

# Rotary

## Club of Forsyth County (Cumming)



### Speakers

**Oct. 3, 2024:**  
 Jeff Brawand, owner,  
 Cornhole ATL and Atlanta  
 Bocce, courtesy of Julie  
 Brennan

**Oct. 10, 2024:**  
 Cindy Elliott, grand  
 reopening of the Georgia  
 Racing Hall of Fame,  
 courtesy of Melissa Durand

**Oct. 17, 2024:**  
 Bruno Toniolo, GRSP  
 student from Brazil

**Oct. 24: OPEN,**  
 courtesy of Jonathan  
 Heard

**Oct. 31: OPEN,**  
 courtesy of Jonah  
 Howell

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:

**Oct. 24:** Jonathan Heard

**Oct. 31:** Jonah Howell

**Nov. 7:** Eric Abbott

**Nov. 14:** Tyler Dominy

**Nov. 21:** Drew Hayes

*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](mailto:swoody@forsythnews.com). Your help is greatly appreciated!*

Club Leaders

### 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 Sept. 27, 2024)

*\* there is a week lag in reporting*

Wild poliovirus (WPV)

Total global WPV1 cases in 2023: 12

Total global WPV1 cases in 2024: 40 (compared with 7 for the same period in 2023)

Circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus (cVDPV) cases

Total global cVDPV cases in 2023: 528

Total global cVDPV cases in 2024: 171 (compared with 276 for the same period in 2023)

### Upcoming Events:

#### Oct. 8: Board Meeting

*\* If you have any upcoming events that you would like to see in the bulletin, please reach out to Stephanie Woody at [swoody@forsythnews.com](mailto:swoody@forsythnews.com).*

### Rotary International Monthly Themes:

| Month    | Theme                                       |
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| 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                    |

**October's Rotary International Theme: Community Economic and Development Month.**

### This week in history

1951

A miraculous homerun wins the pennant for New York Giants



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On October 3, 1951, third baseman Bobby Thomson hits a one-out, three-run home run in the bottom of the ninth inning to win the National League pennant for the New York Giants.

Thomson's homer wrapped up an amazing come-from-behind win for the Giants and knocked the Brooklyn Dodgers, the Giants' hated inter-borough rivals, out of their spot in the World Series.

The Giants went on to lose the Series to the Yankees, but Thomson's miraculous homer remains one of the most memorable moments in sports history.

The Giants weren't even supposed to be in the pennant race—they were 13 1/2 games behind the legendary Dodgers by the middle of August, and everyone thought they were finished. But then they won 16 games in a row.

By October, they'd won 37 of their last 44 games and had tied Brooklyn for the lead. It was time for a playoff.

New York won the first game; in the second, the Dodgers crushed them 10-0. The third game, before 34,320 people at the Polo Grounds in Washington Heights, was crucial, and by the ninth inning, it seemed like a lost cause. The Dodgers were winning 4-1.

People in the stands were gathering their belongings and heading for the subway. But then the Giants came to life. Al Dark and Don Mueller hit respectable singles to right field. Then, after a Monte Irvin pop-up, Whitey Lockman doubled to left and sent Dark safely home. Now the score was 4-2, with runners on second and third.

While Bobby Thomson waited to bat, the Dodgers sent in relief pitcher Ralph Branca.

Thomson was a reliable hitter, and since first base was open and the new rookie Willie Mays waited on deck, many thought that Branca would throw a deliberate walk. He didn't. The first pitch was a called strike. Thomson drilled the second into the leftfield stands.

The Giants win the pennant! radio announcer Russ Hodges howled. The Giants win the pennant! The Giants win the pennant! He kept screaming until he lost his voice.

Meanwhile, inside the Polo Grounds, pandemonium reigned. Fans flooded the field.

Thomson took curtain call after curtain call. People in Manhattan and Brooklyn made so many phone calls in the half-hour after Thomson's homer that New York Telephone nearly lost service in the two boroughs.

The next day, the momentum continued: The Giants beat the Yankees 5-1 in the first game of the World Series. Then the Yanks came back, winning the next three games and the series.

In 1954 the underdog Giants swept the World Series in four straight games, thanks in part to Willie Mays' stupendous first-game over-the-shoulder catch in center field. But by the end of the 1950s, both the Giants and the Dodgers had moved to California, and an incredible era in New York baseball history was over.

For more information, click [here](#).

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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 [swody@forsythnews.com](mailto:swody@forsythnews.com) or mobile 678-878-0516.*