projects. Everyone is making the push to finish out this Rotary year strong and train the new leaders to do more than we did this year.

Rotary's theme for May is Youth Service Month, Rotary's annual celebration of all the ways in which we support young people to fully explore and develop who they are and what they have to offer this world. Young people are our future and the future of Rotary. Rotary International President Holger says, ♦ Rotary youth exchange♦ one of the many programs for youths and young adults that we celebrate this month♦ was my path into true engagement in Rotary. My wife, Susanne, and I began hosting exchange students soon after I joined, and the experience helped me go from simply being a member of my Rotary club to being a true Rotarian. Now Rotary Youth Exchange is a family tradition, and a strong one: Over the past 24 years, we have hosted 43 students! ♦

Our District♦s Interact and EarlyAct clubs have been active this year, even in the middle of a pandemic.



Phil Ciccone, a member of the the Rotary Club of Towne Lake and the genius director behind all the video and editing for district conference, tries to figure out if this camera is working!?!

Fun In the Sun District Conference Award Winners and Honors

By Paige W Havens on Friday, April 30, 2021



The Rotary International "Service Above Self Award" was presented to Dianne Cammarata!

Rotary Club of Covington

[Video link](#)

Assistant Governor of the Year

Pete McDonald
Rotary Club of Rome

[Video Link](#)

Rotary Citation for Meritorious Service

John Salter
Rotary Club of Johns Creek

[Video link](#)

The Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award

Paul Matthews

A crowd favorite of our annual District Conference is the unveiling of the year♦s award-winning clubs and individual award winners that were standouts for their work across the District and beyond. This year was no exception. In case you missed it, here♦s a quick recap of our 2020-2021 distinguished award winners, along with their spotlight videos. Congratulations to everyone for your time, commitment, and dedication to Rotary!



Recognizing This Year♦s Award Winners

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Rotarian of the Year

Doug Bolton

Rotary Club of the Classic City of Athens

[Video link](#)

Rotary International Service Above Self Award

Dianne Cammarata
Rotary Club of Hall County

[Video link](#)

Lee Arrendale Vocational Excellence Award

Dr. Patricia Kenney
Rotary Club of Union County

[Video link](#)

Stubbs Guardian of Ethics Award

Martha Martin
Rotary Club of Braselton

[Video link](#)

Rotary Foundation District Service Awards

Al Hombroek Rotary Club of Lawrenceville	Brad Hubbard Rotary Club of Columbia County
Shannon Osborne Rotary Club of Green & Putnam Counties	Rich Panyik Rotary Club of Greene & Putnam Counties
Chuck Pugh Rotary Club of Lanier-Forsyth	

[Video link](#)

RL Panyick Leadership Awards

Lu Frier Byrd Rotary Club of Greene & Putnam Counties	Phil Ciccone Rotary Club of Towne Lake
Mike Everett Rotary Club of Hartwell	Amanda Groover Rotary Club of South Hall
Max Caylor Rotary Club of Jasper	

[Video link](#)

Clubs of the Year

Small	Rotary Club of Towne Lake
Medium	Rotary Club of Greene & Putnam Counties
Large	Rotary Club of Canton
Extra-Large	Rotary Club of Gainesville

[Video link](#)

Club Citation Awards

Level	Club Name	President
Bronze	South Forsyth County	Bart Dorough
Bronze	White County	Jordan Dawson
Bronze	Martinez-Evans	Gregory Baker
Bronze	Athens	Carl Ashton Blount IV
Silver	Dahlonega Sunrise	William Jones
Gold	Classic City of Athens	Jay Milner
Gold	Habersham County	Philip Smith
Gold	Dawson County	Sharon Hall
Gold	Canton	Shane Moore
	Club of the Year / Large Category	
Gold	Hall County	Dianne Cammarata/Lona Pope/Sonja McLendon/AI Trembly
Gold	Hartwell	Mike Everettt
Gold	Rockdale County	Cindy Rehorn
Gold	Conyers	Scott Slaughter
Gold	Johns Creek	E. Allen Bowns
Gold	Winder	Ben McDaniel
Gold	Covington	Thomas Kephart
Gold	Braselton	Hardy Johnson
Gold	Jasper	Max Caylor
Gold	Loganville	Marty Thrasher
	Greene & Putnam Counties	
Gold	Club of the Year / Medium Category	Lu Frier Byrd
Gold	Banks County	Vicki Boling
Gold	Union County	Ed Sternberg
Gold	South Hall County	Amanda Groover
Gold	Towne Lake	Phil Ciccone
	Club of the Year / Small Category	
Gold	Oconee County	Mac "Dutch" Guest
Gold	Gwinnett County	Terry Swaim
Gold	Lanier - Forsyth	Janice Davis
	Gainesville	
Gold	Club of the Year / Extra Large	Bill Hall

Memorial to Our Fellow Rotarians

By Paige W Havens on Friday, April 30, 2021

Each and every member of our Rotary family is cherished, and when our fellow Rotarians pass on, we all grieve. We want to give everyone in the District the opportunity to share in the Memorial Service held at District Conference to honor and remember those we lost this year and celebrate the life of service they lead.

[Watch the Video Here.](#)



PDG Alan Smith led a wonderful prayer and tribute to all D6910 Rotarians that we lost over the course of the last year.

District Conference Replays

Friday, April 30, 2021

CLICK HERE

Did you miss a portion of this year's Fun in the Sun District Conference? Or, do you just want to see something again? Some of those award presentations were awesome, weren't they?

Well, no problem! You can still go back and watch the portions or segments that you either missed or want to see again. Simply click the "click here" icon to the left and it will take you to a YouTube page featuring all the different segments. From the "It's 5 O'Clock Somewhere" segment to the "Beach Bash," you can relive it all over again.

And the most popular video of all is the bloopers segment (click on the image below and it will take you right to the bloopers) and is as funny as can be. If you haven't seen it, you will enjoy it.

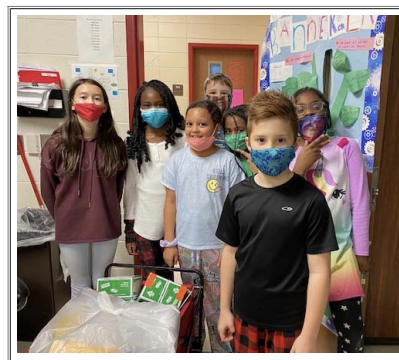


May is Youth Services Month

By Sallie Boyles on Thursday, April 29, 2021

In the Rotary world, May is Youth Services Month, during which time members of Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact clubs ♦celebrate the opportunities Rotary provides to connect, grow through service, develop leadership skills, mentor or be mentored, and have fun, ♦ according to Rotary International.

Although activities were limited over the past academic year, District 6910 has added new EarlyAct, Rotaract, and Interact clubs. Also, between 15 to 20 Rotaract and Interact clubs have continued to make an impact by participating in one, two, or three, district-wide challenges: the Fall Food Drive in November, Letters Against Isolation (a letter-writing campaign to seniors) in January through March, and Earth Day Challenge (trash collection and recycling) in March and April.



As District 6910 ♦s Youth Services Chair, Jeremy Echuck says, ♦The challenges, or friendly competitions, build camaraderie and encourage involvement while students make a difference in their communities. ♦ The initiatives, Jeremy explains, further help newer clubs jumpstart participation as well as spark ideas about what they might endeavor.



The Earth Day Challenge (a teacher sponsor in Woodstock thought of this one) inspired participating clubs to collect a total of 459 bags of trash. The Baker Place Early Act Club (in Augusta) took the lead by producing a whopping 329 bags. Besides earning gift cards for their club, they made the local news!

[Click here to watch the special WFXG Fox 54 News story](#) featuring the Baker Place Early Act Club.

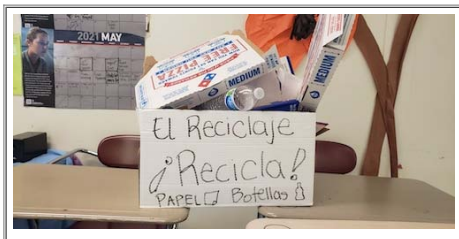
District 6910 is also charging ahead with RYLA, or Rotary Youth Leadership Award. The 2021 Rotary Youth Leadership Camp will take place from June 3-6 at the Tallulah Falls School in Tallulah Falls, Georgia. In addition to experiencing whitewater rafting, hiking, swimming, and a ropes course, rising high-school sophomores, juniors, and seniors will hear from great speakers and certainly establish lasting friendships. (The deadline for student applications was April 30.) Information about the camp can be found online at www.ryla6910.com

Another program available to Interact clubs is our scholarship program. Last year, District 6910 awarded three scholarships for \$2,000 and three for \$1,000. The application (the 2021 deadline was May 1) poses aspirational questions. Accordingly, Jeremy says, ♦data-driven♦ criteria like academic ability (SATs, GPAs, etc.) and financial

need are not the focus. Instead, students are chosen based upon their answers to character and goal-oriented questions: *What has Interact meant to you? How do you perceive Rotary? Why is college important? Where do you see yourself in five, ten years?*

Additionally, Jeremy says, ♦We♦ will ask how impactful Interact has been and what was their favorite service project. The kids will blow you away, not only with their determination and drive, but with how much thought they put into their future and where they want to be in life. Some kids have talked about how Interact has changed their life and developed them into people who want to put service about self. ♦

The scholarship recipients will be selected and notified by May 15. They are encouraged to reach out to their sponsoring Rotary club to celebrate this selection.



District Grant Reminders

By Clarence (Pete) McDonald Jr. on Friday, April 23, 2021



Here's just a quick reminder that the deadline for District Grant applications for 2021-2022--DG Mike Berg's year--is May 31, 2021. Also, DG Mike has asked the clubs to consider an environmental grant project.

The Final Reports for 20-21 District Grants are due May 10, 2021.

C.A.R.T. Update

By Gene H. Windham on Monday, April 19, 2021



The total amount of C.A.R.T. funds raised in this Rotary year, through April 15, has now reached **\$41,880.54**. This represents a big jump from the February 15 report of \$13,997.04. Many thanks to the clubs that got their donations submitted ahead of the April 15 deadline (for citation points)! Top clubs year-to-date are as follows:

Gainesville	\$3,260
The Classic City of Athens	\$2,652
Johns Creek	\$2,582
Gwinnett County	\$2,550
Lanier-Forsyth	\$2,102
Athens	\$2,000
Dawson County	\$1,944
Canton	\$1,355
Covington	\$1,275
Dahlonega Sunrise	\$1,250
Gilmer County	\$1,200

THE GOLDEN BUCKET AWARDS

Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Gainesville for winning the Golden Bucket Award for most giving and the Rotary Club of Johns Creek for the highest per capita contributions. This was the second year in a row that Johns Creek has achieved this honor and as a result will get to keep their Golden Bucket permanently. Johns Creek has the two highest per capita giving levels ever in District 6910.

Keep in mind that we are still accepting your contributions, as the Rotary year continues through the end of June. So, we still have a great opportunity to do even better. For more information on C.A.R.T. and on how to submit your club's funds, click on the read more link below.

District 6910 CART Newsletter

I hope this newsletter finds you all safe from COVID-19 and doing well!

What is CART?

CART is Change for Alzheimer's Research Trust, an organization founded by Rotarians and operated by Rotarians. One-hundred percent (100%) of donated funds go to cutting-edge research to find a cure for Alzheimer's disease.

Club Presidents and Treasurers: Make your Club Contributions by going to the following link, [Login Form \(mycartfund.org\)](https://mycartfund.org) and using your DACdb credentials to log in. Once you are logged in, click on ♦Make a Contribution♦ on the left-hand side of the page. If you have a problem, call Gene Windham at 706-781-8176.

Individuals who would like to make a CART Contribution and get tax or personal credit: Go to [Login Form \(mycartfund.org\)](https://mycartfund.org), use your DACdb credentials, and click on ♦Make a Contribution♦ on the left-hand side of the page. You'll get credit, and so will your Club.

An Alzheimer's Disease Quick Fact:

Alzheimer's Disease is the 6th leading cause of death in the US.

Thanks to the Rotarians of District 6910!

District 6910 Rotarians have contributed \$41,880.54 to CART so far this year (2020-2021)! THANK YOU! This is how we find a cure!

Would you like to hear the CART story? Either another CART advocate or I would be honored to present a CART Program to your club.

As Rotarians, working together, we can change lives by beating Alzheimer's Disease.

Remember!

We did great in 2018-2019 and better in 2019-2020. Now, let's do better in 2020-2021???

Service Above Self

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Gene Windham

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April 2021

District 6910 CART Newsletter

Laws of Life Final Winners Announced

Monday, April 26, 2021

Congratulations!
2020-2021 GEORGIA LAWS OF LIFE ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

State Winner
CORBINAUSTIN
Bainbridge High School

1st Runner-Up ERIYEL FISHER Lovejoy High School	2nd Runner-Up IAN KLIGORA Rome High School
3rd Runner-Up ADRIAN WHITLOCK Heritage High School	4th Runner-Up LILY GRINER Colquitt County High School
5th Runner-Up CHRISTOPHER O'NEAL Thomasville High School	George A. Stewart Jr. Character in Action Award JAMEA HARRIS ME Stilwell School of the Arts

Congratulations to ALL students who wrote a Laws of Life Essay.

**CONGRATULATIONS
STATE WINNERS
GEORGIA ROTARY CLUBS
LAWS OF LIFE ESSAY CONTEST**

Our Rotary Club volunteer judges had the honor of choosing these stellar statewide winners from the nearly 1200 essays submitted from 48 high schools across our state.

"That was incredibly difficult. Any one of these essays could have been ranked first. I feel guilty ranking any of them last. These are moving, inspiring, and most of all, hope producing."
-LS, Rotarian Judge

Click on the [link to the Laws of Life Essay Contest Facebook page](#) if you would like to watch videos of some of the winners reading their essays or to read the official [press release](#) from the Georgia Laws of Life!

10Million Meal Challenge Update

By Randy Redner on Thursday, April 29, 2021

Here is the update on Feed10Million as of April 29♦

Feed 10 Million Challenge

- That is 1,312 TONS OF FOOD ♦ WOW!!
- To date, District 6910 has provided 45% of the meals for the Feed10Million initiative across Rotary Zones 33 and 34--2,000 Rotary Clubs!!
- DG Tina say, "Can we get to 3 million meals? What the heck--let's give it a try!

For the Rotary Club of Clayton, three years of hard work, planning, and effort, culminated in the celebration of a ribbon-cutting ceremony on April 14 at the new Community Dental Clinic for adults. District Governor Tina Fischlin was on hand to witness and participate in the event. In addition to DG Tina, Rabun County Commissioner, Greg James, and Clayton Rotarian Tim Ranney offered remarks as part of the program agenda. This project represents a significant achievement and a great example of Rotarians, People of Action, thinking outside the box to solve problems and effect

change in the world. Click the *read more* link below to learn about this tremendous initiative.

"Over three years ago, the Rotary Club of Clayton decided to find a signature project that could have a major impact on Rabun County," said Tim Ranney, a Clayton Rotarian. "Healthcare all over the country and particularly in rural areas has been a challenge in terms of cost and access to quality care." According to Ranney, there is a serious need for dental care among adults in the community. "Oral diseases are highly prevalent in Rabun County and pose a significant public health problem affecting most adults," Ranney said. "Tooth decay is chronic, progressive, and results in pain and missed work if not promptly or adequately treated. When evaluating the barriers to access to oral health care, patients identify the cost as the number one reason."

"As a civic organization, Rotary members take pride in being people of action," said Rotary President Wayne Knuckles. "Through a lot of hard work by many people, this clinic will fill an important need in our community."

The Community Dental Clinic, a collaborative effort which includes volunteers, the Rabun County Health Department, the Rabun County Commissioners and the Clayton Rotary Club, will initially be open one day a month for extractions only. According to Ranney the goal is to eventually expand the services provided. Seventeen dentists who live or have second homes or roots in Rabun County have volunteered to provide time and expertise. Rotarians and non-Rotarians volunteer their time to be dental assistants, patient screeners and provide administrative support.

On the first day, the volunteers accommodated five patients, and they already have eight more appointments set up for their next day of operations on May 12.

For more information and a project outline/business plan describing the Community Dental Clinic, [click here](#).



Rotary 6910 District Governor, Tina Fischlin, addresses the assembly of volunteers and community members in attendance at the Dental Clinic ribbon-cutting.



Rabun County Commission Chair Greg James, speaks to the crowd at the ribbon cutting.

Rotary donates 12,000 Masks to Hall County Schools Transportation

By Amanda R Groover on Saturday, April 3, 2021



South Hall Rotary recently had the opportunity to donate 12,000 masks to help bus drivers across the county have the necessary supplies to get them through the remainder of the school year. The South Hall Rotary club was recently the recipient of donated masks from a Rotary District 6910 program. Local Rotary clubs were able to apply for the donated mask to be donated to a local not for profit organization. The mask would then be provided to the club for no cost.

Members of the club brainstormed for organizations in the community that had a great need for masks but had not received huge community support from previous donations. The club discussed ways to help the school system and considered the needs on school buses.

South Hall Rotary Past-President Rena Pendley had a contact at the Hall County Schools Transportation Division. She reached out to inquire if we could set up a time to stop by and donate our original 8,000 masks.

During the visit, Pendley, Membership Chair Jeff Williams, and Club President Amanda Groover spoke with Clay Hobbs about the volume of masks used by the Hall County Bus system this school year. Hobbs stated that the 8,000 thousand masks would last the bus drivers about three weeks across the county.

♦After we found out how many masks the bus drivers were distributing around the community, District Governor Tina Fischlin provided an additional 4,000 masks for us to donate ♦ stated Groover. "We hope that the 12,000 masks will allow for the school system to have an ample supply through the remainder of the 2021 school year."



Photos From Around the District - April





Three in One: Tree Planting Party!

How do you join 1) Community Service, 2) the Environment, and 3) Family of Rotary? The Rotary Club of Canton found a way: A Tree Planting Party! This was a super fun and clever way to work on Rotary's Seventh Area of Focus, the Environment, while making it an enjoyable Family of Rotary wellness activity (social and physical) that provided much needed Community Service to Next Step Ministries in Woodstock.

For more great District 6910 photos and memories made during the month of April, click the link below.

Banks County Rotary



On Saturday, April 17, the Banks County Rotary Club was out doing good, picking up trash along Yonah Homer Road in Homer, GA. Their efforts resulted in 25 large bags of trash, filling an entire dumpster. Thank you to all of our volunteers who worked very hard (see photo left to right), including Joey & Daniella Clawson, Doug Cheek, Todd & Holly Koochel, Cliff Hill, David Dueller, Alicia Andrews, and Rick Billingslea. Not pictured are Petina Cheek and Mark Valentine. Thanks also to Judy McClure and Papa John's for providing pizza for the crew afterwards!



Banks County Rotarians (r to l) Rick Billingslea, Vicki Boling, Becky Carlan and Mark Valentine were out cooking up free hot dogs at a special event called "Hay Day," which was hosted by Ag Parts Supply in Homer, GA.



A total of \$134 was donated by hot dog loving customers to help Banks County Rotary's Food-2-Kids Program.



Members of both the Banks County and Madison County Rotary clubs partnered to build a handicap ramp in March.



A fun group of Banks County Rotarians and their guests got together in the home of President-Elect Michael Housworth for a District Conference watch party for the Saturday evening festivities. Before the evening was over the members posed behind their award winning beach mat. Pictured (r to l) are Rotarians Lynn Eaton, Michael Housworth, Vicki Boling, Tricia Massey, Jerry Boling, Becky Carlan, Rick Billingslea (ADG), and Mark Valentine.

Rotary Club of Canton



Canton and Cherokee Rotarians shown volunteering and working hard to plant trees!



Canton Rotarian Peter Gleichman poses with the newly planted trees.



Click on this [video link](#) to see how fun this tree planting party was!



Lori Baker, Canton Rotarian and Executive Director of Next Step Ministries, as well as Francisco Lozano, Family of Rotary and Public Image Chair, organized the party. A group of generous volunteers joined us as we planted a border of Leyland cypresses at the front yard of Next Step Ministries on Saturday, April 3. A big shout-out to Canton Rotarians Norman Bushee, Peter Gleichman, as well as Cherokee County Rotarians Carol Gage-Friedman and George Lopos for their invaluable help and support. Next Step Ministries does extraordinary work in our community by providing a variety of therapeutic day programs to meet the needs of the moderately to profoundly developmentally delayed adult population. Next Step Ministries serves families in Cherokee, Cobb and Fulton counties. It provides safe, appropriate and interactive day programs for individuals with unique needs in a Christian environment. Its mission is to improve the quality of life, not only for these individuals, but for their families and others who assist in their care.



That is a really BIG truck full of food!



Can you tell that Cherokee County Rotary Club Past President George Lopos is smiling behind that mask?



Jasper Rotary Club President Max Caylor loads up his pickup truck to deliver boxes of food to a local distribution point in Pickens County.



Towne Lake Rotary Club President Nominee Debby Ciccone displaying a \$5 bill given simply by a passer-by who didn't even receive a free food box but was so grateful for our effort and wanted to show her gratitude and to help defray the cost in a small way.



From Farmers to Families: Another Food Distribution on April 17!
The Rotary Club of Canton led this project and invited other clubs in Area 16 (Cherokee County, Jasper, Towne Lake, and Woodstock).

[Click this link](#) for a complete story describing the event, and this [video link](#) to see the project in action!

We are excited and looking forward to our **next food distribution on Saturday, May 22!**

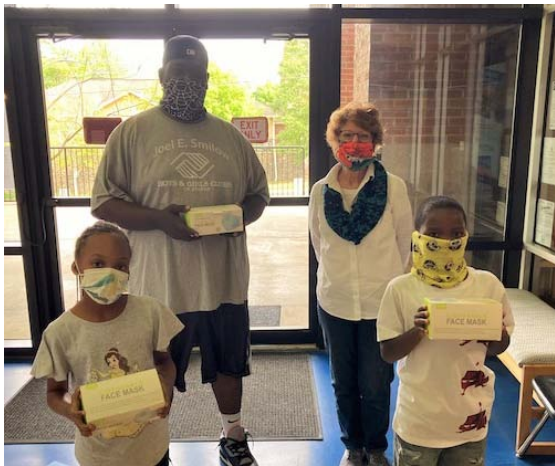
Carpet City Rotary Club





Carpet City Rotary celebrated Earth Day by distributing 1100 boxes of food to families in Whitfield and Walker Counties. The club partnered with the Whitfield County and Dalton Public School Systems and a church in Walker County to distribute the food boxes from the USDA Farmers to Family Program. Our 13 member club continues to punch above its weight class.

Classic City of Athens Rotary Club



The Classic City Rotary Club donated 300 face masks to The Boys and Girls Club of Athens. The masks will be distributed to children participating in their after-school program and the upcoming summer day camps. Classic City Rotarian, Marilyn Appleby, made the delivery on behalf of the Club.



The Classic City Rotary Club donated \$500 to the United Way of Northeast Georgia for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Literacy is one of Rotary's area of focus and one that the Classic City Rotary Club is proud to support. (Club President-Elect, Michelle Roberts, presented the check to Mark Madison of the United Way).



Farm to Neighborhood seeks to provide fresh and prepackaged healthy and affordable mobile meals as a nutrition-based service for limited income adults, families, and seniors living in Athens-Clarke County. The Classic City Rotary Club is a proud financial supporter of Farm to Neighborhood and recently presented them with a donation of \$1,000. President-Elect, Michelle Roberts, presented the donation on behalf of the Club.



The Classic City Rotary Club presented 300 face masks to Live Forward, formally known as Aids Athens. Live Forward's mission is to build healthier communities through stable housing, improved health management, strong community outreach, and widespread prevention services. Pictured is Classic City Rotary's President Elect, Michelle Roberts and the Director of Live Forward, Cassandra Bray.



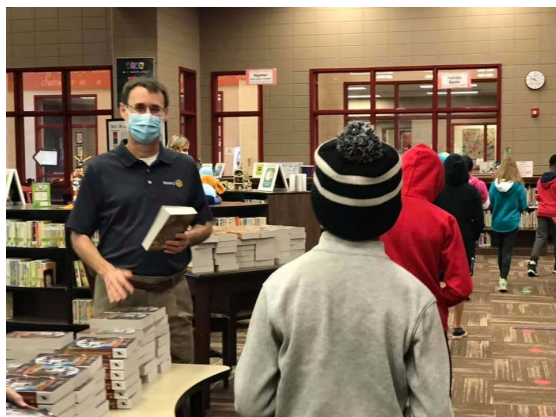
The Classic City Rotary Club is a proud supporter of JJ Harris Elementary School in Athens-Clarke County. Members recently joined together to stuff school supplies in back packs for children in need. Classic City Rotarians Gerry Taylor, Justin Floyd, Marilyn Appleby, Deborah Gonzalez and Ellen Bryson enjoyed showing their spirit of service.

Rotary Club of Martinez-Evans



Martinez-Evans Rotary's Early Act made the news for doing their part on Earth Day.
 {Note: read more about this event in separate article entitled, "May is Youth Services Month."}





The Martinez-Evans Rotary Club was excited to see the faces of these Baker Place Elementary School students when we delivered dozens of dictionaries for them.

Rotary Club of Towne Lake



Rotary Club of Towne Lake was awarded a \$2,500 matching District Grant. The club used the \$5,000 to support Ferst Readers ♦ Cherokee County. Through that grant, 139 children in Cherokee County (ages birth to 5) will receive a new book and related newsletter with activities each month. Did you know that 61% of low-income families do not have a single book in their home suitable for a child? Did you know that children who are not reading on grade level by the end of third grade are four times more likely to drop out of school? Did you know that the number of age appropriate books in the home can be a stronger predictor of literacy and academic success than family income? Do you know someone who can benefit from the program? Learn more at www.ferstreaders.org

Pictured above is Debbie Ross, Ferst Readers and Towne Lake President, Phil Ciccone.



In keeping with Rotary's April theme of Maternal & Child Health, the Towne Lake Rotary Club participated in a collection of feminine hygiene products to donate to the local food pantry, Never Alone.



President Phil Ciccone comes out from behind the camera to receive a surprise R.L. Panyik Award during the Fun in the Sun District Conference.



Submitted from Facebook: ♦What an honor and huge feat! Our club was awarded Club of the Year in the small club category. This Rotary Year has been full of fun, fundraising and service! A huge thanks to the leadership of President Phil Ciccone and his right hand lady and wife, @Debby Ciccone who handled a lot of the behind the scenes efforts. A huge thanks to the 2020-21 Board and Committee chairs and Club Members for their work in making this happen!♦

Pictured above Debby Ciccone, Towne Lake Rotary and Gerry Taylor, Athens Classic City.

Rotary Club of Union County



Molly Cousins, Executive Director of S.A.F.E., a shelter for victims of domestic abuse, receives a donation check from the Rotary Club of Union County President, Ed Sternberg.



Rotary Club of Union County Foundation Chair, Tom Day, presents Jimmy Nichols with a Paul Harris pin.

Washington Rotary Club



Washington Rotary Club President (right), Ed Pope and President-Elect, Amy Johnston, report for duty at the Washington Litter Rally.





Mayor and Rotarian, Bill deGolian joins President Ed in presenting awards to poster contest winners, promoting the anti-litter campaign.

Public Image Boot Camp

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

If you weren't able to attend on April 26, club Presidents and Public Image Chairs for the 2021-22 Rotary year are encouraged to watch the recording of the zone 33-34 Public Image Boot Camp 2021. It is one hour in length. Led by zone public image chair, Marshall Butler, the program offers a tremendous amount of information and tips on how to maximize your clubs presence and reputation. The session sets the stage for future zoom calls and webinars.

Coming up in May is the next webinar entitled, "Navigating the 2021-22 Zone 34 Public Image Citation." It will take place on May 24 at 6:00 p.m. You can register for the session at the following link: [Public Image Citation Webinar](#)



Click the image above to watch Public Image Boot Camp 2021.

May is Rotary History Month

By Paige W Havens on Friday, April 30, 2021

In honor of Rotary History Month here are five fun facts you might not know about Rotary.

#1 - Service Above Self was not Rotary's original motto. In 1911, at the 2nd Rotary convention in Portland, Oregon, the motto "He Profits Most Who Serves the Best" was adopted as the official Rotary motto. "Service Above Self" was adopted as the principal motto in 1950. [Learn more here.](#)

#2 - Rotary's polio eradication efforts began on September 29, 1979, when Rotarians, in partnership with the Philippine Ministry of Health, administered drops of the oral polio vaccine to children at a health center in Guadalupe Viejo, Makati, Philippines. That project's success led Rotary to make polio eradication a top priority. Rotary launched PolioPlus in 1985 and was a founding member of the Global Polio Eradication Initiatives in 1988. [Learn more here.](#)

#3 - Rotary was a major player during the 1918 flu pandemic. Just like during the COVID-19 pandemic, clubs were inspired to adapt and act. They adjusted how they met, following local guidelines of the time, and took action to help give local governments and health providers necessary services and support. [Learn more here](#)

#4 - On 23 February 1905, Paul Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram Shorey gathered at Loehr's office, Room 711 of the Unity Building in downtown Chicago, for what would later be known as the first Rotary club meeting. For the 1980 Rotary International Convention in Chicago, local Rotarians rented that same space and used period furnishings to recreate the scene. [Take a virtual tour here](#)

#5 - As Rotary's president emeritus, Paul Harris traveled extensively during the 1920s and 1930s. During these trips, the nature-loving Harris planted trees to symbolize goodwill and friendship. Ever since, Rotarians have planted trees in the name of fellowship, friendship, and community service. These trees, which can be found worldwide, have grown into enduring monuments of Rotary's ideals. [Learn more here.](#)

To read more stories about Rotary's History, [click here](#).

Preface Project Develops School Partnerships

By Jonathan Wu on Wednesday, April 28, 2021

Right here in District 6910, an innovative, national childhood literacy non-profit is helping to empower

communities and foster equality through education through peer-to-peer mentorship! Preface, a fast-growing Gwinnett-headquartered 501(c)(3) initiative, founded and led by Duluth Rotarian Jonathan "JT" Wu, is partnering with schools all across America (including Gwinnett County Public Schools!) to recruit and train local high school student "Ambassadors" in educational and reading best practices.



These Ambassadors, many of whom are multilingual and can instinctively relate to the young students they're serving, are then paired with young students in safe and secure virtual reading sessions during the school day to help supercharge individual learning and enhance quality instructional time for teachers and principals. With an instantaneous and high-impact service opportunity available at the click of a button, it's become a win-win situation for both the partner high schools and the partner elementary schools during the ups and downs of the pandemic. Young students in the program are showing accelerated literacy gains, even during the challenges of COVID-19, going from functionally illiterate to proficient, distinguished, or even testing out of their grade levels in as few as 10 weeks!

Swiftly pivoting from an in-person focus to an adaptable hybrid/virtual model with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Preface has grown from just one partnership within Gwinnett in 2019 to serving students in over 10 states across America. Wu notes that, thanks to generous community supporters and sponsors, Preface aims to continue providing their no-cost and high-impact mentorship models to as many schools as possible, completely free of charge. Preface's Georgia-grown literacy models have continued to be embraced by educational leaders in the Peach State, featured in the AJC, recognized as an Innovative Program by the GA Dept. of Education, and with Wu recently named to the Young Nonprofit Professionals Network of Atlanta's 30 Under 30 Class of 2020 on behalf of the Preface leadership team.

With early literacy abilities proven to disproportionately affect outcomes for young students later in life, and learning loss and equity advancement set to factor into the educational conversation for years to come, Wu, a Gwinnett native and a child of immigrants himself who graduated from Princeton University with a degree in public policy, is committed to helping ensure that students across America, and in District 6910, have access to the supports they need to thrive. On top of their no-cost and high-impact mentorship models, Preface has partnered with corporate supporters like Earth Baby to donate thousands of dollars in healthcare resources to partner schools across the country and provides each of its partner elementary schools (most recently, local Gwinnett school Hopkins Elementary School!) with a brand-new children's book library of 150-200+ children's books, tailored to the specific needs and demographics in each community.

Buoyed by the belief that local needs require local solutions, Wu noted that every partnership is tailored to fit the needs and teaching strategies of the local community, ensuring that Preface's work alongside teachers is always complementary and convenient for both teachers and students. Their recent guest-reader Community Champions Initiatives, beaming in on-demand sessions across the country by partnering with college-aged and young professional students like Pi Beta Phi, the Gwinnett Young Professionals, and others, have helped further expand educational supports to hardworking teachers during these challenging times. A proud Duluth Rotarian, Wu added that Rotary's core values of "Service Above Self" is at the heart of the Preface mission to ensure that every child has the educational opportunities and foundational supports to pursue their own American Dreams, similar to those he feels blessed to have had as a child growing up in Gwinnett County.

Interested educators and parents can reach out to Preface to learn more about bringing this completely free program to their own communities today by heading to www.PrefaceProject.org!

We Can Help Prevent the Death of 5.9 Million Children Annually

By DG Tina D. Fischlin on Thursday, April 1, 2021

MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH

One of the seven areas of focus for Rotary is *Maternal and Child Health*, and in April we celebrate the efforts of Rotarians and others worldwide, who work tirelessly to save women and children.

An estimated 5.9 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, inadequate healthcare, and poor sanitation--all preventable!

So how does Rotary help? The Rotary Foundation supports programs that provide education, immunizations, birth kits, and mobile health clinics. Women are taught how to prevent mother-to-infant HIV transmission, how to breast-feed, and how to protect themselves and their children from disease.

In our District, we support many Rotarian-initiated projects that support this area of focus. Alliance for Smiles <http://www.allianceforsmiles.org/> is a project near and dear to my heart. Be sure and read Sallie's article in this newsletter about all the lives that have been changed with your support.

Another amazing Rotarian initiated non-profit providing healthcare solutions for children is Gift of Life International. <https://www.giftoflifeinternational.org/> This amazing organization provides hope to children born with congenital heart disease, the number ONE birth defect worldwide. This picture of Sat Nu from Myanmar shows how this surgery saved her life.

These are just two of the wonderful programs your clubs can contribute to support maternal and child health.

District Conference registration is OPEN! Reserve your spot at the Fun in the Sun virtual District Conference. Simply [click on the link here!](#)



Are You Ready?

Thursday, April 1, 2021



By Laura Dent and Paige Havens

Our amazing virtual *Fun in the Sun* District Conference is just 3 weeks away, and we're excited to bring the beach to you! More than 200 of you have registered to date, and the names keep pouring in. If you haven't already, [register here!](#)

It's amazing what we can now do together virtually. Our two-day conference will be packed with Rotary fellowship, fun activities with in-person options, excellent speakers, and a Pack-A-Backpack Service Project--all online! Here are some key resources you'll need to soak up all of the *Fun in the Sun*:

- **Conference Webpage:** [Click here!](#)
- **Conference Agenda:** [Click here!](#)
- **Conference Keynote Speaker Bios:** [Click here!](#)



Jennifer Jones
Rotary International President 2022-2023



Reem Ghunaim
Executive Director, Rotary Action Group for Peace



Dale Bracken
Management Consultant



Jeff Henderson
Entrepreneur, Speaker, Pastor, Business Leader

- **Shopping List for 5:00 Somewhere Cocktail Party:** [Click here!](#)
 - Recipes will be sent to attendees via Whova
- **Beach Bash Low Country Boil Recipe:** [Click here!](#)
- **Wine Coupon for your Wine Tasting Order:** [Click here!](#)
- **How to Set Up & Customize Your WHOVA Conference Portal:** [Click here!](#)

Cost to attend is only \$25 for Rotarians and \$15 for guests. Each registrant will receive virtual registration gifts and a chance to win excellent door prizes. One lucky person will win a grand door prize--\$1,200 Gift Certificate for a 3-night stay at The Westin Jekyll Island. To incentivize us all to be actively engaged in each session, you must be present to win!

Conference attendees, watch your email closely for lots of great conference information coming to your inbox. We can't wait to celebrate this year's great accomplishments of our Clubs and District 6910 with you!

Alliance for Smiles

By Sallie Boyles on Thursday, April 1, 2021

The signature international project of the Rotary Club of Greene and Putnam Counties, Alliance for Smiles (AFS) is especially near and dear to District Governor Tina Fischlin. She became involved with the medical nonprofit in 2007 and joined the board in 2009.



Established in 2006 by six Rotarians from San Francisco, AFS conducts missions to correct cleft lip and palate anomalies in children (primarily) from underserved communities worldwide. As Tina says, "Even in parts of the US and Western Europe, we have a group of doctors with mobile clinics." To date, AFS has treated more than over 8,700 children.



Choosing destinations that can require more than a day of travel each way within any two-week operation (14 days are standard), Tina has assumed the role of mission director for 27 trips since her first undertaking to China in 2007. So far, she has organized and led groups of medical and nonmedical volunteers to 12 countries.

Having contributed \$2 million to support AFS missions initiated through District 6910, Rotary clubs in the District and around the world, Rotary International has approved the latest grant for Bangladesh scheduled to take place in early November.

Dedicated volunteers include (two each) plastic surgeons, anesthesiologists, operating-room nurses, and recovery nurses. Among the others are a pediatrician, physician's assistant, sterilizer, record keeper (AFS tracks every patient to follow up), and photographer (someone to document the mission). Since deafness can be a comorbidity of the cleft lip/palate, audiologists have also accompanied the team. Other support personnel, such as an interpreter, might be part of the volunteer group or hired locally.

♦All of our volunteers are amazing, ♦ Tina says. Several Rotarians from her club and around District 6910 have joined AFS missions, although individuals come from all over. Plastic surgeons from Pakistan, Italy, Australia, and Norway have served on her teams. Admiring their ability to conceptualize how a distorted child's mouth should look and their skill to correct it with surgery, Tina refers to the specialists as ♦true artists.♦

To build a cohesive, international team before all parties finally congregate at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta, or at another point in transit, they ♦all start with monthly and proceed to weekly Zoom calls for ♦icebreaker conversations. ♦ In getting to know one another, physicians discuss their practice methods. If they have different approaches to pain management, for instance, they ♦all work out discrepancies to establish a cohesive care plan.

Positive attitudes are essential. Each mission accommodates 80 to 90 patients (with children as young as ten-months old and adults as old as 63) during the two weeks. With time allotted for travel and patient screening, surgery might be packed into nine days that begin at dawn and end at dusk.

Keeping spirits high through long days is a minor challenge compared to myriad others: securing licenses to practice in the country; obtaining custom clearances; getting teams in and out safely; gathering the necessary medical supplies; spreading the word about upcoming clinics to remote communities ♦ the checklist is extensive. Tina is still amazed at times by the way certain factors fall into place.

For instance, to alert isolated villagers of an upcoming mission to Zimbabwe, AFS sent a mass text message to everyone in the country. ♦Seventy-five percent of our patients came to us because of that notification, ♦ says Tina. She later talked about the mission with a GRSP student from Zimbabwe whom she met while attending the conclave in Savannah. Tina was stunned when he said, ♦I still have that text message on my phone at home.♦

Humbled by her role, Tina describes herself as ♦just a voice to put the pieces of the puzzle together, to determine where to go next and how to address the need at hand.♦

♦What Tina has done as mission director is something only one in 100,000 could do, ♦ says Gwinnett County Rotarian Tom Upchurch, a retired plastic surgeon who has volunteered on a similar mission (unrelated to AFS) to Guatemala.

Tina's motivation is pure and simple: ♦seeing the face of a mother who's holding a baby with a repaired lip or palate or both, when they know there's a chance for their child to have a normal life. ♦ Mothers love their babies as they are, she explains, but societies don't. Some afflicted newborns, mainly girls, are discarded. Many infants don't thrive because they cannot nurse effectively. Those who survive are often shunned through life for their disfigurement and speech impediment.

Despite the sad cases, many uplifting stories stick in Tina's mind.

One little girl with a cleft lip wanted to be a teacher; however, her mother homeschooled the child to keep her from classmates who verbally and physically bullied her. After her daughter's surgery, the mother appeared to be suffering a seizure, yet she was crying uncontrollably from sheer joy.

Wearing an oversized hat to cover his face, a young man told Tina he just wanted a normal life with a respectable job and a family. Deemed a good candidate, he underwent surgery. On the next AFS mission, he was fitted with dentures. By then, the fellow informed Tina, he was employed as a carpenter. On the next mission, he shared the happy news of his impending marriage.

♦Over the years, we've evolved beyond a med team that takes over for two weeks and leaves, ♦ says Tina. ♦We now work closely with Rotary and hospital partners on the ground. ♦ Such relationships are important for many reasons. Locals, for example, are more effective in convincing third-world people to trust western doctors. Patients further benefit from ongoing care and follow-up treatments, such as fitting for dentures after healing from surgery or later doing surgery on a child who was too young at the initial assessment. Overall, Tina explains, ♦By aligning with likeminded people who do good, we build goodwill.♦

Tina welcomes individuals and clubs to contact her for information about how they can get involved. Besides volunteering, tax-deductible monetary donations are incredibly helpful.

<https://www.allianceforsmiles.org/>



'20-21 Laws of Life Winners Announced

Friday, April 2, 2021



In March the 2020-2021 Georgia Rotary Clubs *Laws of Life* Essay Contest School-Level Winners were announced. A total of 25,112 students from 48 schools shared their Law of Life essay in this year's contest, notwithstanding the challenges of distance learning and hybrid schedules. Over 100 Rotarian volunteers patiently navigated a new online judging platform and worked with staff to successfully read, score and judge the 1173 essays that were submitted for judging. [Click here](#) to see a list of all the winners. To read the official press release from the Laws of Life Executive Director, Carol Gray Walker, [click here!](#)

The state winners will be announced in early April.

Feed10Million Update

By Randy Redner on Saturday, April 3, 2021



***This is no April Fool's Joke - DISTRICT 6910 HAS NOW PROVIDED
1,837,742 MEALS
TO FAMILIES IN NEED!***

- 2,205,290 pounds of food
- 1,102 tons of food
- 74 tractor trailers of food
- Lined up that would be over 1 mile of tractor trailers
- Provided 517,516 meals in March ♦ That's an average of 16,000+ meals a DAY

Our revised goal of 2 million meals is within sight...but we are not done yet.

Here are the two things your club can be doing right now to support the Feed10Million campaign:

1. **Farmers to Families** ([see flyer attached](#)) ♦ This is a USDA program that in response to COVID provides food truck deliveries for free through local charitable organizations like Rotary. Doug Bolton out of the Covington Club is coordinating these deliveries across the District, so if you club is interested in receiving one of these truckloads of free food, contact Doug at dougbolton@yahoo.com.
2. **Log your meal projects** -- Remember, in Rotary it doesn't count until the paperwork is done, so click [HERE](#) to log your meals each time you complete a project.

'20-21 District Grant Projects

Saturday, April 3, 2021

Rotary clubs throughout District 6910 complete amazing projects every year with the help from District Grants. These projects are immensely impactful in helping communities and real people. Over the course of the next few months, in the District Newsletter we would like to feature some of these terrific projects so that Rotarians around the district can share ideas and see what is being accomplished. When you start to realize the scope and reach of these projects and multiply them across the district and around the world, it becomes exciting to see the dramatic impact of Rotary! It truly is astonishing and makes you proud to be a Rotarian.



This month we will feature four such projects, funded with the help of District Grants (click the see more link below):

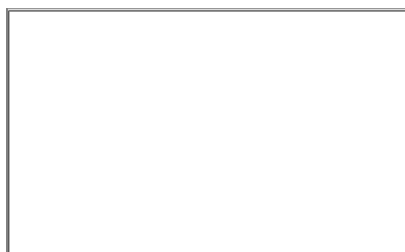
- Rotary Club of Forsyth County & Rotary Club of South Forsyth
- Lanier-Forsyth Rotary
- Rotary Club of Jefferson
- Banks County Rotary

District grants fund small-scale, short-term activities that address needs in our district's communities and communities abroad. For more information on District Grants, [click here](#) to visit the D6910 District Grant web page.

Forsyth Central High School BYOT Grant

The Rotary Club of Forsyth County and Rotary Club of South Forsyth Focus on Education

2020 has changed life for us all. Students, especially, have had to adapt on almost a daily basis to new ways of learning and new technology. Last spring, when schools were closed all across the state and in our county, students were sent home and had to be ready for total distance, online learning. Not every child had access to a computer. Forsyth Central High School Principal Mitch Young told us, ♦We scrambled to make sure all students had a device to access online learning. We found that sometimes our students only had one device per family, and sometimes that was a smart phone. This was not conducive to learning. ♦ Once The Rotary Club of Forsyth County and the Rotary Club of South Forsyth heard the call, they decided to pool their resources and help as many students as possible by applying for a District Foundation Grant to stretch their combined reach even further. The project allowed more students who could not afford a personal ♦Smart♦ technology device to checkout a Chromebook and have access to online learning at home. Now that our county has both virtual and in-person class, students can use these devices at school for classroom instruction, too. If there are future events requiring students to be at home for extended periods of time, more students will be able to have a personal device at home so they can participate easily in online learning. As most End of Course testing has changed to online, these extra Chromebooks are going to enable more students to easily take these tests at school.





With the aid of matching district grant monies, 52 Chromebooks outfitted per the school's requirements and two full-size charging stations were purchased and delivered to Forsyth Central High School. A 4-Way Test sticker placed on each Chromebook reminds students every day the values that Rotarians hold in highest esteem and hope the students will use in making future life decisions. The expected long-term community impact is huge, as the Chromebooks will be available for future students as well.



CEMPROC's "Conflict Transformation Across Borders" Program Grant

Lanier-Forsyth Rotary Supports the Expansion of Peace

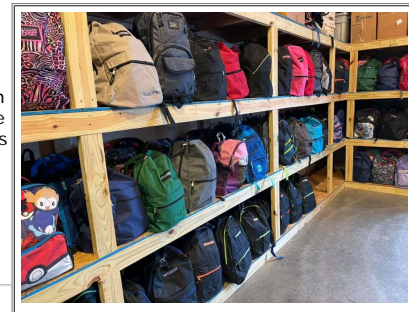
The Center for Mediation, Peace, and the Resolution of Conflict (CEMPROC) is a non-profit organization committed to peaceful resolutions to worldwide conflicts. Among other things, they coordinate the logistics for peace-building training programs around the globe. Rotary District 6910 and Lanier Forsyth Rotary are supporting CEMPROC's Summer Institute, Conflict Transformation Across Borders program through a Local District Designated Funds (DDF) Grant. While the initial intent was to fund scholarships to the 2020 program, COVID necessitated a change, and the funds will be used to fund projects proposed by the institute's students. With the Institute's focus on Central and South American countries currently in the midst of severe economic and political turmoil, proposal candidates include two aimed to replicate the training model of The Summer Institute in Haiti and Venezuela. With this grant, Rotary is fostering the expansion of peace to countries deeply in need of this support.



Bags of Love Program Grant

Rotary Club of Jefferson Partners with IServe Ministries

On January 12, 2021, the Jefferson Rotary Club was pleased to present a check to IServe Ministries in the amount of \$4,250.00. IServe Ministries is a Christian organization whose vision is to end generational poverty in the communities we serve through meeting needs and teaching life skills. Our District 6910 2020-2021 Governor, Tina Fischlin, was on hand to help in the check presentation. The donation is targeted to their Bags of Love Program, which provides nondescript backpacks containing an entire weekend of food for families in need. In our local community, between 50-60% of our school-age children live at an income level that does not allow them to have food for the weekends. The only meals they receive are provided at the school. This donation, along with the efficiencies of IServe Ministries, will allow these funds to provide meals for 250 families for 32 weekends per school year. That is over 17,000 meals. This local community project will dovetail in with the Rotary Zone 33-34 10 Million Meals Challenge.



Food-2-Kids Program Grant

Banks County Rotary & Interact joins forces with the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia and the Banks County Schools

The Banks County Rotary works in conjunction with the local Banks County School District, the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia, and our Banks County Middle School Interact Club to pack and deliver 100 sacks of nutritious kid-friendly food to 100 students in the school district to take home every weekend during the school year. The students are identified and recommended for the program by teachers, administrators, and counselors. The food comes from the Food Bank, the bags are packed weekly by the Interact students, and our Rotary Club oversees, assists, and funds the project. One particular challenge that arose during the pandemic year of 2020 was the limitation imposed upon the students to gather together at school to pack the bags. In the interim, volunteers at the food bank stepped

FOOD 2 KIDS

forward to help fill the void.

The total cost of the program for the entire year is \$27,500, and the Banks County Rotary is responsible for fulfilling this budget through fundraising events. One key element of that effort came in the form of a District 6910 Grant in the amount of \$4,000. The remainder is covered by a variety of activities and events, including random donations submitted from the community.

So far in the current Rotary year, 2,522 sacks have been sent home with Banks County students. This represents 17,654 meals. By year end, the program will reach at least 3,300 sacks and 23,100 meals, respectively.

Leadership Spotlight: Becky Carlan

By Paige W Havens on Thursday, April 1, 2021



Becky rocking her Rotary spirit on the crater of the world's largest dormant volcano at the Haleakala National Park in Hawaii.

Continuing our District Leadership series, we want you to get to know some of the terrific Rotarians that have stepped forward to help in the Rotary District 6910 efforts to serve all of its clubs. This month we shine our spotlight on district board member, Becky Carlan. A member and past president of the Banks County Rotary, she currently serves as the club's on-to conference chair. To find out why her job helps her to know every resident in the county, be sure to click read more.

Becky Carlan grew up in Commerce, Georgia. She graduated from Commerce High School, earned an associate degree from Gainesville College, and graduated from UGA with a BA in Consumer Economics and Housing. Becky and her husband Tim have been married 20 years and are proud parents to two feisty red heads, Ben (18) and Brooke (16). The Carlans live in Homer with their cat Oliver. In 2012 Becky, was elected Tax Commissioner of Banks County, and she began serving January 1, 2013. She just began her third term and will be quick to tell you just how much she loves serving the citizens of Banks County.

In early 2012 Sallie Hensley invited Becky to join the Banks County Rotary Club. Becky jumped in full force and has enjoyed how Rotary connects her to so many great people all over the state. She has now earned the coveted Past President pin and currently serves as the On-to Conference Chair at the District level, as well as on the District Board. Two of her favorite service opportunities to date have been her Club's Food 2 Kids project that provided meals to 100+ children that were food insecure and serving as Sargent at Arms at PETS. Becky says, "I love getting to know members of other clubs, whether they are a small, medium or large. We all have our

strengths and weaknesses, and when we come together and learn from each other, we improve our impact for all."

In her free time Becky loves to go thrifting and yard-sale hopping. Her favorite escape is aboard a cruise ship traveling to new places. She's actually been on 18 cruises to date and can't wait to get back on the high seas post-pandemic. Becky's playlists include country and 80s' music, and her teens keep her current on the latest hip hop. Helpful Hint: If you want to motivate her, bring donuts!



Becky Carlan speaks to the Banks County Rotary Club.

Towne Lake Celebrates Small Business Owners

By Debby Ciccone on Thursday, April 1, 2021



While the heart of Rotary for Towne Lake will always be *Service Above Self* and giving back to the community, no one can deny that it is all made possible because of the hearts of the members. And those members are comprised of many small business owners.

Vocational Service is rooted in the second object of Rotary, whereby, we encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and in particular, to encourage and foster, high ethical standards in business professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

Debby Ciccone, the District Vocational Service Chair and member of the Towne Lake Club, wanted to recognize all the small business owners in the club during the month of March. March 29 is recognized as National Mom & Pop Business Owners Day.

Small businesses are vital to our communities, as they provide opportunities for entrepreneurs and create meaningful jobs with greater satisfaction than positions with larger, traditional companies. They also foster local economies, keeping money closer to home, supporting neighborhoods and communities.

In the Towne Lake Club, many different local businesses are represented such as property management, real estate, finance, lending, IT, video production, shipping, insurance, investments, health care, and more!

To celebrate, members enjoyed a decadent cheesecake-filled white cake. This was a special treat, as dessert had not been on the menu in over a year due to menu changes related to COVID-related restaurant adjustments.

Not only did members enjoy cake, the club enjoyed Happy Dollars with members expressing their gratitude for the surprise dessert!



South Hall Rotary Establishes a Grant for GED Vouchers

By Amanda R Groover on Monday, March 1, 2021



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The grant was established after club members heard from Lanier Tech Interim President Tim McDonald about the Adult Education programs offered in our area. He was invited to the club to speak back in September during Rotary International's month focused on basic education and literacy in our community. He was able to talk about the programs successes and the challenges faced by participants.

♦I was really moved by how possible we make adult education classes in our community and how heartbreaking it is for someone to struggle to be able to come up with the full \$160 to pay for the tests♦ stated Club President Amanda Groover.

Many of the participants of the GED program are already struggling to make ends meet because they do not have a diploma. Participants commit to attending classes that are offered free of charge but there is still a necessary cost commitment in the \$40 per test for the four core subject areas.

Lanier Tech Program Director Shannon Cole spoke to the challenges of finding spaces to provide classes in many geographic areas where Lanier Tech serves our community. He mentioned that they specifically struggled to provide classes in the South Hall Community because of a lack of available meeting rooms. However, he said that the students who do participate are willing to put in the effort to pass these tests.

The South Hall Rotary Club realized that it would be very easy to help supplement the cost of GED vouchers for members of our community that are working hard to improve the quality of their lives and the lives around them. Through the \$1000 donation, 25 test vouchers can be provided for vetted students.

♦We don't want \$40 or \$80 or even \$120 prevent someone from making an additional \$10,000-\$20,000 a year when they get past this hurdle. Providing a grant for Lanier Tech to be able to provide vouchers is a really simple way we can help bridge that gap and hopefully help these students make a bigger investment in themselves and the community♦ state♦d Groover.

After a few months of working through the technicalities of making a program like this function, the club was excited to be able to dedicate funds this February to present to Lanier Tech in March. The club was also able to partner with the Braselton Rotary Club to double the funds and add students from Jackson County to the grant opportunity.

We shared the program with club president Hardy Johnson and he was all for helping us support this opportunity. I would love to see it grow through all the programs in Lanier Tech's service area♦ stated Groover. The club hopes to be able to celebrate the recipient's successes at their GED graduation ceremonies as well as here the difference the GED programs have made in their lives.

♦Sometimes of the smallest and simplest solutions can provide opportunities for huge impacts. It was because of COVID-19 that we had the opportunity as a club to slow down and find simple ways to contribute. We hope that this grant leads to an annual opportunity to support literacy and education in our communities.♦

For more information about the GED programs at Lanier Tech, please visit their [Adult Education Program](#).

Happy Birthday to the Rotary Club of Hartwell

By Mike Everett on Monday, March 15, 2021



Happy 84th birthday to the Rotary Club of Hartwell. The club was chartered March 19, 1937, and has a long history of serving the community and the world. Especially on their birthday, they are grateful for those Rotarians who have come before them and set such a great example of Service Above Self. They look to the future where opportunities to serve others are endless.

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