

# Rotary



## Club of Johns Creek

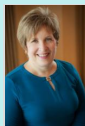


### Speakers

September 9th  
[Bobby Hildreth, District Governor 6910](#)

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[DG Bobby Hildreth](#)  
DG Official Visit

### Club Leaders



[Marilyn Margolis](#)  
President



[John Salter](#)  
Club Learning  
Facilitator  
Treasurer  
President-Elect



[Susan Croye Brown](#)  
Secretary



[Robert F Scott Jr.](#)  
Vice President



[Arthur E Holst](#)  
Past President  
Membership Chair  
Retention Chair



[Gary L. Glover](#)  
Rotary Foundation  
Chair



[Michelle N. Pirkle](#)  
Public Image Chair  
Family of Rotary



[E. Allen Bowns](#)  
On-To Conference  
Chair



[Frederick Lee Miller](#)  
Sergeant-at-Arms



[Abbe G Poline](#)  
Community Service  
Chair  
Service Projects Chair



[Julia Butka](#)  
Club Programs Chair



[Sue Kay](#)  
Club Fundraising Chair



[Lynn A. Carlson](#)  
International Service  
Chair  
Past President

### Day of Caring...Year of Caring

By Marilyn Margolis on Friday, August 30, 2024

What a fantastic meeting at The Place! We enjoyed an insightful presentation and tour led by Amy Palmer, the Outreach Coordinator, and Sarah Tarlowski, the Development Manager. Our partnership with The Place is incredibly strong and significantly benefits families in Forsyth County. Exciting projects are in the pipeline for the year ahead.

This Friday, weâ€™ll be participating in the United Way Day of Caring. Itâ€™s a powerful day when over 600 volunteers, including our Rotary members, work together to tackle food insecurity and uplift those in need. This is why Iâ€™m so proud of our Rotary clubâ€™every day presents a new chance to care and make a difference. We consistently hear inspiring stories of the positive impacts we've made. Letâ€™s continue our great work and support our community!

Yours in Service, Marilyn

Note: The United Way Day of Caring was held on Friday, August 30, 2024. Please see article below.

### 2024 United Way Day of Caring

Sunday, September 1, 2024



On Friday, August 30, 2024, our club joined with all the other Forsyth County Rotary Clubs and the United Way for their annual Day of Caring. Together with hundreds of volunteers, we prepared 140,000 meals!!!

Highlights of the day included:



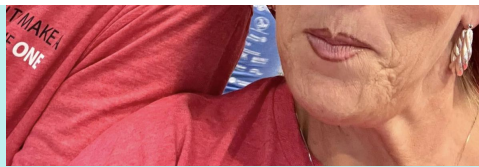


[Bob Ostapower](#)  
Club Fundraising Chair



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





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## Michael McCullar featured in AJC Story

Sunday, September 1, 2024



Club member Michael McCullar was recently featured in the AJC Article "Go-to Memorial Service Guy Does Funerals for Strangers."

Here is a link to the article:

[Michael McCullar Article](#)

Michael, a retired pastor from Johns Creek Baptist Church and currently the lead Chaplain and Community Advocate for the Johns Creek Police Force, has done 50 funerals over the past 18 months for people he did not know. It's a unique ministry and part of a lifetime of service and ministry for Michael that helps provide comfort and closure for grieving families.

He ends most services with a quote from one of his favorite philosophers and theologians, Winnie the Pooh:

*"If there ever comes a day when we can't be together, keep me in your heart. I'll stay there forever."*

We are very proud of you, Michael, and honored to have you as a member of the Rotary Club of Johns Creek.

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## Vocational Visit at The Place

Sunday, September 1, 2024



Great vocational visit on Monday, August 26, 2024, at The Place, one of the local organizations our club regularly supports. Amy Palmer, Outreach Coordinator, provided us with an update on the many services The Place provides.

Click here to visit its website:

[The Place](#)

In another full-circle Rotary moment, club member Bunny Salter shared that she and other artists affiliated with the Cumming Art Center painted the fence that surrounds The Place's garden marketplace. This was done at the request of a scout in conjunction with his Eagle Scout project.



## 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.

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## Save the Date - September 16, 2024

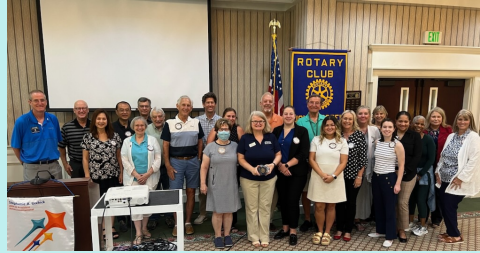
### Literacy Kit Packing

Six Bridges Brewing  
Details to Follow

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## Bald Ridge Lodge

Wednesday, August 21, 2024



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!

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## 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 09-09-2024 meeting:

In what year could women first join Rotary?

Frank Borman

### Previous Trivia Questions:

August Monthly Winner: Michelle Pirke

Which astronaut carried a Rotary flag into outer space?

Frank Borman

Winner: Bunny Salter

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

What year was Rotary first organized?

1905

Winner: Allen Bowns

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## The Four-Way Test

### Four Way Test

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOOD WILL  
and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



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### Events

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

**[Adopt-A-Road Cleanup](#)**

### Birthdays

[Susan Croye Brown](#)  
September 1st

[Christien Devechio](#)  
September 11th

[Monica Murray](#)  
September 15th

[Abbe G Poline](#)  
September 24th

[Lynn A. Carlson](#)  
September 25th

[Breana Millan](#)  
September 25th