Rotary District 6900

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# District Newsletter

JULY 7, 2018



*DG Court at Rotary Club of Newnan Firewoods Event with President Cathy and AG Ed Outlaw*

From the District Governor

## Have Fun and They Will Come!

*Court Dowis, District Governor 2018-2019*

By Court Dowis, Jr.

It is my honor to server as your District Governor for 2018-2019. We can look forward to building and improving our membership, our clubs and our district to further benefit the “Object of Rotary” in the communities and world we serve.

This year I look forward to meeting, serving and working with each of you, while we build Teamwork and Race to the Checkered Flag and the Winner’s Circle in every community and Rotary Club in District 6900.

Our district theme is "Have Fun and They Will Come." At the finish line, we hope to have many new members, make a difference in the lives of many people, and have fun doing it! [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 polio plus.

| Category | NET MEMBERSHIP | ANNUAL FUND | POLIO PLUS |
|---|---|---|---|
| I | **Atlanta Brasil** | **Emory-Druid Hills** | **Brookhaven** |
| II | **Bremen** | **Jackson-Butts County** | **Muscogee-Columbus** |
| III | **North Atlanta Professional Alliance** | **Vinings Cumberland** | **Dougherty County (Albany)** |
| IV | **Dunwoody** | **Dunwoody** | **Marietta** |
| V | **Peachtree City** | **Alpharetta** | **Peachtree City** |

## Key Dates

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| Thursday, October 15th, 2026 | **South Cobb Governor Visit** |
| Monday, October 19th, 2026 | **Henry County Governor Visit** |
| Tuesday, October 27th, 2026 | **Barnesville Governor Visit** |
| Wednesday, October 28th, 2026 | **Griffin Daybreak Governor Visit** |
| Thursday, October 29th, 2026 | **Griffin Governor Visit** |

BE THE INSPIRATION

Message from Our RI President

## Be The Inspiration

By Court Dowis, Jr.

*Our new RI President, Barry Rassin, is from our Rotary Zone 34. I wanted to share his message with each of you.* [more]



RYLA

## Inspiring Our Youth: Having Fun, Building Friendships and Serving the Community

By Jaclyn Donovan

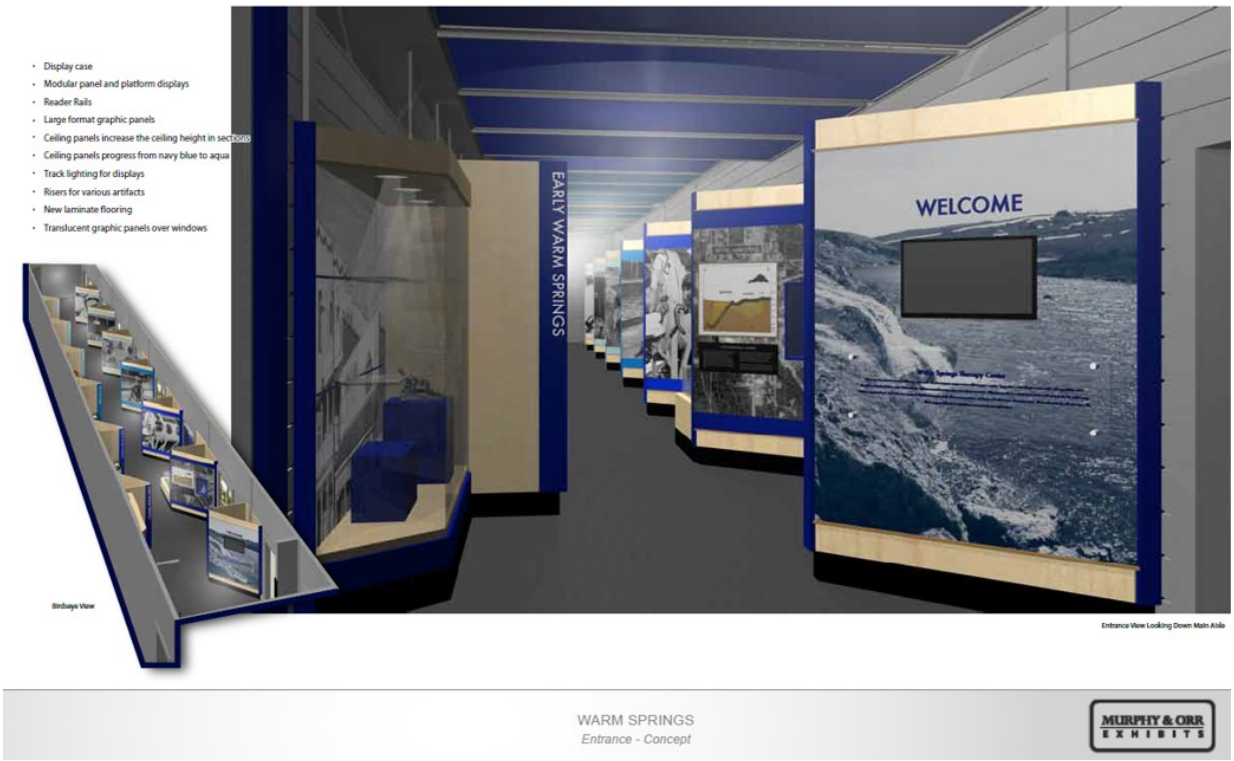
If it's summertime in District 6900 that mean it's time for the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, better known as RYLA!! RYLA is designed for young adults with proven leadership ability and a commitment to community service. [more]

The Rotary Foundation

## Happy Rotary New Year!

By Margie Kersey

The new year has begun – congratulations on your new Rotary position! Every year is a new opportunity to be an inspiration to the world. The Rotary Foundation is your tool to create change and do good in the world. This year is no different except it is your chance. Take this opportunity to step up and make a difference! [more]




Update on Warm Springs Project

## Annual Report for Friends of Ann Johnson and Adopt a Cottage Program Roosevelt Warm Springs

*from PDG Steve Stanfield*

By Steve Stanfield

When I last reported to you, we had reached an agreement with Georgia Department of Natural Resource (GA DNR) – The Little White House – to put the Polio Eradication Museum - in memory of Past District Governor Ann Johnson (first female District Governor of Rotary District 6900 – and in all of Georgia) at the outdoor pool at Warm Springs, Georgia. [more]



*Our most recent District 6900 RLI participants ... students and trainers all learn through their RLI experience.*

Rotary Leadership Institute

## Mark Your Calendars and Plan to Be Inspired

By Elwyn Gaissert, II

At RLI, our purpose is to give you the necessary tools and skills to be better Rotarians. As in every endeavor, the more you know about anything, the more interesting it becomes. Rotary is most assuredly one of those areas that the more you put into it, the more you get out of it. RLI can make that possible for you. Graduates of RLI are more likely to remain in, and be a bigger part of Rotary, than any other demographic. Check out what's happening with RLI's Sunshine Division and our District 6900 opportunities for this Rotary year [more]



*Above - Lynn Clarke and Anita, her first GRSP student. Below - Magu from Brazil, Class of 2017-18*

GRSP Update

## Sharing Memories, Investing in the Future

By Lynn Clarke

This year Georgia Rotary Clubs will host 47 students from 13 countries, attending 23 schools in Georgia. District 6900 will be hosting 21 students from Brazil, Pakistan, Columbia, Turkey, Germany, Scotland, Sweden, England, Denmark, Zimbabwe and Nigeria. Of those, 15 are female and six are male. 42 of our 68 clubs are hosting a student for next year. [more]



Global Scholar Update

## D6900 Global Scholar Interns in Beirut

*by Kate Keator*

By Jackie Cuthbert

Find out what Global Scholar Kate Keator is doing with her summer ... [more]

Rotaract News

## Four Cobb Clubs Partner to Sponsor Rotaract at Kennesaw State

By Dave Schwickerath

The Rotary Clubs of **Marietta, Marietta Metro, East Cobb and North Cobb** are partnering to sponsor the Rotaract Club at Kennesaw State University for Rotary Year 2018-2019. Incoming Club Presidents Jesse Evans (Marietta), Jim Bunda (Metro), Anne Marie Pitts (East Cobb) and David Schwickerath (North Cobb) are committed to supporting ... [more]




Congratulations!

## Ray McKemie Honored for Foundation Work

By Jackie Cuthbert In our year-end awards celebration, District 6900 had the honor to present the Rotary International Foundation "Distinguished Service Award" to Past District Foundation Chair **Ray McKemie** from the **Rotary Club of Pelham**! This prestigious RI Foundation Award is only provided to those Rotarians that make Truly Exceptional ... [more]

*Now DG Court Dowis, now PDG Alec Smythe, PDG Cheryl Greenway, Past RI Director Robert Hall, PDG Fran Milberg, PDG Bob Hagan and now DGE Jim Squire at our district's special dinner*

RI Convention

## D6900 Rotarians Enjoy Their Time in Toronto

By Jackie Cuthbert

More than 60 District 6900 Rotarians and family members attended this year's Rotary International Convention in Toronto, Canada. We were treated to amazing entertainment and speaker's - including Former First Lady Laura Bush and many more. [more]



*Boys and Girls Club grant recipients with Decatur Rotary's Community Grants Chair*

Club News

## Decatur Rotary Foundation Community Grants Recipients

By Betty Spiker

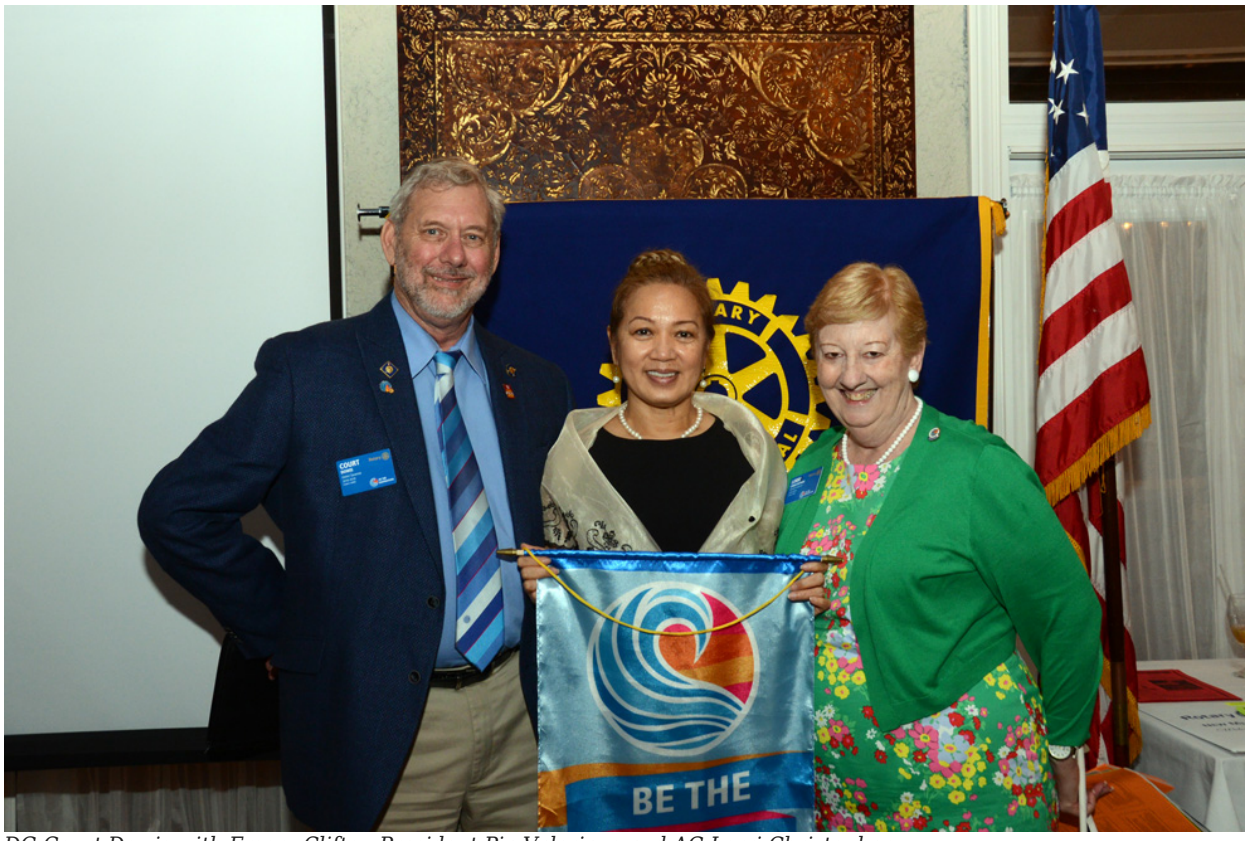
In May, the **Decatur Rotary Club** presented $18,000 in grants to non-profit organizations based in DeKalb County that focus on youth literacy and at-risk youth in DeKalb County. [more]



Club News

## Dunwoody Supports Shelter for Domestic Violence Victims

By Dottie Toney
Members of the **Rotary Club of Dunwoody** recently served dinner to women and children who are residing in a Partners Against Domestic Violence home for those who have been abused in their domestic settings. [more]



*DG Court Dowis with Emory-Clifton President Pia Valeriano and AG Lorri Christopher*

Club News

## Emory Clifton Kicks Off the New Rotary Year

By Alan Janssen

Striving to build on the success of its first year that included receiving a Service award for distributing over 2,000 pairs of shoes to Filipino children, the **Rotary Club of Emory-Clifton** installed new officers on June 18. Chris Brand, the President ... [more]



Club News Beyond the District

## Jasper Rotarians Soar Happiness with Xylophones

By Dale Covington

Marietta Rotarian Dale Covington was on hand when members of the **Rotary Club of Jasper (Rotary District 6910),** led by Regina Cates Martin, gathered in Rotary's section of Roper Park to dedicate completion of a Children's Music Park. [more]