

The Future of Rotary is Here!



NEWS FOR OCTOBER 1, 2018

OUR MOST RECENT MEETING

Randy Redner and Matt Elder teamed up to tell us of some of the more pressing needs in Gwinnett. Randy is CEO of the Community Foundation for Northeast Georgia; Matt recently joined United Way. Gwinnett's three biggest challenges are literacy, hunger, and homelessness. Literacy is measured by the percentage of third-graders reading below grade level – it's over 50% in Gwinnett. That number is important because it's



the best predictor of needed prison cells in the future. Hunger is measured by food insecurity, which means a person doesn't know where their next meal is coming from. Roughly ten percent of Gwinnett's population, or 90,000 people (mostly children) are food insecure. The last area is homelessness, on which accurate data is lacking. Officially, the number is in the low hundreds; the actual number is probably 5,000 to 10,000.

CLUB ASSEMBLY

Roughly once each quarter, the club holds an assembly to let everyone know how things are going and what's coming up in the future. President Mark did a review of the club goals for the year and how we're doing to meet those goals (so far, so good). Service Projects Director Carol Terry updated us on service projects. Two projects of the moment are reading at Alford Elementary School and preparing bags of necessities for homeless veterans. We also have a road cleanup day coming at the end of the month. Treasurer Semira Yusuf gave us a financial report. The club has a bank balance of about \$6,500; we have about that same amount available in the budget for service projects this year. Any money earned from fundraisers will add to the service projects budget. Assistant Governor Mark Abrams gave us the perspective from the district level. President-elect Berthine also serves as our On-to-District-Conference Chair. She gave a pep talk about the district conference in Greenville, SC next May. And Nancy Edmonds updated us on our caterers and ideas for our Christmas celebration. Nancy will be soliciting ideas and input on caterers and Christmas, so let her know your ideas and opinions.

UPCOMING

**October 15th Meeting – Johnny Crist/Tuwanda Williams,
Leadership Gwinnett & Glance Gwinnett
A Rotarian's Story – Angela Duncan**

October 24th – World Polio Day

**October 29th Meeting – Zinah Ghazi, Iraqi Refugee
A Rotarian's Story – Beth DiGiovanni**

**November 12th Meeting – The Rotary Foundation
A Rotarian's Story – Michele Tainter**

November 26th Meeting – Angela Wirt, Peace Pole Project A Rotarian's Story – Bernie Waller

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.**
- **Remaining 2018 Meeting Dates: 10/1; 10/15; 10/29; 11/12; 11/26; 12/10**
- **Missed a meeting? Watch the video on our YouTube channel. Click [HERE](#).**
- **Our club web site, www.gwinnetttomorrow.org, has back issues of club newsletters, club by-laws, and other info.**
- **Keep up with club happenings on our Facebook page. Click [HERE](#).**
- **Members can check and update their info at DACdb. Click [HERE](#).**
- **Rotary International website – Click [HERE](#).**
- **District 6910 website – Click [HERE](#).**

CLUB LEADERSHIP 2018-2019

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