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-  Scott Jordan
March 26th
-  Marlon Allen
March 28th
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March 29th
-  Steve Flynt
March 30th
-  Cedric Swain
April 1st

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. There are 34,282 member clubs worldwide, representing 200 countries and 1.2 million members.

RI President-elect Holger Knaack's theme for 2020-21, **Rotary Opens Opportunities**, asks Rotarians to create opportunities that strengthen their leadership, help put service ideas into action, and improve the lives of those in need.

Upcoming Programs

Upcoming Program: Dr. Jann Joseph, President of Georgia Gwinnett College



Beginning with the March 2nd meeting, you must Reregister to get a new Zoom link for our weekly meetings. That link is:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8121sd-murDMrHNOZLIkklmSqWcFf-3hnkPA1>

Dr. Jann L. Joseph has spent her career working to increase educational opportunities and student success. Joseph was born in Trinidad, West Indies, as the youngest of five siblings. Although neither parent completed elementary school, they valued the power of education to transform lives for generations. Joseph's gratitude for her parents' encouragement and sacrifices to give her an education inspired her to pay it forward by serving in higher education.

Joseph graduated from the University of the West Indies in St. Augustine with a bachelor's degree in science in agriculture in 1984 and a master's degree in philosophy in plant science in 1989. She taught with the Ministry of Education for the Government of Trinidad and Tobago from 1990 to 1992.

In 1998, she graduated from the University of Wisconsin - Madison with a doctorate in curriculum and instruction in science education. While there, she held various teaching and research positions. Her first full-time faculty appointment was at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Michigan, where she advanced through the ranks to professor in the Department of Biology, Science Education and associate dean in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

She continued to expand her administrative and programmatic experiences, first as dean of the College of Education at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. She later served as executive vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, Division of Student Engagement and Success and then as interim chancellor at Indiana University - South Bend. In 2019, Joseph was named president of Georgia Gwinnett College.

Her professional affiliations include service as president representative for IN-ACE Women's Network, campus representative for the IU Academic Leadership Council, the Center for Regional Campus Excellence and the Higher Learning Commission, board member of Indiana Campus Compact, and executive board member of the Michigan Association for Colleges of Teacher Education. She has also served as chair of the Michigan Council of Deans of Colleges of Education and the Content Advisory Committee of the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification - Integrated Science. She has been a member of the MI-ACE Women of Color Committee, the Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences Committee on Associate/Assistant Deans and the Detroit Schools Higher Education Consortium. She currently serves as chair of the University System of Georgia Council on General Education. Joseph currently serves on the boards of: Atlanta Regional Council for Higher Education, Gwinnett County Chamber of Commerce, Georgia Hispanic Chamber, Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful, Rainbow Village, and The Water Tower at Gwinnett. Joseph's civic engagement has included serving on the boards of Healthlink, the South Bend Regional Chamber of Commerce and the St. Joseph County Historical Society, and as president of the South Bend Chapter of The Links Inc. She was a member of the Ypsilanti 20-Club Town and Gown group and has volunteered with Dress for Success and The American Heart Association, among other organizations.

Joseph has three children and four grandchildren. She and her husband, Bishop Dr. Willard Smith reside in Lawrenceville.

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

- March 30th - Representative Carolyn Bourdeaux, Georgia's 7th Congressional District
- April 6th - Josiah Johnson - Boy With A Ball
- April 13th - Wayne Hill - Remember When

Recap of last week

Recap of Last Week's Program

Our Rotary Club launched a relationship with the Ismaili Muslim community when planning Gwinnett's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast in 2018 and joined together again in 2020 for our Peace & Unity celebration. This week we were excited to welcome as our speaker Salima Jaffer - President of the Ismaili Council for the SE USA - the social governing body of the Ismaili community. Jaffer was appointed by His Highness the Aga Khan in July 2019 to lead the SE Council for a 3 year term. The Ismaili SE Council is one of seven regional councils in US that serves GA, AL, TN and the Carolinas. All members of the council, including Salima, are volunteers that serve above and beyond their professional lives.

Salima spoke about the work of the Ismaili community to share the social conscience of Islam and to build pluralistic communities. Their work centers around a most pressing concern for humanity to find a solution to how we can coexist peacefully and productively. They focus on the search of knowledge for the betterment of societies, building bridges of peace and understanding, and the sharing of one's time, talents, and resources to improve the quality of life of their community. They believe that peace is possible with action, determination and a plan.

Salima said, "We must connect in order to learn from one another and to make a difference together. But connection does not necessarily mean no differences in beliefs or disagreements. We must learn to embrace and accept our differences. Diversity does not weaken a society but strengthens it." Salima stressed that pluralism is a necessity to a peaceful world. She talked about the Ismaili community's desire to strive for a cosmopolitan ethic stemming from all of earth's great faiths - a consensus of common ground where we strive for a common ethic for all peoples and accept our ultimate moral responsibilities.

We learned about the work of the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) in over 30 countries around the world which relies upon the support of thousands of Ismaili volunteers who deeply believe serving humanity makes a difference and uplifts those in need to give them hope. Salima talked about their significant partnerships around the world, including their work with Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation. She praised Rotary's role as a significant voice for peace and change. Most recently they have partnered with RI on a maternal and child health initiative in East Africa, offering professional training for nurses to better healthcare services in that region.

In closing, Salima wished our members a Happy Navroz on March 21st, the Ismaili festival day that marks the beginning of a new year and the first day of spring. She said, "I wish you all peace, happiness, and fulfillment as we continue to serve together. Thank you for helping to engender peace in our society."

Mercy Seeds Resource Center Community Food Distribution- Volunteer Opportunity

The Mercy Seed Community Food Pantry (MSCFP) changes lives by helping to meet the needs of the church and community by providing food to the community with the love of Christ. Rotary has committed twelve people to help them ensure that those in need of nutritional food in our community have healthy meals by volunteering with our weekly food pantry distributions.

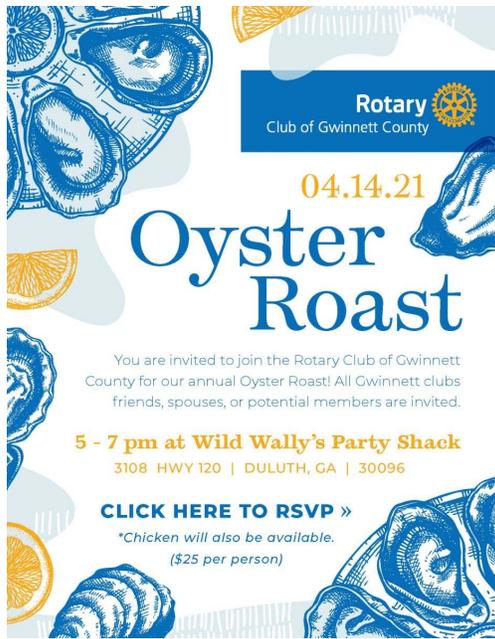
We are recruiting volunteers for Saturday, March 27th to assist in distributing food to community members, such as packing and transporting items (on a cart) out to cars of clients. With your help, we will be one step closer to ending hunger in our community.

The sign up genius link is: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054daca82ca4fc1-mercy>



Oyster Roast-Food & Fellowship!

Plan to join us for our first social gathering of 2021 being held on April 14th. There is a sign up link in the flyer as well as you can use this link. Please note we need a well in advance number so please sign up now if you plan on coming. It has been a long year without social gatherings and fellowship opportunities, this should be a great one!
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Club of Gwinnett County

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Oyster Roast

You are invited to join the Rotary Club of Gwinnett County for our annual Oyster Roast! All Gwinnett clubs friends, spouses, or potential members are invited.

5 - 7 pm at Wild Wally's Party Shack
3108 HWY 120 | DULUTH, GA | 30096

CLICK HERE TO RSVP »
**Chicken will also be available.
(\$25 per person)*



William F. McCargo
April 5th



Mark Willis
April 12th



Adam Pomeranz
April 15th



Emory L. Morsberger
April 17th



Brian D. Blough
April 17th



Shelly Emanuel Hoffman
April 18th

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 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.



UNITED WAY OF GREATER ATLANTA
21 DAY CHALLENGE
RACIAL EQUITY

Virtual District Conference



VIRTUAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Rotary District 6910 | APRIL 23-24, 2021

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- Club Social Opportunities
- District Awards

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