

# *The Future of Rotary is Here!*



***NEWS FOR MAY 14, 2018***

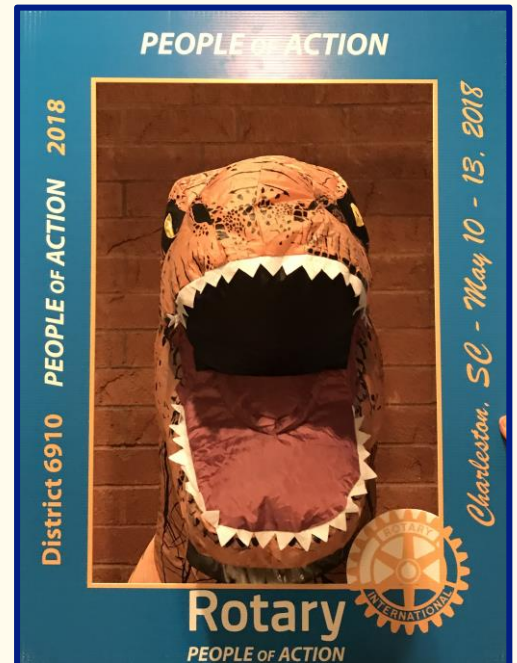
## ***OUR MOST RECENT MEETING***

Sumner Gann is the Program Director for Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful, which focuses on litter reduction, recycling, and general community improvement. Sumner told us about many opportunities we have for service projects in conjunction with Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful. One of Rotary's focus areas is the environment, so working with GCB on community service projects is a natural fit. Carol Terry is our club's Service Projects Chair. She will be coordinating all of our club's service project efforts, so expect her to tap you to pitch in on various projects the club participates in.



# ***DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECAP***

**This was the first District Conference for us as a club, and we have already made a good impression. At the first plenary session on Friday, District Governor David Cooper presented RCGT President Mark DiGiovanni with a Club Builder Award. The club was prominently mentioned throughout the conference for our enthusiasm, growth, and willingness to think outside the Rotary box. Rest assured - we have the full support of the district leadership in trying to energize and grow Rotary in Gwinnett. We also had a display in the House of Friendship; we were one of only 12 clubs out of 74 that had a display (just more attention for us). And our unofficial club mascot, Rexina, passed out “I’m in Rotary and Rotary’s in Me” buttons at the hospitality suite Saturday night. Those of you who heard “A Rotarian’s Story” on April 30<sup>th</sup> can guess who was inside the costume.**



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



**Dr. Shon Davis is principal of Alford Elementary School in Lawrenceville. He spoke about the two things that are most important to him – the children who attend Alford and his family. Shon recognizes his importance as a role model to his students, especially his black male students, who need someone like Dr. Davis to show them**

**the way. Shon gave great credit to his mother, Vivian Cody, for all her hard work and sacrifice, raising Shon as a single parent in Valdosta. Vivian is also a Rotarian and a member of the city council of Valdosta. She was present at the meeting, so she got to see her son give his presentation and hear him say all those nice things about her.**

## ***UPCOMING***

**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: Club Assembly – A review of the past Rotary year and plans for the new one beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>. Also, 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**

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Director At-Large: **SWETHA GUPTA**

Director At-Large: **OSCAR DELEON**

