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By Dave Barnard  
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### Smoke On The Lake BBQ Festival

By Jane Gilchrist  
Join The North Cobb Rotary Club in hosting its annual fundraiser **Smoke on the Lake** on May 9th and May 10th. This event is held the Friday night and Saturday of Mother's Day weekend at Logan Farm Park, in Acworth, GA. The club partners with local municipality, business associations and major food vendors including Publix to put on the event.  
Participants can purchase tastier tickets on Friday night to dine and vote for the best chicken wings crowning our Lord of the Wings Champion. Taste local food on Saturday in the District, choose from vendors. Friday night also offers a FREE concert hosted by 283 Band. We hope to see you there. [\[more\]](#)



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By Sara Jewell  
Join the Middlesex-Columbus Rotary Club for the 3rd annual Run For Mercy 5K on Saturday, February 22. The proceeds from this event support Mercy Med in treating not just physical ailments but care for patients mental and spiritual well being as well. They treat patients for as little as \$35 and charge based on an patients ability to pay. We hope you can join us for this great event for a great cause. [\[more\]](#)



### Dunwoody Golf Tournament - FORE the Memories - May 19, 2025

By Jackie Cumbee  
**Dunwoody Rotarians** are embarking on their fourth annual FORE the Memories Golf Tournament, scheduled for May 19 at St. Mark's Country Club. The Georgia Alzheimer's Association and North Peach Republic Care in Dunwoody will be two of the tournament's major beneficiaries, along with the Rotary Club of Dunwoody Charitable Fund. Co-Chairs Bob O'Brien and Charlie Augusta hope to raise at least \$50,000 in this year's event. Golfer and individuals who would like to help sponsor our cause are invited to contact either of our co-chairs. [\[more\]](#)

**LEADERBOARD** [Check out the full district scoreboard](#)

Here are the clubs that are leading the way in our district for membership, annual fund and polo plus.

Category	1st	2nd	3rd
NET MEMBERSHIP	Henry County	North Atlanta	North Atlanta
	Johns Creek North Fulton	Vinings Cumberland	Vinings Cumberland
	Decatur	Dunwoody	Carrollton Downbreakers
	North Cobb	Alpharetta	Columbus

**Upcoming Key Dates**

Thursday, February 6th, 2025	Calling All Presidents-Elect - Zoom - PETS - Last Minute Prep
Friday, February 7th, 2025	Official Visit - Decatur Star Student
Saturday, February 8th, 2025	Official Visit - Carrollton Downbreakers Fundraiser
Monday, February 10th, 2025	Official Visit - Thomasville Board Dinner
Tuesday, February 11th, 2025	Official Visit - Moultrie
Tuesday, February 11th, 2025	District 6900 RYE District 6900 Monthly YED and Counselor Meeting
Wednesday, February 12th, 2025	Official Visit - Cairo
Thursday, February 13th, 2025	Official Visit - Camilla
Friday, February 14th, 2025	Official Visit - Thomasville Service Project
Saturday, February 15th, 2025	Official Visit - Cairo Father Daughter Dance
Tuesday, February 18th, 2025	Official Visit - Bainbridge
Wednesday, February 19th, 2025	Official Visit - Emory Druid Hills
Saturday, February 22nd, 2025	Georgia Rotary Night at Atlanta United
Monday, February 24th, 2025	Official Visit - Buckhead
Tuesday, February 25th, 2025	Official Visit - Americus
Tuesday, February 25th, 2025	Rotary Means Business
Friday, February 28th, 2025	Peach State PETS / PELS
Saturday, March 1st, 2025	Honduras Outreach International (HOI)

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By the conclusion of the regular football season, the Rotarians' commitment shone through as they collectively decided to donate an amount equal to their team's total points scored throughout the season. An impressive \$5,504 was raised, reflecting their love for the game and their dedication to supporting the Foundation in their names. In addition to this remarkable contribution, a special award of \$100 was presented to the Rotarian or team that successfully raised the most donations. This added incentive further amplified the competitive spirit and encouraged creative fundraising efforts, contributing to the overall Foundation donation.

To add an element of surprise and excitement, a \$1,000 cash prize was also allocated to a fortunate player through a lively ticket drawing. Each player had the thrill of receiving one ticket for each point their team scored, adding an exhilarating layer to the event as they eagerly awaited the announcement of the lucky winner. The fundraiser strengthened their community bonds and significantly impacted the Foundation's efforts.

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The event takes a village and Rotarians were on hand to set-up, greet, entertain children, register families and ensure all goes smoothly. This year's event saw 91 children come through to visit with Santa and the club is grateful for its members and its community partners. The club is especially grateful to the management of the Windsor Hotel who allows us to host our event and to Steve Miller of Little Brother's Bistro who is so generous with his restaurant space which accommodates our families until their turn for photos. This is a favorite and most popular community events that seems to grow with each passing year!

**PHOTOS:**



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The atmosphere was infused with warmth and festivity as members of the Rotary Club members dressed in Holiday glee, along with dedicated friends and volunteers, entertained the residents with cherished Christmas carols. Their melodious voices filled the air, creating a magical ambiance that delighted the residents and staff alike at the Warm Springs Nursing Home.

The success of this event would not have been possible without the invaluable support of local community partners. The Rotary Club extends its heartfelt gratitude to the Manchester Kiwanis Club, Manchester Women's Club, and Warm Springs Baptist Church for their significant contributions, which helped transform this initiative into a memorable occasion.

**PHOTOS:**





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May 9 & 10 | Acworth, GA

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Participants can purchase taster tickets on Friday night to taste and vote for the best chicken wings crowning our Lord of the Wings champion. Taster tickets are sold on Saturday for the Tasters Choice Pork contest. Friday night also offers a FREE concert hosted by 293 band.

All proceeds from the event are distributed into the community over the following year through local

charities. For sponsorship opportunities and additional details on the event, go to [SmokeOnTheLake.org](http://SmokeOnTheLake.org).

Posted by Jose Gonzalez  
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