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	Jeff Alexander Rotary Foundation Chair
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	Jennifer K. Hendrickson Family of Rotary International Service Chair

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 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/join/zoom/register/1Z1sd-murDMrHN0ZLlKklmSqWcf-3hmkPA1>

This week, we will hear from David Snell who is the Vice President of E.R. Snell in Snellville, Georgia.

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 and the communities in which we work throughout the State of Georgia in a way that honors the standards on which our company was founded.

E.R. Snell prides themselves on maintaining excellent employee relations, delivering the highest quality work, completing projects on time and on budget, and giving back to our community.

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

May 18th - Brad Raffensperger, Secretary of State
May 25th - Possible Fieldtrip to Eagle Rock

Recap of Last Week
Today's speaker was Dr. Angel Cabrera, President of Georgia Tech. Dr. Cabrera focused on how Georgia Tech managed during the pandemic and continues to succeed with its efforts. He noted that the university focused on biotechnology and informational technology to implement its strategies.

Because of biotechnical advances and global cooperation among research institutes such as Georgia Tech, this helped scientists to develop the COVID vaccines in less than one year along with enabling researchers to understand the workings of the virus.

Information technology resulted in the tools to allow businesses to communicate and keep the economic engines going.

Georgia Tech was one of the few public universities to allow students and faculty back to campus last fall. The university developed its own COVID testing system by using saliva rather than nose swabs. As a result, it now has a strong COVID database for the school which has allowed it to remain open.

The Georgia state Senate and House of Representatives also used the same COVID testing system on the legislators and staff so that they could continue with the legislative session.

Georgia Tech is proud of its research portfolio which encompasses over \$1 billion in research grants.

There are 8,000 Tech alumni living in Gwinnett County. Currently, there are 2300 students from Gwinnett attending Georgia Tech. And Georgia Tech is now considered the #2 national talent source for Microsoft.

Creating jobs, developing new innovations, researching, and educating talent for the future are what Georgia Tech does best.

2021 Raffle Fundraiser

The 2021 Raffle Fundraiser has officially kicked off. Tickets are now on sale. More than 100 of the 1,000 have already been sold at \$100 each.



Rotary
 Club of Gwinnett County

Greater Gwinnett

ROTARY RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

We're raising funds to help our community! 90% of the net proceeds from this fundraiser will go to support those in needs right here in Gwinnett County. Funds will be split between supporting the Gwinnett Cares initiative and the Community Foundation for Northeast Georgia Coronavirus Relief Fund. The remaining 10% of the net proceeds will go to The Rotary Foundation to help eradicate Polio.

THERE ARE LOTS OF GREAT PRIZES FOR YOU TOO!

It's easy to win:

- 1 Buy a **RAFFLE TICKET**
- 2 If your ticket is drawn, have your pick from **ONE OF THE 10 PRIZES**

Raffle drawing will be **JUNE 1, 2021**.
 There are only 1,000 tickets being sold, so **GET YOURS TODAY!**




GO TO: [TINYURL.COM/GWINNETTROTARYRAFFLE](https://tinyurl.com/gwinnettr Rotary Raffle) →
OR SCAN THE QR CODE ABOVE →

Upcoming Healthcare Summit

MAY 12, 2021 | 8:9:45 AM

ONLINE HEALTHCARE SUMMIT

Join Gwinnett's top healthcare experts for a briefing on efforts to vaccinate citizens quickly, safely and equitably across our community. We'll help you discern fact from fiction and offer great tips to best help your family navigate back to a new 'normal' with resiliency.

Summit offered via Zoom & Facebook Live.
Live Interpretation in Spanish, Korean & Vietnamese.

Register Here:
<http://bit.ly/BeWellGwinnett>



Key discussion topics will include:

- ◆ Vaccine confidence ◆ what we need to know about Johnson & Johnson
- ◆ How safety protocols are working to keep us safe
- ◆ Research and vaccine developments moving forward
- ◆ Global surges ◆ the vaccines vs. variants
- ◆ Vaccination efforts to-date and progress on herd immunity
- ◆ Risk assessments
- ◆ Vaccination strategy ◆ safely, swiftly, equitably ◆ data informed decisions
- ◆ Taking vaccination efforts mobile
- ◆ Scheduling resources
- ◆ New safety guidelines post-vaccination
- ◆ Consumer beware ◆ watching for scams
- ◆ Public/Private partnerships
- ◆ Dealing with anxiety ◆ the healing process
- ◆ Kids ◆ resiliency ◆ physically and mentally
- ◆ How to better support our children and preparing them to return to school

Distinguished guest speakers will include:

- ◆ Dr. Henry Bernstein, Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices - Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
- ◆ Dr. Audrey Arona, District Health Director ◆ Gwinnett Newton Rockdale Health Departments
- ◆ Sheila Lovett, Immunization Director - Georgia Department of Public Health
- ◆ Marlene Fosque, District 4 Commissioner ◆ Gwinnett County
- ◆ Chelsea Walker, LCSW, Wellness Program ◆ Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
- ◆ Gloria Juliao, Director of Play Therapy ◆ View Point Health

Register here: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_NH4gc9IDQ6-fg2EyaEwGHQ

CART Fund

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 ten days to help us get closer to or 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 \(mycartfund.org\)](https://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.



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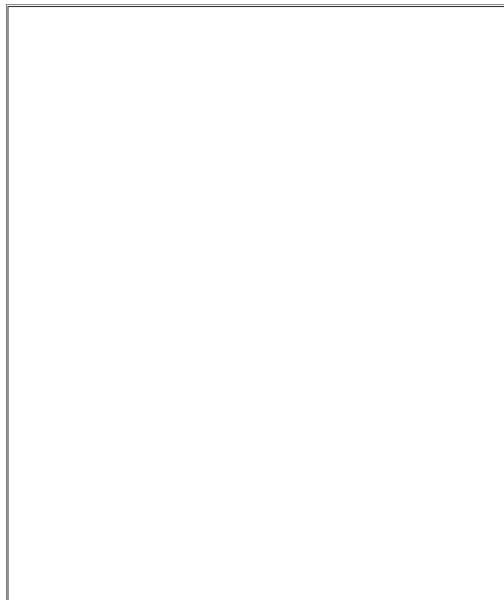
District Assembly--May 15

By Michael L. Berg on Thursday, April 29, 2021

The annual District Assembly will be virtual this year. The general session will take place on Saturday, May 15th from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. All other presentations will be taped for viewing after May 15th. This process will allow Rotarians to view presentations on their own time schedule.

DACdb will be the registration point for the Saturday event. There will be no charge for registration. All other presentations can be viewed on the District 6910 website shortly thereafter. There will be something for everyone interested in many different aspects of District 6910 Rotary. Further learning opportunities can be found by viewing the Rotary Learning Center on the RI website or our own Rotary District 6910 website.

To register now for District Assembly, click the image below.



Schelly Tennant Marlatt
Public Image Chair



Robert Rule
Attendance Secretary
Club Executive Secretary
Sergeant-at-Arms



David Thomas Upchurch
ROCK Co-Champion
Club Polo Plus Chair
Training Officer



Marlon Allen
On-To Conference Chair



Scott Jordan
Club Programs Chair



Terri Kolander
Club Service Chair



John D. Gibb
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Sherwin M. Levinson
AV & Stage Manager Chair



Joe Godfrey
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Birthdays




Mike Fulton
May 10th



Alyssa S. Davis
May 15th



Kelly Herndon Patterson
May 20th




TOGETHER, WE
LEARN

Rotary **PEOPLE IN ACTION**

A Virtual Event

District Assembly

On Zoom May 15

Rotary 

District 6910

Main
General Session
May 15
9:00 am - 11:00 am
Zoom

Join PDG Mike Berg and his leadership team as they plot out a course for the new Rotary year.

WHAT IS IT?

TRAINING & EDUCATION for ALL Rotarians who want to learn and hear new ideas, especially Club leaders, board members and committee chairs who are looking to strengthen their skill set and Rotary knowledge.

INFORMATION about retaining and growing membership, improving your club's public image, developing impactful service projects, doing more good through The Rotary Foundation, using DACdb to better manage your club, and more!

REGISTRATION FEE: None

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To Register for the May 15 event & get the Zoom Link visit DACdb.com

After the General Session, all other training presentations will be recorded for viewing after May 15. This process will allow Rotarians to view presentations on their own time schedule.

Infinite Possibilities

Click the logo above if you would like to go back and revisit any of the "Infinite Possibilities" webinars presented during the past year from Zone 33-34, including Series 1: Women In Rotary and Series 2: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion.

May 2021

Lights, Camera, Action!

By DG Tina D. Fischlin on Saturday, May 1, 2021

WOW ♦ that is the first word that stands out in my mind when I think about last weekend ♦s virtual District Conference.

There are no other ways to express this awesome event. If I tried to list all of thank yous that need to be listed, I would miss someone. However, I must give a HUGE thank you to Dianne Cammarata and our entire District conference team. Phil Ciccone and the technology team brought an event that was as close to being in person as possible.

We celebrated our clubs and our members. Congratulations to Doug Bolton, Rotarian of the Year; Pete McDonald, Assistant Governor of the Year; and Dianne Cammarata, who received Rotary ♦s highest award, Service Above Self. These are just a few of the highlights from conference. Read all about the wonderful awards in the Awards & Honors article.



Jennifer Hendrickson and Mark Willis, both from the Rotary Club of Gwinnett County, performed superbly as this year's district conference emcees.

May is here! We have a lot going on in the District, and Clubs are busy with their fundraisers and finishing up their service projects. Everyone is making the push to finish out this Rotary year strong and train the new leaders to do more than we did this year.

Rotary's theme for May is Youth Service Month, Rotary's annual celebration of all the ways in which we support young people to fully explore and develop who they are and what they have to offer this world. Young people are our future and the future of Rotary. Rotary International President Holger says, ♦ Rotary youth exchange ♦ one of the many programs for youths and young adults that we celebrate this month ♦ was my path into true engagement in Rotary. My wife, Susanne, and I began hosting exchange students soon after I joined, and the experience helped me go from simply being a member of my Rotary club to being a true Rotarian. Now Rotary Youth Exchange is a family tradition, and a strong one: Over the past 24 years, we have hosted 43 students! ♦

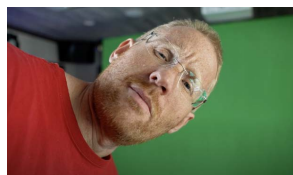
Our District ♦s Interact and EarlyAct clubs have been active this year, even in the middle of a pandemic. Check out their most recent video here. [Video Link](#).

Lastly, there are four reminders for our clubs:

1. Register for District Assembly ♦ it is FREE, but you must register in DACdb.
2. Please update your 2020-2021 Officers and Directors in DACdb. The District Directory is being prepared and we want your most current information in this Directory. Please contact your assistant Governor if you are not sure how to update your information.
3. Sign up for RYLA.
4. District grant final reports are due May 10.

Have a great month!

DG Tina



Phil Ciccone, a member of the the Rotary Club of Towne Lake and the genius director behind all the video and editing for district conference, tries to figure out if this camera is working!?!?

Fun In the Sun District Conference Award Winners and Honors

By Paige W Havens on Friday, April 30, 2021

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Recognizing This Year ♦s Award Winners

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Rotarian of the Year



The Rotary International "Service Above Self Award" was presented to Dianne Cammarata
Doug Bolton
Rotary Club of Covington
[Video link](#)

Assistant Governor of the Year

Pete McDonald
Rotary Club of Rome

[Video Link](#)

Rotary Citation for Meritorious Service

John Sailer
Rotary Club of Johns Creek

[Video link](#)

The Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award

Paul Matthews
Rotary Club of the Classic City of Athens

[Video link](#)

Rotary International Service Above Self Award

Dianne Cammarata
Rotary Club of Hall County

[Video link](#)

Lee Arrendale Vocational Excellence Award

Dr. Patricia Kenney
Rotary Club of Union County

[Video link](#)

Stubbs Guardian of Ethics Award

Martha Martin
Rotary Club of Braselton

[Video link](#)

Rotary Foundation District Service Awards

Al Hombrook
Rotary Club of Lawrenceville
Shannon Osborne
Rotary Club of Green & Putnam Counties
Chuck Pugh
Rotary Club of Lanier-Forsyth

Brad Hubbard
Rotary Club of Columbia County
Rich Panyik
Rotary Club of Greene & Putnam Counties

[Video link](#)

RL Panyick Leadership Awards

Lu Frier Byrd
Rotary Club of Greene & Putnam Counties
Mike Everett
Rotary Club of Hartwell
Max Caylor
Rotary Club of Jasper

Phil Ciccone
Rotary Club of Towne Lake
Amanda Groover
Rotary Club of South Hall

[Video link](#)

Clubs of the Year

Small *Rotary Club of Towne Lake*
Medium *Rotary Club of Greene & Putnam Counties*
Large *Rotary Club of Canton*
Extra-Large *Rotary Club of Gainesville*

[Video link](#)

Club Citation Awards

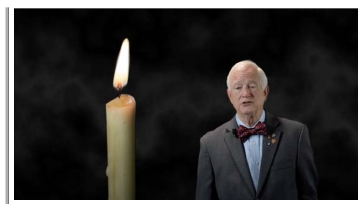
Level	Club Name	President
Bronze	South Forsyth County	Bart Dorough
Bronze	White County	Jordan Dawson
Bronze	Martinez-Evans	Gregory Baker
Bronze	Athens	Carl Ashton Blount IV
Silver	Dahlonega Sunrise	William Jones
Gold	Classic City of Athens	Jay Milner
Gold	Habersham County	Philip Smith
Gold	Dawson County	Sharon Hall
Gold	Canton	Shane Moore
Gold	Club of the Year / Large Category	
Gold	Hall County	Dianne Cammarata/Lona Pope/Sonja McLendon/Al Tremblay
Gold	Hartwell	Mike Everett
Gold	Rockdale County	Cindy Rehorn
Gold	Conyers	Scott Slaughter
Gold	Johns Creek	E. Allen Bowns
Gold	Winder	Ben McDaniel
Gold	Covington	Thomas Kephart
Gold	Braselton	Hardy Johnson
Gold	Jasper	Max Caylor
Gold	Loganville	Marty Thrasher
Gold	Greene & Putnam Counties	Lu Frier Byrd
Gold	Club of the Year / Medium Category	
Gold	Banks County	Vicki Boling
Gold	Union County	Ed Sternberg
Gold	South Hall County	Amanda Groover
Gold	Towne Lake	Phil Ciccone
Gold	Club of the Year / Small Category	
Gold	Oconee County	Mac "Dutch" Guest
Gold	Gwinnett County	Terry Swaim
Gold	Lanier - Forsyth	Janice Davis
Gold	Gainesville	Bill Hall
Gold	Club of the Year / Extra Large Category	

Memorial to Our Fellow Rotarians

By Paige W Havens on Friday, April 30, 2021
Each and every member of our Rotary family is cherished, and when our fellow Rotarians pass on, we all grieve. We want to give everyone in the District the opportunity to share in the Memorial Service held at District Conference to honor and remember those we lost this year and celebrate the life of service they lead.

[Watch the Video Here.](#)





PDG Alan Smith led a wonderful prayer and tribute to all D6910 Rotarians that we lost over the course of the last year.

District Conference Replays

Friday, April 30, 2021



Did you miss a portion of this year's Fun in the Sun District Conference? Or, do you just want to see something again? Some of those award presentations were awesome, weren't they?

Well, no problem! You can still go back and watch the portions or segments that you either missed or want to see again. Simply click the "click here" icon to the left and it will take you to a YouTube page featuring all the different segments. From the "It's 5 O'Clock Somewhere" segment to the "Beach Bash," you can relive it all over again.

And the most popular video of all is the bloopers segment (click on the image below and it will take you right to the bloopers) and is as funny as can be. If you haven't seen it, you will enjoy it.



May is Youth Services Month

By Sallie Boyles on Thursday, April 29, 2021

In the Rotary world, May is Youth Services Month, during which time members of Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact clubs celebrate the opportunities Rotary provides to connect, grow through service, develop leadership skills, mentor or be mentored, and have fun, according to Rotary International.

Although activities were limited over the past academic year, District 6910 has added new EarlyAct, Rotaract, and Interact clubs. Also, between 15 to 20 Rotaract and Interact clubs have continued to make an impact by participating in one, two, or three, district-wide challenges: the Fall Food Drive in November, Letters Against Isolation (a letter-writing campaign to seniors) in January through March, and Earth Day Challenge (trash collection and recycling) in March and April.



As District 6910's Youth Services Chair, Jeremy Echuck says, "The challenges, or friendly competitions, build camaraderie and encourage involvement while students make a difference in their communities." The initiatives, Jeremy explains, further help newer clubs jumpstart participation as well as spark ideas about what they might endeavor.



The Earth Day Challenge (a teacher sponsor in Woodstock thought of this one) inspired participating clubs to collect a total of 459 bags of trash. The Baker Place Early Act Club (in Augusta) took the lead by producing a whopping 329 bags. Besides earning gift cards for their club, they made the local news!

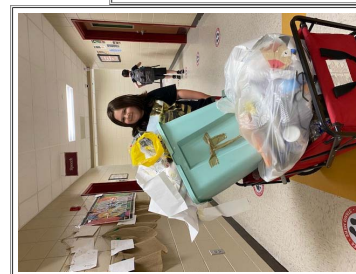
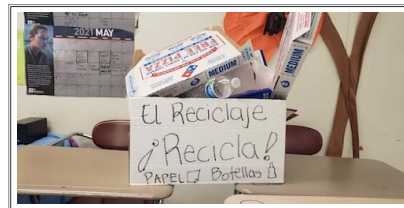
[Click here to watch the special WFXG Fox 54 News story](#) featuring the Baker Place Early Act Club.

District 6910 is also charging ahead with RYLA, or Rotary Youth Leadership Award. The 2021 Rotary Youth Leadership Camp will take place from June 3-6 at the Tallulah Falls School in Tallulah Falls, Georgia. In addition to experiencing whitewater rafting, hiking, swimming, and a ropes course, rising high-school sophomores, juniors, and seniors will hear from great speakers and certainly establish lasting friendships. (The deadline for student applications was April 30.) Information about the camp can be found online at www.ryla6910.com.

Another program available to Interact clubs is our scholarship program. Last year, District 6910 awarded three scholarships for \$2,000 and three for \$1,000. The application (the 2021 deadline was May 1) poses aspirational questions. Accordingly, Jeremy says, "data-driven" criteria like academic ability (SATs, GPAs, etc.) and financial need are not the focus. Instead, students are chosen based upon their answers to character and goal-oriented questions: *What has Interact meant to you? How do you perceive Rotary? Why is college important? Where do you see yourself in five, ten years?*

Additionally, Jeremy says, "We'll ask how impactful Interact has been and what was their favorite service project. The kids will blow you away, not only with their determination and drive, but with how much thought they put into their future and where they want to be in life. Some kids have talked about how Interact has changed their life and developed them into people who want to put service about self."

The scholarship recipients will be selected and notified by May 15. They are encouraged to reach out to their sponsoring Rotary club to celebrate this selection.



District Grant Reminders

By Clarence (Pete) McDonald Jr. on Friday, April 23, 2021

Here's just a quick reminder that the deadline for District Grant applications for 2021-2022--DG Mike Berg's year--is May 31, 2021. Also, DG Mike has asked the clubs to consider an environmental grant project.

The Final Reports for 20-21 District Grants are due May 10, 2021.



C.A.R.T. Update

By Gene H. Windham on Monday, April 19, 2021



The total amount of C.A.R.T. funds raised in this Rotary year, through April 15, has now reached **\$41,880.54**. This represents a big jump from the February 15 report of \$13,997.04. Many thanks to the clubs that got their donations submitted ahead of the April 15 deadline (for citation points)! Top clubs year-to-date are as follows:

Gainesville	\$3,260
The Classic City of Athens	\$2,652
Johns Creek	\$2,582
Gwinnett County	\$2,550
Lanier-Forsyth	\$2,102
Athens	\$2,000
Dawson County	\$1,944
Canton	\$1,355
Covington	\$1,275
Dahlonega Sunrise	\$1,250
Gilmer County	\$1,200

THE GOLDEN BUCKET AWARDS

Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Gainesville for winning the Golden Bucket Award for most giving and the Rotary Club of Johns Creek for the highest per capita contributions. This was the second year in a row that Johns Creek has achieved this honor and as a result will get to keep their Golden Bucket permanently. Johns Creek has the two highest per capita giving levels ever in District 6910.

Keep in mind that we are still accepting your contributions, as the Rotary year continues through the end of June. So, we still have a great opportunity to do even better. For more information on C.A.R.T. and on how to submit your club's funds, click on the read more link below.

District 6910 CART Newsletter

I hope this newsletter finds you all safe from COVID-19 and doing well!

What is CART?

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.

Club Presidents and Treasurers: Make your Club Contributions by going to the following link, [Login Form \(mycartfund.org\)](https://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. If you have a problem, call Gene Windham at 706-781-8176.

Individuals who would like to make a CART Contribution and get tax or personal credit: Go to [Login Form \(mycartfund.org\)](https://mycartfund.org), use your DACdb credentials, and click on **Make a Contribution** on the left-hand side of the page. You'll get credit, and so will your Club.

An Alzheimer's Disease Quick Fact:

Alzheimer's Disease is the 6th leading cause of death in the US.

Thanks to the Rotarians of District 6910!

District 6910 Rotarians have contributed \$41,880.54 to CART so far this year (2020-2021)! THANK YOU! This is how we find a cure!

Would you like to hear the CART story? Either another CART advocate or I would be honored to present a CART Program to your club.

As Rotarians, working together, we can change lives by beating Alzheimer's Disease.

Remember!

We did great in 2018-2019 and better in 2019-2020. Now, let's do better in 2020-2021???

Service Above Self

Gene
Gene Windham
CART Chair District 6910
District Governor 2010 - 2011
Registration Chair Rotary Zone Institute 2016 and 2017
Membership Director 2011 - 2013
Rotary District 6910
District 6910 RLI Director 2014 - 2017
Member Rotary Club of Union County
706-781-8176 Cell
ghwindham@windstream.net

April 2021
District 6910 CART Newsletter

Laws of Life Final Winners Announced

Monday, April 26, 2021

Congratulations!
2020-2021 GEORGIA LAWS OF LIFE ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

State Winner
CORBINAUSTIN
Bainbridge High School

1st Runner-Up ERIYEL FISHER Lovejoy High School	2nd Runner-Up IAN KLIGORA Rome High School
3rd Runner-Up ADRIAN WHITLOCK Heritage High School	4th Runner-Up LILY GRINER Colquitt County High School
5th Runner-Up CHRISTOPHER O'NEAL Thomasville High School	George A. Stewart Jr. Character in Action Award JAMEA HARRIS ME Stillwell School of the Arts

Congratulations to ALL students who wrote a Laws of Life Essay.

**CONGRATULATIONS
STATE WINNERS
GEORGIA ROTARY CLUBS
LAWS OF LIFE ESSAY CONTEST**

Our Rotary Club volunteer judges had the honor of choosing these stellar statewide winners from the nearly 1200 essays submitted from 48 high schools across our state.

"That was incredibly difficult. Any one of these essays could have been ranked first. I feel guilty ranking any of them last. These are moving, inspiring, and most of all, hope producing."

-LS, Rotarian Judge

Click on the [link to the Laws of Life Essay Contest Facebook page](#) if you would like to watch videos of some of the winners reading their essays or to read the official [press release](#) from the Georgia Laws of Life!

By Randy Redner on Thursday, April 29, 2021
Here is the update on Feed10Million as of April 29

- Click the *see more* link below to find out how your club can help to get District 6910 reach three million meals.

1. Have your Club take on a food project between now and June 30.
2. Make sure you have logged all your meal projects into the Feed10Million database.
 - a. You can go back all the way to July 1 of last year to enter food projects.
 - b. Remember in Rotary, it doesn't count until the paperwork is done. Click [HERE](#) to log your meal projects.

NEW GOAL!

21,880,61 Meals Provided as of 4/29/21

3 Million Meals

2 Million Meals

1 Million Meals

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Rotary 6910 District Governor, Tina Fischlin, addresses the assembly of volunteers and community members in attendance at the Dental Clinic ribbon-cutting.



Rabun County Commission Chair Greg James, speaks to the crowd at the ribbon cutting.

Rotary donates 12,000 Masks to Hall County Schools Transportation

By Amanda R Groover on Saturday, April 3, 2021



South Hall Rotary recently had the opportunity to donate 12,000 masks to help bus drivers across the county have the necessary supplies to get them through the remainder of the school year. The South Hall Rotary club was recently the recipient of donated masks from a Rotary District 6910 program. Local Rotary clubs were able to apply for the donated mask to be donated to a local not for profit organization. The mask would then be provided to the club for no cost.

Members of the club brainstormed for organizations in the community that had a great need for masks but had not received huge community support from previous donations. The club discussed ways to help the school system and considered the needs on school buses.

South Hall Rotary Past-President Rena Pendley had a contact at the Hall County Schools Transportation Division. She reached out to inquire if we could set up a time to stop by and donate our original 8,000 masks.

During the visit, Pendley, Membership Chair Jeff Williams, and Club President Amanda Groover spoke with Clay Hobbs about the volume of masked used by the Hall County Bus system this school year. Hobbs stated that the 8,000 thousand masks would last the bus drivers about three weeks across the county.

◆After we found out how many masks the bus drivers were distributing around the community, District Governor Tina Fischlin provided an additional 4,000 masks for us to donate◆stated Groover. "We hope that the 12,000 masks will allow for the school system to have an ample supply through the remainder of the 2021 school year."



Photos From Around the District - April



Three in One: Tree Planting Party!

How do you join 1) Community Service, 2) the Environment, and 3) Family of Rotary? The Rotary Club of Canton found a way: A Tree Planting Party! This was a super fun and clever way to work on Rotary's Seventh Area of Focus, the Environment, while making it an enjoyable Family of Rotary wellness activity (social and physical) that provided much needed Community Service to Next Step Ministries in Woodstock.

For more great District 6910 photos and memories made during the month of April, click the link below.

Banks County Rotary



On Saturday, April 17, the Banks County Rotary Club was out doing good, picking up trash along Yonah Homer Road in Homer, GA. Their efforts resulted in 25 large bags of trash, filling an entire dumpster. Thank you to all of our volunteers who worked very hard (see photo left to right), including Joey & Daniella Clawson, Doug Cheek, Todd & Holly Koochel, Cliff Hill, David Dueller, Alicia Andrews, and Rick Billingslea. Not pictured are Petina Cheek and Mark Valentine. Thanks also to Judy McClure and Papa John's for providing pizza for the crew afterwards!



Banks County Rotarians (r to l) Rick Billingslea, Vicki Boling, Becky Carlan and Mark Valentine were out cooking up free hot dogs at a special event called "Hay Day," which was hosted by Ag Parts Supply in Homer, GA.



A total of \$134 was donated by hot dog loving customers to help Banks County Rotary's Food-2-Kids Program.



Members of both the Banks County and Madison County Rotary clubs partnered to build a handicap ramp in March.



A fun group of Banks County Rotarians and their guests got together in the home of President-Elect Michael Housworth for a District Conference watch party for the Saturday evening festivities. Before the evening was over the members posed behind their award winning beach mat. Pictured (r to l) are Rotarians Lynn Eaton, Michael Housworth, Vicki Boling, Tricia Massey, Jerry Boling, Becky Carlan, Rick Billingslea (ADG), and Mark Valentine.

Rotary Club of Canton



Canton and Cherokee Rotarians shown volunteering and working hard to plant trees!



Canton Rotarian Peter Gleichman poses with the newly planted trees.



Click on this [video link](#) to see how fun this tree planting party was!



Lori Baker, Canton Rotarian and Executive Director of Next Step Ministries, as well as Francisco Lozano, Family of Rotary and Public Image Chair, organized the party. A group of generous volunteers joined us as we planted a border of Leyland cypresses at the front yard of Next Step Ministries on Saturday, April 3. A big shout-out to Canton Rotarians Norman Bushee, Peter Gleichman, as well as Cherokee County Rotarians Carol Gage-Friedman and George Lopus for their invaluable help and support. Next Step Ministries does extraordinary work in our community by providing a variety of therapeutic day programs to meet the needs of the moderately to profoundly developmentally delayed adult population. Next Step Ministries serves families in Cherokee, Cobb and Fulton counties. It provides safe, appropriate and interactive day programs for individuals with unique needs in a Christian environment. Its mission is to improve the quality of life, not only for these individuals, but for their families and others who assist in their care.



That is a really BIG truck full of food!



Can you tell that Cherokee County Rotary Club Past President George Lopos is smiling behind that mask?



Jasper Rotary Club President Max Caylor loads up his pickup truck to deliver boxes of food to a local distribution point in Pickens County.



Towne Lake Rotary Club President Nominee Debby Ciccone displaying a \$5 bill given simply by a passer-by who didn't even receive a free food box but was so grateful for our effort and wanted to show her gratitude and to help defray the cost in a small way.



From Farmers to Families: Another Food Distribution on April 17!
The Rotary Club of Canton led this project and invited other clubs in Area 16 (Cherokee County, Jasper, Towne Lake, and Woodstock).
[Click this link](#) for a complete story describing the event, and this [video link](#) to see the project in action!

We are excited and looking forward to our next food distribution on Saturday, May 22!

Carpet City Rotary Club



Carpet City Rotary celebrated Earth Day by distributing 1100 boxes of food to families in Whitfield and Walker Counties. The club partnered with the Whitfield County and Dalton Public School Systems and a church in Walker County to distribute the food boxes from the USDA Farmers to Family Program. Our 13 member club continues to punch above its weight class.

Classic City of Athens Rotary Club



The Classic City Rotary Club donated 300 face masks to The Boys and Girls Club of Athens. The masks will be distributed to children participating in their after-school program and the upcoming summer day camps. Classic City Rotarian, Marilyn Appleby, made the delivery on behalf of the Club.



The Classic City Rotary Club donated \$500 to the United Way of Northeast Georgia for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Literacy is one of Rotary's area of focus and one that the Classic City Rotary Club is proud to support. (Club President-Elect, Michelle Roberts, presented the check to Mark Madison of the United Way).



Farm to Neighborhood seeks to provide fresh and prepackaged healthy and affordable mobile meals as a nutrition-based service for limited income adults, families, and seniors living in Athens-Clarke County. The Classic City Rotary Club is a proud financial supporter of Farm to Neighborhood and recently presented them with a donation of \$1,000. President-Elect, Michelle Roberts, presented the donation on behalf of the Club.



The Classic City Rotary Club presented 300 face masks to Live Forward, formally known as Aids Athens. Live Forward's mission is to build healthier communities through stable housing, improved health management, strong community outreach, and widespread prevention services. Pictured is Classic City Rotary's President Elect, Michelle Roberts and the Director of Live Forward, Cassandra Bray.





The Classic City Rotary Club is a proud supporter of JJ Harris Elementary School in Athens-Clarke County. Members recently joined together to stuff school supplies in back packs for children in need. Classic City Rotarians Gerry Taylor, Justin Floyd, Marilyn Appleby, Deborah Gonzalez and Ellen Bryson enjoyed showing their spirit of service.

Rotary Club of Martinez-Evans



Martinez-Evans Rotary's Early Act made the news for doing their part on Earth Day. (Note: read more about this event in separate article entitled, "May is Youth Services Month.")





The Martinez-Evans Rotary Club was excited to see the faces of these Baker Place Elementary School students when we delivered dozens of dictionaries for them.

Rotary Club of Towne Lake



Rotary Club of Towne Lake was awarded a \$2,500 matching District Grant. The club used the \$5,000 to support First Readers ♦ Cherokee County. Through that grant, 139 children in Cherokee County (ages birth to 5) will receive a new book and related newsletter with activities each month. Did you know that 61% of low-income families do not have a single book in their home suitable for a child? Did you know that children who are not reading on grade level by the end of third grade are four times more likely to drop out of school? Did you know that the number of age appropriate books in the home can be a stronger predictor of literacy and academic success than family income? Do you know someone who can benefit from the program? Learn more at www.firstreaders.org. Pictured above is Debbie Ross, First Readers and Towne Lake President, Phil Ciccone.



A woman shouldn't have to choose between feeding herself and her personal health. Every woman should have the ability to maintain her dignity.

Periods don't stop for a pandemic. Since March 2020, charities like *I Support the Girls* have seen an increase in 35% for requests for feminine hygiene products.

Partner with us to bring dignity and comfort to those in need. We will be collecting feminine hygiene products throughout the month of April to donate to our local food pantry partner to help distribute to our neighbors who need the help.

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MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH



In keeping with Rotary ♦s April theme of Maternal & Child Health, the Towne Lake Rotary Club participated in a collection of feminine hygiene products to donate to the local food pantry, Never Alone.



President Phil Ciccone comes out from behind the camera to receive a surprise R.L. Panyik Award during the Fun in the Sun District Conference.



Submitted from Facebook: ♦What an honor and huge feat! Our club was awarded Club of the Year in the small club category. This Rotary Year has been full of fun, fundraising and service! A huge thanks to the leadership of President Phil Ciccone and his right hand lady and wife, @Debby Ciccone who handled a lot of the behind the scenes efforts. A huge thanks to the 2020-21 Board and Committee chairs and Club Members for their work in making this happen! ♦
 Pictured above Debby Ciccone, Towne Lake Rotary and Gerry Taylor, Athens Classic City.

Rotary Club of Union County



Molly Cousins, Executive Director of S.A.F.E., a shelter for victims of domestic abuse, receives a donation check from the Rotary Club of Union County President, Ed Sternberg.



Rotary Club of Union County Foundation Chair, Tom Day, presents Jimmy Nichols with a Paul Harris pin.

Washington Rotary Club



Washington Rotary Club President (right), Ed Pope and President-Elect, Amy Johnston, report for duty at the Washington Litter Rally.



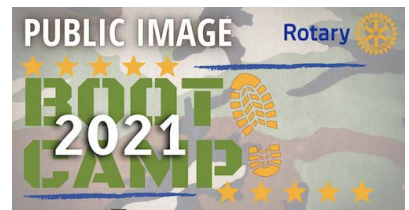
Mayor and Rotarian, Bill deGolian joins President Ed in presenting awards to poster contest winners, promoting the anti-litter campaign.

Public Image Boot Camp

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

If you weren't able to attend on April 26, club Presidents and Public Image Chairs for the 2021-22 Rotary year are encouraged to watch the recording of the zone 33-34 Public Image Boot Camp 2021. It is one hour in length. Led by zone public image chair, Marshall Butler, the program offers a tremendous amount of information and tips on how to maximize your clubs presence and reputation. The session sets the stage for future zoom calls and webinars.

Coming up in May is the next webinar entitled, "Navigating the 2021-22 Zone 34 Public Image Citation." It will take place on May 24 at 6:00 p.m. You can register for the session at the following link: [Public Image Citation Webinar](#).



Click the image above to watch Public Image Boot Camp 2021.

May is Rotary History Month

By Paige W Havens on Friday, April 30, 2021

In honor of Rotary History Month here are five fun facts you might not know about Rotary.

#1 - Service Above Self was not Rotary's original motto. In 1911, at the 2nd Rotary convention in Portland, Oregon, the motto "He Profits Most Who Serves the Best" was adopted as the official Rotary motto.

"Service Above Self" was adopted as the principal motto in 1950.

[Learn more here.](#)

#2 - Rotary's polio eradication efforts began on September 29, 1979, when Rotarians, in partnership with the Philippine Ministry of Health, administered drops of the oral polio vaccine to children at a health center in Guadalupe Viejo, Makati, Philippines. That project's success led Rotary to make polio eradication a top priority. Rotary launched PolioPlus in 1985 and was a founding member of the Global Polio Eradication Initiatives in 1988.

[Learn more here.](#)

#3 - Rotary was a major player during the 1918 flu pandemic. Just like during the COVID-19 pandemic, clubs were inspired to adapt and act. They adjusted how they met, following local guidelines of the time, and took action to help give local governments and health providers necessary services and support.

[Learn more here.](#)

#4 - On 23 February 1905, Paul Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram Shorey gathered at Loehr's office, Room 711 of the Unity Building in downtown Chicago, for what would later be known as the first Rotary club meeting. For the 1980 Rotary International Convention in Chicago, local Rotarians rented that same space and used period furnishings to recreate the scene. [Take a virtual tour here](#)

Preface Project Develops School Partnerships

By Jonathan Wu on Wednesday, April 28, 2021

Right here in District 6910, an innovative, national childhood literacy non-profit is helping to empower communities and foster equality through education through peer-to-peer mentorship! Preface, a fast-growing Gwinnett-headquartered 501(c)(3) initiative, founded and led by Duluth Rotarian Jonathan "JT" Wu, is partnering with schools all across America (including Gwinnett County Public Schools!) to recruit and train local high school student "Ambassadors" in educational and reading best practices.

These Ambassadors, many of whom are multilingual and can instinctively relate to the young students they're serving, are then paired with young students in safe and secure virtual reading sessions during the school day to help supercharge individual learning and enhance quality instructional time for teachers and principals. With an instantaneous and high-impact service opportunity available at the click of a button, it's become a win-win situation for both the partner high schools and the partner elementary schools during the ups and downs of the pandemic. Young students in the program are showing accelerated literacy gains, even during the challenges of COVID-19, going from functionally illiterate to proficient, distinguished, or even testing out of their grade levels in as few as 10 weeks!

Swiftly pivoting from an in-person focus to an adaptable hybrid/virtual model with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Preface has grown from just one partnership within Gwinnett in 2019 to serving students in over 10 states across America. Wu notes that, thanks to generous community supporters and sponsors, Preface aims to continue providing their no-cost and high-impact mentorship models to as many schools as possible, completely free of charge. Preface's Georgia-grown literacy models have continued to be embraced by educational leaders in the Peach State, featured in the AJC, recognized as an Innovative Program by the GA Dept. of Education, and with Wu recently named to the Young Nonprofit Professionals Network of Atlanta's 30 Under 30 Class of 2020 on behalf of the Preface leadership team.

With early literacy abilities proven to disproportionately affect outcomes for young students later in life, and learning loss and equity advancement set to factor into the educational conversation for years to come, Wu—a Gwinnett native and a child of immigrants himself who graduated from Princeton University with a degree in public policy—is committed to helping ensure that students across America, and in District 6910, have access to the supports they need to thrive. On top of their no-cost and high-impact mentorship models, Preface has partnered with corporate supporters like Earth Baby to donate thousands of dollars in healthcare resources to partner schools across the country and provides each of its partner elementary schools (most recently, local Gwinnett school Hopkins Elementary School!) with a brand-new children's book library of 150-200+ children's books, tailored to the specific needs and demographics in each community.

Buoyed by the belief that local needs require local solutions, Wu noted that every partnership is tailored to fit the needs and teaching strategies of the local community—ensuring that Preface's work alongside teachers is always complementary and convenient for both teachers and students. Their recent guest-reader Community Champions Initiatives, beaming in on-demand sessions across the country by partnering with college-aged and young professional students like Pi Beta Phi, the Gwinnett Young Professionals, and others, have helped further expand educational supports to hardworking teachers during these challenging times. A proud Duluth Rotarian, Wu added that Rotary's core values of "Service Above Self" is at the heart of the Preface mission to ensure that every child has the educational opportunities and foundational supports to pursue their own American Dreams, similar to those he feels blessed to have had as a child growing up in Gwinnett County.

Interested educators and parents can reach out to Preface to learn more about bringing this completely free program to their own communities today by heading to www.PrefaceProject.org!



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