

***The Future  
of Rotary  
is Here!***



***NEWS FOR APRIL 30, 2018***

### ***OUR MOST RECENT MEETING***

Five of our members attended District Assembly on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Tuwanda Williams, Mara DiGiovanni, Berthine Crevecouer West, Carol Terry, and Mark DiGiovanni each gave a five-minute summary of what they learned and their impressions of the event. Tuwanda talked about what she learned about the structure of Rotary beyond the club level. Mara talked about the possibility of starting a community-based Rotaract Club that isn't connected to a college. It offers great possibilities and can be a "feeder" to our club. Berthine talked about all the ways we can use social media to increase our exposure to the public. Carol talked about her evolving perception that dedicated Rotarians beyond the club level do not necessarily resemble a cult. (She had pictured such Rotarians like Fred Flintstone in his furry hat with his Loyal-Order-of-Buffalo Lodge 26 buddies.) And Mark talked about the importance of getting ourselves involved at the district level to enable us to influence what goes on in the district. And also that district leadership is very supportive of what we're doing as a club.

## ***NEW PAUL HARRIS FELLOW!***

Tina Miller was presented with her Paul Harris Fellow, recognition of a \$1,000 contribution to the Rotary Foundation. Tina makes the seventh member of our club to reach this milestone.

A reminder – President Mark will match your contributions 50-50 with his accumulated points to help you become a Paul Harris Fellow. That

means most of you can become a Paul Harris Fellow for \$450 because you've already given \$50 through your quarterly dues. Think of it as a ***50% OFF SALE!***



## ***A ROTARIAN'S STORY***

Mara DiGiovanni drank the Rotary Kool-Aid at a very young age – six to be exact. That was the year she attended her first District Conference at Jekyll Island. Maybe it was the beach and the dolphins or maybe it was the friendship and quality of the people she met, but Mara has been a Rotarian-at-heart ever since. Mara also told us about her family, her education, her father convincing her he was an alien when she was eight, her lifetime love of books and all things dinosaur, and her encounter with a drug-crazed home invader that left him bloodied and battered, and earned Mara the title “Ninja Girl” from the Gwinnett police officers who responded to her 911 call.



# ***SERVICE PROJECT***

**On Sunday, about twenty RCGT'ers and family planted fruit trees in Suwanee. Weather was perfect, we all had fun, we had a nice dinner after, and we ticked off another item on our way to earning the Presidential Citation.**



## ***UPCOMING***

**ROTARY DISTRICT 6910 CONFERENCE: May 10-13 in Charleston. This is a great bonding experience for Rotarians, and a place to learn about the big, beautiful world of Rotary. Click [HERE](#) to go to the conference web site to learn more.**

**May 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting: Sumner Gann, Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful.  
A Rotarian's Story: Shon Davis.**

**FAMILY OF ROTARY PICNIC: May 28<sup>th</sup>, Tribble Mill Park, 11AM to 3PM. We've reserved the Holly Pavilion to gather with our families and prospective members to celebrate Memorial Day. The picnic will replace our regular meeting for this day.**

**June 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting: Lee Baker, President of AARP Georgia.  
A Rotarian's Story: Swetha Gupta.**

**June 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting: All About RYLA, Rotary's Youth Leadership Award, including a presentation by Dean Yusuf, RCGT's RYLA recipient.  
A Rotarian's Story: Semira Yusuf.**

## ***WHO AND WHY WE ARE***

**Our mission is to reflect, shape, and serve the Gwinnett of tomorrow.**

## ***WHEN AND WHERE WE MEET***

**Alternate Mondays, 6PM to 8PM**

**Olde Towne Tavern, 835 Lawrenceville-Suwanee Rd., Lawrenceville GA 30043**

**Click [HERE](#) for directions.**

**2018 Regular Meeting Dates:**

**1/22; 2/5; 2/19; 3/5; 3/19; 4/2; 4/16; 4/30; 5/14; 6/11; 6/25; 7/9; 7/23;  
8/6; 8/20; 9/3; 9/17; 10/1; 10/15; 10/29; 11/12; 11/26; 12/10**

**We broadcast our meetings live on the internet. If you can't make it in person, you can attend remotely here: [www.gotomeet.me/RCGT](http://www.gotomeet.me/RCGT).**

**If you missed a past meeting, you can watch the highlights on our YouTube channel. Click [HERE](#).**

**Our club web site, [www.gwinnetttomorrow.org](http://www.gwinnetttomorrow.org), has recording of our meetings, back issues of News for the Week, district and RI links, club by-laws, and other info. Keep up with club happenings on our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/gwinnetttomorrow>.**

## ***CLUB LEADERSHIP 2018-2019***

**President: MARK DIGIOVANNI**

**President-Elect: BERTHINE CREVECOEUR WEST**

**Treasurer: SEMIRA YUSUF**

**Secretary: MARA DIGIOVANNI**

**Rotary Foundation: SHON DAVIS**

**Membership: ANN LAFAVOR**

**Community Service: CAROL TERRY**

**Director At-Large: SWETHA GUPTA**

**Director At-Large: OSCAR DELEON**

