

Meetings

February is Peace and Conflict Prevention Month

- 2/6 Mike Haynes - Skipper Hoke / Football Leadership
- 2/13 Skip Myers - Internet Safety + How to protect your kids
- 2/20 Dan Corso - Atlanta Sports Council
- 2/27 Leadership 2020 - Dave McCleary - EHT

Events

- 2/5 "Pint for a Pint" Red Cross Blood Drive
- 2/10 RUMC Job Networking
- 2/12 Building a Playhouse
- 2/13 Career Day Roswell high School

LEADERSHIP

President	Nancy Alterman
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PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS

Cheryl Greenway 2012-13
Bob Hagan 2015-16

ROTARY CLUB OF ROSWELL

Thursdays, 12:15 pm
Roswell Area Park
Bill Johnson Community Activity Building

President Nancy's Message

Skipper Hoke Athletic Leadership Awards



Skipper Hoke Scholarship Presentations

While I am off in Finland chasing the Northern Lights, Past President Becky Stone will be stepping in to lead the February 6 meeting, where we will honor students from Roswell High School, Fellowship Christian, and Blessed Trinity as part of the Skipper Hoke Athletic Leadership Awards. It's always an inspiring session to see the incredible talent and dedication of our local students. Please be sure to attend and show your support for these bright young scholars! *See story below in newsletter for more information on this award.*

Polar Plunge last Sat.

It was a beautiful day for the Polar Plunge in Alpharetta. The power of collaboration between Rotary Clubs was strong and Roswell Rotary was well represented. Our own District Governor **Gordon Owens** was the Belly Flop Champ, **Kaho** our Rotary Youth Exchange Student took the leap, we had jumpers from **Roswell High School Interact Club**, and Plungers and spectators from our club! *See pictures at the end of this newsletter.*

Greetings from Finland and see you soon!

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Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

2/2 Joe Piontek, Sr.
2/6 Frederick Levy
2/10 Rick Meer
2/15 Grace Peoples
2/16 Lafayette McKinney, III
2/18 Gordon Owens
2/21 Michael Gould
2/22 Becky Stone
2/22 Bill Wolff
2/24 Dutch Earle
2/27 Bruce Smith
2/27 Leonard Greski
2/27 Justice Brakache
2/28 Alexandria Shuval Weiner

YEARS OF SERVICE

2/1 David Bourne (52)
2/2 Lee Dodson (11)
47 years in Rotary
2/8 Dutch Earle (18)
27 years in Rotary
2/11 Alex Kaufman (15)
2/11 Langdon Hollingsworth (4)
2/13 Kevin Benscoter (5)
2/17 Roger Wise, Jr. (14)
2/22 Lee Jenkins, Jr. (7)
2/23 Richard Stilley (8)
10 years in Rotary
2/27 Stephen Clausen (2)

Keynote Michael Haynes

Program this Week- Skipper Hoke Awards

Skipper Hoke Athletic Leadership Awards



For over 30 years Roswell Rotary has honored a player on the Roswell High School football team who exemplified leadership throughout his football career. This award is voted on by his peers - his fellow football players. Originally called the Outstanding Leadership Award, for years we invited the entire football team, coaches, and cheerleaders to join us for lunch to honor the recipient of the award.

We expanded our awards to honor leaders from our two other high schools on Woodstock Road in 2022 - Fellowship Christian and Blessed Trinity Catholic High Schools. This year we welcomed the award winners, their families, and coaches to our lunch meeting to receive these honors. Longtime member **Skipper Hoke** was a banker, community leader, and a huge booster of all things Roswell High School and its sports teams. For years he helped lead our Roswell Rotary Relays, often working the scoring table throughout the day. After his death in 2016, we renamed this award after him to honor the impact and dedication Skipper gave to our young people and athletics in our community.

This year our keynote message will be given by **Michael Haynes**, former NFL football player (and excellent golfer at RRC's Aubrey Greenway Golf Tournament)! Michael was a 7th round draft pick of the Atlanta Falcons in 1988. He played his first 6 seasons with the Falcons before signing a free-agent contract with his hometown team the New

FAMILY OF ROTARY

Our membership cares deeply about the needs and concerns of our members. We don't want to miss an opportunity to reach out in friendship when such concerns arise. The chairperson of this committee is Lynne Lindsey and all news should be directed to her at lynnehlindsay@outlook.com

Orleans Saints. He played three seasons with the Saints before returning back to play his 10th and final season with the Falcons Michael holds a number of Falcons and Saints records, but the one he is most proud of is, (Longest TD reception 98-yard) vs Saints Inducted into the Northern Arizona University Hall of Fame in 2017 Executive Director of North Metro Miracle League. NMML does adaptive sports for individuals with disabilities nmmlatl.org Coaches Football and Track & Field at Fellowship Christian School Owns and operates Str8upSports (A Sports Management & Marketing Service)

2025 Honorees and their Athletic Directors

Blessed Trinity

- 2025 Honoree Dylan Torrico
- Athletic Director Ricky Turner

Fellowship Christian

- 2025 Honoree Charles Sharp
- Athletic Director David Lowery

Roswell High School

- 2025 Honoree Andrew Ryan
- Athletic Director Ben Sutter

Please join us on Thursday to honor these players!

RRAH - Next Meeting is Today, Feb. 4th @ 6:30 PM

ATLANTA-CAROLINAS HIDTA PROGRAM
Designated and Funded by the Office of National Drug Control Policy

AFTER HOURS

HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA TASK FORCE

A Drug Intelligence Officer from HIDTA will speak about the opioid epidemic, and ongoing efforts to fight crime in metro Atlanta. Led by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the AC-HIDTA has successfully prosecuted thousands of criminals charged with narcotics trafficking, human trafficking, terrorism, money laundering, and additional crimes around the world, seizing hundreds of millions of dollars annually in U.S. currency, firearms, and narcotics.

Next Meeting:
Tuesday, Feb. 4th @ 6:30 PM
The Artillery Room @ Gate City

Our next meeting is today, Feb. 4th at 6:30 PM at Gate City Brewing. Ourspeaker will be a Drug Intelligence Officer from the Atlanta-Carolinas High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Task Force (HIDTA).

The speaker will speak about the opioid epidemic, and ongoing efforts to fight crime in metro Atlanta. The AC - HIDTA is a federal, interagency law enforcement program which investigates, disrupts, and dismantles drug trafficking and money laundering

organizations through intelligence-driven multi-jurisdictional operations. The AC-HIDTA involves officers, agents, and analysts from over 150 federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies across Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. Led by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the AC-HIDTA has successfully prosecuted thousands of criminals charged with narcotics trafficking, human trafficking, terrorism, money laundering, and additional crimes around the world, seizing hundreds of millions of dollars annually in U.S. currency, firearms, and narcotics.

Hope to see you all there!

Save the Date

Women of Rotary Wed Feb 26 5:50-7:30pm [



Women in Rotary is a group of women Rotarians and wives of Rotarians from Alpharetta, Johns Creek, North Fulton and Roswell who connect once a quarter for social interaction, business networking and to get to know each other better. All women Rotarians and wives of Rotarians are invited.

The first Women in Rotary event of 2025 will be held at the Hotel Avalon on Wednesday, February 26 from 5:30-7:30PM. Light refreshments will be provided, and women may buy their own drinks.

Please [RSVP HERE](#) by February 23rd.

Men, be sure to pass this invitation on to your wives so they may join in the fun!

Because our Rotary motto is "Service Above Self," we include a service aspect each quarter. This time, **please bring one or more \$5 Kroger, Publix or Target gift cards to donate to the Drake House**, which provides housing to single mothers and their children who are experiencing homelessness in North Fulton. As always, thank you in advance for your generosity!

Questions? Email [Michele Curtis @ mlcurtis97@gmail.com](mailto:Michele.Curtis@mlcurtis97@gmail.com).

Feb. 13th 7:45 am

Career Day Volunteers Needed for Roswell High School

**Share Your
Passion for Your
Career with
Youth!**



**Volunteers needed
for Roswell High
School Career Day**

Thursday, Feb. 13th
11595 King Rd Roswell, GA 30075
Arrive 7:45 am

Calling Entrepreneurs, Medical, Legal, etc. etc. By sharing your professional path story to the RHS students, you help them see a wider post-high school career choices.

To sign up and for more info: [CLICK HERE](#)

Dr Seuss & Kindergarteners

Read Across America- Friday Feb. 28 8am - 9am



Volunteer with Roswell Rotary for Read Across America!

Join us in celebrating Dr. Seuss's Birthday by sharing the joy of reading with local kindergarten students!

Date: Friday, February 28, 2025

Arrival Time: 7:45 AM | **Reading Time:** 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Location: Local Roswell Kindergarten Classrooms

We need enthusiastic volunteers to bring stories to life and inspire young minds. This Year's Featured Book is, ***Sometimes you Win Sometimes you Learn*** By John C. Maxwell

Sign up today and help us make reading fun and memorable for these young learners.

"You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child!" - Dr. Seuss

[Volunteer Link](#)

Looking for Veterans

Honor Air Trip April 9, 2025



Honor Air Looking for Veterans



Trip to Visit War Memorials April 9th



CALLING ALL VETERANS (who have never been on an Honor Air Trip)

Roswell Rotary Honor Air is accepting 50 applications from US War veterans, America's heroes, for a **complimentary free day trip to visit their Memorials in Washington DC on April 9, 2025.**

Many of the men and women who fought and sacrificed for our country have not had the opportunity to visit their own Memorials. Our World War II veterans and also our Korean War veterans are facing health challenges so time is of the essence for these great men and women. In addition, we want to give our Vietnam War veterans the "Welcome Home" they never received, honoring their service, sacrifice, and commitment to our country.

Here is how the Honor Air works: Approximately seventy World War II, Korean, and Vietnam War veterans plus guardians, a doctor and emergency personnel will gather at the Roswell, GA Community Center in the early morning hours and travel by motorcoach to the Atlanta airport. They will fly on a chartered plane to Washington, D.C. where they will be escorted on buses from the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport to the World War II Memorial. Then they will visit the Vietnam and Korean Memorials and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery. That same day they will return to the Reagan airport, fly back to Atlanta and then by bus to Roswell. Every veteran will have a volunteer guardian to personally assist them. Veterans will be encouraged to take advantage of the complimentary wheelchairs throughout the day.

Click here for [Guardian Application](#)

Click here for [Veteran Application](#)

Click here for [More Details](#)

Shifa Jiwani
Thomas Peace Award



Roswell Rotary presented the Thomas Peace Award Paulding County & East Cobb Rotary Club GRSP student Shifa Jiwani. This annual award from Roswell Rotary honors a program recipient who exemplifies leadership and service. congratulations to Shifa and thank you RRC Past President John Carruth for making the presentation!

Interact Club Updates Roswell High School Interact Club



Thank you Frederick Levy for sharing pictures of the Roswell High School Interact Club meeting. Yes, we do see the Four Way Test in the background!

New & Future Board Members & Committee Chairs
District Training Academy-Columbus



District Training Assembly

Join us at the 2025 District Training Assembly in Columbus, Georgia.

Location: Columbus Convention & Trade Center – Historic Ironworks, 801 Front Avenue, Columbus, GA

Hotel: For those coming in Friday night, we recommend the Columbus Marriott, 800 Front Avenue, Columbus, GA, 866-994-7098

Date: March 29, 2025 8:00 am— 12:30 pm

Times: 8:00 am – 12:30 pm

Topics: All aspects of Rotary’s Action Plan, including Membership, Public Image, Service Projects, Club Administration, and the Rotary Foundation.

“Members can contact Tori for help registering”

Sat, Feb 15 at 9:00am: Your body is asking for this

**Walk with a Doc: Community hike after discussing
"Don't eat less. Eat smarter."**



[\[read more\]](#)

Rotary Foundation Miracle

El Mandamiento multiplies from small donation of \$5,000

How did a \$5,000 donation from the Rotary Club of Roswell, Georgia, became the seed of something extraordinary.

"El Mandamiento" y el Hospital favorecidos por el Rotary Club

• *Los representantes del Rotary de la ciudad norteamericana de Roswell, en el estado de Georgia, donaron junto a la Fundación Rotary Internacional, 20.000 dólares, que fueron destinados a "El Mandamiento" y al hospital municipal.*

En la noche del jueves, los integrantes del Rotary Club de Pilar encabezados por su presidente Mario Burcheri, recibieron una visita por demás importante. Dos miembros del Rotary estadounidense de Roswell, del estado de Georgia, Lee Hollingsworth y Hutch Hodgson, se hicieron presentes para entregar una colaboración de nada menos que veinte mil dólares, provenientes de la entidad que representaban y la Fundación Rotary Internacional, juntamente con el Rotary local.

El presidente del Rotary Pilar, Mario Burcheri,

Rotary Foundation: Multiplying Impact, Building Peace, Changing Lives

In 2004, a modest \$5,000 donation to the Rotary Foundation from the Rotary Club of Roswell, Georgia, became the seed of something extraordinary. Through the Foundation's matching program, it grew into \$20,000—funds that helped launch a transformative project in Pilar, Argentina. This grant supported two critical initiatives: "El Mandamiento," a soy-based food processing kitchen feeding thousands in community kitchens, and essential equipment for the municipal hospital. The ripple effects of this

single grant have been profound and far-reaching.

The Power of Rotary Foundation Dollars

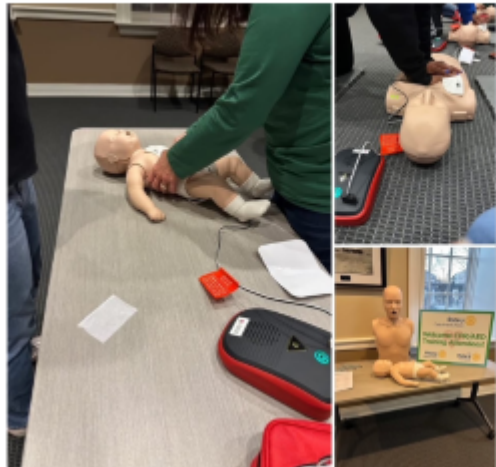
The impact was immediate. Over the past 21 years, "El Mandamiento" has continued to feed countless people, while the hospital's surgical table has saved countless lives. But the story doesn't end there. This project awakened the local Rotary Club of Pilar to a new reality—that Rotarians from across the globe cared enough to make a significant investment in their community. It transformed their club from a social organization into a dynamic force for good, inspiring new leadership and a reinvigorated mission.

The story illustrates how Rotary grants do more than fund projects—they build bridges, create friendships, and inspire peace. The collaboration required to execute these grants fosters empathy, trust, and global fellowship. Rotarians in Roswell and Pilar didn't just work together; they became lifelong partners, and dear friends, in service. [\[read more\]](#)

you Can Save a Life

More CPR Classes Offered

Free Rotary CPR Classes for February



Tues. Feb. 2
6:30-8pm

Sat. Feb 8
1:00-2:30pm

Tues. Feb 11
6:30-8:30pm

[Click Here to Register for a Class](#)

Remember Julia our GSRP Student?

Greetings from Finland



**GSRP
Student Julia
playing tour
guide in
Finland!**



**Deadline Feb. 27, 2025
Patsy Wolff Scholarship**



**Announcing Patsy
Wolff Scholarship**

***for 2025 Roswell
area female high
school graduates***

This is exciting! The launch of the Patsy Wolff Scholarship is for 2025 Roswell Area HS female graduates. This scholarship, for \$1,500, will honor the qualities of Patsy Wolff as one of the first female Roswell Rotarians and a generous philanthropist in our community. The candidate will need to show her sense of community spirit and how her contributions exemplify the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self". DEADLINE for applications to the area HS Counselor's office is 3:30 p.m on Friday, Feb 27, 2025

[**Application link**](#)

Coming Up at RRC

Save the Date: Making Roswell Rotary's Magic Happen

Save the Date



Mary Trapp
Service Projects Chair



Michael Curling
Social Chair

Roswell High School Career Day

Thursday Feb. 13 Arrive 7:45am

[Add To Calendar](#)

Women of Rotary- Hotel Avalon

Wed. Feb 26 5:30pm - 7:30pm

[Add To Calendar](#)

District Training Assembly

Sat. March 29 in Columbus

8am-12:30pm

[Add To Calendar](#)

Honor Air Veterans Trip to Washington

April 9

[Add To Calendar](#)

District Conference Jekyll Island

April 24-27

[Add To Calendar](#)

Last Week at Rotary



**Stephanie was
Amazing Speaker!**



**Stuckey's Branding
Rocks!!**





Lunch



Sleepy



**District Governor
Belly Flop King at
Polar Plunge**

Representing!

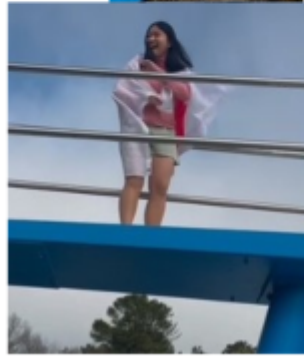




**Polar
Plunge
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Interact



Kaho