

DISTRICT 6900 NEWS FOR AUGUST, 2019

**100** Jim visited his home club, the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs, led by President Nancy Schroeder

From the District Governor  
**Celebrating Our Rotary Connections**  
 By Jim Squire  
 I have heard over and over from Past District Governors that the best part of the job as District Governor is visiting the clubs, and after completing most of my first month of club visits I can now say that is exactly true. What wonderful work is being done by the Rotarians at the **Fayetteville, East Cobb, Atlanta Metro, Atlanta Airport, Atlanta West End**, and my home club of **Sandy Springs**. And I truly mean Rotarians, not just members of a Rotary Club! Speaking of making a difference, many of you have shared stories in this newsletter - thanks for all you do and please keep sharing your ideas and accomplishments. [\[more\]](#)

**101** Some of last year's symposium attendees, gathered around an iron lung like those used by many polio victims.

Join Us This Saturday, August 3, 2019  
**Health Symposium: Meeting the Challenge of Ending Polio**  
 By Yamin Farhat  
 This Saturday, the Annual Health Symposium focusing on the challenges and impact of the Global Polio Eradication Effort sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Emory Clifton** and the Yarnab Shrine Temple of Atlanta. The event will take place at the Yarnab Shriners' Temple, 400 Ponce De Leon Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30308 from 9:00 a.m. to 3 ... [\[more\]](#)

From Our District Chaplain  
**Finding Opportunities to Make a Difference**  
 By Mark Barber  
 Last month, I talked about thinking about **ROTARY** acrostically - beginning with **Relationships**. To continue, not only are we Relational, we are all each and everyone **Opportunity** oriented. Rotary certainly is and always should be people (Relational) and place (Opportunity) ... [\[more\]](#)

**102** Kim Walden, President, Rotary Club of Thomsville

Our Rotary Foundation  
**What Is Your Rotary Passion?**  
 By Cheryl Greenway  
 For **Kim Walden**, the President of the **Thomsville Rotary Club**, her passion is Polio Plus. Please join me in welcoming Kim as our newest member of the Arch Klumph society of Our Rotary Foundation. While Kim was attending the President Elect Training Seminar (PETS) earlier this year, she heard about the Bagwell's challenge to match dollar for dollar major gifts to the Polio campaign. She realized that by making a donation of \$250,000 to the Foundation Polio program the end results would be a total gift of \$1.5 million. Her \$250,000 gift is being matched by the Bagwells from District 6919 turning the gift into \$500,000. The Gates Foundation match of 2 to 1 then turns the gift into \$1.5 million. [\[more\]](#)

The Rotary Foundation  
**District 6900 Foundation Grants Team - Rotary Year 2019-2020**  
 By Anne Glenn  
**Thank You...**  
 Your Foundation Grants Team sends thanks with deepest appreciation to each one of you for making last year an outstanding success for District 6900. With your 2018-2019 District and Competitive grant funds, our Rotary Clubs launched and completed 65 projects supporting D6900 local communities by contributing more ... [\[more\]](#)

**103** Molly Ann arrives in Mumbai, India

Rotary Youth Exchange  
**District 6900 Students Serve as Our Ambassadors**  
 By Mike Parks  
 The first of our 16 District 6900 Rotary Youth Exchange students for 2019 - 2020 has now arrived in her new Rotary District. Fifteen year-old **Molly Ann Soulen**, recruited, selected, and prepared by the **Rotary Club of Decatur** will serve as our ambassador from District 6900 for her exchange year in District ... [\[more\]](#)

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District Training  
**Join Us for the Vibrant Club Workshop on August 24**  
 By Claudia Merti  
 Vibrant Clubs engage their members, conduct meaningful projects and try new ideas. District 6900 is holding a Vibrant Club Workshop on August 24th at the Macon Marriott. We begin at 9:00 with a continental breakfast and end at noon. This will be an excellent Workshop about how to make your club more vibrant by focusing on Public Image. ... [\[more\]](#)

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**Join Us in Peachtree City for Rotary Leadership Institute**  
 By Stephanie Witman  
 The **Rotary Club of Peachtree City** will host Rotary Leadership Institute on August 17, 2019, at Eaton's Cooper Lighting, 1121 Highway 74 South, Peachtree City, Georgia. Parts 1, 2, 3 and Grad Course Transforming Your Rotary Club and Discussion Leader Training will be held. Registration and course information may be found at ... [\[more\]](#)

GRSP Update  
**The GRSP Students are Here!**  
 By Lynn Clarke  
 Many of you are welcoming new students into your homes this month and moving them into their dorm rooms.  
**GRSP CONCLAVE - AUGUST 23-25**  
 Students will be attending Conclave hosted by District 6920 at Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, Georgia the weekend of August 23-25, 2019. The Conclave allows all of the ... [\[more\]](#)

**106** Annemarie Baker

From a GRSP Scholar  
**Two GRSP Alumni Share Their Thoughts re: the Program's Value**  
 By Lynn Clarke  
**From Annemarie Baker, Class of 2019-20 ...**  
 When I came to Georgia, I was very nervous. Many questions and thoughts went through my head: How would it be to live in the U.S.? Would I find friends? Are my English skills good enough ... [\[more\]](#)

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District Conference 2020  
**Jekyll Island is Waiting!**  
 By Leah Young  
 Planning is well underway for next April's District Conference on beautiful Jekyll Island. We have secured room blocks at the Westin, Home2 Suites, Holiday Inn and Hampton Inn (along with the Days Inn for the GRSP attendees). The link to book your hotel is active on the district website. Or click this link and it will take you right ... [\[more\]](#)

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Club News  
**Rotary Club of Buckhead Will Aid Atlanta Fire Stations**  
 By Juliann Kater  
**Buckhead Rotary** recently announced the Atlanta Fire Rescue Foundation as its new three-year signature project, pledging \$75,000 over the three years to help restore the five Atlanta Fire Rescue Department stations in Buckhead (Nos. 3, 21, 26, 27 and 29). This initiative was selected by Club President Greg Davis. The ... [\[more\]](#)

**109** DG Jim presented a Governor's Lifetime Service Commendation to Rotarian David Gordon for more than 33 years of Rotary service

Club News  
**Rotary and Rotaract Join Forces to Welcome DG Jim**  
 By Hadli Masrouf  
 In mid-July, the **Rotary Club of Atlanta Metro** and the **Rotaract Club of Atlanta** were excited to welcome DG Jim Squire and AG Gillian Leggett to their first joint meeting. The visit entailed ongoing conversations with members from both clubs, getting to know them, their aims and plans to elevate Rotary's mission within the District 6900 and beyond.  
 DG Jim spoke about how he incorporated his life-experience as a franchisee expert into everything he did. He discussed the importance of attracting new members, but more crucially retaining membership and stressed RI President Mark Daniel Maloney's hopes for connecting with the world for this year. He encouraged and saluted the Rotary Club of Atlanta Metro for being a first of its kind to have dual members from the Rotaract club of Atlanta. [\[more\]](#)

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Club News  
**Emory Clifton Offers Dental Care in Philippines**  
 By Pia Valeriano  
 The **Rotary Club of Emory-Clifton** conducted a successful Dental Mission in Batawana National High School, Batawana, Palawan, Philippines this July. The club chose to conduct this mission because 92% of Filipinos have dental issues according to the country ... [\[more\]](#)

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Club News  
**Join Lake Spivey Clayton County and Golf for Service**  
 By Ron Swafford  
 This year the annual golf tournament sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton County** is scheduled for Friday, September 6. The location will be The Lake Spivey Golf Club, 8255 Clubhouse Way, Jonesboro, GA 30236. On site registration begins at 9:30 am with a Shotgun Start scheduled for 11:00 am. The change for a team ... [\[more\]](#)

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Club News  
**Roswell Supports Toolbox That Creates Apprentices**  
 By Karen Schwank  
 Questions: *How did I end up getting into the business I am in? Did I plan for it from childhood? What steps did I take along the path that led me here? As a child, who and what influenced me for this profession?*  
 There are many people who move through elementary, middle, high school, college, and yet really do not know what they ... [\[more\]](#)

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Club News  
**Lights, Camera, Rotary Action in Henry County**  
 By Torrie Sunstrom  
 A video that provides a brief history of the Pledge of Allegiance had its "Premier Showing" at the Pass the Gavel event for the **Henry County Rotary Club** was one of the highlights of the meeting. The club has been working on this video for over a year. It was produced by members of the club - led by Rotarian George Siggins ... [\[more\]](#)

**114** Marietta Rotary President Chris Bethel with visiting UK Rotarians and District Chaplain Mark Barber

Club News  
**100-Year Old Rotary Club Connects with the World**  
 By Dale Crispin  
 Chris Bethel, the new President of the **Rotary Club of Marietta** posted on Facebook after his first meeting that it was his "humbled honor to kick off our new Rotary Year meeting - beginning our 100th club year of Service Above Self. At our first meeting we had two visiting Rotarians (husband and wife) from two different clubs in ... [\[more\]](#)

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Club News  
**Thomsville Rotary Honors Local Soccer Champions**  
 By Susan Backofen  
 The Thomsville High School Men's Soccer Team received their state championship rings at the **Rotary Club of Thomsville's** meeting in late July. The club contributed to the cost of the rings.  
 "After you do all the work all year long, and then you win a state championship, the last thing you want is for the boys to have ... [\[more\]](#)

**Upcoming Key Dates**

Saturday, August 3rd, 2019	<b>Health Symposium: Meeting The Challenges of Ending Polio</b>
Monday, August 5th, 2019	<b>Milton Board Meeting</b>
Monday, August 5th, 2019	<b>Milton Governor Visit</b>
Tuesday, August 6th, 2019	<b>North Fulton Board Meeting</b>
Tuesday, August 6th, 2019	<b>North Fulton Governor Visit</b>
Wednesday, August 7th, 2019	<b>Johas Creek North Fulton Board Meeting</b>
Wednesday, August 7th, 2019	<b>Johas Creek North Fulton Governor Visit</b>
Sunday, August 11th, 2019	<b>Rotary Youth Exchange Welcome Picnic</b>
Tuesday, August 13th, 2019	<b>Carrollton Board Meeting</b>
Tuesday, August 13th, 2019	<b>Carrollton Governor Visit</b>
Wednesday, August 14th, 2019	<b>Carrollton Duesbreakers Governor Visit</b>
Wednesday, August 14th, 2019	<b>Carrollton Duesbreakers Board Meeting</b>
Saturday, August 17th, 2019	<b>Rotary Leadership Institute</b>
Tuesday, August 20th, 2019	<b>Americus Board Meeting</b>
Wednesday, August 21st, 2019	<b>Cordele Board Meeting</b>
Wednesday, August 21st, 2019	<b>Cordele Governor Visit</b>
Thursday, August 22nd, 2019	<b>Blaikely Board Meeting</b>
Thursday, August 22nd, 2019	<b>Blaikely Governor Visit</b>
Friday, August 23rd, 2019	<b>Pelham Board Meeting</b>
Friday, August 23rd, 2019	<b>Pelham Governor Visit</b>
Saturday, August 24th, 2019	<b>Vibrant Club Workshop</b>
Monday, August 26th, 2019	<b>Henry County Board Meeting</b>
Monday, August 26th, 2019	<b>Henry County Governor Visit</b>
Tuesday, August 27th, 2019	<b>Barnesville Board Meeting</b>
Tuesday, August 27th, 2019	<b>Barnesville Governor Visit</b>
Tuesday, August 27th, 2019	<b>Rotary Youth Exchange scholarship Students' and Parents' Informational Session 1 (Atlanta)</b>
Wednesday, August 28th, 2019	<b>Griffin Duesbreak Governor Visit</b>
Wednesday, August 28th, 2019	<b>Griffin Duesbreak Board Meeting</b>
Thursday, August 29th, 2019	<b>Griffin Board Meeting</b>
Thursday, August 29th, 2019	<b>Griffin Governor Visit</b>