DISTRICT 6900 NEWS FOR FEBRUARY, 2018

From the District Governor

Our Goal Is World Peace

By Alec Smythe

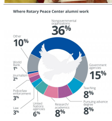
This month in the Rotary world is **Peace and Conflict Resolution month** and it has been said that Rotary's ultimate goal is world peace. I draw your attention this month to District Foundation Chair Margie's article on Peace Fellowships. We have not taken much advantage of these ... [more]

From Our District Governor Elect

Proud to Be a Rotarian

By Court Dowis

DGE Court Dowis attended International Assembly Training last month in San Diego, with 535 DGEs from all over the world, where President Barry Rassin's theme was announced: Be The Inspiration [more]



The Rotary Foundation

Rotary Peace Fellowship Application Process for 2019-20 School Year Are Underway

By Margie Kersey

The Rotary Peace Centers have announced the launch of the 2019 Rotary Peace Fellowship application process. Through this program, each year Rotary selects up to 100 professionals from around the world to receive fellowships to study at one of our Rotary Peace Centers. Through academic training, practice and global networking opportunities, these ... [more]

Global Scholar Update

Greetings from Katie Isaf, Our D6900 Scholar at Wageningen University and Research Center

By Kathy Brandt

See what our Global Scholar - Katie Isaf - is up to as she reaches the midpoint in her year as a Rotary Scholar in the Netherlands. Katie is sponsored by District 6900 and our generous contributions to The Rotary Foundation. [more]

District Conference 2018 Update

Inspirational General Sessions at Rotacon 2018 and a Special Session with World-renowned Portrait Artist Rossin

By Ryan Clements

The entertainment, shopping, restaurants, relaxation, and Rotarian friendship alone are all perfectly good reasons to attend district conference this April 26-29 at Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort. Then add a weekend of full inspiring stories. [more]

RLI

Join Us for Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)

By Elwyn Gaissert

The **Rotary Club of Tucke**r will host an RLI event on March 10, 2018 - Parts 1, 2, 3 and a Grad Course in The Rotary Foundation will be offered, registrations permitting. Tucker Middle School will be the location. Registration check-in begins at 7am with breakfast and the event is from 8 am to 3:15 pm. The cost is $100.00 per ... [more]

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Grow Your Following and Win $250!

By Gordon Owens

When it comes to social media, one of the most common questions that Rotary Clubs have is how to gain more followers. Growing an online community allows your club to raise awareness, connect with more people and gain more support. The club in each category that gains the most new followers between February 1 and District Conference will win $250! [more]

Rotary Youth Exchange at Disney World

Rotary Youth Exchange

Inbound Rotary Youth Exchange Students Reach Halfway Mark in Their Year

By Mike Parks

Georgia's first class of Rotary Youth Exchange inbound students have reached the halfway mark in their cultural and educational exchange year in the USA. [more]

RYLA

Don't Miss Out on RYLA 2018!

By Jaclyn Donovan

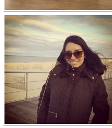
This year, students from around the District will travel to Americus from June 2 to June 6 for a fun-filled leadership learning experience. There are some important dates coming up for those clubs sponsoring RYLA students. [more]

GRSP Update

Leadership Weekend, Student Selection and Strategic Planning All Focus on the Future

By Lynn Clarke

Sometimes trustees or host families for the GRSP get really lucky and have the opportunity to spend time with students at a student weekend. There are six student weekends during the year that Rotary Clubs around Georgia arrange for the students. Our district hosts the students for four of these weekends and most involve many ... [more]

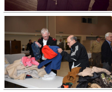


GRSP

From a GRSP Student's Perspective

By Lynn Clarke

Accepting the GRSP scholarship was a little hard at first because I didn't know what to expect from going to a small town. Of course, I've heard people talking about how great of an experience the GRSP year is, but all the people I've heard saying this attended schools in big cities. I was assigned to come to Georgia Southwestern, which is in ... [more]



Club News

Griffin Rotarians - Giving Blood, Giving Coats and Giving Back

By Stephanie Windham

See how the **Rotary Club of Griffin** is making a difference in its work with the Salvation Army! [more]

Club News

Shoes for Healthy Youth

By Yamin Farhat

The **Rotary Club of Emory-Clifton** (RCEC) received 2,000 pairs of Crocs shoes from Caring for Others and packed and shipped them to Palawan and the Philippines. [more]

Club News

Atlanta West End Rotarian Honored for His Rotary Commitment

By Eric John

On Friday, January 12, 2018, the **Rotary Club of Atlanta West End** announced the creation of the *Richard Gerakitis Service Above Self Award* and made a presentation of the award, named in Richard's honor, to Richard Gerakitis himself. The award is intended to honor the Rotarian who has demonstrated extraordinary ... [more]

Club News

Vinings Cumberland Rotarians in the Garden!

By Ross Henderson

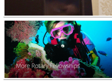
Vinings Cumberland Rotarians and their children planting onions at the Good Samaritan Health Center for their spring/summer harvest. The Center harvests food from their plants for the residents who live in an area called a grocery store waste land..in other words an area where there are no grocery stores.

GRSP

Special Awards Honor Rotarian Efforts on Behalf of GRSP

By Jackie Cuthbert

During a January meeting of the **Rotary Club of Marietta**, Lynn Clarke, GRSP Director for Rotary District 6900, presented a Will Watt award to Dale Covington in memory of Mike Straus for the videographic contributions that this intrepid "Mutt and Jeff" team made to GRSP. Altogether Mike and Dale interviewed and recorded videos ... [more]

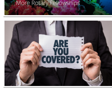


Rotary Action Groups

Expand Your Rotary with a Rotary Action Group or Rotary Fellowship

By Robert Hall

President Elect Barry Rassin and the Global Networking Groups (GNG) Committee believe that Rotary Actions Groups (RAGS) and Rotary Fellowships offer a value proposition to attract potential members and to provide opportunities to engage and retain existing members. Are you part of one of these groups? [more]



Insurance

Rotary's Insurance Coverage

By Dan Merkel

A short overview for laymen from an insurance pro of the insurance coverage provided to Rotary clubs via Rotary International's insurance policy. [more]

Upcoming Key Dates

Wednesday, February 7th, 2018	**Marietta Governor Visit**
Thursday, February 8th, 2018	**South Cobb Governor Visit**
Friday, February 9th, 2018	**Council of Governors**
Thursday, February 15th, 2018	**Board Meeting**
Wednesday, February 21st, 2018	**East Cobb Governor Visit**
Thursday, February 22nd, 2018	**Roswell Governor Visit**
Friday, February 23rd, 2018	**President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS)**
Sunday, February 25th, 2018	**Sandy Springs Social**
Monday, February 26th, 2018	**Sandy Springs Governor Visit**
Wednesday, February 28th, 2018	**Marietta Board Meeting**
Friday, March 2nd, 2018	**Milton Meal Packing Project**
Sunday, March 4th, 2018	**Milton Social for District Governor**
Monday, March 5th, 2018	**Milton Governor Visit**
Tuesday, March 6th, 2018	**North Fulton Governor Visit**
Wednesday, March 7th, 2018	**Johns Creek North Fulton Governor Visit**

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