

Rotary

Club of Forsyth County (Cumming)



Speakers

Nov. 9, 2023
Sunny Park,
courtesy of Robert
Hall

Nov. 16, 2023
Danielle Wilkes, VP
of Development,
Junior Achievement
of Georgia,
courtesy of Tyler
Dominy

Nov. 23, 2023
NO MEETING!
Happy
Thanksgiving!

Nov. 30, 2023
Jackie Martin,
Executive Director,
BMore Learning,
courtesy of Kerry
Carithers

Dec. 7, 2023
Kirk Franz,
Director, Forsyth
County Parks and
Recreation,
courtesy of Rusty
Smith

Dec. 14, 2023
Leslie Marinelli,
Communications
Manager, Forsyth
County Library,
courtesy of Julie
Brennen

Dec. 21, 2023
NO MEETING

Dec. 28, 2023
NO MEETING

Jan. 4, 2024
Dennis and Marsha
Gravitt, Africa Trip

Jan. 11, 2024
Football Pool
Finale, courtesy of
Denton Ashway

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 Nov. 2, 2023)

** reporting lags a week behind*

Wild poliovirus (WPV)

Total global WPV1 cases in 2023: 10 (compared with 30 for the same period in 2022)

Total global WPV1 cases in 2022: 30

Circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus (cVDPV) cases

Total global cVDPV cases in 2023: 341 (compared with 467 for the same period in 2022)

Total global cVDPV cases in 2022: 876

Upcoming Events:

Tree decorating for FoCAL charity family: Please see Denise Leeson for more information if you are interested in helping with the project.

Nov. 14: Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at Boling Rice LLC, 207 Pirkle Ferry Road, Cumming.

Nov. 15: Volunteer needed for Leap for Literacy Event at Cumming Elementary School, 5 to 6:30 p.m., contact Cindy for more information.

Dec. 3: Holiday Social, 5:00 p.m.

Mock Interviews, Forsyth Central High School: March 4-8, 2024

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

Rotary International Monthly Themes:

MONTH	NEW THEME
November	The Rotary Foundation
December	Disease Prevention and Treatment
January	Vocational Service
February	Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
March	Water and Sanitation
April	Maternal and Child Health
May	Youth Service
June	Rotary Fellowships

This week's speaker

Nov. 9, 2023

Sunny Park

Sunny K. Park is President of Global Sun Investments, member of Georgia Banking Board, SK Battery America Advisory Board, and Founder of Great American Scholarship Foundation.
He is 2000 USO Patriot Award recipient and one of Most Influential Atlantans by JAMES Magazine and Atlanta Business Chronicle in multiple years.

He is an Executive in Residence of Georgia State University, lectures regularly.

Jan. 18, 2024
Darren Dannelly,
YMCA, courtesy of
Julie Brennan

Jan. 25, 2024
OPEN, courtesy of
Eric Abbott

Feb. 1, 2024
OPEN, courtesy of
Drew Hayes

Feb. 8, 2024
OPEN, courtesy of
Josh Bray

The following dates are 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:

Jan. 25: Eric Abbott
Feb. 1: Drew Hayes
Feb. 8: Josh Bray

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 swoody@forsythnews.com. Your help is greatly appreciated!

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Family of Rotary

Mr. Park immigrated to the United States in 1974 with no money, who now, as an indicator of his business acumen, has successfully achieved his goal of paying \$1 million in income tax annually.

He found and operated General Building Maintenance, a national janitorial service provider in 23 U.S. major cities for about 40 years.

A native of South Korea, he served as commissioner of the White House Advisory Commission and Vice Chairman of Georgia Ports Authority.

Mr. Park serves and has served on multiple nonprofit boards; National Guard's Youth Foundation that supports programs for high school dropouts; USO Georgia; National Center for Civil and Human Rights; Zoo Atlanta; Carter Center Board of Councilors; Atlanta Symphony Orchestra; Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation; Atlanta Rotary Club; Berry College; Junior Achievements Georgia; Sandy Springs City Charter Review Board; Sandy Springs City Development Authority; National Museum of Patriotism; Georgia Public Policy Foundation; Shepherd Center Hospital; Emory University Board of Visitors; Savannah College of Art & Design; Korea Defense Veterans Association Advisory Board. He is 2004 and 2008 United States Presidential Elector from Georgia.

He served as president of the National Korean American Federation (1991); Chairman of the 1992 Overseas Korean Conference in Berlin, Germany; In 1996, he founded the American Korean Friendship Society to strengthen unique relationship between the two nations; To encourage fellow immigrants to become active in community affairs, Mr. Park founded the Good Neighboring Foundation; With his own program "If Sunny Can, I Can," he mentors high school dropouts at Youth Challenge Programs. He delivered the commencement speeches to Class 2006 of Kennesaw State University, Class 2007 of Berry College, Rome, Georgia and 2018 of Belhaven University, Jackson, Mississippi.

Mr. Park is laureate of Atlanta Business Hall of Fame; inducted to KATUSA Hall of Fame in Korea.

He is decorated with People's Merit by South Korean President; Volunteer Service Award by the President of the U. S.; Americanism Medal by Daughters of American Revolution; Patrick Henry Trophy by National Guards Association; Small Business Person of the Year by Atlanta Chamber of Commerce; Lifetime Achievement Award by the National Youth Foundation 2007; VanLandingham Commitment to Economic Education Award by Georgia State University; 2018 Liberty Award by Institution of Corian American Studies; 2020 Freedom Award from Georgia Public Policy Foundation; Envision and Unity Award by Council of Korean Americans in October 2023.

He studied at Indiana University Purdue University at Indianapolis. He received an honorary doctorate from Belhaven University.

Sunny Park attends the Church of The Apostle, Atlanta, GA.

[For more information on Sunny Park, visit www.sunnypark.com.](http://www.sunnypark.com)

Last week's speaker

Kyle Wingfield (Georgia Public Policy Foundation)

Kyle Wingfield is a native of Dalton and graduate of the University of Georgia.

He joined the Foundation as president and CEO in April 2018 after spending nine years as an opinion columnist for The Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

He has also worked for the Wall Street Journal, based in Brussels, Belgium, and for the Associated Press, based in Atlanta and Montgomery, Ala.

Kyle's weekly column continues to appear in newspapers around the state.

Kyle is a graduate of the AEI Leadership Network and Leadership Georgia. He serves as a trustee of the Georgia Press Educational Foundation, and is a past member of the University of Georgia's Board of Visitors. An Eagle Scout, he remains a volunteer in Scouting. He lives in Atlanta with his wife and their two sons. He can be reached at Kyle@georgiapolicy.org.

For more information about the GPPF or to subscribe to its newsletter, visit the website at www.georgiapolicy.org.

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If you have a question about the bulletin/programs, or have a program of interest to the club, please contact Stephanie Woody at swoody@forsythnews.com or mobile 678-878-0516.



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