

Rotary



Club of Johns Creek



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Speakers

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

September 9th

[Bobby Hildreth, District Governor 6910](#)

What an inspirational Rotary Club

By Marilyn Margolis on Monday, August 19, 2024

Hello Fellow Rotarians!

What an inspirational meeting today. So much engagement, fellowship and happiness! Starting with lunch and catching up with each other; a true feeling of fellowship. And then, the prayer from Dr. Allen Bowns, who led us in prayers where we prayed for each other by name. How impactful! Next, the 'happy bucks' portion of the meeting where we heard that Allen is representing us in India to lead the Rotary efforts. Bunny shared that she and her art center colleagues are responsible for painting the fence of 'The Place' where we are meeting next week to continue to learn more about them and how to best provide service to their patrons. William shared that one of his students represented the USA as the first chair in an international concert in South America. Pam discussed the JCSO and the new season where the symphony will find a new Maestro by hearing from 3 finalists this season.

We heard from Chip, Render, Pam, Susan, Kelly and Julia, who happened to be celebrating her birthday (Sunday). Just an impressive bunch! Our speaker, Wendy Hamilton from Bald Ridge Lodge, brought it home with her presentation on their work with young foster boys through adulthood. What great work they are doing and having great success. She explained the need for toilet paper and Abbe picked right up on that and is organizing a 'tp' drive at a district Rotary event that Allen has organized to put together literacy kits on September 16th from 6-8pm! The circle of Life is alive and well at the Rotary Club of Johns Creek. Thank you all!! Yours in Service, Marilyn



[Bob Ostapower](#)
Club Fundraising Chair

Bald Ridge Lodge

Wednesday, August 21, 2024



[Ansleigh Cagle](#)
RYLA Coordinator
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Youth Services Chair



Wendy Hamilton, Development Director at Bald Ridge Lodge, was the speaker at our Monday, August 19, 2024, meeting.

Bald Ridge Lodge is a non-profit in Cumming, GA serving young men who have been removed from their homes due to abuse, neglect, and trauma. Its signature program is a 12-bed Group Home. The organization also offers Aftercare, an Independent Living Program, and Community Based Services.

[Bald Ridge Lodge](#)

Wendy shared several needs and opportunities with the club as follows:

1. Independent Living Amazon Wish List

[Amazon Site](#)

2. Group Home Amazon Wish List

[Amazon Wish List Site](#)

Additionally, our club will be collecting paper products for the organization during the month of September, including at our Five Forsyth County Club Social at Six Bridges on September 16, 2024. Please bring toilet paper and paper towels to our meetings during the month of September.

3. October 6th Launch Party at Crooked Brewing Culture to celebrate the launching of new futures with the Independent Living Program.

[Information and Tickets](#)

We are excited to partner and support this organization!

Save the Date - Upcoming Service Projects

Wednesday, August 21, 2024

Thanks to Abbe Poline, Service Projects Chair, we have multiple opportunities coming up to serve our local communities.

1. United Way Day of Caring - Friday, August 30, 2024 - Details as follows

- Friday, August 30th at the Forsyth Conference Center, 3410 Ronald Reagan Blvd, Cumming GA 30041
- Recommended Arrival time is 8:30am. Doors open at 8:00am, Food packing from 9:00am-11:00am, Clean-up from 11:00am-11:30am. **11:30am - 12:30 Assemble Literacy Kits**
- Breakfast of Chick-fil-A biscuits, Shipley do-nuts and breakfast bars will be provided.
- United Way is accepting donations on event day of:
 - PopTarts for students
 - School Supplies
 - Composition Notebooks
 - 5 Subject Notebooks
 - Colored Pencils
 - Washable Markers
- We will gather as a group outside and go in together as our group is called for picture time and then proceed to our 2 stations. We have 27 members who are registered for the event!!
- T-shirts will not be available from United Way until Monday, 7-26, so we will try to have them at our meeting at The Place if possible. If not, they will be at Abbe's office (Renasant Bank, 11655 Medlock Bridge Rd, Johns Creek) for pickup Tuesday-Thursday, and will also be available the morning of the event.

2. Adopt-A-Road Cleanup - Saturday, September 14, 2024 - 9:00 am

- Meet in the parking lot at Johns Creek Baptist Church
- Bring gloves
- Rumor has it that there will be a prize for the most unusual piece of trash found!

Hope to see all of you there!

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.

2025 Gala Plans Announced

Wednesday, August 21, 2024



Drum Roll Please....

The Club's 2025 Annual Fundraising Gala
Saturday, April 12, 2025
St. Ives Country Club

Save the Date and Stay Tuned for Additional Details!

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 8-26-2024 meeting:

Which astronaut carried a Rotary flag into outer space?

Previous Trivia Questions:

What is the message on the Rotary minivan touring India?

Organ Donations

Winner: Pam Boles

What year was the Atlanta Rotary formed?

1913

Winner: Julia Butka

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

Donald Trump

Winner: ?

What year was Rotary first organized?

1905

Winner: Allen Bowns

The Four-Way Test



Events

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

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

September 14th, 9:00-10:00 AM

[Adopt-A-Road Cleanup](#)

Birthdays

[Ansleigh Cagle](#)

August 26th

[Monica Murray](#)

September 15th

[Susan Crove Brown](#)

September 1st

[Christien Devechio](#)

September 11th