

Rotary



Club of Johns Creek



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Speakers

August 19th
Wendy Hamilton
Bald Ridge Lodge

September 9th
Bobby Hildreth, District Governor 6910

August 26th
Sarah Tarlowski & Amy Palmer & others
Please note that this is occurring at the Place in Forsyth County. Address is 2550 The Place Circle, Cumming, Georgia 30040

September 9th
DG Bobby Hildreth
DG Official Visit

Amazing adventure and Rotary is alive throughout Spain

By Marilyn Margolis on Friday, August 16, 2024

Hello Friends,

First, thanks so much to Bob Scott and Sue Kay for leading the meetings and to each of you for your continued engagement! And to Arthur and Allen for their presentations to the club.

I wanted to share some highlights I had with my daughter, son-in-law, and two grandsons. We had an absolutely wonderful time exploring this dynamic country! Our trip began in Madrid, where we stayed with my older grandson, Lucas, and his girlfriend, Callie. They're both English proficiency teachers and are thoroughly enjoying their life in the city. Madrid is truly vibrant, with its lively street life and excellent public transport options. It's such a walkable city, and we really embraced the local way of getting around.

From Madrid, we ventured to Bilbao, where we were amazed by the Guggenheim Museum; its modern architecture is incredible! Next, we visited Toledo, which is rich in religious history and provided a fascinating glimpse into Spain's past. Our final stop was Barcelona, where we marveled at the Basílica de la Sagrada Família and other stunning works by the architect Gaudí.

I often think about our club and the incredible community we've built together. It is an honor to be a Rotarian and to have the opportunity to impact others through our commitment to service and fellowship. While visiting the Prado Museum, one of our guides shared a profound insight. As we viewed pieces of art that were not recognized until after the artist's passing, the guide remarked, "It is life-altering to view these pieces of art, and I want you to remember that some of your best days are still yet to come."

These words resonated deeply with me, and they reminded me of the enduring spirit of our Rotary club. Just as those artists' works gained recognition over time, so too will our efforts in service continue to make a difference long after they are made.

Thank you for being part of this journey, and for your continued dedication to our shared mission. Yours in Service, Marilyn

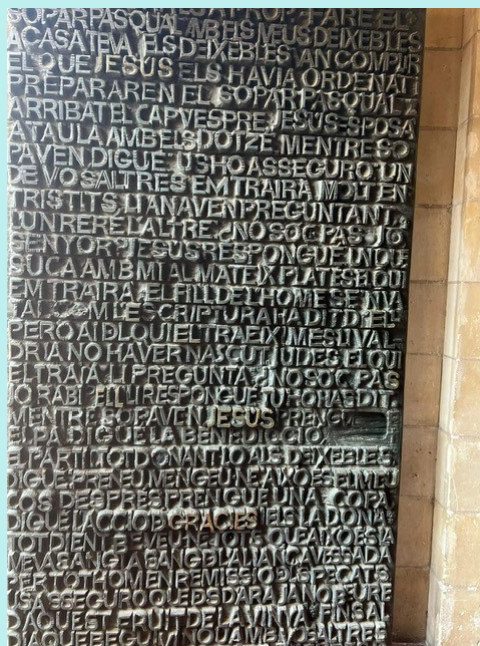




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Save the Date - September 16, 2024

Literacy Kit Packing

Six Bridges Brewing
Details to Follow

Patriot Day Event Plans

Friday, August 9, 2024

Club members Abbe Poline and Arthur Holst have been coordinating our club's annual participation in Patriot Day, September 11, 2024.

Save the date and plan to attend. As of now, details are as follows:

- Event is 8:30 AM at Newtown Park Amphitheatre with the joint effort of our club and Johns Creek North Fulton Rotary. Mark Burkhalter Theatre is what they actually call that amphitheater down there.
- 3150 Old Alabama Road is the actual address for the park.
- Program lasts for about an hour with color guard presentations, music from Autrey Mill School, Johns Creek Fire Department etc. Names of victims scrolling in the background, etc.
- Speakers include State Rep Michelle Au and co-emcees Marilyn and Dave Bernard (President of the Johns Creek North Fulton Club). As well as John Bradberry, Mayor of Johns Creek.
- Michael McCullar will do the invocation again as he has a number of years in the past. All speakers noted here will be on the stage during the ceremony that commemorates the tragedy of 9-11.
- Last year we had about 150 people. I would expect that and more this year. Appen Media is invited as well as other State and City dignitaries.
- Funding will support the Johns Creek Public Safety Foundation (as was done last year) and not sure if there are others they want to support or not. Still being worked on as I understand it. Last year we raised about \$2400 and then presented to Dave Rich of the JC Public Safety Foundation.
- As was done last year, collateral is in process and cards with QR codes will be present for folks to make contributions. Rotarians were asked to hand out the cards and to greet those attending the event.

Collateral is still in process, but as it's developed, we will make sure it comes to you so we can do what we need to in promoting the event etc.

Dream Becomes Reality for Atlanta Festival Academy

Friday, August 9, 2024

Two years ago, when our club visited the Atlanta Festival Academy, an annual music camp under the leadership of club members William Pu and Amy Chang, William shared that they had a dream of taking the group to Europe. This summer, that dream became a reality as the group traveled to France.

William provided the following overview of the trip:

In July 2024, the Atlanta Festival Academy embarked on its first-ever overseas trip to host the 2024 European Orchestra Camp in Selles-sur-Cher, France. This camp abroad, held in celebration of AFA's Fifth Anniversary, took place in France's enchantingly beautiful and historically significant Loire Valley. While there the twenty-four student participants had the pleasure of rehearsing just yards away from the magnificent Château Selles-sur-Cher. They prepared three performances in just five days, highlighted by a Bastille Day concert performed in front hundreds of townspeople who lined the roads, historic bridge, and riverside park.

The camp comprised quite the international mix, with participants coming from Iceland, China, and the United States, and faculty from Taiwan, China, Iceland, France, and the US. The concert featured German violinist Simon Zhu, winner of the 2023 Paganini Competition, performing the virtuosic, tango inspired Four Seasons of Buenos Aires by Astor Piazzolla. The Orchestra was led by maestro Henry Cheng, a graduate of Walton High School now based out of South Korea who enjoys a worldwide career. (Maestro Cheng will soon return to Atlanta to lead the Johns Creek Symphony Orchestra in a K-Pop inspired concert in October 2024!)

As an organization, Atlanta Festival Academy has committed itself to building a global landmark for youth music training and international cultural exchange in Atlanta. With that mission well underway locally, its founders determined that an excursion to Europe would promote increased recognition of AFA's commitment to musical excellence and international harmony.

Also, such a trip would deepen its students' understanding of and approach to the music they perform so frequently. By seeing the landscapes, hearing the languages, and even tasting the foods that composers experienced daily, young musicians gain a whole new approach to the music they learn and perform.

When they weren't rehearsing and performing, the students marvelled at a variety of castles and other nearby attractions. Highlights included Château de Chambord, a massive 16th century spectacle that dominates its forest surroundings; Château de Chenanceau, a petite, fairytale-like castle that straddles the Cher River; and Château Clos de Lucé, home to Leonardo da Vinci for the final three years of his life. Rather unexpectedly, the camp was also located just kilometers away from the largest zoo in Europe, and so the students and faculty concluded their venture abroad by enjoying the sights and sounds of a truly international community!

Closer to home, Atlanta Festival Academy operates three youth orchestras that are open to young musicians of nearly all levels. Enrollment is ongoing, and readers can watch the orchestras perform in Johns Creek every November and April - just search for Atlanta Festival Youth Orchestras!

Readers can also find out more about AFA at www.AtlantaFestivalAcademy.org and by following AFA on Instagram and Facebook.



The Miller (Rotary) Moment...

Sargeant at Arms Fred Miller has been sharing a "Rotary Moment/Trivia Question" at most of our meetings since the beginning of the Rotary year - giving a clue at each meeting to the next week's question. This will be updated weekly so that we can all learn more about Rotary thanks to Fred's efforts.

Clue for the 8-19-2024 meeting:

What is the message on the Rotary minivan touring India?

Previous Trivia Questions:

What year was the Atlanta Rotary formed?
1913

Who is the only US President that was also the president of a Rotary Club?
Donald Trump

What year was Rotary first organized?
1905

The Four-Way Test



Events

August 30th, 8:30-11:00 AM

[Johns Creek United Way Day of Caring - Forsyth County Convention](#)

Birthdays

[Julia Butka](#)
August 18th

[Susan Croye Brown](#)
September 1st

[Carol Hriczov](#)
August 19th

[Christien Devechip](#)
September 11th

[Ansleigh Cagle](#)
August 26th

[Monica Murray](#)
September 15th