

Meetings

February is Peace and Conflict Prevention Month

- 2/12 Horst Schulze - A No Nonsense Guide to Becoming the Best in a World of Compromise
- 2/19 Leadership 2020 - Col. Dwight Schmidt
- 2/26 DEA Outreach Taskforce Officer - Wanda Wiggins
- 3/5 William Vestal - Artificial Intelligence from a different viewpoint
- 3/12 Kristin Winzeler - True North 400
- 3/12 MS Student/Teacher of the Year Presentations
- 3/19 Lisa Meade Romero
- 3/26 Senator Blake Tillery

Events

- 2/19 Leadership 20/20
- 3/2 Read Across America Day
- 3/4 Women of Rotary Spring Social
- 3/14 Roswell Rotary 75th Anniversary Party
- 3/21 Roswell Relays
- 3/21 16th Annual Sweep the Hooch
- 6/27 President Leslie Installation Party
- 9/14 Annual Golf, Tennis + Pickleball Tournament

LEADERSHIP

President	Trummie Patrick, III
President-Elect	Leslie Bassett

President's Message



"My bounty is as boundless as the sea, My love is as deep; the more I give to thee, The more I have, for both are infinite." - **William Shakespeare**

"Ve'ahavta l'reacha kamocho". - "Love your neighbor as yourself." **Leviticus 19:18**

"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." - **1 Corinthians 13:13**

"To love at all - is to be vulnerable." - **C.S. Lewis**

Valentine's Day is almost here. Florists are swamped, restaurants are booked, and Americans will spend billions on flowers, candy, jewelry, and cards. It's one of the most commercialized days on the calendar — yet its origins are anything but commercial.

The story traces back to Saint Valentine, a priest in ancient Rome who defied an imperial decree that banned young soldiers from marrying. The emperor believed single men made better warriors. Valentine believed love and commitment made better men. He secretly performed weddings and was ultimately imprisoned and executed around 269 A.D. Tradition holds that before his death he signed a note, "From your Valentine." Strip away the roses and reservations, and Valentine's Day was never about sentiment. It was about sacrifice — choosing love even when it costs something.

If you pause and think about it, "love" may be the most overworked and yet most powerful word in the human vocabulary. Linguists estimate there are roughly 7,000 living languages on earth, and most of them don't settle for just one word for love. Many have two, three, sometimes four distinct words separating romantic love, familial devotion, loyal friendship, even sacrificial or divine love. Across cultures and centuries, that likely amounts to tens of thousands of unique words that mean some form of love.

Immediate PP Nancy Alterman
Treasurer Mike Agurkis
Secretary Katie Anderson
Membership Courtney Lott

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS

Cheryl Greenway 2012-13
Bob Hagan 2015-16
Gordon Owens 2024-25

ROTARY CLUB OF ROSWELL

Thursdays, 12:15 pm
Roswell Area Park
Bill Johnson Community Activity Building
10495 Woodstock Road
Roswell, GA 30075

Rotary Online

<https://roswellrotary.club>
<https://rotary6900.org/>
<https://rotary.org/>



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Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

2/6 FJ Levy II
2/10 Rick Meer
2/15 Bruce Smith
2/15 Grace Peoples
2/16 Fate McKinney, III
2/18 Gordon Owens
2/20 Lenna Castagna
2/21 Michael Gould
2/22 Becky Stone
2/22 Bill Wolff
2/24 Dutch Earle
2/27 Leonard Greski

And then there's music. I think I broke the internet last night when I Googled-- "how many songs have love in the title?" (yes, I still Google instead of AI- I'm so 2023 with that old school search engine) With more than 100 million songs cataloged on platforms like Spotify alone, even a conservative estimate suggests millions of songs contain "love" in the title alone. It was like Googling, "how many Auburn football players have entered the transfer portal?" No one knows....The number simply cannot be calculated!

Few words are used more loosely or carry more weight than love. We say we love our spouse, our children, our country, our team, even our favorite meal. Across cultures, languages distinguish between romantic love, family, friendship, commitment, etc. Scripture too reflects that depth. Love is described not as a thin emotion but as layered throughout the Bible and is used in many ways to cover different meanings. **It is action. It is perseverance. It is service.**

That is where Rotary enters the conversation. Every time we give to a campaign to help others in need, mentor a student through Interact, recognize a first responder, or support education and health initiatives, we are practicing a disciplined form of love. We may not say the word specifically, but Service Above Self is love.

In 1885, when the Statue of Liberty arrived from France, America lacked funds to build the pedestal it would stand on. Publisher Joseph Pulitzer asked ordinary citizens to contribute — no gift too small. More than 120,000 people responded, most giving less than a dollar. Schoolchildren sent pennies. Immigrants gave what little they had. The pedestal was built not by a few wealthy benefactors, but by thousands of everyday people choosing action over apathy. Love of country became service in motion. At its best, love is not something you feel. It is something you do.

It is easy to love when it is convenient. It is harder when it requires time, money, patience, and consistency. Rotarians give their time, their resources, and their willingness to show up.

So perhaps the question this week is simple: Who else needs to feel seen? Where can I give something that costs me a little so someone else gains a lot? Martin Luther King Jr. asked, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?" That question sits at the intersection of Valentine's Day and Rotary. Love is not best measured by what we purchase, but by what we are willing to give.

In Rotary, we don't just celebrate love one day a year. We practice it every day.

Sic Vos Non Vobis

Trummie Lee Patrick III

Horst Schulze Brings a No-Nonsense Guide to Excellence on February 12

- 2/27 Justice Brakache
- 2/28 Alexandria Shuval Weiner

YEARS OF SERVICE

- 2/1 David Bourne (53)
- 2/2 Lee Dodson (12)
48 years in Rotary
- 2/8 Dutch Earle (19)
28 years in Rotary
- 2/11 Alex Kaufman (16)
- 2/11 Langdon Hollingsworth (5)
- 2/11 Queen Brown (1)
- 2/11 Becki Campolito (1)
- 2/11 David Houck (1)
- 2/11 Brent Sherota (1)
- 2/13 Kevin Benscoter (6)
- 2/17 Roger Wise, Jr. (15)
- 2/19 Steve Money (1)
3 years in Rotary
- 2/22 Lee Jenkins, Jr. (8)
- 2/23 Richard Stilley (9)
11 years in Rotary
- 2/26 Dean Robertson (1)
8 years in Rotary
- 2/26 Jackie Jordan (1)
11 years in Rotary
- 2/27 Stephen Clausen (3)

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

SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT



Roswell Rotary welcomes Horst Schulze on February 12 for a program drawn from his signature philosophy: becoming the very best in a world that too often settles for compromise. His no-nonsense approach to excellence, shaped over a lifetime of leadership in luxury hospitality, offers practical, people-centered principles that apply to every profession and career stage. Mr. Schulze's message challenges individuals and organizations alike to pursue uncompromising standards and to unlock the disruptive power of their true potential. [\[read more\]](#)

TODAY Wed Feb 11

Blood Drive-Walk In's Welcome

Valentine's BLOOD DRIVE



340 S Atlanta St - Roswell
A Life-saving Function
at Roswell Junction!

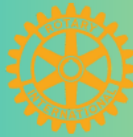
February 11th
8:00 am - 2:00 pm



GIVE A PINT
GET A PINT



Rotary
Roswell



Our Awesome Partners:



Plus Our Newbies...

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75th Anniversary Celebration Roswell Rotary Club

GO ALL IN



ROSWELL ROTARY
75TH DIAMOND
ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION

Once in a lifetime event-
Roswell Rotary
Celebrates 75 Years!

-  \$75 per person
-  Black Tie Optional
-  Valet Parking
-  Catered Dinner
-  Spacious Venue
-  Photo Station
-  Lots of Bling
-  The Story of RRC

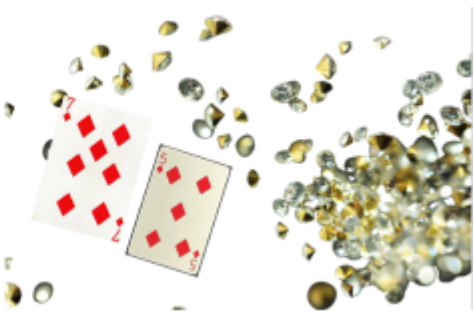
Invite Code 

Saturday, March 14th

6pm – 9pm

9040 Roswell Rd

Atlanta, GA 30350





[Invitation Link](#)

[Add To Calendar](#)

The 80's

Roswell Rotary's 75th Diamond Anniversary:
Honoring the Past, Serving the Future





Part 4
Spotlight- The 80's

The 80's

RRC Past Presidents

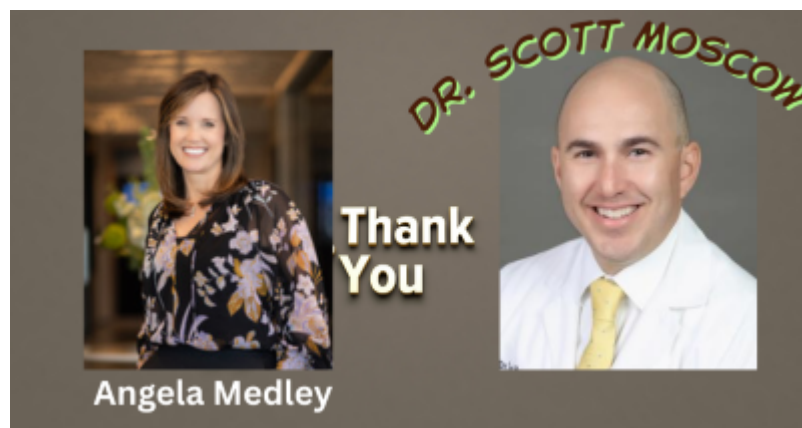
- 1980-81 Frank Brown
- 1981-82 Wilbur Avera
- 1982-83 Gary Waddell
- 1983-84 Joe Hopkins
- 1984-85 Buddy Stamps
- 1985-86 Lew Marshall
- 1986-87 Bill Lewis
- 1987-88 Trummie Patrick
- 1988-89 Ron Spencer
- 1989-90 Ben Magoon

[Video The 80's](#)

Gratitude Wall: Members Helping Members



Highlighting a few of the many acts of service our members give to each other:



Angela Medley would like to thank **Dr. Scott Moscow**.

"A few weeks ago, I was diagnosed with shingles on my forehead. My primary doctor was very concerned about the proximity to my eye and strongly urged me to see an ophthalmologist immediately to ensure the infection had not spread. As you can imagine, this was frightening news.

I began calling around to get an urgent appointment but had no success. Offices were booked out and, unfortunately, did not share the same level of urgency my doctor expressed. Feeling anxious and running out of options, I reached out to Scott Moscow through our Rotary connection.

He responded right away with kindness and concern and had me in his office within the hour.

Dr. Moscow's team conducted a thorough exam and was able to confirm that the shingles had not spread to my eye. The relief that brought to both me and my husband is hard to put into words. In a moment that felt stressful and uncertain, his responsiveness, professionalism, and compassion made all the difference.

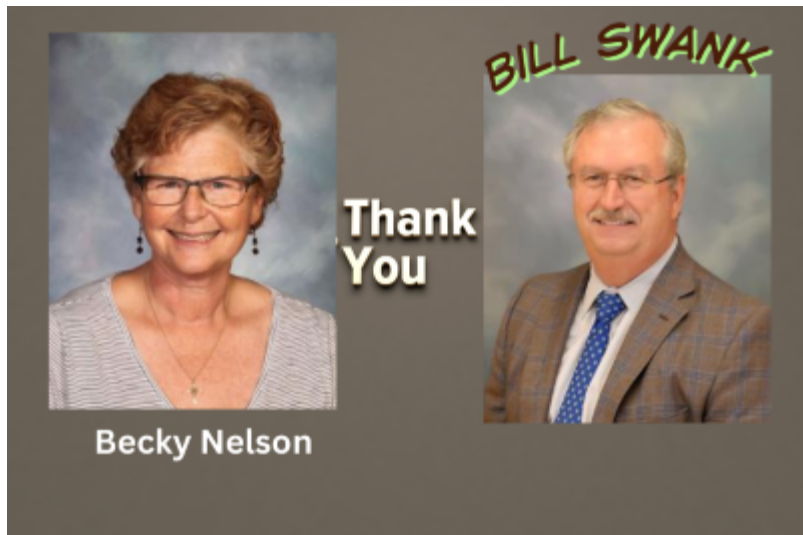
I am incredibly grateful for his willingness to step in so quickly and provide such excellent care. It is a blessing to have physicians in our community who lead with both expertise and heart.

Thank you, Dr. Moscow, for taking such wonderful care of me".



Nancy Alterman would like to thank **Dave Young**

"Shout out to dave young who came on Sunday 4 days after my knee surgery to make sure I was doing my exercises and rehabbing like I was suppose to. He did say the energizer bunny has her battery in and going strong. Thanks Dave for your thoughtfulness ?♥?"



Becky Nelson would like to thank Bill **Swank**

"Thanks to our own Bill Swank for taking a legal matter we didn't know how to approach and making it simple. Thank you, Bill!"

Hero of the Month



Veteran Beau Chatham

March 2nd-Volunteer opportunity
Read Across America

VOLUNTEER
for Read
Across
America:
March 2nd

Scan me!

"WE ARE DEFINITELY HUMAN" BY X. FANG

KINDERGARTEN CLASSES

ROSWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

[Click HERE to volunteer!](#)

Spend an hour of your morning encouraging literacy in our community! Slots are available from 7:45 am - 0:00 am for most schools, and 9:00 am for Sweet Apple Elementary.

All volunteers must register as a volunteer for Fulton County (found in the sign-up link above_

Welcome New Member Cathy Pope



Cathy Pope
***Executive Director of Senior
Services North Fulton***

Roswell Rotary new member, Cathy Pope, is a native of Camilla, GA, graduating with a degree in Mathematics from Southwestern State University. Moving on to Dallas/Fort Worth Texas for 8 years, she moved to Macon, GA and raised 4 children.

In the midst of her moves, Cathy managed to eke out an MBA in Finance from TCU, a Masters in Political Science from Georgia State University, capping it off with a Doctorate of Education in Leadership and Policy Studies from University of Memphis!

Once her youngest headed to college, she threw her resume out in the Southeast, taking a position as President and CEO of food banks in Mobile AL, then in Memphis, TN. In November of 2024, Cathy moved to Alpharetta for a position as Executive Director of Senior Services North Fulton, a nonprofit that runs Meals on Wheels. This program provides for seniors in North Fulton, which along with other services, helps them remain

independent in their own homes for a long as possible.

Currently in the North Fulton Leadership Class with the North Fulton Chamber, Cathy hopes to volunteer with a nonprofit that helps animals, while other service projects of interest include working with youth and veterans groups.

Divorced, Cathy is mom to 3 boys: DJ 37, Clayton 34, Sam 31 and one daughter, Catherine who is 29, all now GA residents.

Fun fact: Having been a bit of a vagabond for the last 11 years and finally feeling at home and settled, she has just purchased a townhome in Roswell and will be moving from Alpharetta to Roswell mid-February!

You are invited!

Vet Atlanta Summit-Feb 24



VETLANTA Q1 SUMMIT ★ FEBRUARY 24 ★

You are invited to this FREE event.

Join us for the **VETLANTA Q1 Summit & 12-Year Anniversary Celebration** on **February 24, 2026**, hosted at the historic **Delta Flight Museum** in partnership with **Delta Air Lines and Delta VRG**.

This special evening will commemorate twelve years of VETLANTA's impact while convening veteran leaders, corporate partners, and community stakeholders for meaningful connection and dialogue. Attendees will enjoy extended networking time with vendors, the opportunity to explore the museum, and a featured fireside chat with **Retired CMSAF JoAnn Bass** and **Retired SMA Michael Grinston**, moderated by **Lloyd Knight**, Founder of VETLANTA.

The program will also include remarks from Delta Air Lines leadership, recognition of new VETLANTA board members, and closing reflections as we look ahead to the future of veteran leadership in Atlanta and beyond.

Questions? Contact William Brown williamsbrown1856@gmail.com or [website](#)

Sat. March 21

Sweep the Hooch- Save the Date



This is the 16th annual Sweep the Hooch river cleanup sponsored by the Chattahoochee River Keepers. This is the big one of the two river clean-ups. Be there!

Contact Dutch Earle with questions dutchearle@gmail.com or 770-403-0755

Spring Event March 5 5-7pm
Women in Rotary



[Register Here](#)

- Parking is available on Milton Avenue in front of the Hamilton and also in the free parking deck at 92 Milton Avenue
- We will be in the back of Carrie's Conservatory, the restaurant in The Hamilton
- Gift cards to Publix/Kroger/Walmart will benefit the families of the Children's Development Academy (CDA)

This will be a lot of fun. We encourage our new members to attend! Great way to get to know your fellow female Rotarians.

Any Questions, contact Lori Kirn loriakirn@gmail.com

Speaker Line up for remainder of February- Invite a guest!



FEBRUARY 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5 Colleen Craig: ATL Vibe Volleyball	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Horst Schulze: Compromise	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Col. Dwight Schmit- Leadership 2020	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Wanda Wiggins: DEA Officer	27	28

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Meeting Details

- Rotary Club of Roswell
- Roswell Area Park
- Bill Johnson Community Activity Building
- 10495 Woodstock Road
- Roswell, GA 30075

A Win-Win

Raise \$ and Reset for Spring!

**The 30 Day
SPRING DETOX**

FUNDRAISING FOR ROTARY CLUB OF ROSWELL

Start Date: March 7th, 2026

**\$697 VALUE
JUST
\$199**

- ✓ 3 workouts per week over the course of 30 days
- ✓ Accountability coaching
- ✓ Spring Detox Program
- ✓ Nutrition workshop
- ✓ Nutrition guidance and coaching
- ✓ Weekly check-ins
- ✓ Access to social events associated with the Spring Detox
- ✓ Two \$100 gift cards to give to non club members

100% OF PROCEEDS GO BACK TO ROSWELL ROTARY CLUB

Text DETOX to 404-975-2991

Support our community and get fit this spring!
All fitness levels welcome.

This is a different kind of fundraiser! I am FINALLY determined to get in shape and lose some weight to get ready for spring. I have already started exercising at this gym and I LOVE it! Safe Haven Fitness is right next to Roswell Junction. I was discussing Roswell Rotary and Service Above Self and they took the concept to a new level. If any of our members want to sign up for a 30 day reset program, they will donate the entire fee to Roswell Rotary. It's win win. We get healthier and the club gets more money for service. I have signed up and paid my \$199. Please reach out to me if you are interested and I'll tell you about my experience so far. I'm so excited that we can raise money AND get fit.

The start date is March 7th. Call me at 404-408-4188, email kligou@gmail.com or just grab me at Rotary!

April 16-19, 2026

2026 District Conference- Lake Lanier Islands

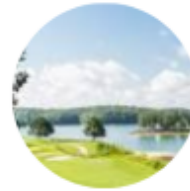


We have made special arrangements for some add-on fun outings Friday morning ! Register NOW before they fill up.

**Scenic Boat Cruise
around Lake Lanier**



Golf



Nature Walk



Spa Services



Pickleball



[Click Here to Register](#)

Upcoming Roswell Rotary Events

**Save the Date: Find Your Spot and Help Us to Unite
for GOOD**

Save the Date



Michael Curling
Service Projects Chair



Bob Clarkson
Social Chair

Blood Drive

Wednesday, February 11 8am-2pm
Roswell Junction
[Add To Calendar](#)

Read Across America Day

Monday, March 2, 2026
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Women of Rotary Spring Social
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75th Anniversary Party

Saturday, March 14
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Roswell Relays

Saturday, March 21
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Sweep the Hooch

Sat. March 21 9am-12pm
[Add To Calendar](#)

District 6900 Conference Lake Lanier Islands

Thursday April 16 - Sunday April 19
[Add To Calendar](#)

2026 Golf, Tennis, Pickleball Tournament

Monday, Sept. 14
[Add To Calendar](#)

Last Week at Rotary



We Caught the Vibe!



Foundation



Tim Maurer

With Two R's!



Joy at Rotary



Two Minutes...



Polar Plunge Alpharetta



ChristKindle Market 2025 Volunteer Thank You

