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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: Josiah Johnson, Development Director - Boy With A Ball



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/meeting/register/f2lsd-murDMrHN0ZLIKklmSqWcFf-3hnkPA1

Josiah Johnson, affectionately called Joey, grew passionate about helping young people reach their dreams as his life was transformed by deep friendships while studying at the University of Georgia.

Josiah is a creative connector who uses humor to care for people and lead them. He functions as the development director, and works creatively at finding ways to rally a city to care for it's own.

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

April 13th - Wayne Hill - Remember When April 20th - David Snell, E.R. Snell April 27th - Chairwoman Nicole Love Hendrickson and Former Chairman Charlotte Nash - Reflections and Forward

Recap of last week

Representative Carolyn Bourdeaux, Georgia's 7th Congressional District visited our Club last week. Not only did she share her journey of how she became our State's Democratic Representative, she spoke on her passion for public service as well as touching on several current programs and projects that she is working on. Healthcare reform, immigration laws, border crisis and securing additional funding for schools are among Rep. Bourdeaux's list of issues she's working on.

She spoke about the American Recovery Bill and the importance of getting Covid-19 under control, including vaccine purchases as well as testing the variants. Providing relief checks and tax-filing extensions were big wins in her book. Rep. Bourdeaux was proud to be the first freshman in Congress to pass a piece of legislation. The PPP Extension Act of 2021 is a bipartisan legislation that extends the life of the Paycheck Protection Program, enabling small businesses to continue assessing much needed financial assistance. This legislation will push the original deadline back from March 31st to May 31st.

Thank you, Representative Bourdeaux for visiting our club and sharing the work that you are doing!

10 Million Meal Challenge

As part of the 10 million meal challenge The Gwinnett Rotary Club and the Ismaili Service Community volunteered at the drive thru food pantry at Mercy Seed, a food pantry at New Mercies Church in Lilburn, GA. We were able to serve 116 families by providing a week's worth of food for a family. Our clubs provided 17 volunteers on Saturday, Mar 27th! In addition to the food boxes filled with love, the 1st set of Hope cards were distributed to the families 17tal Meals : (116 families x 4 people per family x 3 meals per day x 7 days per week) = 9,744 meals.

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 conning. It has been a long year without social gatherings and fellowship opportunities. this should be a great on the plant of this plant in this plant in this plant is plant in this plant is plant in this plant. This plant is plant in the plant is plant in this plant is plant in the plant in this plant is plant in the plant in this plant is plant in this plant is plant in this plant in this plant is plant in this plant in this plant is plant in this plant in this plant is plant in this plant in this plant is plant in this plant in this plant in this plant is plant in this plant in this plant is plant in this plant in this plant is plant in this plant in this



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>Linited Way of Greater Allanta</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-guided learning experience where pricinaris 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 shall be 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.



Brian D. Blough April 17th

Shelly Emanuel Hoffman April 18th

Audrey Arona May 1st

Slade W. Lail May 1st



Virtual District Conference



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We Can Help Prevent the Death of 5.9 Million Children Annually

By DG Tina D. Fischlin on Thursday, April 1, 2021

MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH

One of the seven areas of focus for Rotary is Maternal and Child Health, and in April we celebrate the efforts of Rotarians and others worldwide, who work tirelessly to save women and children

An estimated 5.9 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, inadequate healthcare, and poor sanitation--all preventable!

So how does Rotary help? The Rotary Foundation supports programs that provide education, immunizations, birth kits, and mobile health clinics. Women are taught how to prevent mother-to-infant HIV transmission, how to breast-feed, and how to protect themselves and their children from disease. In our District, we support many Rotarian-initiated projects that support this area of focus. Alliance for Smiles http://www.allianceforsmiles.org/ is a project near and dear to my heart. Be sure and read Sallie sarticle in this newsletter about all the lives that have been changed with your support.

Another amazing Rotarian initiated non-profit providing healthcare solutions for children is Gift of Life International. https://www.giftoflifeinternational.org/
This amazing organization provides hope to children born with congenital heart disease, the number ONE birth defect worldwide. This picture of Sat Nu from Myanmar shows how this surgery saved her life.

These are just two of the wonderful programs your clubs can contribute to support maternal and child health.

District Conference registration is OPEN! Reserve your spot at the Fun in the Sun �virtual� District Conference. Simply click on the link here!



Are You Ready?

Thursday, April 1, 2021



By Laura Dent and Paige Havens
Our amazing virtual Fun in the Sun District Conference is just 3 weeks away, and we re excited to bring the beach to you! More than 200 of you have registered to date, and the names keep pouring in. If you haven register here! It s amazing what we can now do together virtually. Our two-day conference will be packed with Rotary fellowship, fun activities with in-person options, excellent speakers, and a Pack-A-Backpack Service Project-all online! Here are some key resources you ni need to soak up all of the Fun in the Sun:

- Conference Agenda: Click here!
- . Conference Keynote Speaker Bios: Click here!







Executive Director, Rotary Action Group for Peace





Entrepreneur, Speaker Pastor Business Leader

- Shopping List for 5:00 Somewhere Cocktail Party: Click here!
 Recipes will be sent to attendees via Whova
- Beach Bash Low Country Boil Recipe: Click here!
- Wine Coupon for your Wine Tasting Order: Click here!
- . How to Set Up & Customize Your WHOVA Conference Portal: Click here!

Cost to attend is only \$25 for Rotarians and \$15 for guests. Each registrant will receive virtual registration gifts and a chance to win excellent door prizes. One lucky person will win a grand door prize--\$1,200 Gift Certificate for a 3-night stay at The Westin Jekyll Island. To incentivize us all to be actively engaged in each session, you must be present to win!

Conference attendees, watch your email closely for lots of great conference information coming to your inbox. We can t use to celebrate this year s great accomplishments of our Clubs and District 6910 with

Let's Make Every Day Earth Day

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

By Schelly Tennant � Rotary Club of Gwinnett County



For me, the environment isn \diamondsuit t just the focus of my career \diamondsuit it \diamondsuit s a focus in my life.

Every year the world commemorates Earth Day--the one day a year that we turn our attention to the needs of the planet. While April 22 marks one of my favorite days of the year, I can • I help but think, • Why can • I we make every day Earth Day/• After all, the environment isn • I is planet. • I • I have a new an integral link in the chain of life. The health of the environment not only impacts the health of the people and animals who live in an ecosystem, it impacts the economic welfare of the community it encompasses. Graffiti-filled walls and litter-strewn streets are rarely, if ever, associated with an economically thriving community. That • why I • I is a life of the community is the or in the community of the community is the or in the community of the community is the community of the co

Rather than merely observing litter and expecting someone else to pick it up, get in the habit of carrying a plastic bag to collect trash during your evening stroll or sign up to Adopt-A-Road through Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful or your local affiliate, regularly policing your adopted stretch of roadway. As a matter of fact, there are dozens of ways to get involved in the stewardship of your county so local environment. Beautifying the local area also has a positive impact on the environment, so you can plant a shade tree or an entire garden this spring. Whatever resonates with you personally and makes you feel as though you are making a difference in our little corner of the world!

I hope you will join me in making a conscious effort to make our local environment a focus in your life. Let les work together to make every day Earth Day!



Gwinnett County Meets at The 1818 Club

Time: Tuesday at 12:00 PM