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Club Leaders

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Wayne Ellison President-Elect

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Joseph Justin Ariano Membership Chair

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Jennifer K. Hendrickson Family of Rotary International Service Chair

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Scott Jordan Club Programs Chair

Terri Kolander Club Service Chair

John D. Gibb Vocational Service Chair

Sherwin M. Levinson AV & Stage Manager Chair

Jennifer S. Hibbard

Birthdays

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Audrey Arona May 1st

Derrick Bell April 21st

Slade W. Lail May 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: David Snell, Vice President - E.R. Snell



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/t2lsd-murDMrHN0ZLIKkImSgWcEf-3hnkPA1

This week, we will hear from David Snell who is theVice President of E.R. Snell in Snellville, Georiga

E.R. Snell Contractor, Inc. is a construction company focused on new and existing road construction and repair, asphalt paving bridges and concrete structures in both the public and private sectors. As a local, family-owned company, we have a commitment to serving our customers of all sizes an communities in which we work throughout the State of Georgia in a way that honors the standards on which our company mass founded. of all sizes and the

We pride ourselves on maintaining excellent employee relations, delivering the highest quality work, completing projects on time and on budget, and giving back to our community. We have the reputation as a well-respected contractor and employer throughout the state because of our emphasis on integrity, honesty and fiscal responsibility.

ROADS & BRIDGES

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

April 27th - Chairwoman Nicole Love Hendrickson and Former Chairman Charlotte Nash - Reflections and Forward May 4th - ∳ngel Cabrera, President - Georgia Tech Institute of Technology May 11th - TB

Recap of last week

Recap of Last Week's Program

We had the pleasure of hearing from one of our very own, longtime members, Wayne Hill. He shared stories from his 12 years as Gwinnett County Chairman with us. He shared with us that when he took office, things looked much different than they do today - Sugarloaf did not exist, PIB was still two lanes from Sugar Hill to Duluth and Ronaid Reagan was not finished. During his tenure, he paved 50 miles of dirt roads and bought land to extend Sugarloaf to Highway 20 as well as turning many two-lane roads into four-lane. He can be credited for building new structures throughout the county - Fleet, Corrections and Transportation facilities, new facility for water and sewer, the new police training center as well as bought a building at the airport to be used for police helicopters.

Other achievements include building the control lower at the airport, new courthouse for recorders court, new Norcross area Health Department building, bought the old Walmart in Lawrenceville to be turned in the new Health Department and Elections Office, just to name a few.

As if that wasn't enough, he helped with the procurement of 7,000 acres of land to be used for seven parks and greenspace. Other accolades include helping to finish the Fallen Heroes Memorial, gave cities their first SPLOST funds, built the Arena (although he originally didn't think we needed one), worked with folks that built the Mall of Georgia and before he retired, he signed his last contract to build the Environmental and Heritage Center, and Fire Station #26.

Thank you, Wayne for your foresight, vision, perseverance and commitment to making Gwinnett County great, ensuring that success lives here!

Rotarian of the Month

Our Rotarian of the month is Jennifer Hendrickson. She has been busy working behind the scenes, securing great speakers such as Dr. Jann Joseph with GGC as well as doing great things at the District level, helping out with our District Conference. In addition, she does so much with our Family of Rotary committee, keeping everyone up to date with prayers, concerns, etc. of our club members. Congratulations Jennifer!

CART Fund CART is Ch Alzheimer CART is Change for Alzheimer s Research Trust, an organization founded by Rotarians and operated by Rotarians. One hundred percent (100%) of donated funds go to cutting edge research to find a cure for Alzheimer s disease. Thanks to your support CART was able to provide \$1,000,000.00 in Grants again this year. The bad news is that District 6910 has only raised \$38,000.00 as of March 31st and in 2020, we contributed over \$65,000.00, Please consider contributing in the next tend agos to help using to lober to previous levels of support.

Individuals who would like to make a CART Contribution and get Tax or personal Credit: you can go to Login Form (mycartfund.org) and using your DACdb credentials to log in. once you are logged in click on Make a Contribution on the left-hand side of the page. Not only will you get credit, but so will your Club.



Calling All Volunteers For April 23rd We've got two more Notary sponsored Farmers to Families Food Truck Deliveries the morning of April 23rd in Duluth. If you can help us unload and distribute the food to our nonprofit partners, please register here: https://www.signupgenus.com/go/409094aa5a82ca64-rotary1

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. <u>https://www.giftoflifeinternational.org/</u> 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!



Is Your Club Up To Speed On RYLA?



<u>RYLA</u> is a GO for this year and is scheduled to take place June 3 to June 6 at Tallulah Falls School in beautiful Tallulah Falls Student applications are due April 30! With club officer turnover from the 19-20 Rotary year, some clubs may not realize they've already paid for a slot for last year's cancelled event. Any questions about your club's commitment, feel free to contact District Chair, <u>Bob Alman</u>. Here's your link to the RYLA links that you will need, located on the D6910 Web Page: <u>Click here!</u>

Leadership Spotlight: Becky Carlan

By Paige W Havens on Thursday, April 1, 2021

Continuing our District Leadership series, we want you to get to know some of the terrific Rotarians that have stepped forward to help in the Rotary District 6910 efforts to serve all of its clubs. This month we shine our spotlight on district board member, Becky Carlan. A member and past president of the Banks County Rotary, she currently serves as the club's on-to conference chair. To find out why her job helps her to know every resident in the county, be sure to click read more.



Alyssa S Davis May 15th

Randy L. Dellinger May 9th



Becky Carlan grew up in Commerce, Georgia. She graduated from Commerce High School, earned an associate degree from Gainesville College, and graduated from UGA with a BA in Consumer Economics and Housing. Becky and her husband Tim have been married 20 years and are proud parents to two feisty red heads, Ben (18) and Brooke (16). The Carlans live in Homer with their cat Oliver. In 2012 Becky, was elected Tax Commissioner of Banks Courty, and she began serving January 1, 2013. She just began her third term and will be quick to tell you just how much she loves serving the citizens of Banks County.

In early 2012 Sallie Hensiev invited Becky to join the Banks County Rotary Club. Becky jumped in full force and has enjoyed how Rotary connects her to so many great people all over the state. She has now earned the coveled Past President pin and currently serves as the On-to Conference Chair at the District level, as well as on the District Board. Two of her favorite service opportunities to date have been her Club ⇔s Food 2 Kids project that provided meals to 100+ children that were food insecure and serving as Sargent at Arms at PETS. Becky says, ●I love getting to know members of other clubs, whether they are a small, medium or large. We all have our strengths and weaknesses, and when we come together and learn from each other, we improve our impact for all ◆

In her free time Becky loves to go thrifting and yard-sale hopping. Her favorite secape is aboard a cruise ship fraveling to new places. She sactually been on 18 cruises to date and can et wait to get back on the high seas post-pandemic. Becky explaylists include country and 80% music, and her teens keep her current on the latest hip hop. Heipful thin: If you want to motivate her, bring donuts!



Becky rocking her Rotary spirit on the crater of the world argest dormant volcano at the Haleakala National Park in Hawaii.

Let's Make Every Day Earth Day

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

By Schelly Tennant I Rotary Club of Gwinnett County



For me, the environment isn t just the focus of my career t it 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 the help but think, the Why can be we make every day Earth Day/be After all, the environment isn't just an ecological part of this planet.--It's an integral link in the chain of life. The health of the environment isn't just an ecological part of this planet.--It's an integral link in the chain of life. The health of the environment isn't list an ecological part of this planet.--It's an integral link in the chain of life. The health of the environment isn't list be econolise welfare of the community it encompasses. Graffiti-filled walls and litter-strewn streets are rarely, if ever, associated with an economically thriving community. That she with the sub of all of us to serve as stewards of our local environment.

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 <u>Adopt-A-Road</u> 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 stocal 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 los work together to make every day Earth Day!



Gwinnett County Meets at The 1818 Club

Time: Tuesday at 12:00 PM