



ROTARY DISTRICT 6900



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Roy Strickland, District Governor

Dream Big, Have Fun, & Serve Meaningfully

Fellow Rotarians and Family of Rotary:

What a great privilege to serve as your District Governor! I am honored to serve and I pledge my very best to help the clubs in our District have the best possible year.

We have assembled a great team of Assistant Governors, Directors, Committee Chairs, and Rotarians in District Service— all of us are here as servants; we are here to help the clubs. Our clubs will shape Rotary's future.

Our wonderful theme, *The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands*, makes Rotary personal for all of us. It reminds us that an individual Rotarian can make a difference – in a Rotary club, in a community, or in business endeavor through the application of Rotarian ethics.

Rotary International President John Kenny makes this clear, "The future of Rotary will not be shaped at RI headquarters -- it will be shaped in each and every Rotary club because it is for each of us -- as Rotarians -- to do what is necessary to keep Rotary strong."

President John has identified areas for service emphasis: Water, Health & Hunger, and Literacy. I am pleased to report that our clubs are heavily invested in each area of emphasis.

Those who know me well know that we will have a Rotary Foundation Focus this year – encouraging the clubs to do more for TRF through financial support of the Annual Programs Fund and in programs participation.

Our Membership message is simple: It is a great privilege to be a Rotarian - to be among other Rotarians, to enjoy Rotarian friendships. Ours is the premier International Humanitarian Service Organization – Rotary is not a civic club. Make membership in your Rotary club special. Invite the leaders of your community to join you in service to others. President John says, "If you invite a respected person from the community to join Rotary, then other respected people will follow."

On the day the local Rotary club meets, the community's business and professional leaders should be in attendance at the Rotary club meeting. Think about it . . . is there someone with whom you should share Rotary?

I am proud of you and all that you do to make your Rotary club strong. The strong clubs in our District make D6900 a leader in all that we do. We are so fortunate and we must share our good fortune with others.

Our visits are underway. Suzanne and I look forward to visiting your communities and getting to know you all better. I hope to meet every Rotarian in our District this year.

Thank you for your service. You make the world a better place. That's what Rotarians do.

The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands.

*Best Rotary Regards,
DG Roy*

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Strike Out Polio Event Slated at Turner Field

All Rotarians, families and guests from throughout Georgia are invited to watch the Atlanta Braves go to battle against the Florida Marlins on Saturday, August 22nd.

A pre-game patio party will be held from 5-7 pm. A \$15 per-person ticket will get you a hotdog and backyard grilled sirloin burger served with all the fixings.

A Rotary parade around the field prior to the game is among the activities planned.

Don't delay, go to the District 6900 website, www.rotarydistrict6900.org, and register now.

Let's turn out in large numbers, have great fellowship and help wipe out Polio!



Georgia Rotarians Serving To STRIKE OUT POLIO
At Turner Field
August 22, 2009 - 7:10 PM

END POLIO NOW

Braves

Join Rotarians For Pre-Game Patio Party

BRAVES VS. FLORIDA MARLINS

Early Arriving Rotarians And Their Families Are Invited To Parade On The Field

Visit The Rotary "Eradicate Polio" Tent Exhibit

Special Rotarian Ticket Pricing

Upper Pavilion - Sale Price \$6
Upper Box - Sale Price \$16
Outfield Pavilion - Sale Price \$26

GEORGIA ROTARY STUDENT PROGRAM

Districts 6900, 6910 & 6920 Rotary International
Bringing Nations Together Since 1946



The GRSP Conclave will be held in Rome, August 28-30. The conclave is an annual kickoff event for the Georgia Rotary Student Program. It allows students and Rotarians the opportunity to meet and learn about one another as they begin an exciting year together. Approximately 75 students from 40 countries will attend the 2009 Conclave.

For additional information on GRSP and the conclave go to www.rotarydistrict6900.org

DG Roy and the District Rotary Foundation and Membership Teams
 Invite all D-6900 Rotarians
 To attend the concurrent
 District Foundation and Membership Seminars
 and Projects Fair
 featuring Opening Session with big buffet breakfast starting at 8 a.m. and
 Interactive workshop sessions
 To motivate, inspire and educate club leaders and future leaders
 Saturday, August 15, 2009
 Columbus Ironworks Convention Center
 Columbus, GA

Register in the district database (<http://www.rotarydistrict6900.org>)

before: August 7, 2009

(Please indicate whether you plan to attend the Foundation or the Membership Seminar)



DG Roy and the District Foundation Team invite all D-6900 Rotarians
 To a sparkling evening of celebration for
 The Rotary Foundation

Featuring special guest speaker and good friend of D-6900

Past R.I. President Frank Devlyn

Saturday, August 29, 2009

Renaissance Waverly Hotel

2450 Galleria Pkwy.

Atlanta, GA 30339

PRIP Frank will present pins to

All new PHS members and Major Donors (since 1 July)

Register in the district database (<http://rotarydistrict6900.org>) for the dinner

Register with the hotel for overnight accommodations

(Rotary rate of \$99/room)



District 6900 Delivers!

Annual Giving Co-Chairs Carol and Hector Colon traveled to Evanston last week to personally deliver an envelope containing first-day gifts for the 2009-2010 Annual Programs Fund from every club in District 6900.

Joanne Bertsche, Foundation Annual Gifts Officer, called it "a TRF historical moment." This is a first in the world of Rotary.

Foundation General Manager John Osterlund was quick to call District Governor Roy when the Colon's arrived at Foundation Headquarters. His comment? "Governor, there are a lot of checks in this envelope!"

GM Osterlund offered a special thank you to the clubs in District 6900 for, "a phenomenal start to the new Rotary year in District 6900. Talk about starting the year with a bang! To have the support of every single club is some accomplishment."

DG Roy says, "I am so proud of our club presidents and our clubs! We set out to have a first-day gift to the 2009-2010 Annual Programs Fund from every club in our district. Along the way, we added a generous number of new Paul Harris Fellows and new Paul Harris Society members. With monies already sent to Evanston for the 2009-2010 Rotary year we will have our best-ever start in Foundation giving. D6900 Rotarians are incredibly generous and caring. I am so proud of them for all they do both in giving and through participation in the programs of The Rotary Foundation."

CLUB PROJECTS

On Saturday June 13th the **Coweta Fayette Rotary Club** hosted the 2nd annual car show on scenic Lake Peachtree. Even with the threat of rain the group hosted 97 cars ranging from the 1920s to current models. Several hundreds spectators enjoyed music, food, contests and giveaways. Presenting sponsor, NAPA, was on hand to give out tips, samples and prizes as well. Trophies and plaques were presented by ex Mayor Fred Brown. Funds raised by this event will support educational programs in Fayette County and overseas and include among others the Newnan Library SOUNDS program, Fayette County Jail GED program, God's Eyes, and supporting a school in Thailand.



NORTHLAKE ROTARY SUPPORTS REFUGEE FAMILY SERVICES



Pictured above are Northlake Rotary Club members Jim Norman, George Spencer and Paul Tom shown presenting Rotary's check for \$600 to Refugee Family Services. This gift will be used by RFS to help finance their annual summer camp for children of refugees and immigrants in the Clarkston/Stone Mountain area. Northlake Rotary has worked with Refugee Family Services for several years by providing financial help and also sponsoring a flu vaccination program in Clarkston each year.

The mission of Refugee Family Services is to support the efforts of refugee women and children to achieve self-sufficiency in the United States by providing education and economic opportunity.



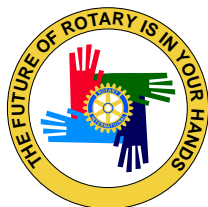
The RC of Brookhaven capped a multi-year fundraiser to provide funds for the nearby firehouse to purchase an infrared camera - thermo-imaging camera. By doing so Station #2 is the first station house in DeKalb County to have these cameras on more than one fire engine - their third truck is more of a medical emergency vehicle and a similar camera would not be as critical. We had past Presidents present who were responsible for raising the funds. Bonnie Hardage, whose husband is w/ the Cobb County Fire Department, was responsible for putting the program together. They - the fire fighters present - really showed their appreciation for our assistance to them.

We had camera crews present from Ch 2 & 11. If it is a slow news day, you may see your Brookhaven RC presenting the check to the Battalion Chief on either the 5 PM or the 6 PM news.



MEMBERSHIP

“The Rotary Club of Alpharetta inducted four (4) new members, growing their membership by nearly 5% at the July 17 meeting when District Governor Roy and First Lady Suzanne visited with the Rotary Club of Alpharetta. It was an early morning celebration as the Rotary members in Alpharetta listened to District Governor Roy’s remarks and vision for the coming year. The four new members to the club (including one “old” transferee – Rory Young) – will certainly add to the excitement and talent of the Rotary Club of Alpharetta. What a great way to start the new Rotary Year!!!! These pictures reflect DG Roy, First Lady Suzanne, President William (Perkins) and the four new members for the Rotary Club of Alpharetta.” What a great morning -



President Fernando Calvo and new members of **Atlanta Peachtree Rotary**.

Only 17 more and we will have reached the stellar goal of 28 members for the year. This is going to be a lot of fun!



50 YEARS OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE

The **Bremen Rotary Club** honored one of its own on Thursday, July 16, 2009. Gene Cook, who served as Club President in 1991-92, completed 50 years of perfect attendance this month. Family, friends and fellow Rotarians came from far and near to honor Gene. The atmosphere was light-hearted, with Gene looking on as his wife and club members good-naturedly shared stories of his stringent dedication to the club and anything else he was a part of.



Governor Roy recently sent the following names to Rotary International. The names listed are Rotarians with 39+ years of perfect attendance at weekly Rotary meetings. Given that clubs typically meet 50 times per year and these Rotarians have attended a weekly meeting for 40 years at the minimum . . . that’s at least 2,000 Rotary club meetings - without a miss - for each of these members.

Congratulations!!!!

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| Camilla | VERNON TWITTY | 62 |
| Atlanta Airport | JIMMY MOORE | 56 |
| Columbus | THACKER CARGILL | 52 |
| Thomasville | PAUL HJORT | 50+ |
| Bremen | GENE COOK | 50 |
| Cairo | WILLARD CHASEN | 50 |
| Barnesville | DR. HOLLAND JACKSON | 47 |
| Columbus | JACK KEY JR. | 47 |
| Pelham | ROBERT MURRAH | 47 |
| Atlanta | ROBERT WATKINS JR. | 46 |
| Pelham | ROBERT POWELL | 46 |
| Buckhead (Atlanta) | WALTER L. ALLEN | 45 |
| Columbus | HANS PETERS | 45 |
| Smyrna | SAM WHITFIELD | 45 |
| Griffin | BOBBY SHAPARD | 43 |
| Columbus | BUNKY PEASE | 41 |
| Midtown Atlanta | LEONARD BORG SR | 41 |
| Buckhead (Atlanta) | ALLEN PAYNE LONG | 40 |
| Columbus | JERE RICHARDSON | 40 |
| Marietta | PDG HAL BARTON | 40 |
| Paulding Co. | EARL DUNCAN | 40 |
| Peachtree City | EDWARD F. AHNEMAN | 40 |
| Columbus` | LAMAR POWERS | 39 |
| South Cobb | FRANK CROKER | 39 |

Roswell Rotarian Lee Hollingsworth's Book Witness: A True Story Of Addiction, Redemption, And Faith Wins 1st Prize at The Atlanta Writers Conference Literary Competition

The Roswell Rotary would like to congratulate Lee Hollingsworth for winning 1st Prize in the Spiritual/Religious/Self Help category at the Atlanta Writers Conference Literary Competition. Witness: A True Story Of Addiction, Redemption, And Faith is an exciting chronicle of one man's descent into a success fueled addictive abyss. His will finally broken, his family scarred, witness his slow accumulation of spiritual awareness, and the development of strength through humility and service. A very private and personal revelation, Lee tells a true story of hope and rebirth that inspires new clarity towards faith.

Below are the judge's comments:

"Being the uninformed soul that I am, I was reading this offering and asking myself: 'What does being a Rotarian have to do with a spiritual lifestyle?' That was the jaded side of me. But as I continued to read, the light was turned on. I read further, feeling my presence conveyed through simple words: 'they redoubled their prayers and their faith. Somehow, I felt it.' As did I, my friend. I could go on and on in this vein, for I truly was smitten by this story. By reinforcing the greatest of all axioms ('Helping others is the only sure way of helping yourself.'), this author has helped himself to a truly deserved FIRST PLACE! Well done, my friend; well done, indeed."

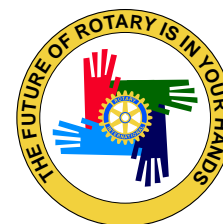
Tara Coyt
Head Judge
Atlanta Writers Conference Literary Competition



NORTHLAKE ROTARY SUPPORTS USO



On July 7th, members of the club participated in the USO Service Day as they greeted the troops at Hartsfield Airport. Rotarians provided snacks, directions, and general assistance to both incoming and outgoing members of the armed forces.



The Rotary Club of Fayette Daybreak celebrated it's accomplishments at the annual pool party. Special guest Gov. Roy inducted the new and President Frank Harris. Also on hand was AG David Galloway was officially pinned by outgoing AG Carol Stallings



President Frank Harris presented Gov Roy with our club's first TRF check for 2009-2010.





DG Roy and DG S.K. Sharma from RID 3060.

We are GSE partners. District 3060 of Rotary International comprises UT Daman, Diu, part of the states of Gujarat and Maharashtra in Western India. Gujarat is the home land of Mahatma Gandhi, India's father of the nation. District 3060 presently has



PDG Ted, Vinings
PP Bob Hagan, Roswell
DG Roy, Smyrna
President Elwyn Gaissert, Roswell



Cathy and PP Dick Brooks, Griffin
President Rene Lanier, Marietta-Metro
President Means Davis, Buckhead



President Robert and Karol Sullins, Griffin
President Means Davis, Buckhead
DG Roy and Suzanne, Smyrna



Richard Hattwick,
General Coordinator for literacy (globally) in Rotary International with Brenda Erickson, District 6900 Literacy Chair



PDG Barry and Vivian Smith
Sandy Springs
Suzanne Strickland



Marion Bunch, Dunwoody
Rotarians for Fighting AIDS:
A Rotarian Action Group



President Doc and Christy Jaleel, Peachtree City
President Larry and Stephanie Hart, Dunwoody
President Rene Lanier, Marietta-Metro

Stephanie and President Larry Hart, Dunwoody
President Rene Lanier, Marietta-Metro