

Rotary

Club of Forsyth County (Cumming)



Speakers

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:
Jeff Brawand, owner, Cornhole ATL and Atlanta Bocce, courtesy of Julie Brennan

Oct. 10, 2024:
OPEN, courtesy of Melissa Durand

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

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. 10: Melissa Durand

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. 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. 5 2024)

* there is a week lag in reporting

Wild poliovirus (WPV)

Total global WPV1 cases in 2023: 12

Total global WPV1 cases in 2024: 34 (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: 158 (compared with 239 for the same period in 2023)

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 2: Annual Boat Cruise, as always, Tommy and Chantal are hosting us on their fabulous boat. Please let JB or Zack know if you are planning on attending and have not yet signed up at one of our regular meetings.

This year, as always, Active Members have paid through their regular dues and will not be charged. *R85 and LOA members will be charged \$75.00 per person if they sign up and don't cancel 10 days prior to the event date. This will also apply to the Christmas Party.*

* 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.

Rotary International Monthly Themes:

Month	Theme
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

September's Rotary International Theme: Basic Education and Literacy Month, click [here](#) to watch a short video to learn more.



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Rotary News

How do we share our stories in a way that attracts/keeps members?



By Massimo Ballotta

Rotary coordinator for Zone 14 and member of the Rotary Club of Feltre, Italy

People used to see my Rotary pin and ask me, "What is Rotary?"

To be honest, I didn't always have a quick answer.

This is a problem, because surveys tell us that we only have a few seconds to capture someone's attention and make an impression.

I made it a goal to find a way to more successfully motivate people who approached me asking questions about our organization. I reached back into my experience to find stories and moments that had inspired me, and that had stirred up my emotions. These Rotary moments are what transformed me from a routine member of my club into a full-blown Rotarian. I became excited about the friendships I have made and the positive lasting change that I can make in my community.

Each of us has a story to tell

It begins with identifying those things that attracted us to Rotary in the first place. And then it involves remembering those instances when we truly felt the life-changing power of Rotary.

There is a well-known saying that I like to repeat often. It is a fundamental phrase, and it is easy to remember: "I learned that people forget what you said, they forget what you did, but people can never forget how you made them feel."

It is in sharing our experiences, emotions, and passions that we create that feeling that people will remember. Sharing our Rotary moments are our best chance of motivating others to join.

This practice has value beyond new member recruitment

Sharing inspiring stories can grow Rotary's reputation in our community. It can get partners excited to work with us.

If we make it a regular part of our meetings, we also allow our members to relive and remember the excitement that brought them to Rotary in the first place. When we ask members to share their stories, we open up opportunities to learn ways they might have become dissatisfied with the club and might help us identify ways we can get them re-engaged. A big step in the growth of any organization is the retention of members. We need to instill enthusiasm and pride of belonging.

Diversity matters

We should also be deliberate about sharing our stories beyond our immediate circle. Don't just tell them to your close friends and acquaintances. We should ask ourselves, who is missing from our club? Who should be here to



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Past President



make our club truly reflect our community? And then go share with them. The more diverse our clubs are, the stronger we are.

We are People of Action, who together create lasting change in our communities.

Rotary's strength lies in our collective dedication to service and our conviction in our ability to tackle any problem no matter how big or small. But we can only do that with vibrant, growing clubs. Therefore, all of us have a responsibility to make membership a priority. And not just during Membership and New Club Development month.

The best shot we have at building membership is by sharing the things that excite us about Rotary, in the past, in the present, and in what we hope to do in the future.

This Day in History

1995 Harlem Globetrotters' 8,829-game winning streak snapped

On September 12, 1995, in Vienna, Austria, the Harlem Globetrotters tip off the third game of an 11-game exhibition series in Europe against a team of retired basketball stars led by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, aptly named "Kareem's All-Stars."

Unlike the previous 8,829 games, the Globetrotters lose, 91-85—the team's first loss since 1971. The Globetrotters' games are usually scripted, but this game is not.

Despite being 48 years old, Abdul-Jabbar put the team on his back, scoring 34 points.

Bo Kimble, a former college standout and New York Knick, scored 13 points and grabbed eight rebounds. Abdul-Jabbar and Kimble were aided by a handful of other former NBA standouts such as Artis Gilmore, Jo-Jo White, Nate "Tiny" Archibald and 40-year-old Cedric "Cornbread" Maxwell.

The victory had additional significance for Abdul-Jabbar, who was no stranger to the Globetrotters.

In 1969, the Globetrotters—known primarily for their on-court antics—reportedly offered him a \$1 million contract to play with them after his historic collegiate career at UCLA.

Abdul-Jabbar turned the deal down and went on to become the No. 1 pick of the 1969 NBA Draft by the Milwaukee Bucks.

After the win, Abdul-Jabbar complimented the Globetrotters, saying they were "a very good basketball team" and that "they impressed our team with their poise in this loss."

Meanwhile, the Globetrotters, who had won the first two games of the 11-game series in Switzerland and Germany, took the loss fairly hard.

"The guys are really upset ...," Reggie "Regulator" Phillips told the media. "After being part of the team for over 300 straight wins, it is a strange feeling to lose a game."

The Globetrotters defeated the All-Stars in their next "game."

At the end of this somewhat strange series featuring basketball entertainers and NBA has-beens, Maxwell summed up the experience humorously, telling the New York Times: "You look at us after these games, we are on Tylenol, Excedrin, Advil—all kinds of painkillers, anti-inflammatories. We're one big pharmaceutical shop. If they do this next year, they ought to look at one of those drugs companies sponsoring it. They can call it the Kareem-Harlem Globetrotters Pain Tour."

Read more [here](#).

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