ROTASCOPE

March 3, 2026

Meetings

March is Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month

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 Meeting
4/2	Spring Interact Program
4/9	GA Insurance Commissioner John F. King

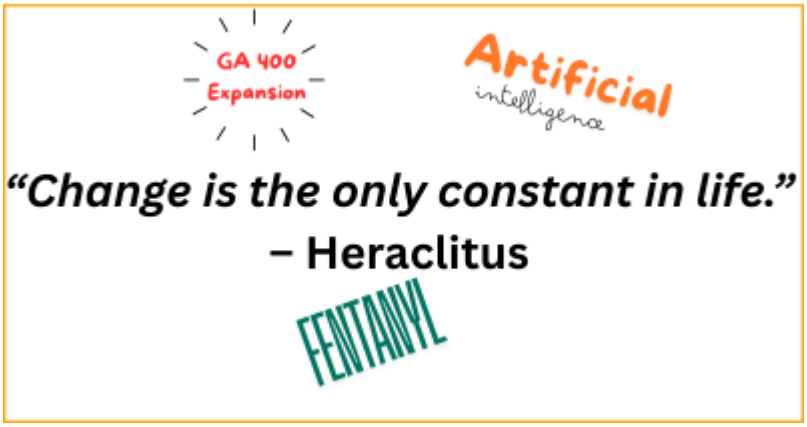
Events

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
5/25	Memorial Day Event
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
Secretary	Katie Anderson
Membership	Courtney Lott

President's Message



More than two thousand years ago, Heraclitus observed what we still experience every day: the world never stands still. Economies evolve. Technology advances. Threats emerge. Communities grow. The only question is not whether change will come—but whether we will recognize it, understand it, and respond wisely.

This week’s reflection is about changing times—and about our obligation, as leaders in the civic, professional, and faith communities of Roswell, to stay informed so that we know where and how to serve. Service Above Self is not passive goodwill. It is active awareness. It requires us to look at the world as it is becoming, not as it once was.

Fentanyl

Last week, we heard a sobering and urgent message from DEA Special Agent Jay Chong and DEA Community Outreach Specialist Wanda Wiggins. They spoke plainly about fentanyl—what it is, why cartels are flooding it into illegal drug supplies, and how devastatingly lethal it has become. Fentanyl is inexpensive to manufacture, easy to transport, and tragically profitable. It is being mixed into counterfeit pills and street drugs with no regard for age, background, or circumstance. It does not discriminate. It kills the first-time experimenter as quickly as the addicted user.

What struck me most was not just the science or the statistics—but the reality that education is our first line of defense. Their call to action was simple yet powerful: spread awareness. Talk to our churches. Inform our schools. Engage our parents and teenagers. Stay educated about what is happening in our own backyard. In a time when a single pill can end a life, silence is not an option. This is what adapting to change looks like. The drug landscape is not what it was ten years ago. The danger is more potent, more hidden, and more immediate. If we are to serve effectively, we must understand the battlefield.

Artificial Intelligence

Then, as if to highlight the full spectrum of modern change, this week we turn from a deadly threat to a transformative tool. We will hear from AI specialist William Vestal about artificial intelligence and its rapid evolution. AI is no longer a futuristic concept—it is embedded in healthcare diagnostics, financial systems, supply chains, education platforms, and everyday business operations. It is accelerating at a pace that few

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

3/3	Ken Vaughn
3/3	Jeff Kramer
3/3	Don Horton
3/4	Tillie O'Neal
3/5	Steve Dorvee
3/7	Nancy Alterman
3/11	Jon-Paul Croom
3/12	Kevin Benscoter
3/13	Amanda Verdin
3/15	Rich Austin
3/16	Mickey Deaton
3/19	Karen Ewing
3/20	Mason Beard
3/21	Amy Brannen
3/25	Matthew Millard
3/26	Robert Fezza
3/27	Hal Schlenger
3/30	Darrell Bartlett

industries have ever witnessed.

Artificial intelligence, when used responsibly, is not a threat to humanity but an amplifier of it. It can analyze data at scale, identify patterns invisible to the human eye, streamline inefficiencies, and free people to focus on higher-level thinking and human connection. It can help doctors detect disease earlier. It can help businesses operate more efficiently. It can help nonprofits maximize impact with limited resources.

But like any powerful tool, its impact depends on the character and wisdom of those who wield it. Rotarians—business leaders, educators, attorneys, physicians, entrepreneurs—must understand this technology so that we can guide its use ethically and effectively within our spheres of influence.

GA 400 Expansion

And in two weeks, we will examine change closer to home. Kristin Winzeler will walk us through the Georgia Department of Transportation's plans to expand express lanes along the Georgia 400 corridor. Infrastructure may not make headlines like AI or fentanyl, but it shapes our daily lives. Traffic patterns influence economic development. Commute times affect family rhythms. Growth requires planning, and planning requires understanding. The expansion of Georgia 400 represents a response to growth—more residents, more commerce, more opportunity. Change in infrastructure reflects change in population and demand. As community leaders, we must know what is coming, how it affects our neighbors, and how to advocate wisely for the good of our city.

Three meetings. Three very different subjects. One consistent theme: the world is moving. From lethal narcotics infiltrating our schools… to transformative technologies reshaping our professions… to highways expanding to accommodate growth—each represents a form of change that demands attention.

Rotary has never been about nostalgia. Since our founding in 1905, we have thrived because we adapted. We have addressed polio when it devastated children worldwide. We have mobilized around literacy when education gaps widened. We have responded to disasters, economic downturns, and global crises. The mission remains constant, but the methods evolve. Service Above Self means more than volunteering hours. It means staying informed. It means wrestling with difficult truths. It means understanding emerging tools. It means paying attention to what is happening around us so that we can respond with wisdom and courage.

Change is inevitable. Complacency is optional. Let us commit to being Rotarians who lean in. Who listen carefully. Who ask good questions. Who carry these messages beyond our Thursday meetings and into our spheres of influence.

Sic Vos Non Vobis

Trummie Lee Patrick III

William Vestal: Artificial Intelligence from a Different Viewpoint

YEARS OF SERVICE

3/2 Gene Beckham, III (26)
3/3 Ridge Cannon (1)
3/4 Ken Briggs (44)
3/7 Terry Taylor (13)
3/7 Bruce Peoples (13)
3/7 Amy Brannen (13)
3/8 John Michael Brunetti (3)
3/9 Jacque Digieso (20)
33 years in Rotary
3/9 Syd Mostajabi (17)
3/9 Todd Byars (20)
3/10 Will Colley (4)
3/10 Angela Medley (4)
3/10 Vivian Bankston (21)
3/10 Mickey Deaton (21)
3/10 Jeff McCoy (21)
3/11 Michael Gould (16)
3/11 Lynne Lindsay (16)
3/11 Lisa Carlisle (16)
3/12 Gordon Owens (15)
3/14 William May (13)
3/14 Walt Burnotes (1)
3/14 Jerry Orlans (24)
35 years in Rotary
3/16 Tori Nielsen (4)
3/16 Scott Morchower (10)
3/17 Evan Coyle (4)
3/17 John Connell (4)
3/17 Amanda Verdin (4)
3/17 John Albers (15)
3/17 Tori Alterman (4)
5 years in Rotary
3/17 Charlie Brown (4)
3/17 Leigh Brown (4)
3/17 Lee Hollingsworth (17)
25 years in Rotary
3/17 Tim McFarlin (15)
3/17 Walt Woliver (17)
44 years in Rotary
3/18 Becky Nelson (12)
3/21 Jim Broadway (41)
3/22 Ron Redner (42)
3/25 David Wash (17)
3/28 Bob Clarkson (7)
3/28 Leonard Greski (7)
3/29 Alesia Booth (5)
3/29 Jonathan Crooks (5)
3/30 Rudy Lind (26)
3/30 James Savage (5)

FAMILY OF ROTARY

SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT

Date: Thursday, March 5
Time: 12:15
Location: Roswell Area Park
Bill Johnson Community Activity Building
10495 Woodstock Road
Roswell, GA 30075

Roswell Rotary welcomes William Vestal , a technology executive and consultant with more than two decades of experience in software engineering, product development, and organizational leadership. His work centers on development of high performing teams through a deep understanding of customer/market needs, technology landscape, and business drivers to inspire the organization to achieve measurable outcomes. William currently serves as a Consulting CTO and SaaS Innovation Consultant, Board Member and Advisor , helping companies strengthen product strategy, modernize platforms, and navigate emerging technologies such as AI, rules engines, and large-scale data processing. He previously held senior roles at Emburse , including Chief Technology Officer , where he oversaw engineering strategy and platform development. [read more]

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

Spring Event March 5 5-7pm

Women in Rotary This Thursday!

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**

Tickets On Sale NOW

75th Anniversary Celebration Roswell Rotary Club

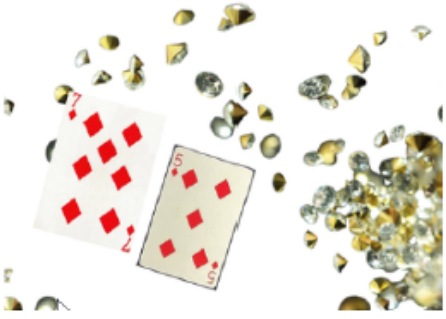
Link to Invitation

Saturday, March 14th

9040 Roswell Rd

Atlanta, GA 30350

6pm - 10pm



Invitation Link

Add To Calendar

A Win-Win

Raise $ and Reset for Spring! Deadline March 7

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!

March 21

Volunteer for 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!

Welcome New Member Martha Spencer

Martha Spencer

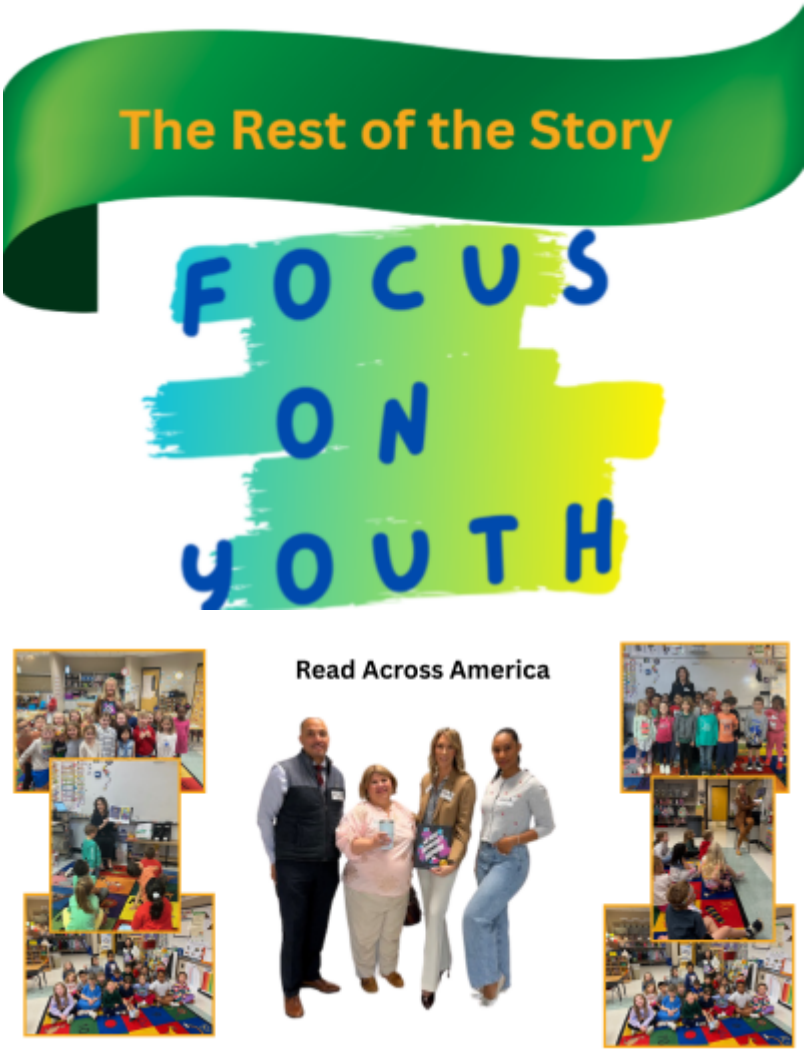
Martha Spencer resides in Marietta, GA. She grew up in Columbus, GA and graduated from Hardaway High School. She graduated from Auburn University with a degree in Journalism.

Martha is married to Chris Spencer (Builder, Spencer Homes) and has two children Andrew (26-Builder) and Ashlyn (24-Works in DC).

Martha is a great fundraiser and has raised funds in Marietta to support Marietta First Responders. She and Chris are very interested in preserving wildlife in Africa that are becoming extinct, like the black rhino, and support a wildlife preserve nonprofit in Kruger Reserve that provides funds forrangers to fight poachers.

Interesting Fact: Martha is a lifelong learner and takes dancing lessons, piano, and Spanish and is now a member of Rotary. We will keep her busy!

Excellent Read Across America Day



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.

[Click Here to Register]

Speaker Line up for March- Invite a guest!

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Upcoming Roswell Rotary Events

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

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District 6900 Conference Lake Lanier Islands

Thursday April 16 - Sunday April 19
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2026 Golf, Tennis, Pickleball Tournament

Monday, Sept. 14
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Memorial Day Roswell
Monday May 25
Add To Calendar

Last Week at Roswell Rotary

Roswell Rotary Spotlight

Terry Taylor
Past President

The Team That
Keeps us Rolling!

Greeters

Mike & Shahid Welcoming our
Members & Guests

Working on that
Red Badge Checklist!