

This Week....Blake Watts, Executive Director of Operations - Piedmont Rockdale Hospital

Blake Watts is the executive director of operations for Piedmont Rockdale Hospital, and in February 2021, assumed the role of interim chief executive officer for the hospital. Blake joined Piedmont Rockdale (then Rockdale Medical Center) in April 2016, and has led numerous facility improvement and service line expansion projects.

Prior to joining Piedmont Rockdale, Blake served as Vice President of Physician and Professional Services at St. Mary's Health System in Athens, GA. Before joining St. Mary's, he was employed by Piedmont Heart Institute, and prior to Piedmont served as CEO of Barrow Regional Medical Center in Winder and COO for Walton Regional Medical Center in Monroe. He also served as an administrator and executive officer in the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps.

Blake has a master's degrees in administration and business administration from Georgia Southwestern University in Americus, GA, and his undergraduate degree from Mercer University in Macon. He is board certified in healthcare administration and a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives. Blake is married to Anne Marie and has a son, Duncan, and a daughter, Zoe.

Next Week...

April 8 Judge Clarence Cuthbert Rockdale County State Court Judge

Rotary Announcements

- The workday at Lighthouse Village has been rescheduled to Saturday, April 10, at 9 am We will need several strong backs to move mulch and pavers, trim trees and general grunt work. Please bring steel rakes and a wheelbarrow if possible. Please go ahead and put this date on your calander. Please click on the link below to sign-up if you plan to participate. <https://forms.gle/UJK6W2Uzvx2T5FU39>
- Rotary Golf Tournament - April 23, 2021 - Cherokee Golf Club
- DISTRICT CONFERENCE REGISTRATION:**
Registration will be open and available starting March 10 through DacDB!
COST: \$25.00 per Rotarian, \$15.00 for Guests/Rotaractors/Interactors
WHERE: <https://www.dacdb.com/index.cfm?EventID=77520155>
WHY: Each registrant will receive virtual registration gift(s) and a chance to win excellent door prizes. One lucky person will win a grand door prize valued at \$1200!

Upcoming Programs...

April 15 Frida Eriksson & Al Myers GRSP Program
April 22 No Meeting
April 23 Golf Tournament
April 29 Frank Fernandez President/CEO Community Foundation of Greater Atlanta
May 6 Roy Strickland Rotary Foundation
May 13 Shantee Henry & Dr. Jose Doss SANE Program
May 20 Bryan Hillburn Hills Academy Interact Program
May 27 No Meeting

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](https://www.rotaryclubofconyers.org)
[RockdaleEClubOfTheSouth.org](https://www.rotaryclubofthesouth.org)

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

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Birthdays

Shane Persaud
April 6th

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding
Anniversaries
Found

Years of Service

Edward L Cowan
02-01-1973
49 Years
Tommy O. Morgan
02-01-1981
41 Years
Albert A. Myers III
03-23-2000
22 Years
Suchet L. Loois
02-22-2007
15 Years
Sandra Cowan
Etheredge
03-01-2007
15 Years
Tonya Bloodworth
03-22-2007
15 Years
Sam Crowe
03-26-2009
13 Years
Thua G. Barlay
01-14-2010
12 Years
Dorothy Bala
02-10-2011
11 Years
Wendy A. Bear
01-12-2012
10 Years
Michael Macchione
01-10-2013
9 Years
Kenneth Gaylord
02-14-2013
9 Years
Aubrey Hedrick
03-07-2013
9 Years
Ernel E Forrester
02-18-2016
6 Years
Clarence Cuthbert
02-18-2016
6 Years
Moses G. Kabia
02-18-2016
6 Years
Tisa Smart-
Washington
01-26-2017
5 Years
Shane Persaud
03-02-2017
5 Years
Lewis J. Grace
03-01-2018
4 Years
Bryan Hilburn
01-08-2019
3 Years

Club Leaders

Scott G.
Slaughter



Instagram

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
Barksdale	Wales	Honorary		walesdale@bellsouth.net	PHF	CM	Charter Member
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) +
Bloodworth	Tonya	Active	Education-Director Family Engagement	tbloodworth@rockdale.k12.ga.us	PHF,4106	4107	GRSP Hue Thomas Fellow Jr.
Bowen	Jimi	Honorary		bowenstv@bellsouth.net	PHF,PP,ROTY 2006	4108	GRSP Ronnie Waller Fellow
Bowen	Mark	Active-R85	Cemetery	mcbac6254@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@rockdalecountytga.gov		PP	Past President
Consolo	Joseph	Active	Financial Advisor	joseph.consolo@edwardjones.com		PDRI	Past RI Director
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HOT NEWS: Fun in the Sun



Who is ready to have some **Fun in the Sun**? The [District 6910 Conference](#) isn't at Jekyll this year, so we are bringing the beach to you! Your conference committee has been working hard to plan a wonderful **Virtual District Conference** event to include Rotary fellowship, fun activities with in-person options, excellent speakers, and a Pack-A-Backpack Service Project.

In this newsletter, you will find valuable information about registration, our virtual conference platform [Whova](#), conference activities, our virtual House of Friendship, and Club Hospitality Suites. We hope you will plan to participate in all the activities offered throughout the two-day event. The entire event is designed to be a fun time to interact and network with other Rotarians within your Clubs and across District 6910.

AGENDA:

Friday, April 23, 2021
 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm *General Session 1*
 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm *It's 5:00 Somewhere*
 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm *HOF Scavenger Hunt*
 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm *Club Hospitality Suites*
 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm *General Session 2*
 Saturday, April 24, 2021
 10:00 am - 11:30 am *General Session 3*
 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm *Wine Tasting / Education*
 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm *Beach Bash*
 6:15 pm - 7:00 pm *Club Hospitality Suites*
 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm *General Session 4*

REGISTRATION:

Registration will be open and available by March 10 through DacDB!
COST: \$25.00 per Rotarian, \$15.00 for Guests/Rotaractors/Interactors
WHERE: <https://www.dacdb.com/index.cfm?EventID=77520155>

WHY: Each registrant will receive virtual registration gift(s) and a chance to win excellent door prizes. One lucky person will win a grand door prize valued at \$1200!

Prizes Include:

- \$700.00 Gift Certificate Barnsley Gardens
- \$700.00 Gift Certificate Chateau Elan
- \$200.00 Home Depot Gift Card
- \$100.00 Starbucks Gift Card
- \$100.00 Amazon Gift Card
- \$100.00 Target Gift Card
- \$500.00 Best Buy Gift Card
- \$200.00 Target Gift Card
- \$100.00 Starbucks Gift Card

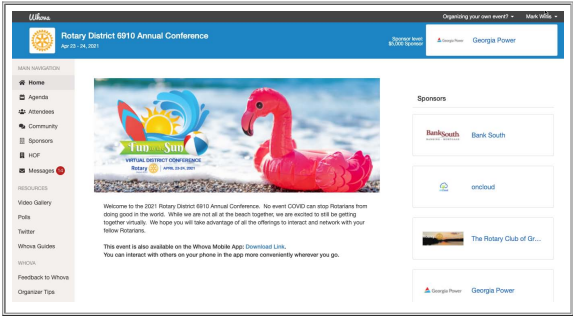


GRAND PRIZE: \$1,200.00 Gift Certificate for The Westin Jekyll Island--3 night stay includes dinner.

Additional Opportunities for Door Prizes: Special drawings and gifts will be presented during General Session 3--TRF Major Donor Recognition.

**Only those who register for the conference are entered into the drawings. Must be present to win.*

WHOVA



This year's District Conference will be through an event platform called Whova, chosen to create a much more engaging and interactive experience for you while attending sessions, interacting with other attendees, and visiting the virtual House of Friendship. Connect and network with your fellow District 6910 Rotarians and remember to vote in our Beach Blanket Photo contest!

Attendees will be able to experience the conference from either a computer or from the Whova Mobile App on an iPhone or Android device. Stay tuned for more details as we get closer to the event. We'll have opportunities for you to learn more about the platform and test your access before the event.

It's 5 O'Clock Somewhere

It's always 5 o'clock somewhere, and on **Friday, April 24 from 5:00 to 5:30 pm**, you can join us at your favorite dive bar or in the comfort of your home as we learn from one of the best Mixologists, Freddy Ramirez from Reynolds, Lake Oconee. Get ready for some great cocktails and great fun at our virtual happy hour!

If you don't drink, don't worry! Non-alcoholic versions of these drinks can be enjoyed by everyone.

We'll prepare you in advance by emailing drink recipes to you when you register.



Wine Tasting / Education

On **Saturday, April 24 from 5:00 to 5:30 pm**, "wine" down the conference with the Women of Rotary! Wine is everywhere, we'll be pouring a rare Georgia Fruit "country wine" at the virtual conference. Look no further! Join some of the ladies of Rotary from Sweet Acre Farms Winery (at 7584 Bill Wilson Rd. Alto, GA 30510) who will host a virtual tasting with some fascinating educational notes. Matt Vrahiotes, owner and operator, will also share his story about becoming the first winery in Hall County, along with what makes his wines so unique, and give us a virtual tour while we're tasting. Order your bottle(s) in advance online at www.sweetacrefarms.com

Beach Bash



On **Saturday, April 24 from 5:30 to 6:15 pm**, grab your beach towel, sunglasses, favorite Hawaiian shirt, and join us for our virtual Beach Bash. Join Gainesville Rotarian, Chef Mike Giles, and Gary Black, the Georgia Commissioner of Agriculture, in the Georgia Grown Kitchen as they cook a traditional Low Country Boil. We're bringing the outdoor Low Country seafood boil experience inside, sizing it for the stovetop and preparing a meal for two (or a few extra people)!

Focusing on locally sourced food, this meal is one that will satisfy your palate while you learn the history of the dish, including the farmers and fishermen who supply the ingredients.

We will provide an article on the history of this culturally important cooking tradition and a detailed list of ingredients and equipment needed to prepare everything in your home kitchen. You'll be ready to cook along with Mike and Gary during the virtual, live Beach Bash broadcast. The recipe will be emailed to you after you register.

For those who are allergic to shrimp or other shellfish, optional ingredients will be suggested for you to enjoy the Low Country Boil experience.

House of Friendship

Plan to spend some time in the virtual House of Friendship this year. In order to have a ♦booth♦ at the HOF, clubs need to register no later than March 19 by downloading and submitting the [House of Friendship Registration Form](#).

Clubs can participate in the HOF by sending in a short video, pictures, or documents of a service project or fundraising event. The videos will need to be sent in by March 31. There is no cost to submit the video and participate in the House of Friendship. Clubs will be notified once they have registered with instructions on the process of uploading their HOF materials into our Whova Virtual portal.

Conference attendees can participate by visiting the HOF room and watching the videos. While you are there, you can get the answers to the clues for the virtual scavenger hunt held on April 23. The winner will have a chance to win prizes! If your club wants to participate and has questions, please get in touch with Jessica Fleetwood at jbffleetwood1@gmail.com or Cindy Haddon at chaddonrotary08@gmail.com. Otherwise, simply complete the [HOF registration form](#).

Pack-A-Backpack Service Project



What is the Project? Purchase backpacks and school supplies, fill the backpacks with the supplies, and distribute the backpacks to students in your community who need them. Include a note of encouragement in each backpack.

For additional information, including step-by-step directions and a suggested supplies list, [check out the full details](#). You may also contact Donna O♦Neal, donnaoneal1050@gmail.com, 404.630.0427

Club Hospitality Suites

Club Hospitality Suites are a time when we rekindle friendships; many of these friendships have been built over several years of conferences. Then, there will be new and instant friendships made. We exchange Rotary experiences of how to build clubs, how to maintain enthusiasm, and how to bounce back from unforeseen drops in memberships. Each hospitality suite is a melting pot of personalities, educational levels, cultures, and shared successes and failures.

Our virtual conference platform is very user friendly and interactive. Club Hospitality Suites will be held on **Friday, April 23, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm**, and **Saturday, April 24, 6:15 pm to 7:00 pm**.

Club Requirements: Each club will need a Zoom account and designated club member to host a Hospitality Suite. Free Zoom accounts allow up to 40 minutes per session. For +40 minutes, a paid Zoom account is needed.

There is no charge to have a Club Hospitality Suite--just [click on the link to register](#)! After registering, you will be emailed instructions for setting up and running your Club Hospitality Suite, which will be listed in the online Conference Agenda for others to "attend." The registration deadline is March 19.

So, are you ready for some FUN IN THE SUN?

We hope that we have given you a glimpse of what our **Fun in the Sun Virtual District Conference** is all about! We need you ALL to **REGISTER NOW** so you do not miss out on any **Fun in the Sun!** In the coming weeks, we will continue to update you with information about the **Fun in the Sun Virtual District Conference**.

For any additional questions about this year♦s conference, please contact Dianne Cammarata at dccamma@bellsouth.net.





Find the latest updates and a full list of sponsors, check out the [Rotary District 6910 website conference page](#) and follow us on social media.

Special District Conference Edition

Your District Conference Committee Chairs

Tina Fischlin

- District Governor
- Rotary Club of Greene and Putnam Counties*

Mike Berg

- District Governor Elect
- Rotary Club of Dawson County*

PDG Dianne Cammarata

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- Rotary Club of Hall County*

Shannon Osborne

- Co-chair
- Rotary Club of Greene and Putnam Counties*

Renee Carden

- Activities
- South Hall Rotary*

Pete McDonald

- Audio-Visual
- Rome Rotary Club*

Gerry Taylor

- Awards
- Classic City of Athens Rotary Club*

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- Rotary Club of Gwinnett County*

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-Registration / Technology
-E-Club of the South

Andrea McKenzie
-Treasurer
-Rotary Club of Dawson County

News Worth Celebrating

By DG Tina D. Fischlin on Saturday, March 6, 2021
Happy March, Rotary District 6910!

As we head into the 3rd month of 2021, we have a lot to be thankful for. Most importantly, many Rotary members in our District have received or are beginning to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. I love how almost every club I visit has a Happy Dollar announcement from a Rotarian who just received their first or second dose. This is news worth celebrating! We aren't out of the woods yet though mask wearing, handwashing and social distancing are still the keys to keeping ourselves and each other safe.

March is Water, Sanitation & Hygiene month. Did you know that 2,200 children are dying every day from a lack of access to clean water? Clean water, safe sanitation and healthy hygiene are basic human needs, but millions of people throughout the world including in our own communities do not have access to resources to meet these basic needs. Rotarian Suchet Loois has an update in this newsletter on HANWASH and how the District is supporting these efforts.

We continue to open the doors of opportunities with our Feed 10 Million Meal Challenge. At press time, we will have provided 1,477,584 meals this Rotary year!

From the Rotary Club of Athens, Rotarian Sarah McKinney shared the following story:

At 8pm last night, I received a call from a local pastor that the food distribution they had planned for today fell through. They had planned for a USDA truckload of commodities, and due to logistics, the trucking company cancelled. She needed help to make good on her promise to feed neighbors near the Church. I sent Richard Boone and Sherry Anderson at the Food Bank an urgent email to help. At this VERY moment, they are loading a truckful of Farmers to Families (and more) from our Rotary Clubs and headed over to be the heroes (Food Bank) to the heroes (Church) to feed our neighbors."

Rotary Rocks. The Food Banks Rocks. Our neighbors Rock. A little Friday morning tear doesn't feel too bad. Bless you all.

Sarah McKinney, President/CEO Athens Area Community Foundation

Keep up the good work Rotary District 6910 Rotarians!

From I will echo Sarah's encouraging words: KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, Rotary District 6910 Rotarians!
-DG Tina



Pictured left to right: Richard Boone (Food Bank NEGA); Sarah McKinney, Rotary Club of Athens; President Carl Blount, Rotary Club of Athens; District Governor Nominee Gerry Taylor, Classic City of Athens Rotary Club.

HANWASH Update

By Suchet L. Loois on Saturday, March 6, 2021



The many operational and monetary challenges involved in the successful implementation of the Haiti National Clean Water Sanitation and Hygiene Strategy, more commonly known to Rotarians as HANWASH, continues to mount in the COVID environment. The Rotary focus in March is Water and Sanitation, so we asked our District 6910 HANWASH Chairperson, Dr. Suchet Loois, to provide our members a current update on the program.

Haiti National Clean Water Sanitation and Hygiene Strategy (HANWASH) is a District 7020, Rotary International (RI) transformational program that began in 2018 when Barry Rassin was RI President. It is a Zone 30-34 program.

HANWASH is designed to be implemented over several decades and may cost more than \$2 billion. RI will cover up to 20% of the cost and the remainder should be leveraged from the private sector and major donors operating in Haiti and around the world. This program is administered by a diverse, 18-member Steering Committee (SC) which continues making progress.

To date, RI has funded two Global Grants (GG) focusing on one pilot commune: Cavaillon, South of Haiti. Those two GG were administered by the Rotary Club of Les Cayes. It will cost about \$2 million to complete the work. It may cost the same for each of the 144 communes in Haiti.

Since there is no GG in this 20-21 Rotary year, the SC is now applying for multiple grants from large donors like World Bank, USAID, UNICEF, and World Vision. There was a formal board meeting, and the SC with eleven subcommittees planned to diversify the fundraiser.

They plan to work in one pilot commune in each of the four OREPAs (regional boundaries) once funding becomes available. They include the following:

-OREPA South, Cavaillon, which has been the first pilot commune.
-OREPA North, Ferrier.
-OREPA Center, Pignon.
-OREPA West, Leogane.

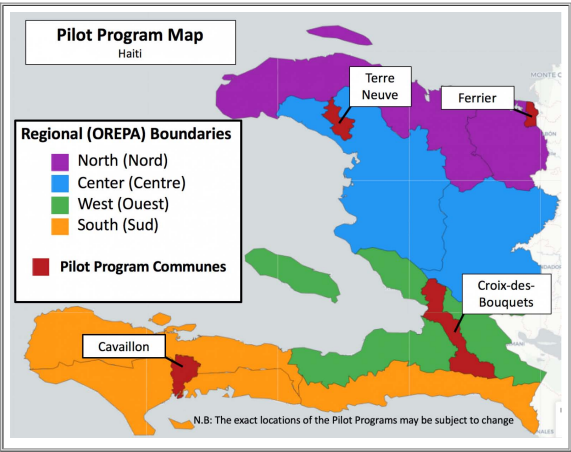
They have identified Champion Districts for the four pilot Communes.

The SC requests that Districts and individuals make contributions toward a grant or a pilot commune's water and sanitation activities. They will use club and individual donations as matching funds.

The HANWASH District 6910 leadership reminds Clubs and Rotarians that there was no RI matching fund left this year for any of these projects. Therefore, they are asking any Rotarians or Clubs that want to contribute to send their contributions to the HANWASH donor fund with the understanding that there will be no credit toward the Paul Harris award. Hopefully, next year the SC will apply and receive a RI Global Grant.

It is important to remember the history of HANWASH to strengthen our present commitment to sustaining its successes in the long haul. The 2007-2008 RI President Wilfrid Wilkinson traveled to Haiti to attend a water and sanitation summit organized by the Rotary Club of Petionville. His theme was "*Rotary Shares*." At the time he met with the Haitian President, the late Rene Preval, and made a Rotarian pledge to map out water resources throughout the country for the purpose of solving the long-term water and sanitation dilemma in the country. During this event, PRIP Wilf planted the seed of HANWASH, so to speak. He told us, "If one strong common thread exists among our 1.2 million members, it is our willingness to share."

From the outset, our District 6910 and Rotarians welcomed the call to support HANWASH and to share our time, talents, expertise, and money to contribute to HANWASH's successful, multi-decade implementation and help ALL Haitians enjoy affordable access to potable water and sanitation.



Great Service Project Ideas for Water and Sanitation

By Schelly Tennant Marlatt on Wednesday, February 24, 2021
March is Water and Sanitation Month in the Rotary World. We want to provide all of our clubs in District 6910 with ideas on how your group can get involved and help to protect our waterways and the environment (click below to read more).

GREAT SERVICE PROJECT IDEAS FOR WATER & SANITATION MONTH

March is Water and Sanitation Month. Here are some great service project ideas that your club can participate in to help protect our waterways and environment:

- 1. Adopt-a-Road:** Select a road in your community and coordinate a cleanup by picking up litter and other debris such as tires, car parts, illegal signs and more. These types of cleanups will prevent litter from ending up in our precious waterways. If you have a Keep America Beautiful affiliate in your area, they will gladly provide you with supplies to conduct your cleanup and even remove the debris for you.



2. **Adopt-a-Stream:** Is there a stream, lake or pond near you that has been an eyesore due to litter or invasive plants? Take the initiative by coordinating a cleanup to remove debris and/or privet removal. If you want to expand your impact, consider participating in a training workshop in your area to learn how to monitor water quality and care for a local waterway.

Georgia
Adopt-A-Stream
Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring



3. **Storm Drain Stenciling Program:** Storm drains are designed to prevent flooding by carrying rainwater from our streets and rivers. They can become clogged with leaves, grass, litter, which can cause flooding and pollution to flow into our state's precious streams and rivers. Organize a group to clean up storm drains. Many counties offer programs through the Storm Drain Stenciling Program where concerned citizens and volunteers stencil ♦No Dumping ... Leads To Stream♦ on catch basins. Educational material is included for distribution to provide important information to residents about non-point pollution and ways to reduce it on their property. Supporting our environment is one of the many ways Rotarians can bring about positive change in the world and increase our impact of strengthening the conservation and protection of natural resources, ecological sustainability and making our world a better place.

Make Plans Now to Attend Virtual District Conference

By Paige W Havens on Wednesday, February 24, 2021

VIRTUAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Rotary District 6910 | APRIL 23-24, 2021

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- Virtual Activities
- Dynamic Speakers
- Digital House of Friendship
- Beach Towel Contest Voting
- Club Social Opportunities
- District Awards

\$25 PER ROTARIAN
\$15 FOR ROTARACTORS, INTERACTORS, & GUESTS

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Our District Conference Planning Committee is hard at work transitioning our programs to a digital format. We're so excited to be able to bring you two days of great virtual programming that will offer fun, fellowship and celebration. We can't wait to showcase the amazing accomplishments of our 2020-21 Rotary year!

The new registration portal is under development and should go live any day, so keep a close watch for all of the latest on registration and conference events at <http://www.rotarydistrict6910.org/district-conference-2021-virtual.php>

Be watching your inbox for a special eBlast unveiling all of the exciting conference activities. More news to come soon!

Rotary Has Heart: Feed10Million Update

By Randy Redner on Monday, March 1, 2021



DISTRICT 6910 ROTARIANS SHOWED A LOT OF HEART IN FEBRUARY ♦ LET ME COUNT THE WAYS!

- ♦ Provided 462,004 meals in February ♦ That's an average of 115,000 meals a week
- ♦ Surpassed our 1 million meal challenge from DG Tina ♦ Did it in just over 7 months
- ♦ As of February 28, we provided 1,320,226 meals provided
- ♦ Set a new goal of 2 million meals by June 30

For the latest update from D6910 Feed10Million Chair, Randy Redner, click the [read more link](#).

Click [HERE](#) to watch our new Feed10Million video update and please share with your club members.

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 deliveries across the District, so if your 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.

Thanks again for providing over 1.3 million meals so far in this Rotary year to families in need. Remember, the new goal is 2 million meals by June 30! If you have any questions, just reach out to me at redner@cfneg.org or on my cell at 404-273-1292.

Randy

Feed10Million Chair District 6910

P.S. Don't forget to click [HERE](#) to watch our new Feed10Million video update!!

Leadership Spotlight: Seth Robison

By Paige W Havens on Monday, March 1, 2021



As we continue our monthly leadership spotlight on Rotarians that volunteer to take on challenges and responsibilities at the district level, this month we'd like to introduce you to Seth Robison, from the Rotary Club of Athens. Pictured above: Seth and Haley with their son Dean celebrating his 3rd Birthday. Dean had so much fun, he now asks them weekly when he can have another birthday!

Seth Robison was born in the Texas heartland. At the age of seven, his family moved to Fort Myers, FL, where he spent the remainder of his childhood years. Since the age of 13, his family has made an annual migration to Key West for lobster season, and that's one his favorite yearly traditions. Today, Seth, his wife Haley, and their three-year-old son Dean proudly call Athens, GA, home. Seth works as a CPA and is a partner at the firm Resource Partners. In 2015, Bob Booth invited Seth into the Rotary Club of Athens. In his six years of membership, he has enjoyed volunteering for his Club's annual BBQ fundraiser, serving as a Salvation Army bell ringer, helping purchase items for the Angel Tree program, and raising funds for their Rotary Plungefest. Seth is one not to ask anyone to do something he's not willing to do himself, so yes, he too has taken the frigid plunge! In recent years, Seth began taking on leadership roles at the District level and now serves as the District's Assistant Treasurer and member of the District Finance Committee. When asked what Doors of Opportunity Rotary has opened for him, Seth says, "I've formed a lot of great relationships with my fellow Rotarians. I've really enjoyed being a part of this great community and working with likeminded individuals who want to do everything in their power to make this world a better place for all." The Robisons really enjoy the outdoors and traveling to new places, so they get out and go whenever they can. For fun, Seth likes woodworking and doing projects around the house. When he needs to let down and chill out, you'll find Seth sinking into the couch, watching brain-drain TV or movie classics like *Back to the Future* or *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. We've also been tipped off that Seth is a sucker for a good rom-com! Seth actually has a hidden talent few know about--he can walk on his hands. Maybe we can get him to show off his skills at a future District Conference. Seth and Haley are eagerly anticipating the arrival of their second child in April and are excited to do their part to help raise the next generation of Rotarians.

C.A.R.T. Update

By Gene H. Windham on Friday, March 5, 2021



District 6910 CART News Letter

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: you can go to [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. Not only will you get credit, but so will your Club.

The Club Contribution Report: (Attached to this email)

- Is as of 2/15/2021
- Total District 6910 giving is [\\$13,997.04](#) (I know there is more out there that hasn't been set to CART yet)

If you have CART monies that has not been sent to CART, please do it now. The Cutoff of for this year's Grants is March 2nd. The cutoff For District Credit is April 15th.

An Alzheimer's 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 \$13,997.04 to CART so far this year (2020-2021)! THANKS!!!! This is how we find a Cure!

Golden Bucket Award and Club Points

For CART Contributions to count toward the Club of the year points and Golden Bucket award they must be entered into the CART Contribution Portal [Login Form \(mycartfund.org\)](https://mycartfund.org) by April 15, 2021.

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

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

Remember!

We did great in 2018-2019 ♦ and even better in 2019-2020 now let's do better in 2020-2021???

Service Above Self

Gene

Gene Windham
CART Chair District 6910
District Governor 2010 ♦ 2011
Registration Chair Rotary Zone Institute 2016 and 2017
Membership Director 2011 - 2013
Rotary District 6910
District 6910 RLI Director 2014 - 2017
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February 2021

District 6910 CART News Letter

21 Day Racial Equity Challenge

By Paige W Havens on Friday, February 19, 2021

As Rotarians, while becoming more and more aware of the disparities that many people in our communities face, we are committed to work as community leaders to help address those needs. Starting in March, Rotary Districts 6900, 6910, and 6920 will work in partnership with United Way of Greater Atlanta to promote a powerful 21-Day Racial Equity Challenge, giving all Georgia Rotarians the unique opportunity to take a deeper dive into the discussion of racial equity and healing. The challenge will be a free, self-guided learning experience where participants will receive three emails per week for seven weeks (hence 21 total days) with readings, videos, podcasts, and ways to take action. The learning will explore the history and impact of racism in our communities and how it's shaped community development work across the Atlanta region and beyond. This is a great opportunity to learn more, grow as an ally, and advocate and reimagine a united path forward. Invite your Club members, friends, and family to join with us to take the 21-Day Challenge!

Register here: http://racialequity.unitedwayatlanta.org/?utm_source=LI



Photos From Around the District

Monday, March 1, 2021



ROTARY CLUB OF ATHENS DONATES 10,000 MASKS TO CLARKE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

◆We are so appreciative of the collaboration with the Rotary Club of Athens. As a school district we know we cannot do this work alone - it will take community collaboration to move the needle. Our local Rotary club continuously exemplifies a laser focus in Improving our community through their consistent civic engagement, advocacy, and support of our efforts. The donation of masks means we will be able to keep our staff and students safe. We are so proud of our partnership with the Rotary Club of Athens and know we are better together. ◆

-Lawrence Harris, Chief of Community Engagement and Strategic Partnerships at Clarke County School District

(Pictured left to right: Rotary Member Alison McCullick, Students Adaline McCullick and Shelby Meeks, and Rotary President Carl Blount)

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

Rotary Club of Braselton



The Rotary Club of Braselton continues to work hard on the Feed10Million campaign. They had lots of volunteers out to help with the "Farmers to Families" food truck campaign which resulted in 1,100 boxes and over 32,000 meals.



Rotary Club of Canton



On February 16, the Rotary Club of Canton featured a special program on the Rotary Peace Fellowship and the Duke/UNC Rotary Peace Center.



Carpet City Rotary Club



Carpet City Rotarians Jackie Killings and Mary Thelma Norris deliver gift cards to the staff at the Whitfield County Health Department.



The Carpet City Rotary Club adopted two families with special needs children and helped them have a great Christmas. Club Foundation Chair Amy Grammer worked with Whitfield County Schools and Dalton Public Schools to identify one family from each system. Club members purchased nearly everything on both families' wish lists including toys, clothing, blankets and kitchen appliances. Additionally, each family received a \$100 gift card to the local grocery store. Grammer and one other club member loaded up their SUV's with the items and delivered them to the families.

Both of these Carpet City Rotary Club stories were featured in the Daily Citizen-News of Dalton, Georgia.

Rotary Club of Cherokee County



The Rotary Club of Cherokee County gets surplus bread from The Publix on Townelake on Fridays and Mondays and delivers it to Papa's Pantry.



Pictured here Lynne Saunders, Executive Director and Founder of Encompass Ministries/Papa's Pantry, helps unload Friday's generous contribution.



In these times of isolation and stress because of the virus pandemic, The Rotary Club of Cherokee County has reached out to those most isolated and needing a reminder that they are in our thoughts. The Rotary Club of Cherokee County, through the generous contributions from Floral Design by H.C. and Poole Funeral Home, gave 64 bouquets of flowers to Woodstock Nursing Home residents on Valentine's Day. President Carol Cage and

Rotarian Mike Dietzel collected the flowers and delivered them to the Townelake facility (photo).

Rotary Club of Clayton



The Rotary Club of Clayton took it upon themselves to thank the front-line Covid-19 Rabun County Healthcare Heroes.



They distributed approximately 150 gift card packets worth more than \$100 and 150 thank-you cards with personal messages of thanks to Rabun County's front-line healthcare workers.



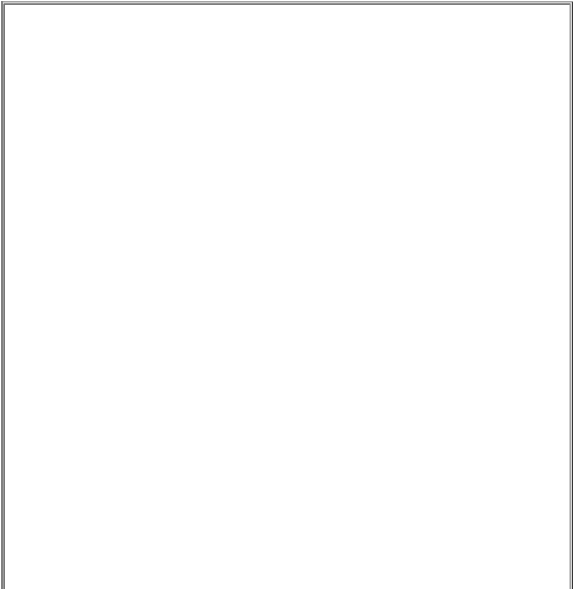
That's \$15,000 that brought a whole lot of smiles and a much-needed boost to the local economy, both of which have been hard-hit by the pandemic.

Pictured above: Lisa Overholt, LPN, front left, Josie Moseley, LPN, Kay Lopez, clerk, Ray Pagano, Rotarian, Summer Bruce, clerk, Kay Vinson, volunteer.

Connee Martin, RN, middle left, Karen Blair, volunteer, Debbie McKinney, volunteer, and Jef Fincher, Rotary president-elect.

Matt Mitcham, Rotary secretary, back left, Tony Penrose, Rotarian, Dulene Jones, Rabun County Health Department County Nurse Manager, Ana Fields, E-911, Julie Phelan, RN, Jane Janes, Rotarian, Hailey Henson, E-911, and Renee Padgett, clerical supervisor.

Not pictured: Carmen Rodgers, RN, Sue Darnell, county office manager, Jessica Cline, clerk, and Melissa Elzey, clerk.



10 February 2021

Mr. Wayne Knuckles
President
Rotary Club of Clayton
P.O. Box 1088
Clayton, Georgia 30525
Via Hand Delivery

Dear Wayne:

I hope this finds you well.

I write to you today on behalf of all the healthcare and frontline workers of Mountain Lakes Medical Center.

I was taken aback to learn of the efforts of the Rotarians to provide gift cards not only to our clinical staff, but also those of Rabun County Emergency Services and the Rabun County Health Department.

The thoughtfulness and time that was undertaken to raise the funds, and the underlying support shown from the Rotary throughout the months of this pandemic are truly inspiring, and we could not be more thankful.

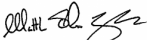
During these times, our team is dealing with unprecedented demands both personally and professionally, as are all Americans.

At work we are fighting an invisible foe, which does not react to our ordinary treatment methodology, while also being thoughtful in keeping our patient's families involved and informed from a distance, like never before.

At home, we are having to mentally decompress and manage stress more so than ever before, distance from our families, and also manage the same challenges of 'social distancing' and isolation as the rest of our country.

Rotary's recognition of these challenges is a reminder to all of our staff, and community partners, that the Rotary is supportive, caring, and involved. We are eternally grateful to feel such overwhelming care and concern in these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,



Matthew Lemak, CEO
Mountain Lakes Medical Center

Above is a letter the club received from Matthew Lemak, the new CEO at Mountain Lakes Medical Center. His words speak for themselves.

The following article appeared in the Clayton Tribune

Healthcare Heroes

Rotary recognizes Rabun's first line of defense

By Megan Broome

Staff Writer

CLAYTON-- The Rotary Club of Clayton recently recognized the efforts of local First Responders, who have been on the front lines of the national health emergency for nearly a year.

Last week, Rotarians delivered 150 hand-written thank-you notes to employees at the Rabun County Health Department, Rabun County EMS and 911 and Mountain Lakes Medical Center.

◆We appreciate all of our public servants, but we wanted to especially recognize those fighting on the front lines during this pandemic,◆ said Wayne Knuckles, Rotary President. ◆They literally risk their lives every day to care for our community.◆

Along with the letters of thanks, Rotary distributed \$15,000 in gift cards to be redeemed at Rabun County businesses.

◆Our goal was both honoring some very deserving people and to help stimulate the local economy with a much-needed economic boost,◆ Knuckles said. ◆We considered that a win-win.◆

◆We were looking for some way to give back to the community,◆ said Matt Mitcham, Rotary Secretary. ◆We need to take care of the First Responders and front-line healthcare workers in our community. I think we all feel a respect and appreciation for the people taking care of us in this dark hour.◆

The letters of thanks were addressed to each individual by name.

◆We wanted to personalize them,◆ Mitcham said. ◆Bring a touch to it from the Rotary Club.◆

Mitcham said that the money raised for the project will go directly into the local economy.

◆We are especially appreciative of Reeves Hardware, Chick-fil-A and Sunday Diner for also supporting our community,◆ Knuckles said. ◆As well as all those whose generous contributions made this possible.◆

◆I was speechless,◆ said Dulene Jones, county nurse manager for the Rabun County Health Department, about how she felt receiving the gifts from Rotary. ◆It means more than words can express.◆

Mike Carnes, EMS/911 director, said that his department was grateful for the gesture. ◆I appreciate them for their support during the pandemic,◆ Carnes said.

◆It's such a blessing and we appreciate this so much,◆ said Rachel Cowart, Chief Nursing Officer of Mountain Lakes Medical Center, when Rotary presented the hospital with the gifts. ◆It's such a huge blessing to our staff. This is a solid way to say thank you and we appreciate it.◆ She said that the pandemic has tested her staff in every way possible and they are eternally grateful for the recognition.

◆Rotarians are known as people of action,◆ said Knuckles.

◆And the same can be said of the entire Rabun County community. I◆ve never heard of a need that the people of this community have not stepped up to try to help. Once again, Rabun County residents stood tall.◆

Rotary Club of Columbia County West



The Rotary Club of Columbia County West unloaded a large "Farmers to Families" food truck at the First Mt Carmel Baptist Church in Appling Ga. early Saturday morning Feb 27. This picture was made before scheduled pick ups began. Some members of the Martinez/Evans club joined in to help with the event. The picture includes members of both clubs.

Kneeling L-R Donald Davis(AG), Richard Swann

Standing L-R John Neal, Lynn Michael, Ed Burr, Bruce Wright, Toxey Smith, Jim Heaney, Ron Tolen

Rotary Club of Gwinnett County





During their Farmers to Families project, volunteers from the Rotary Club of Gwinnett County helped pack Valentine's Day snack bags as part of the Rotary Has Heart Project. These goody bags were delivered to frontline healthcare workers with the help of Help for Healthcare Professionals. The Club donated hundreds of bags towards this effort.

Rotary Club of Hartwell



The Rotary Club of Hartwell hosted a Farmers to Families food distribution on February 27. 1100 boxes totaling 34,100 pounds of fresh food were given away at the drive thru event. In addition to several Rotarians, many other individuals and organizations in our community volunteered to help make this project successful including Boy Scout Troop 51, Hartwell Service League, Kiwanis, Hart Interdenominational Ministry, Golden K, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Hart Senior Center and Hartwell First United Methodist Church. We are grateful for the community support we received. It was an honor to be able to help meet the need for food in our community.





The Rotary Club of Hartwell distributed 2000 face masks to Hart County Schools, Hart County Sheriff's Department, Hart County Fire Department, Hartwell Police Department, Hartwell Fire Department, Hart County Library and the Hartwell Arts Center.



Loganville Rotary



Loganville Rotary road clean-up team.



In front of the Flying Machine, several Loganville Rotarians attend their "Just Because" meeting, a monthly lunch for those who want to meet in person.

Rome Rotary Club



Rome Rotary Works with Scouts on Food Project!
 The Rome Rotary Club assisted the NWGA Boy Scout Troops to collect and sort canned food for the Salvation Army on Saturday, Feb. 20.



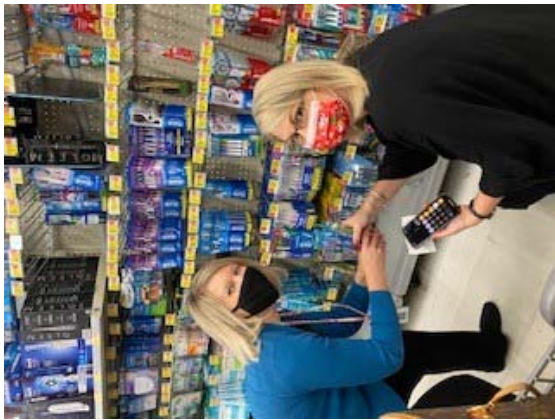
3,306 cans of food were collected and sorted that will supplement the local Salvation Army's food pantry. The project was called "Scouting for Food."



"It was a great experience working hand in hand with the young men of the Boy Scouts to collect and sort the cans of food," said Nancy L. Smith, President.



Thompson Rotary



The Thomson Club donated Hygiene Kits to Thomson Middle School and Thomson High School in February. This was made possible through the District Grant. The kits were made by club members. Pictured above: Julie Langham and Stacey Thomas shop for hygiene items.



Left to Right- Stacey Thomas, Claire Russell, Britney Dyson and Julie Langham prepare to purchase hygiene kit items.



Left to Right Stacey Thomas, James Thomas and Julie Langham ♦ deliver hygiene kit items to the Middle School.



Left to Right Barry Joiner, Krista Bonner, Stacey Thomas, Julie Langham, James Thomas, Nick Brinson- Group photo of the Middle School drop off for hygiene Kits.

Rotary Club of Towne Lake

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February may be the shortest month, but the Rotary Club of Towne Lake was BUSY! On Feb. 4th, Thatcher from No Longer Bound shared his story about overcoming addiction.

In celebration of National Bird-Feeding Month, the club had a virtual visit from Kiana with the Georgia Audubon Society. And, on Feb. 25th, members performed a service project, painting birdhouses to be placed within the community.

On Feb. 18th, Cherokee County Chairman Johnston presented to the club with updates on county initiatives. And, the Chairman recognized the area clubs in the county, proclaiming Feb. 23rd as Rotary Day in Cherokee!

Chairman Johnston, Left; President Phil Ciccione, Right

Thank you, Thatcher, for your sharing your story.
#NoLongerBound

Rotary Club of Towne Lake

Kiana Leverette via MS Teams

Virtual Visitor
Georgia Audubon Society

Clockwise from Left: Members Amanda Trott, Cheryl Good, DQ Lee

Rotary Club of Union County



Union County Rotary President, Ed Sternberg, delivers masks to the Union County Schools. Accepting the masks are high school vice principal, Melissa Bridges and Interact member, Jaiden Murphy. The local Rotary club is part of a District 6910 project to distribute masks organizations that help those in need.

Rotary Club of Winder



Rotary Club of Winder showed that Rotary has Heart for Veterans this Valentine's Day! Rotary Has Heart for our Veterans, and we wanted to show our gratitude towards our local veterans on this holiday. Over the Valentine's Day weekend, we donated to the Barrow County Veterans Resource Center, the Northeast Georgia Homeless Veterans Shelter, and Free Little Food Pantries throughout the community.



Dr. Staci Tebbetts and her husband Morgan join in on the effort.



Heavy lifting by Rotarian Ann Cronic.



Steffanie Sorrells carries in boxes of goodies.



Ann & Steffanie pose in front of the Northeast Georgia Veteran's Homeless Shelter.



Tamicka Moon participates in the effort.



What's Your Club's PPP (Post-Pandemic Plan)?

Sunday, February 28, 2021

By **Peter Gleichman**
District Community Service Chair



As we approach the one-year anniversary of the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, with the distribution of three approved vaccines, we are beginning to see in the distance "the light at the end of the tunnel." Our Rotary clubs can begin to imagine meeting again in person. But will we resume meeting only in person and leave the virtual meetings behind? Or will we incorporate some of the lessons we learned and opportunities that arose during the pandemic?

Will virtual attendance, which allows many time-challenged Rotarians to participate in Rotary meetings without the additional travel time to and from club meetings, become a regular post-pandemic option? With Rotary's emphasis on flexibility of membership categories, what about virtual members in addition to "brick and mortar" members?

What have our Rotary clubs learned about their communities' needs during a medical and economic crisis? Do we leave those experiences behind or do we incorporate those lessons into our clubs' strategic and disaster planning? One could argue that the onset of the pandemic dictated community need for food, personal protective equipment, and the like. The call to action was perhaps identified for us, but will those needs actually disappear? And how do we accurately assess our communities' needs going forward?

As we begin to emerge from sheltering and physical distancing, how do we perform our community service projects? Will the temptation to be with one another and work side by side in the community cause us prematurely to abandon the hard COVID-19 lessons we learned?

With planning for the new Rotary year in high gear, now is the time for your club to be doing its post-pandemic planning and thinking critically about how to move forward from the Opportunities Rotary Opened to **Serving to Change Lives!** We are **People of Action**, but we must be **Focused People of Action!**

The Rotary Club of Greene & Putnam Counties had a "Rotary Has Heart" Trifecta

By Donna H O'Neal on Thursday, March 4, 2021



The Rotary Club of Greene and Putnam Counties went all out in February to show the world that "Rotary Has Heart." Click below for more photos and to read about the details.

The Rotary Club of Greene & Putnam Counties Had a **Rotary Has Heart** Trifecta!

- **Project HealthCare Heroes** was created by the Rotary Club of Greene & Putnam Counties in March 2020 to provide food, support, and encouragement to healthcare workers at Putnam General Hospital and Good Samaritan Hospital during the COVID pandemic. With the more than \$60,000 we have raised for the project, we purchase meals from local, struggling restaurants, and Rotarians deliver them to the hospitals.
- The EarlyAct Club of the Pete Nance Boys & Girls Club was inducted recently by District Governor Tina, Rotary President Lu Byrd, Rotary Immediate Past President Donna O'Neal, and Stacy McClendon, Rotarian and Director of the Boys & Girls Club.
- During the same week, the EarlyActors' first project was to make **Rotary Has Heart** posters and Valentine goodie bags that were delivered with meals to the day and evening shifts of both hospitals on Valentine's Day.

Yes, **Greene & Putnam Rotary Has Heart!**





Early Act Letter Writing Campaign

By Jeremy Echuck on Thursday, March 4, 2021



District 6910 Early Act and Interact students got on board to support a letter writing campaign in February. The results were phenomenal. Click read more to find out how many letters were sent!



Remember those days when you got a good old fashion letter or handmade card? No clicking involved; no battery needed; just handwritten words on a page. Well, the youth members of Rotary District 6910 have been hard at work delivering that experience to some of our most vulnerable members of our communities, the seniors restricted to nursing and assisted living facilities. In a combined effort from our Interact and EarlyAct clubs these students have created almost 5,000 handwritten letters and cards to distribute to local facilities. According to a member of the youth services team, ♦the success of this project was a combination of commitment from club sponsors and the creative energy of our students. It is truly amazing what they have been able to accomplish and how impactful it must be for those seniors♦. In a challenging environment, I think this is a good reminder that with a little effort and energy; we can still make a big impact in our local community.

Job well done to the following school groups:

Baker Place Elementary School - Eagles
EarlyAct Club
Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Martinez-
Evans
River Ridge High School - Interact Club
Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Canton
Green County High School - Interact Club
Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Greene and
Putnam Counties
Salem High School - Interact Club
Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Rockdale
County
Gatewood Schools - Interact Club
Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Greene and
Putnam Counties



Rotary Art

By Shane Persaud on Thursday, March 4, 2021



In conjunction with the Conyers Rockdale Council for the Arts, the Rotary Clubs of Conyers and Rockdale County pulled off a brilliant public image idea to promote Rotary in their community. Be sure to click read more to get the details and to see more amazing pieces of art!

The Rotary Club of Conyers, Rotary Club of Rockdale County and Rotary District 6910 are featured as part of The Sketching Pad's Beautiful Box Project overseen by the Conyers Rockdale Council for The Arts.

These artfully decorated telephone boxes bearing our logos and messages, can be found at the corner of Klondike and Johnson Road, across from Conyers Animal Hospital.

February is Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month as Rotarians across the globe find ways to promote the message of peace and unity.





FEBRUARY 23 PROCLAIMED ROTARY DAY IN CHEROKEE CO.

By Francisco Javier Lozano on Tuesday, February 23, 2021

While we Rotarians know that every day of the year is "Rotary Day," the The Rotary Club of Canton went to the extra effort by working with the Board of Commissioners in Cherokee County to have February 23 proclaimed as "Rotary Day" in Cherokee County! This is a great public relations / public image initiative.

In recognition of the service provided to the Cherokee County community by the Rotary Club of Canton and three other Rotary clubs in our county, the Board of Commissioners issued a Proclamation at its February 16 meeting declaring February 23, 2021, Rotary International's 116th birthday, as "Rotary Day in Cherokee County."



Cherokee County Commission Chair Harry Johnston, on behalf of the entire Board, read a signed Proclamation, acknowledging Rotary's role in the last 35 years eradicating polio in all but two countries (Pakistan and Afghanistan). The Proclamation also cited the outstanding work of the Area 16 Rotary Clubs in helping to reduce food insecurity to hundreds of individuals and families during the pandemic.

President Shane Moore received the Proclamation on behalf of the Rotary Club of Canton. Also present for the ceremony was Past President Erika Neldner on behalf of the Rotary Club of Towne Lake.



Let's Talk Zones -- Part II

By David Roper on Thursday, March 4, 2021

This month we are continuing our overview of Rotary Zones with part two. Last month, former Rotary International Director (2018-20), David Stovall, provided an excellent overview of structure and how zones fit in

the overall hierarchy. This month, another past R.I. Director (2002-04), J. David Roper, will delve in more of an explanation of the purpose and function of the zones. Click read more for the details.

By J. David Roper
RI Director 2002-04

The RI Bylaws establish 34 zones which are composed of districts. For administrative purposes, zones are paired and share leadership and events. Our paired zones are Zones 33 and 34. The Georgia-South Carolina border divides Zone 33 on north from Zone 34 on the south. The RI board must review the composition of the zones at least every eight years to maintain an approximately equal number of Rotarians in each zone. So, what does a zone or pair of zones do?

A major function of zones is the election of directors of RI. There are 17 directors elected from zones who serve for two years. Zones 33 and 34 alternate electing a director. A director must be a past district governor. Representatives from each district in the zone comprise a nominating committee which selects a nominee for director. Clubs may nominate challenging candidates. The clubs in the zone then elect the person who will assume the office of director on July 1 about two years later.

Each year, the director of paired zones convenes a "zone institute" which is an informational, training and fellowship meeting for past, present, and future district governors. Currently, our institute is called a "Leader Summit." It is similar to a district conference with regard to information sharing and fellowship. And, training for incoming district governors is similar to the presidents-elect training seminar. In addition to the zone institute, directors often organize zone specialty training sessions for district leaders engaged in TRF activities, membership development, public image, etc. A zone institute is usually attended by the president or president-elect of RI and a trustee of TRF.

Each zone has a cadre of advisors to assist clubs and districts, including, Rotary Coordinators and assistant coordinators (specializing in membership and club development), Rotary Public Image Coordinators and assistant coordinators, Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinators and assistant coordinators, End Polio Now Coordinators, and various other advisors. Rotarians are encouraged to seek the assistance of these advisors. Their contact information may be found on the zone website at <https://www.rizones33-34.org/zone-coordinators/>.

Rotary Coordinators (RC)

Rotary Coordinators (RCs) serve as resources for districts and clubs, working in partnership with their Zone Director. RCs are your main resource for membership development.



Zone 33 RC
Patrick Eakes
District 7690



Zone 34 RC
George Robertson-Burnett
District 6890

Zone 33 Assistant Rotary Coordinators (ARC)

Janet "JB" Brown (D-7610) Districts 7600, 7610, 7620, 7630
Carol Burdette (D-7750) Districts 7670, 7750, 7770
Patrick Eakes (D-7690) District 7690
John Schlab (D-7730) Districts 7710, 7720, 7730
Andy Vanhook (D-7570) Districts 7545, 7570, 7680
Scott Bayline (D-7280) Districts 7280, 7305, 7360
Terry Weaver (D-7750) Data Analysis & Strategy, Zone Online Resources

Zone 34 Assistant Rotary Coordinators (ARC)

Scott Vochum and **Hepper Peters** (D-6910) Districts 6900, 6910, 6920
Mike Darragh (D-6970) Districts 6940, 6970
Cyndi Doragh (D-6940) Districts 6930, 6960, 6990
Felix Stubbs (D-7020) Districts 7000, 7020, 7030
RC George Robertson-Burnett (D-6890) Districts 6890, 6950, 6980

March 2021

Pic of the Month

Friday, February 5, 2021

Click on this link for this month's Pic of the Month!



From the Rotary Club of Duluth, William Corley and Richard Daneke help in the distribution food boxes on Feb. 5, 2021.

District Committees ♦ What Are They and Why Should YOU Consider Serving?

By Brandy Lynn Swanson on Friday, February 5, 2021

Rotary District 6910 exists to SERVE the Rotary clubs in North Georgia. Districts are a resource, a partner to help each individual club reach ITS goals and aspirations for its local community. You are an active member of your club. You are busy making your community better, so why would you consider a role at the district level? Your involvement will make you, your clubs, and all the clubs in our district better, which makes our communities and, ultimately, the world better.

Using your gifts, talents and vocation at the district level gives clubs additional resources, ideas, and help that, in return, helps YOUR club and all the clubs in our district. My grandmother used to say, ♦Many hands make light work!♦ Meeting other Rotarians, while sharing ideas and resources, makes us wiser and more effective in accomplishing our goals with manageable workload.

Please consider using YOUR gifts and talents in one of the following areas. Let Tina Fischlin, Mike Berg, Gerry Taylor, or me know if you are interested in serving. SEE THE LONG LIST OF OPPORTUNITIES:

Administration

Director\Chair
Secretary
Treasurer

Assistant Treasurer

Chaplin
Objectives
Long Range Planning
Financial Assessment

Foundation

Director\Chair
End Polio
Major Gifts
Endowment
International Service
Global Grants
District Grants
Peace Fellowship
Paul Harris Society
100% Paul Harris Clubs

Public Image

Director\Chair
Newsletter Editor
Writers
Photographer
Videographer
Branding\Logos
Flyer Creation
Press Release
Social Media Team
Zone Citation

Youth Service

RYLA
Interact
Rotaract
GRSP
Youth Exchange
Youth Protection
Laws of Life
Early Act
Youth Peace in Action

District Conference Team

Communications\Technology Committee

Director\Chair
Audio Visual
President Elect Training (PETS) Support Coordinator
Rotary Leadership Training Support Coordinator
Technology Training Coordinator
Training Committee Liaison
Webmaster & Calendar Events Coordinator

Foundation

Director\Chair
New Membership
Rotary Means Business
Diversity\Equality\Inclusion
Retention
Innovative Club Advocate
Alumni
Women in Rotary

Programs

Guardian of Ethics
Lee Arrendale Award
CART
Family of Rotary
Literacy
Shelter Box
Disaster Relief
Community Service
Vocational Service
Feed 10 Million
HANWASH
Support the Environment

Training

District Trainers
Technology Liaison
Rotary Leadership Institute
President Elect Training (PETS)

Rotary International



Public Image



Virtual Fundraising



Laws of Life



Club Focus



Important Dates & Deadlines

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Monthly Rotary Theme



District Conference



District Focus



Odds & Ends



Communication Pipeline

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RI Monthly Themes

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Training

