



Rotary Opens Opportunities

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Birthdays





Steve Flynt March 30th



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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. 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: Representative Carolyn Bourdeaux, Georgia's 7th Congressional District



eginning with the March 2nd meeting, you must REREGISTER to get a new Zoom link for our weekly meetings. That link is: tos://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlsd-murDMrHN0ZLIKklmSqWcEf-3hnkPA1.

Rep. Carolyn Bourdeaux lives with her family in Suwanee, Georgia and represents Georgia's 7th Congressional District. In Congress, Carolyn is a strong advocate for affordable health care, an economic recovery that puts workers and small businesses first, investing in her district's world-class public education system, and developing improved transportation infrastructure to unicke comornic opportunity.

Before her election to the U.S. House of Representatives, Carolyn taught as a professor of public management and policy at the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University, and has served in a number of public service roles during her career.

During the Great Recession, Carolyn was the director of the Georgia Senate Budget and Evaluation Office, where she worked with both parties to balance Georgia so budget and get the state economy back on track. In this role, Carolyn advocated for a number of policies to improve transparency and fiscal responsibility in the budget process, and was instrumental in developing jegislation to track and account for all tax breaks, including corporate tax loopholes. At the end of her time with the Senate Budget Office, Carolyn was honored with a bipartisan special resolution for significant service to the state of Georgia.

In her early career, Carolyn served as a legislative aide to U.S. Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR), where she worked with him on a wide range of policy issues, including improving transit and transportation infrastructure and expanding access to health care and food programs for low income families.

Rep. Carolyn Bourdeaux was the only Democratic congressional candidate to flip a red district blue in 2020, inspiring record-breaking voter turnout after coming just 433 votes of unseating a 4-term incumbent in 2018. Her district includes portions of the northeast Atlanta metropolitan area, including portions of Forsyth and Gwinnett counties and cities Peachtree Corners, Berkeley Lake, Sugar Hill, Norcross, Cumming, Lawrenceville, Duluth, Snellville, Lilburn, Suwanee, Grayson, and Buford.

April 6th - Josiah Johnson - Boy With A Ball April 13th - Wayne Hill - Remember When April 20th - TSD April 27th - Chairwoman Nicole Love Hendrickson and Former Chairman Charlotte Nash - Reflections and Forward

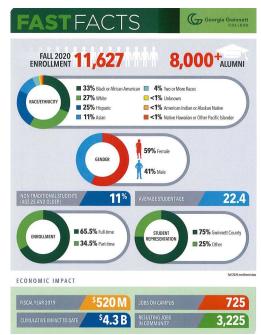
Recap of last week

We had the pleasure of hearing from Dr. Jann Joseph, President of Georgia Gwinnett College. She enlighted us with a few facts that many of us probably did not know. GGC is ranked the tenth top public school in the regional colleges south category, according to U.S. News & World Report Magazine in 2019. The magazine also states that GGC is considered the most diverse college (public or private) in the Southern region between 2015-2020. She was calledt to share with us that GGC's tennis team is ranked #1 and just last week, level won their 138th consecutive tennis match, holding the collegiate sports history record.

Dr. Joseph went on to say that it's GGC's goal to know their entire student body. They have been diligent in ramping up their data collection to make sure they have a pulse on them to ensure their success. In addition, they've increased virtual and in-person interactions providing students affordable accessibility to their studies and psychological needs.

She shared with us that GGC and it's staff will not run from hard work - college is hard but they encourage them to step up and to add value, helping students to get to that next level - help them reach middle class status and that "white picket fence". Seventy-five percent of graduates stay and work in Gwinnett; fifty-nine percent are female.

Below are some other interesting facts about CGC and the great things they are doing with and for our future leaders. Thank you, Dr. Joseph for sharing your passion for higher education, your faculty and students as well as our community!





Adam Pomeran:



April 17th

Brian D. Blough April 17th



Shelly Emanuel Hoffman April 18th



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Community Champion

This month's Community Champion goes to Sherwin Levinson. As the Executive Director for The Medical Reserve Corps, Sherwin has responded to many emergencies over the years but during the pandemic, he has gone above and beyond, helping over 200,000 people get tested for Covid19. He has led his organization to serve over 8,000 hours volunteering in providing Covid19 support. Thank you Sherwin for being a true example of Service Above Self and how Rotary Opens Opportunities.



New Member Induction

This week, we welcomed our newest member, David Hall aka California Dave. David migrated from California to Georgia, following his children so he can be closer to them. Rumor has it that he is a tremendous fundraiser and we will be sure to tap into his talents while he serves in our club. Welcome to our family, California Dave. We are happy to have you!



Mercy Seeds Resource Center Community Food Distribution- Volunteer Opportunity

Several Rotarians volunteered this weeked at The Mercy Seed Community Food Pantry (MSCFP) which is an organization that changes lives by helping to meet the needs of the church and community by providing food to the community with the love of Christ.







Ovster 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! https://uridefense.com/v3/_https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F084EACAA22A3F94-oyster_:|!C22fjcuEl1naOh5RI-J5Hu37OU_DaYu_MHjyO1vfertR6idUCnucvUYM_17F2o3_mD4XUKmk\$



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 <u>United Way of Greater Atlanta</u> 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-quided learning experience where species with readings, wideos, podcasts, and ways to take action. The learning explores the history and impact of racism in Atlanta and how it have a shaped community development work across our region. This is a great opportunity to learn more, grow as an all, and advocate and reimagine a united path forward.



Virtual District Conference



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Gwinnett County Meets at The 1818 Club

Time: Tuesday at 12:00 PM