

Rotary



Club of Johns Creek



Speakers

April 29th

[Celebration of President Elect Mary Showalter](#)

May 27th

[No Meeting - Memorial Day](#)

May 6th

[Foundation Focus - Gary and Arthur](#)

The Rotary Club of Johns Creek - Let the Celebrations Begin

Club Leaders



[Arthur E. Holst](#)
President



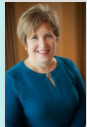
[Abbe G. Poline](#)
Vice President
Membership
Retention Chair
Past President



[John Salter](#)
Secretary
Training Officer



[Jim Rountree](#)
Treasurer



[Marilyn Margolis](#)
Club Programs Chair
Membership Chair



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



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Public Image Chair



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



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



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



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



[Bob Ostapower](#)
Club Fundraising Chair



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

By Arthur E Holst on Sunday, April 28, 2024

This past week was just huge, including the Rotary District 6910 Conference at Lake Lanier. YOU SHOULD BE PROUD of all you do:

- I brought back three certificates for us to admire. We won Runner-Up Club of the Year. I don't feel bad about being the runner-up. The winner has won 7 times in a row (Greene & Putnam County) with almost twice as many members as us and DG's in their membership leading efforts - WELL DONE.
- We received the District Citation from District Governor (DG) Brandy Swanson for our achievements in 2023-2024. With 73 clubs in our district, that's exceptional.
- We received the highest award level, Platinum, for Public Image, so thanks to Sue Kay, Michelle and all others who helped in this area.
- Allen Bowns was recognized for achieving Major Donor status with Rotary, a true high benchmark.
- Both Allen and John were in the Parade of leaders at the closing ceremony for the District Conference.
- I had the privilege to co-facilitate a breakout session for 80 people at the conference with my colleague, Sarah McKinney.
- And to top it all off, the 5 clubs in Forsyth County (of which we are one), one the award for best hospitality suite, which you all sponsored. We will have Allen bring the karaoke machine to a club meeting (haha).
- And certainly not finally, Michael McCullar did the Mental Health event at Johns Creek United Methodist Church on Thursday evening. Once again, it made us proud.

A wonderful way to end the weekend.

A few other friendly reminders.

- District Assembly if you have a leadership role now, or in the future, or have an interest in a leadership role in the future, is on May 18th, Saturday and signing up is via DACdb under the Calendar section. This session from the morning until around 3pm is a great way to learn about all major topics affecting Rotary and our various roles. I have already personally registered. I am happy to help anyone who needs assistance registering.

Have a great Rotary week and see you Monday. Tomorrow we celebrate our departing President-Elect, Mary Ann Showalter, so see you then. We have a fun agenda planned.

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

Boys and Girls Clubs of Lanier - Tommy & Chantal Bagwell Club Officially Open



The Tommy & Chantal Bagwell Club, part of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Lanier, was officially opened during a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Wednesday, April 24, 2024.

Arthur Holst and Cindy and Lynn Carlson were in attendance.

Our club, in conjunction with the other four Forsyth County Clubs, sponsored the playground at the new facility.



The club officially opens for students on June 3, 2024, when students arrive for summer camp!

Arthur Holst Sponsors Northview Orchestra Scholarships

Sunday, April 28, 2024

For the second year in a row, Arthur Holst sponsored two scholarships for Northview Highschool Orchestra students which were presented to the winners at their Spring Concert on Thursday, April 25, 2024.

According to Arthur, this is his way of giving back to the school, where he also tutors each week.

To compete for the scholarships, seniors had to submit an essay regarding what they gained from being in an orchestra, and what music has meant to them over the years.

The two winners are shown below with Arthur and Orchestra Director Jeremy Woolstenhulme.



Drum Roll Please....Final Gala Results

Sunday, April 21, 2024

The Accounting Firm of Price, Waterhouse, Rountree and Kay have completed their review of the recent Gala results. Drum Roll Please....

Total Revenue - \$85,688.31

Total Expenses - \$39,099.92

Total Profit - \$46,888.39*

***The most we've raised at a Gala in recent years!**

A Few Highlights:

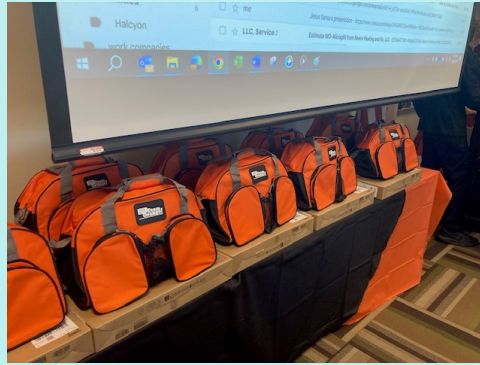
- We raised \$34,200 in sponsorships (both overall sponsorship and event expense sponsorship) - again the most in sponsorships raised in recent years! Special thanks to Sponsorship Lead Marilyn Margolis!
- We raised \$22,570 from the Silent Auction - another very strong showing! Special Thanks to Bob Ostapower and Marc Litt for their efforts in soliciting and collecting Silent Auction Items.
- Every Gift Basket Sold! Thanks to everyone in the club for soliciting and providing such great Gift Baskets. Many of my friends commented that we have the BEST Gift Baskets of any gala they attend!
- One of the highlights of the actual event was the video shown - produced by Michelle Pirkle! (More information later in this bulletin - but her video also received recognition at the District Level!)
- Lynn Carlson had the gala guest who generated the highest total bid revenue!
- There was some very competitive bidding on some of our Silent Auction Items:

Basket - It's 5 O'clock Somewhere - 17 bids
Basket - Romantic Evening Fine Champagne and Caviar - 16 bids
Basket - Reservations: It's What for Dinner - 13 bids
Blue Ridge, GA 3-night Stay - 11 bids

Thank you to everyone for a very successful Gala!

The Place - Orange Duffel Bag Initiative

Monday, April 15, 2024



The Orange Duffel Bag Initiative (ODBI) provides certified coaching, advocacy and support to students in need to help them achieve and succeed.

Through ODBI's partnership with The Place, our club donated \$5000 to this initiative for laptops and Microsoft packages.

On Saturday, April 13, 2024, club president Arthur Holst attended a graduation ceremony at UNG in Cumming for the 23 most recent graduates of this program. Almost 2000 students have now gone through this program.

Click here to learn more about The Orange Duffel Bag Initiative:
[ODBI](#)

Club Recognition at the District Level

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Visit the Rotary District 6910 website - <http://www.rotarydistrict6910.org> - too see our club highlighted in multiple way as part of the online April District Newsletter.

1. **The Forsyth County HEROes event** - co-sponsored by our club and coordinated by Youth Services Chair Ansleigh Cagle. Our own Marilyn Margolis was a panelist.

[Read Article](#)

2. **The Spring Interact Conference** - co-sponsored by our club and again coordinated by Youth Service Chair Ansleigh Cagle. Both Marilyn Margolis and Ansleigh's sister, Caroline Bowns Palmer, were speakers at the event.

[Read Article](#)

3. Michelle Pirkle's Gala video was also showcased on the District Website as well.

[Click Here](#) and scroll down to Johns Creek.

Additionally, Michelle's video was submitted to the District Public Image Team where it also got rave reviews.

Great Job Everyone!

Save the Date - September 14, 2024 - End Polio Lake Lanier Cruise

Sunday, April 28, 2024

The "End Polio" cruise at Lake Lanier, originally scheduled for April 20, 2024, has been rescheduled for September 14, 2024.

See Details Below:



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?



Events

No Events found

Birthdays

[John Salter](#)

April 30th

[Robert F Scott Jr.](#)

May 25th

[Jim Rountree](#)

May 12th

[Gary L. Glover](#)

May 22nd