

Rotary

Club of Forsyth County (Cumming)



Speakers

July 18, 2024:
Emergency Response Dive Team, courtesy of Mike Smith

July 25, 2024:
Offsite Meeting: Tour of the Bagwell Boys & Girls Club, 2150 Antioch Rd, Cumming, GA 30040, courtesy of Deana Jordan

Aug. 1, 2024:
Forsyth Central High School Head Football Coach Chad Pickett, courtesy of Josh Lowe

Aug. 8, 2024:
Assistant District Governor Allen Bowns and new member talks

Aug. 15, 2024:
Literacy Kits for United Way of Forsyth County, Ruth Goode

Aug. 22, 2024:
Gus Morris, SEC Football, courtesy of Denton Ashway

Aug. 29, 2024:
Kick-off Football Pool, Denton Ashway

Sept. 5, 2024:
Voting 101, Anita Tucker, assistant secretary for the Forsyth County Board of Registration and Elections

Sept. 12, 2024:
District Governor Bobby Hildreth

Sept. 19, 2024:
Project GROW, Joe LaBranche, courtesy of Kerry Carithers

Sept. 26, 2024:
NO MEETING - FALL BREAK

Oct. 3, 2024:
TBA, courtesy of Julie Brennan

The following dates are

Club Meeting

Forsyth County (Cumming)
Meets at FoCAL Center
1150 Dahlonega Hwy.
Cumming, GA 30040
Time: Thursday at 12:00 PM

Officially reported Polio cases (as of July 11, 2024)

** there is a week lag in reporting*

Wild poliovirus (WPV)

Total global WPV1 cases in 2023: 12

Total global WPV1 cases in 2024: 17 (compared with 6 for the same period in 2023)

Circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus (cVDPV) cases

Total global cVDPV cases in 2023: 526

Total global cVDPV cases in 2024: 99 (compared with 141 for the same period in 2023)

Upcoming Events:

Aug. 7, 2024: FoCAL Center Celebration and Year in Review. The evening will begin with a reception at 6 p.m., followed by an awards presentation and a special performance at 6:45 p.m. Please RSVP by July 29, 2024. For more information, reach out to Dawn.

Aug. 26: 28th Annual Challenge Scholarship Golf Tournament at Crystal Falls Golf Club.

* If you have any upcoming events that you would like to see in the bulletin, please reach out to Stephanie Woody at swody@forsythnews.com.

Rotary International Monthly Themes:

Month	Theme
July	Maternal and Child Health Month
August	Membership and New Club Development Month
September	Basic Education and Literacy Month
October	Community Economic and Development Month
November	Rotary Foundation Month
December	Disease Prevention and Treatment Month
January	Vocational Service Month
February	Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month
March	Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month
April	Environmental Month
May	Youth Service Month
June	Rotary Fellowships Month

July's Rotary International Theme: Maternal and Child Health Month, click [here](#) to watch a short video to

currently open for programs. If your name is beside the date, you are responsible for finding a speaker for that date. Please let Stephanie Woody know as soon as you have someone confirmed:

Oct. 10: Melissa Durand

Oct. 17: Drew Hayes

Oct. 24: Jonathan Heard

Oct. 31: Jonah Howell

Nov. 7: Eric Abbott

Nov. 14: Tyler Dominy

If you are not able to come up with a program, or need help, please let Stephanie Woody know ASAP. Once you have your program set, please also let Stephanie Woody know at swwoody@forsythnews.com. Your help is greatly appreciated!

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This week in history

1986

Video of Titanic wreckage released

On July 18, 1986, new close-up videotapes of the sunken ocean liner Titanic are released to the public.

Taken on the first manned expedition to the wreck, the videotapes are stunning in their clarity and detail, showing one of the ship's majestic grand staircases and a coral-covered chandelier swinging slowly in the ocean current.

At the time of its launch, the RMS Titanic was the largest ocean liner ever built, measuring nearly 900 feet long and 150 feet from its water line to its highest beam.

It was considered unsinkable owing both to its vast size and its special construction. On its maiden voyage, the Titanic carried more than 2,200 people, including several of the world's most rich and famous. Its collision with an iceberg and subsequent sinking in the icy waters of the North Atlantic resulted in the death of some 1,500 people, many of whom could have been saved if the ship had carried a sufficient number of lifeboats.

It was not until 73 years later, in 1985, that the Titanic wreck was discovered.

Marine geologist Robert Ballard, in conjunction with Jean-Louis Michel of the Institute of Research for the Exploitation of the Sea (IFREMER), located the remains of the Titanic 350 miles southeast of Newfoundland, 13,000 feet down on the ocean floor. Ballard, who was from Massachusetts's Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, had the help of the U.S. Navy, which supplied him with Argo, a high resolution sonar device and submersible photographic sled.

Ballard's discovery caused a great stir among the public and touched off a new era in underwater exploration and scientific research, especially around the topic of the Titanic.

The following year, Ballard returned to the wreck, this time to dive down to the bottom in a submersible craft called Alvin and acquire photo footage of the ghost ship. Ballard was accompanied by Ralph Hollis, the Alvin's pilot, and Mark Bowen, who piloted Jason, Jr., a robotic submarine, or "swimming eyeball," used to explore the interior of the liner. Two miles beneath the surface, the explorers found, frozen in time, trappings of life aboard the Titanic, including a wood-burning stove and unopened champagne bottles being readied for a toast. Jason, Jr. also found the ship's safes, but left them as they lay: It was decided that the Titanic expedition would leave the ship's debris undisturbed on the ocean floor.

Even after several years of visiting the wreckage, not a trace of human remains has been found. Like other soft, degradable materials such as wood and carpet, human body parts were most likely scavenged by sea creatures not long after the ship's sinking.

Click [here](#) for more information.

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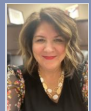
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