

Rotary



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About Rotary

Rotary International is an international service organization whose stated purpose is to bring together business and professional leaders in order to provide humanitarian service and to advance goodwill and peace around the world. Rotary is a global network of 1.4 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change - across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

RI President Stephanie Urchick's theme for the 2024-2025 Rotary year is "***The Magic of Rotary***". She says members create that magic with every project completed, every dollar donated, and every new member of Rotary.

Upcoming Programs

Upcoming Program: Nicole Love Hendrickson, Chairwoman of Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners - State of the County



Nicole Love Hendrickson was elected Chairwoman of the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners in 2020 and reelected in 2024, becoming the first African American to lead Georgia's second-most populous and most diverse county. She oversees the \$2.67 billion budget and guides policy for nearly 1 million residents. Hendrickson has prioritized inclusive transit planning, housing affordability, economic opportunity for small and minority businesses, and transparent governance. She serves on key boards including the Atlanta Regional Commission, Gwinnett Board of Health, and National Association of Counties, where she holds national leadership roles. She completed Leadership Gwinnett and the ARC Regional Leadership Institute. Her accolades include Georgia Trend's 100 Most Influential Georgians and the Gwinnett Bar's Liberty Bell Award. She holds degrees from URI and UGA and is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She lives in unincorporated Lilburn with her husband and son.

Upcoming Programs - Be sure to visit the DACdb calendar to see all upcoming events.

July 1st - Elliott Brack - How Well Do You Know The County's Namesake, Button Gwinnett?
July 8th - Lisa Marie Bristol, Solicitor General - Gwinnett County Solicitor's Office
July 15th - TBA

Recap of last week



Bruce E. Carter
On-To
Conference
Chair



Lee Jordan
Club
Director



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Chair



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Club
Fellowship
Chair



Souleymane Ongoiba
Youth
Services
Chair



Joe Godfrey
iPast
President

Birthdays

Paul Ryerson
June 20th

Art Assad
June 20th

Cameron Christopher
Barnhill

Program Recap

Randy Kessler has made a name for himself, representing everyone from celebrities to everyday folks going through tough family law issues. His clients have included NBA and NFL players, TV personalities, entertainers, judges, and even other lawyers. But no matter how famous or not, he gives each case the same level of attention, strategy, and care. Along the way, he's gathered plenty of "war stories" and shared a few while representing individuals such as Nene Leaks, Usher's wife, Leonard Pope, Ricky Davis, Jerry Stackhouse and Evander Holyfield, to name a few. Some wild, some inspiring, that highlight just how intense and unpredictable family law can be. These experiences have helped shape his style: always prepared to go to battle if needed, but focused on finding peace whenever possible. Whether it's a high-profile case or a quiet divorce, Kessler's goal is to help his clients move forward with strength, clarity, and the best possible outcome.



Kicks For Kidz:

Our first service project for the 2025-2026 Rotary year is on the calendar. The 2025 Kicks for Kidz shoe giveaway is Saturday, July 19th at Dick's Sporting Goods at the Mall of Georgia, from 8am-10am. Marlon Allen has shared that there is one volunteer time slot to help as a greeter or personal shopper with the goal of giving away 300 pairs of athletic shoes to kids in need for the upcoming school year. To make this event a success, we need your time and treasure! To donate, you must do so through [Kicks For Kidz Donation](#) (Rotary invoice billing is no longer an option).

To volunteer, register here: [Kicks For Kidz Volunteer Link](#)



Cell Phone-Friendly Reminder

As a courtesy to our speaker, members, and guests, please silence your cell phone before the meeting begins. If you must take a call, we kindly ask that you step outside. Thank you for your cooperation. To maintain a respectful and undisturbed environment, any disruptions caused by ringing phones may result in a request from President Brad Beisbier to contribute a generous donation to Sunshine, the Happy Pig.

Rotary IGNITE Mobile App

During our meeting, members were introduced to an innovative tool that our club will use: the IGNITE Mobile

June 22nd
Bruce E. Carter
June 23rd
DePriest Waddy
June 24th
John Thomas Souter
June 27th
Jennifer S. Hibbard
June 28th
Yvener Liberal
July 1st
Peter Billups
July 2nd
Wayne T. Sikes
July 7th
Winford V. Lindsay Jr.
July 9th
Wayne Ellison
July 11th
Lee Jordan
July 15th

App. The IGNITE Mobile App connects to DACdb and serves as a powerful platform designed to facilitate interaction, collaboration, and impact within our club. Developed with the principles of Rotary's service at its core, IGNITE empowers us to connect with community members, organize events, and mobilize resources more efficiently than ever before. In addition, we are working on setting up the ability to pay club invoices through the app!

As members of the Rotary Club of Gwinnett, you now have access to this app. You are encouraged to download the IGNITE Mobile App and explore its features firsthand. Log-in with your DACdb username and password. Keep in mind, if you have not logged into DACdb within the last 12 months, you will not be able to access IGNITE and will need to get a new password.

If you have any questions, reach out to Jennifer Hibbard - jennifer.hibbard@vphealth.org.




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Learn more about this exciting new opportunity for clubs across our district.
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Gwinnett County
Meets at The 1818 Club

Time: Tuesday at 12:00 PM