

Meetings

February is Peace and Conflict Prevention Month

- 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
- 4/2 Spring Interact Program

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
Immediate PP	Nancy Alterman
Treasurer	Mike Agurkis

President's Message

Excellence = Leadership Investing in Our Future Leaders



Horst Schulze Col. Dwight Schmidt

LEADERSHIP
20/20 IN 2026

Excellence Is Not an Accident — It Is Leadership

Horst Schulze

Horst Schulze stood before our club this week and reminded us of something that sounds simple — yet is profoundly rare: excellence is a decision. As the founder of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, as we all know it, Schulze did not merely build hotels. He built a culture. When he came to America in 1964, he arrived with little more than belief and discipline. Twenty years later, the first Ritz-Carlton opened in Buckhead with 600 rooms — not simply as a place to stay, but as a place defined by standards.

His message was crystal clear: You don't hire people to fill jobs. You invite people to join a dream. Employees must have purpose. Leadership, he said, is a process where people want to do the work — not because they are told to, but because they believe in it. A leader must articulate vision so clearly that every person understands not just what they do, but why they do it.

To that end, in Rotary, "Service Above Self" must not just be a slogan. It is a standard. It is the discipline of doing the right thing — exactly right — even when no one is watching. It is expecting excellence not occasionally, but consistently. It is defining ourselves by the quality of our character and our commitment to others.

Schulze spoke of exactness — of doing the right thing every time. In hospitality, that may mean how a bed is made or how a guest is greeted. In Rotary, it means how we serve our community, steward our resources, and lead with integrity.

And that brings us to Leadership 20/20. Each year, through this program, we invest in students from Roswell High School. These young men and women are not just participants. They are future business owners, elected officials, nonprofit leaders, military officers, teachers, and parents. They are the future custodians of our communities and our country.

If Schulze's message was about building excellence in a global brand, Leadership 20/20 is about building excellence in human beings. When we teach these students that leadership is rooted in purpose, belonging, and vision, we are shaping something far more enduring than a hotel chain. We are shaping culture. We are shaping character.

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/>



GET CLUB SMS ALERTS

text CLUBALERTS to
(833) 456-2829

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
2/27 Justice Brakache
2/28 Alexandria Shuval Weiner

Colonel Dwight Schmidt

This week, they will also hear from Colonel Schmit of the United States military — a leader who understands that leadership is not positional; it is moral. In the military, as in hospitality, as in Rotary, standards matter. Discipline matters. Clarity matters. Excellence matters.

Leadership is not about title. It is about influence. It is not about authority. It is about responsibility. It is not about being served. It is about serving.

Leadership 2020

That is why programs like Leadership 20/20 matter. We are not merely mentoring students. We are inviting them into a dream — a dream where leadership means integrity, excellence, and service above self. Horst Schulze built world-class hotels by insisting on purpose and exactness. Rotary builds world-class citizens by insisting on service and character. If we do this well — if we articulate our vision clearly and model it faithfully — then these students will not simply inherit our community. They will elevate it.

Excellence is never an accident. Leadership is never accidental. And the future is not something we wait for — it is something we build. Service Above Self is how we build it.

Sic Vos Non Vobis

Trummie Lee Patrick III

From the Cockpit: Roswell Rotary Welcomes Col. Dwight Schmidt

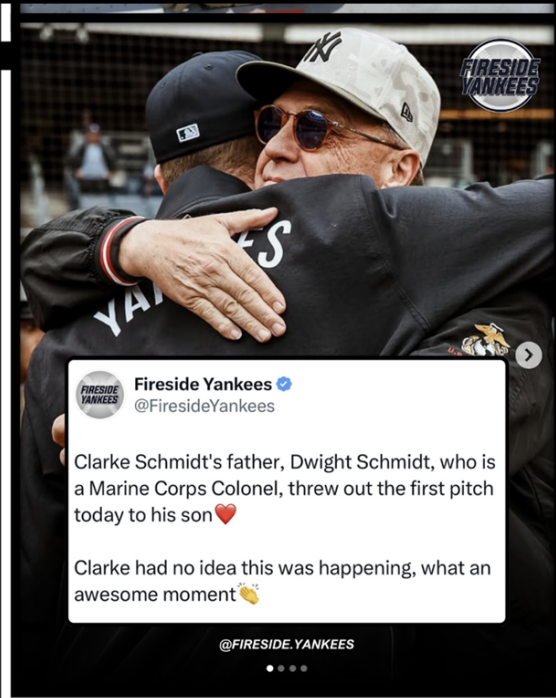
YEARS OF SERVICE

- 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 retired naval aviator Col. Dwight Schmidt as our speaker for the February 19 meeting. His leadership philosophy, shaped in classrooms, combat zones, and commercial aviation, offers a perspective on what it means to lead with integrity.

After college, Schmidt joined the Marine Corps, and in 1991 he was designated a naval aviator, fulfilling the dream he had carried since childhood. He went on to serve as an instructor pilot and pilot training officer, roles that placed him directly in charge of developing and mentoring fellow aviators. He was later promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, deploying to Norway, Germany, Sweden, and Denmark. Following the September 11 attacks, his squadron became the first Marine Reserve Fighter Squadron deployed since the Korean War. During the War on Terror, he was promoted to Colonel and deployed numerous times to Osan, Korea and Al Udiad, Qatar. [[read more](#)]

Leadership 20/20

**Over 30 years of Investing in our Roswell HS
Emerging Youth Student Leaders!**



LEADERSHIP

20/20 IN 2026

Without a doubt, Leadership 20/20 is one of our best youth-focused events. For over 30 years, the Roswell Rotary Club has invested in the teacher/staff nominated students from Roswell High School by introducing leadership descriptions, techniques, and resources. All RHS teachers and staff can nominate up to 2 students who have exhibited leadership qualities in the classroom, hallway, club meetings, etc. Leadership20/20 is a nod to vision. Having 20/20 vision for their future.

These students are invited to our 1-day leadership workshop, where they take the DISC test in the morning to not only learn what type of leader they are but also how to work with other types of leaders. We host them to lunch surrounded by adults who are making a difference around the city, state, continent, and world. Then the afternoon session offers 5 Hot Topic break-out sessions for the students to be in conversation to learn different responses, new information, and reframing communication as well as collaboration and disappointment. The Hot Topics are relevant issues suggested by

Roswell HS social worker, Mrs. Val Rogers. The day ends with a personalized certificate congratulating them on their nomination.

Why is it a favorite RRC event? Because we host students from all corners of Roswell HS... not just the athletes, academics, club leadership, etc. This is our opportunity to show them what Service Above Self looks like as an adult service organization.

Personally, I am very proud of the 10 years I have served as Project Chair for Leadership 20/20 and am so comfortable handing the reins over to RRC Member Frederick Levy. Through fun and challenges, Leadership 20/20 in 2026 has regenerated interest from the teachers to nominate students and the students to attend. Proudly, Leadership 20/20 has never missed a year, and we have hosted some seriously impressive leaders from around the city, state, and world as our featured speaker and breakout group leaders.

Thank you to the amazing committee with Frederick and me,

- Katherine Knowles, RHS CTAE Dept Chair
- Stacy Perlman, RHS PTSA
- Marianne Scherck, RHS PTSA
- Kathy Igou, Roswell Rotary

Also, thank you to our event volunteers:

- Mrs. Maggie Ishak, Executive Coach for Focal Point Coaching, DISC
- Facilitator
- Retired Colonel Dwight Schmidt with RRC Member and friend, Mr. Dave
- Schmit, Featured Speaker & Break-out Group Facilitator

HOT Topic Facilitators:

- Dr. Vatsala Jajoo, DMD, RRC Member, owner Dentist V-Smile Family Dental
- Mr. Nnamdi Anene, Client Advisor, Sterling Seacrest Pritchard
- Mrs. Christiana Johnson, Owner Bella Modeling School
- Mr. Joshua William, Roswell HS Mental Health Counselor



Tickets On Sale NOW

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 



Link to Invitation

Saturday, March 14th

9040 Roswell Rd

Atlanta, GA 30350

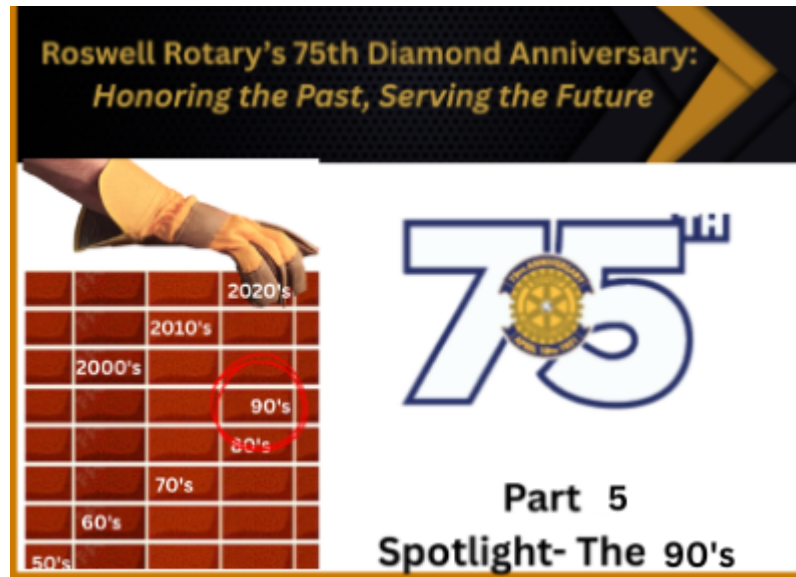
6pm - 10pm



[Invitation Link](#)

[Add To Calendar](#)

90's Past Presidents



The 90's

RRC Past Presidents

- 1990-91 Skipper Hoke
- 1991-92 T.J. Eberhardt
- 1992-93 Jeff Hamling
- 1993-94 Steven R. Stroud
- 1994-95 Jack Stephens
- 1995-96 Victor Smith
- 1996-97 Don Howard
- 1997-98 Tom Price
- 1998-99 Rick Dreger
- 1999-00 Allen Dalton

[90's Video](#)

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

March 2nd-Volunteer opportunity
Read Across America

VOLUNTEER for Read Across America: March 2nd



"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_

March 21

Volunteer for Roswell Relays

MARCH 21 ROSWELL RELAYS



We're gearing up for another great event with 26 teams participating in this year's Relay at Roswell Highschool on Saturday March 21, 2026. Per usual Mindy and her hospitality team will have a great spread for the coaches (and volunteers) in the cafeteria.

Please feel free to distribute to any interested parties and keep in mind Interact Clubs can get service hours for participating.

[2026 Roswell Rotary Relay Sign-Up](#)

We will send out additional information closer to the event but if you have any questions please reach out to Michael Curling michael.curling@gmail.com (678) 480 - 3746 or James Stone james@stonelaw.com

Note: Excellent opportunity for new members to volunteer. It's a full day of fun!

Sat. March 21

Sweep the Hooch- Save the Date



It's time to register for the March 21st, Chattahoochee River Keepers 16th annual Sweep the Hooch river cleanup.

[Please sign up ASAP](#) Our team will be cleaning up trash and debris on Riverside Road Roswell.

This is a great event for the entire family and wonderful way to enjoy a morning outdoors by our beautiful river.

Slots fill up quickly and even though this is our designated site, non Rotarians can sign up and participate.

Call or text Dutch Earle, 770.403.0755 if you have any questions or need help registering. There will be a slot available for all Rotarians and guests!

A Win-Win Raise \$ and Reset for Spring!



30 Day Wellness Workout Opportunity and Raise \$\$ for Roswell Rotary



Enjoying Sweetheart Workout
at Safe Haven Fitness

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!

New Member Spotlight Welcome New Member Jay Pitroff



NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Jay Pitroff

Owner, CertaPro Painters of Roswell

Jay Pitroff, Roswell Rotary's newest member, was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio. Married to Colleen for 32 years, they have two sons, Jack, 25 and Carter, 22. Moving his family to East Cobb in 2013, he became the owner of CertaPro Painters of Roswell, a true family business with Colleen running the office and Jack supervising the painting crews.

Achieving his undergraduate degree in business at Barry University in Fort Lauderdale, Jay earned his MBA in Accounting and Finance at Franklin University in Columbus, Ohio.

Prior to entering the painting business, Jay worked in the financial services industry, helping Fortune 500 companies grow. Performing various roles including project and program management, product development and product management, Jay also worked in Operations and IT, in addition to profit centers with significant P&L ownership.

Fun fact: Jay likes to golf and hang out with his family and their dogs, Chewy and Skywalker.

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 williambrown1856@gmail.com or [website](#)

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](#)

Post Event Results

Valentine's Blood Drive Huge Success

The Rest of the Story



We collected 46 pints! Highest total in over two years!

Thank you to Roswell Junction for donating the space and for advertising our event. And note in the second picture- yes, we were using SIX donation beds at the same time.

Thank you volunteers and donors. Saving lives-that's true service above self!

Roswell Rotarians in the News

Hal Coleman: The "Sheriff" of Crabapple



This is a great read about Hal Coleman! You may know him as the Roswell Rotary comedian who announces the raffle, but there's so much more!

[Click Here for Story](#)

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

Feb. 5 Colleen Craig - Atlanta Vibe Volleyball

Feb. 12 Horst Schulze - A No Nonsense Guide to Becoming the Best in a World of Compromise

Feb. 19 Leadership 2020 - Col. Dwight Schmidt

Feb. 26 DEA Outreach Taskforce Officer - Wanda Wiggins

Meeting Details

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

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

Read Across America Day

Monday, March 2, 2026
[Add To Calendar](#)

Women of Rotary Spring Social
Thursday, March 5 5pm-7pm
[Add To Calendar](#)

75th Anniversary Party
Saturday, March 14 6pm-10p,
[Add To Calendar](#)

Roswell Relays
Saturday, March 21
[Add To Calendar](#)

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 Roswell Rotary



Horst Schulze has everyone's attention!
Love that some parents brought their
sons and daughters.



Rotary Braintrust



Hero of the Month
Veteran Beau Chatham



**President Trummie Lee with
90's Past President Allen Dalton**



**Bluebirds are
starting to nest
in the bird
houses we built
at Farm Day!**

