

# Rotary



## Club of Johns Creek



### Speakers

March 25th  
[Classification Talks](#)  
Julia Jenkins

## The Rotary Club of Johns Creek - Gala, Early Act and Interact

### Club Leaders



[Arthur E. Holst](#)  
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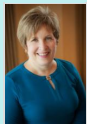
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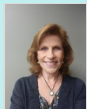
[Jim Rountree](#)  
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Club Programs Chair  
Membership Chair



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Rotary Foundation  
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Public Image Chair



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



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On-To Conference  
Chair



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



[Robert F. Scott Jr.](#)  
Sergeant-at-Arms

By Arthur E Holst on Sunday, March 24, 2024

Lots to be thankful for this week. Celebration of the success of the Gala. Congrats to everyone but, in particular, to our Gala Committee led by Sue Kay with Marilyn, Marc, Bob Ostapower, Jim and Michelle. Well done and loved the excitement of the evening with Brandy Swanson and husband Greg in attendance. Thank you to all you as the club did and to our various sponsors both within the club and from outside, folks who purchased tables, etc. Really a team effort.

Congratulations to Allen Bowns on the much deserved recognition as Rotarian of the Year by our club. He also hit Major Donor status with Rotary and that's just another in a long string of achievements.

The Interact Conference (thank you, Marilyn and Ansleigh) and Early Act (thank you, Allen, Lynn, Greg and Juan Carlos) planting all occurred this weekend on Saturday and I look forward to hearing more about those on Monday. Apologies if I missed anyone in error in all of this.

Dates to Remember:

- Boys & Girls Club Playground. Joint project with Forsyth Clubs. The time is 9:30 am, on Saturday, April 13th. More details to follow.
- Rotary Means Business is this week on the 28th.
- District 6910 Conference Lake Lanier, April 26 - 28. Sign up is online. Remember the club will pay for your personal registration (but not travel expenses and hotel).

Have a great Rotary week and see you on Monday and look forward to hearing about Puerto Rico from Lynn.

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[Bob Ostapower](#)  
Club Fundraising Chair

## Rotary Gala - Minus Two Days and Counting...

Sunday, March 24, 2024



[Pamela D. Boles](#)  
Vocational Service  
Chair



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



Thank you to all of you for an amazing event on Friday night. As Arthur mentioned in his letter, it was truly a team effort!

Jim and I will have official results for you at the next meeting - but preliminary results indicate that it was a successful night!

And if you will allow me a personal reflection...

It was so great to have Juan Carlos Rios, coordinator with Techos Pa Mi Gente, in attendance at our event. It served as a stark reminder of what we do and why we do it. While Friday night was perhaps a bit more of a dressier and formal event for all of us, it wasn't that far outside of how we live our lives. For Juan Carlos, it was very different from the world in which he lives and how he lives his day-in and day-out life. Even though he has far less resources than we do, he uses every last one of them to serve the people of Puerto Rico and rarely gets a break. For him, a week in Johns Creek, GA with all of us was a rare opportunity. While here, he came to the hotel on Friday morning and helped set up for the Gala. He got up on Saturday morning and went with Lynn Carlson to go spread mulch at Chattahoochee Elementary. He also used some of his limited resources to make a donation to our Building Hope campaign at the Gala. He is so grateful for all that is done on behalf of the people of Puerto Rico and is a true inspiration to me.

I'm honored to be part of the Rotary Club of Johns Creek and love each of you - let's keep doing what we do!

Here is a link to the amazing video Michelle Pirkle put together that was shown at the gala:

[Gala 2024](#)

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## Allen Bowns - Everett Bennett Rotarian of the Year

Sunday, March 24, 2024



Congratulations to Allen Bowns, 2023-2024 Everett Bennett Rotarian of the Year!

Allen and his wife Victoria are shown here with District Governor Brandy Swanson and her husband, Greg.

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## Chattahoochee Elementary EarlyAct Project

Sunday, March 24, 2024



Members of our club, along with Chattahoochee Elementary EarlyAct students (and teacher sponsor Victoria Bowns) completed a landscaping project at this school this past Saturday morning.

And here is the finished product...



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## District 6910 Interact Conference

Sunday, March 24, 2024



The District 6910 Interact conference was held this past Saturday, March 23, 2024, with attendees from more than 14 different Interact Clubs from all over the district. Our own Marilyn Margolis, recently retired CEO of Emory Johns Creek Hospital, spoke at the event and encouraged students to put service over self.

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## Welcome to the Club, Christien Devechio!

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Christien Devechio became our newest Rotary of Johns Creek member at the Monday, March 11, 2024, meeting.

She, along with her husband John, are owners of Commercial Disaster Recovery which provides emergency response, restoration, and build-back services in retail, education, healthcare, manufacturing, and industrial spaces.

We will have the opportunity to learn more about Christien when she delivers a classification talk on Monday, March 25, 2024.





## Another Successful Roofing Project Completed

Sunday, March 3, 2024

Stay tuned for a project update at an upcoming meeting, but, here is a sneak preview of the roof project our club sponsored this past week in Puerto Rico.

Special thanks to club member Lynn Carlson for leading this trip - and to our many "Friends of Rotary" who participated and made this project possible.



The group of volunteers with the homeowner.



Some of our "Roof Warriors" in action.



The Finished Product.

Proud of our club's continued support of this important initiative!

## The Four-Way Test



## Events

No Events found

## Birthdays

[Marilyn Margolis](#)  
April 15th

[Clifford Arie Davis III](#)  
April 22nd