

North Fulton
Rotary
Club



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If you do make an online donation this week, please let me (Doug) know the amount. Here is the link to donate: <https://rotary.org/pledge>

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12/9	TBD
12/23	No Meeting - Christmas Holiday
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10/30	Tom Georges

YEARS OF SERVICE

10/24	William Bennett (1)
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10/30	Steve Siders (17)

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Submitted by Doug Higgins, Foundation Chair

It was another exciting football weekend. More exciting for some than others but whether your team won or not, Rotary won! **President Erik** and his Oregon Ducks slipped to second place as **Past President Richard** and his double teaming with Denmark HS Flag Football and Oconee High pushed him to \$352! **Jonathon** and his Falcons are coming up fast and he is now in third place at \$275, squeaking by **Kathleen's Fighting Irish** at \$274 and moving **Past President Lisa** and her Baylor Bears to fifth place with \$254.

Your generosity in support of The Rotary Foundation Polio Plus fund has been more than hoped, with pledges totaling almost \$4,000. Our goal for the entire season was \$3500 and there is a lot of football yet to be played. Our club has typically donated between \$1,500 and \$2,000, so \$3,500 is a big increase. We have also been very generous supporters of the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund, which supports District and Global Grants. Our board has agreed that funds over \$3500 should be directed to the Annual Fund. Therefore, it was proposed that the first \$175 of your pledge be donated to Polio Plus and any amount over that be donated to the Annual Fund. **World Polio Day is this week, on October 24th** and it would be amazing if some (or all) of our Score for Polio Plus participants would make some of their donation on that day. (If you do not "owe" \$175 at this point in the season, you can donate what you do owe to date.)

If you do make an online donation this week, please let me (Doug) know the amount. Here is the link to donate:

<https://my.rotary.org/en/donate>

You can also give me a check payable to The Rotary Foundation and I will ensure the donation is credited to your account.

Thanks for your generous support of the Foundation and please let me know if you have any questions, (404) 401-2094.

Score For Polio Plus															
WEEK				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Rotarian Total	
Rick - Georgia	\$ 1.00			45	28	44	0	21	35	20	43			\$	236.00
Joy - Georgia	\$ 1.00			45	28	44	0	21	35	20	43			\$	236.00
Dan - Georgia	\$ 1.00			45	28	44	0	21	35	20	43			\$	236.00
Carolynn Georgia	\$ 0.50			45	28	44	0	21	35	20	43			\$	118.00
Lisa - Baylor	\$ 1.00			24	48	42	24	45	35	bye	36			\$	254.00
Joseph - Ga Southern	\$ 1.00			14	20	41	45	10	bye	35	41			\$	206.00
Doug - Arizona State	\$ 1.00			38	20	34	27	27	bye	10	26			\$	182.00
Steve - Penn State	\$ 1.00			46	34	52	0	24	37	21	24			\$	238.00
Mike Mudd - UK	\$ 1.00			24	23	48	0	13	14	bye	13			\$	135.00
William - Alabama	\$ 1.00			17	73	38	0	24	30	27	37			\$	246.00
Erik - Oregon	\$ 1.00			59	69	34	41	30	bye	20	56			\$	309.00
Brad UT	\$ 0.50			45	72	41	56	41	bye	34	20			\$	154.50
Thomas WVU	\$ 0.10			45	10	31	10	14	24	bye	13			\$	14.70
Kathleen Norte Dame	\$ 1.00			24	bye	40	56	56	28	36	34			\$	274.00
		0	0	471	453	533	259	368	308	263	472				
		0	0	471	924	1457	1716	2084	2392	2655	3127	3127	3127		
WEEK		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
Cliff - Mt. Pisgah	\$ 1.00	14	0	7	0	7	6	0	6	0	20			\$	60.00
Richard Oconee HS	\$ 1.00	0	14	14	28	28	0	28	28	49	bye			\$	189.00
Richard - Denmark Flag*	\$ 1.00				33	13	19	0	26	24	15	13	20	\$	163.00
Garrett Alpharetta HS	\$ 1.00	bye	0	6	0	20	32	12	40	17	bye			\$	127.00
Michael Chamblee	\$ 1.00	12	7	0	bye	36	20	22	41	21	bye			\$	159.00
		26	21	27	61	104	77	62	141	111	35	13	20		
			47	74	135	239	316	378	519	630	665	678	698		
WEEK					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
Jonathon - Falcons	\$ 2.50				20	22	0	34	24	10				\$	275.00
Regina & Jeff -Bengals	\$ 1.00				17	31	10	3	24	18	33			\$	136.00
	\$ 1.75				37	55	10	41	53	28					
Weekly Total		26	21	498	551	692	346	471	502	402	507	13	20		
Cummulative Total			47	545	1096	1788	2134	2605	3107	3509	4016	4029	4049	\$	3,948.20

Companion Club Update

Reminder that our companion club meeting for October was shifted to the fourth Thursday, on October 23rd at Thrive, 44 Milton Avenue, Alpharetta (located above Minnie Olivia Pizza) at 6:30 pm.

The normal meeting date is the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm, same location.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Joseph Powell, (912) 662-2246.