

Rotary

Club of Forsyth County (Cumming)



Speakers

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:
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

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 Aug. 30 2024)

** there is a week lag in reporting*

Wild poliovirus (WPV)

Total global WPV1 cases in 2023: 12

Total global WPV1 cases in 2024: 33 (compared with 7 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: 146 (compared with 232 for the same period in 2023)

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 2: Annual Boat Cruise

** 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.

Rotary News

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

**Stephanie Woody know at
swoody@forsythnews.com.
Your help is greatly
appreciated!**

Club Leaders



Michael F. Smith
President



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President-Elect
On-To Conference
Chair



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Rotary Foundation
Chair



Daisy Weeks-Marisko
Laws of Life Contest
Chair



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Sergeant-at-Arms



Jerry F. Marinich
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Committee Chair
Hospitality Co-Chair



Taylor H. Rice
Charities Chair



Samuel J. Siemon
Challenge Scholarship
Chair



Ken Terry
Hospitality



Matt Herring
Club Service Chair



J.B. Bader
Club Socials Co-Chair



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 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



Katie Hildreth
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Cynthia D. Watson
iPast President



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.

Rotary Club of Forsyth County

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For more information about our club click on one of the links below:

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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 or mobile 678-878-0516.