



**Upcoming Health & Wellness Virtual Conversation 21-Day Racial Equality Challenge**

As Rotarians we are becoming more and more aware of the disparities people in our communities face and are committed to work as community leaders to help address those needs. Starting in March, Rotary Districts 6900, 6910 and 6920 will partner with [United Way of Greater Atlanta](#) to promote a unique 21-Day Racial Equity Challenge and we'd like to invite all Georgia Rotarians to take a deeper dive into the discussion of racial equity and healing. The Challenge will be a free, self-guided learning experience where participants will receive 3 emails per week for seven weeks (hence 21 total days) with readings, videos, podcasts, and ways to take action. The learning explores the history and impact of racism in Atlanta and how it's shaped community development work across our region. This is a great opportunity to learn more, grow as an ally, and advocate and reimagine a united path forward.



**GRSP Visit from Mike Sweigart**

Mike Sweigart from GRSP visited our club to present us with a check in the amount of \$4500 as a result of a rebate incentive because we contributed \$50 per capita towards the GRSP program. He went on to ask for that money back plus an additional \$500 which will go towards the GRSP Peace Plaza where we can have our club's name listed on the historical marker in Thomasville.



**Virtual District Conference**



**VIRTUAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE**

Rotary District 6910 | APRIL 23-24, 2021

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**News Worth Celebrating**

By DG Tina D. Fischlin on Saturday, March 6, 2021  
Happy March, Rotary District 6910!

As we head into the 3rd month of 2021, we have a lot to be thankful for. Most importantly, many Rotary members in our District have received or are beginning to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. I love how almost every club I visit has a Happy Dollar announcement from a Rotarian who just received their first or second dose. This is news worth celebrating! We aren't out of the woods yet though mask wearing, handwashing and social distancing are still the keys to keeping ourselves and each other safe.

March is Water, Sanitation & Hygiene month. Did you know that 2,200 children are dying every day from a lack of access to clean water? Clean water, safe sanitation and healthy hygiene are basic human needs, but millions of people throughout the world including in our own communities do not have access to resources to meet these basic needs. Rotarian Suchet Louis has an update in this newsletter on HANWASH and

- Marlon Allen  
March 28th
- Barry Mock  
March 29th
- Steve Flynt  
March 30th
- Cedric Swain  
April 1st
- William F. McCargo  
April 5th

how the District is supporting these efforts.

We continue to open the doors of opportunities with our Feed 10 Million Meal Challenge. At press time, we will have provided 1,477,584 meals this Rotary year!

From the Rotary Club of Athens, Rotarian Sarah McKinney shared the following story:

◆*At 8pm last night, I received a call from a local pastor that the food distribution they had planned for today fell through. They had planned for a USDA truckload of commodities, and due to logistics, the trucking company cancelled. She needed help to make good on her promise to feed neighbors near the Church. I sent Richard Boone and Sherry Anderson at the Food Bank an urgent email to help. At this VERY moment, they are loading a truckful of Farmers to Families (and more) from our Rotary Clubs and headed over to be the heroes (Food Bank) to the heroes (Church) to feed our neighbors.*

*Rotary Rocks. The Food Banks Rocks. Our neighbors Rock. A little Friday morning tear doesn't feel too bad. Bless you all.*

*Sarah McKinney, President/CEO Athens Area Community Foundation*

*Keep up the good work Rotary District 6910 Rotarians!*

From I will echo Sarah's encouraging words: KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, Rotary District 6910 Rotarians!

-DG Tina



Pictured left to right: Richard Boone (Food Bank NEGA); Sarah McKinney, Rotary Club of Athens; President Carl Blount, Rotary Club of Athens; District Governor Nominee Gerry Taylor, Classic City of Athens Rotary Club.

## Great Service Project Ideas for Water and Sanitation

By Schelly Tennant Marlatt on Wednesday, February 24, 2021

March is Water and Sanitation Month in the Rotary World. We want to provide all of our clubs in District 6910 with ideas on how your group can get involved and help to protect our waterways and the environment (click below to read more).

### GREAT SERVICE PROJECT IDEAS FOR WATER & SANITATION MONTH

March is Water and Sanitation Month. Here are some great service project ideas that your club can participate in to help protect our waterways and environment:

1. **Adopt-a-Road:** Select a road in your community and coordinate a cleanup by picking up litter and other debris such as tires, car parts, illegal signs and more. These types of cleanups will prevent litter from ending up in our precious waterways. If you have a Keep America Beautiful affiliate in your area, they will gladly provide you with supplies to conduct your cleanup and even remove the debris for you.

2. **Adopt-a-Stream:** Is there a stream, lake or pond near you that has been an eyesore due to litter or invasive plants? Take the initiative by coordinating a cleanup to remove debris and/or privet removal. If you want to expand your impact, consider participating in a training workshop in your area to learn how to monitor water quality and care for a local waterway.

Georgia  
**Adopt-A-Stream**  
Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring

3. **Storm Drain Stenciling Program:** Storm drains are designed to prevent flooding by carrying rainwater from our streets and rivers. They can become clogged with leaves, grass, litter, which can cause flooding and pollution to flow into our state's precious streams and rivers. Organize a group to clean up storm drains. Many counties offer programs through the Storm Drain Stenciling Program where concerned citizens and volunteers stencil "No Dumping ... Leads To Stream" on catch basins. Educational material is included for distribution to provide important information to residents about non-point pollution and ways to reduce it on their property. Supporting our environment is one of the many ways Rotarians can bring about positive change in the world and increase our impact of strengthening the conservation and protection of natural resources, ecological sustainability and making our world a better place.

