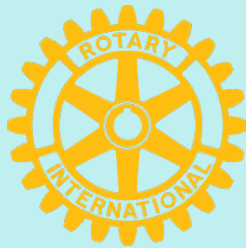


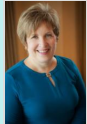
# Rotary



## Club of Johns Creek



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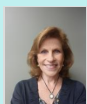
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### Speakers

August 12th  
[Allen Bowns, AG on District Rotary topics](#)

August 19th  
[Wendy Hamilton](#)  
Bald Ridge Lodge

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

### Keeping the Magic Alive While Marilyn is Out of the Country!

By Marilyn Margolis on Tuesday, July 30, 2024

Hi Friends,

I'm filling in for Marilyn this week - both in the newsletter and in leading the meeting on Monday, August 12, 2024.

Our speaker Monday is Assistant Governor and Club Member Allen Bowns. Allen will be sharing with us details of 2024-2025 District Initiatives.

Stay tuned in the coming weeks for an announcement regarding the date/venue for our 2025 Gala. Marc Litt has been doing a lot of legwork contacting potential venues. While we've enjoyed being at the Avalon the past two years, we are looking for a venue that will allow us to potentially reduce ticket prices while increasing the value of what the attendee receives as part of the ticket price. I'm excited to have other club members join us as part of the Gala Committee this coming year! We'll be scheduling our first meeting in the near future.

Hope to see all of you on Monday!

Take care,  
Sue

### 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



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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 â€” just search for Atlanta Festival Youth Orchestras!

Readers can also find out more about AFA at [www.AtlantaFestivalAcademy.org](http://www.AtlantaFestivalAcademy.org) and by following AFA on Instagram and Facebook.



## 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.

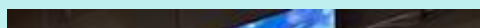
Collateral is still in process, but as it's developed, we will make sure it comes to you so we can do what we need to in promoting the event etc.

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## Six Bridges Social - Monday, July 29, 2024

Sunday, August 4, 2024

A few pictures from our recent Social at Six Bridges!







## Arthur and Marilyn Speak at Global Federation of Chinese Women Event

Sunday, August 4, 2024

Club members Arthur Holst and Marilyn Margolis are both advisory board members of the Global Federation of Chinese Women - Atlanta, and both had a role in the organization's recent mini conference held on Saturday, July 27, 2024.

Arthur spoke on Business Development and Leadership, and both of them were event facilitators.

Proud of the work they do for our club and for other organizations in the area.



## 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

[Ansleigh Cagle](#)

August 26th