

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



***NEWS FOR JUNE 25, 2018***

***OUR MOST RECENT MEETING***

**July 1<sup>st</sup> begins a new Rotary year, and our current board continues through this coming year. In preparation, the board met for two hours to review this past year and plan for the coming one. Here are highlights of the board meeting and the club assembly that followed:**

- St. Matthew's Church will continue as our temporary meeting place. If you have an alternate proposal, Swetha Gupta is overseeing the venue search and will need some preliminary data. The board will decide on a permanent venue at the Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> board meeting, so proposals must be vetted before then. If a better venue isn't found, St. Matthew's can accommodate us for the foreseeable future.**
- The coming quarter's dues will be reduced, due to savings on meals. The meal cost will be \$120 per person this coming quarter (6 meals @ \$20 per meal). This is a reduction from \$32.50 per person per meal last quarter. There will be a one-time credit on your next dues invoice for \$25 per person to reflect the lower cost of the two June meetings. Quarterly dues will continue at \$125 per person, \$187.50 per couple, with \$25 per person going to the Rotary Foundation.**

- **Oscar DeLeon is overseeing the caterer/menu selections for our meetings. He's looking for the best quality for the lowest price. If you can help Oscar in this regard, please let him know.**
- **The club is in the process of obtaining 501(c3) status from the state. This will enable us to operate as a non-profit and receive tax-deductible contributions from individuals and corporations. The 501(c3) status greatly improves our ability to raise funds from outside the club. Special thanks to Ann LaFavor for all her hard work on this.**
- **The club ends this Rotary year with a net income of about \$5,000. Over half of net income was from initiation fees. As the board hammers out the details of the 2018-19 budget, we're mindful to spend wisely to keep dues reasonable.**
- **There are two awards the club is eligible to earn in 2018-19. The first is The Rotary Citation. We should easily earn this, as we earned it this past year in less than six months of existence. The second award is Club of the Year for our Rotary district. It's based on points earned in several areas. Our goal is not to score points, but if we're accomplishing club goals, points will be a by-product. Working toward an award can motivate our club to do more than we might otherwise. And earning an award shows prospective members that we're what Rotary claims Rotarians are – People of Action.**

## ***STOCK THE SHELVES WITH SMILES***

**We're in competition with Kiwanis and other Gwinnett Rotary Clubs to see who can donate the most items to the Southeast Gwinnett Co-op. All you have to do is bring your items to a meeting, to Carol Terry's office, or to the Southeast Gwinnett Co-op. Just let Carol know what you brought. The contest ends July 15<sup>th</sup>.**

## ***RYLA REPORT***



**Dean Yusuf, son of Semira, was our club's recipient of the Rotary Youth Leadership Award. Dean got to spend a week at RYLA camp in the North Georgia mountains, making new friends and learning leadership skills. One skill he already had was a good memory – he was able to name all 97 people at RYLA and won \$100 for his effort. Dean has donated that \$100 to the club to help fund our next RYLA student. Just shows we gave the award to the right kid. We're proud of you, Dean!**

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

**The club was treated to a Yusuf double-bill, as Semira followed her son to tell her Rotarian's Story. Semira was born in Ethiopia, but did much of her growing up at a boarding school in a town of 800 in North Dakota. She has also lived in DC, graduated from the University of Maryland, and moved to Atlanta in the mid-90s. After raising two beautiful children, she earned her MBA from Georgia State and passed the CPA exam this past year. She's been married to Dr. Bedri since 1996, and she admits he spoils her.**



## ***UPCOMING***

**July 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting –Wally Kelleman, “Aging Is Risky Business”  
A Rotarian’s Story – Mark DiGiovanni**

**July 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Trebor Randle, Child Fatality Review Unit, GBI  
A Rotarian’s Story – Lisa Armistead**

**August 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Junior Achievement Field trip in lieu of regular meeting**

**August 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Dr. Seday Samuel, Health and Fitness Expert  
A Rotarian’s Story – Liz Hendrick**

**September 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting – To be determined (It’s Labor Day)**

**September 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Shawn Lesko, Mission Work in Africa  
A Rotarian’s Story – Tina Miller**

**October 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting– Randy Redner, Community Foundation for  
Northeast Georgia  
A Rotarian’s Story – Sam Rotella**

**October 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting – To be determined  
A Rotarian’s Story – Angela Duncan**

**October 24<sup>th</sup> – World Polio Day**

**October 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Zinah Ghazi, Iraqi Refugee  
A Rotarian’s Story – Eric Bailey**

## ***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

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 1520 Oak Rd., Snellville GA 30078

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**

