For the 2024-25 Rotary year our Rotary International President is Gaurina (Vinka) Bakalda, who has introduced this year's theme **Create Lasting Impact**. At the same time, District Governor Cynthia Edwards has asked all clubs in District 6930 to consider projects through the lens of **peace**. Our North Fulton Rotary Club wore a clear way to embrace both priorities.
One initiative our club is exploring is a partnership with the Johns Creek Veterans Association to assist local veterans with small home repair and landscaping projects, including accessibility improvements. By helping veterans with practical needs around their homes, we hope to bring greater comfort, stability, and peace of mind to those who have served our country.
Beyond these hands-on projects, we also hope to promote peace through education, by sharing veterans' stories and fostering a deeper understanding of military service and sacrifice within our community.
We're excited about the potential of this initiative and will continue to keep you updated as we explore opportunities to get involved and help our local veterans.

June 23, 2026 Meeting Recap

The June 23 meeting marked the final official meeting of President Eric Bylan. The meeting opened with Happy Dollars led by Richard Mahaffey, with members sharing good news that included celebrating new members, grandchildren, new members, new jobs, a hospital bed and upcoming travel. During his recap, President Eric advised that our club raised nearly $2600 in Happy Dollars throughout his year!
President Eric also celebrated an a retrospective of his year, highlighting many accomplishments and accomplishments. He also recognized and thanked his board members:

- Dan Jenkins, President-Elect
- Steve Gaines, Secretary
- Mike Bialik, Treasurer
- Jonathan Sedling, Treasurer
- Doug Hughes, Foundation
- Jeff Eckerman, Membership
- Jeff Gaither, Membership
- Nick Clark, Fundraising
- Jay Mariasch, Interact/Youth
- Bob MacDonald, Interact/Youth

President Eric presented three awards to recognize outstanding service this year:

- Rookie of the Year: Jim Murphy
- Service Above Self Award: Jeff Gaither
- Rotarian of the Year: Lynn Gaither

Next, President-Elect Dan Jenkins introduced his incoming board. The Past Presidents of the club in attendance lined up in the order of their service to pass the gavel down to Dan: Richard Mahaffey, Steve Gaines, Mike Bialik, Jay Mariasch, Lisa Gaither, Eric Bylan, Jeff Eckerman, Jeff Gaither, Nick Clark, Jonathan Sedling, Doug Hughes, Bob MacDonald. Other Past Presidents not in attendance including Doug Higgins, Bert Hunter, James Rumsey and Cliff Wilson. It's also worth noting that some of our members have served as Rotary Club President in other clubs, prior to joining ours, including Brad Swift and Bob MacDonald.

President Dan Jenkins took his first official action as President-Elect by presenting a gift to Immediate Past President Eric Bylan on behalf of the club's appreciation and gratitude for his leadership.

This morning provided a fitting conclusion to Eric's year of service, as he was able to see firsthand the impact the club's incoming leadership.

First Thursday Social – July 7 at Bobby G's

The First Thursday Social is scheduled for **July 7, 2026** at **Bobby G's**, located at 1270 Highway 9, Milton.

- **Date:** July 7
- **Time:** 5:00–8:00 PM
- **Location:** 1270 Highway 9, Milton
- **Food & drink:** The club will provide appetizers; members will buy their own beverages

We have members-only pricing for food, drinks, conversation and connection!

July 14 Service: Pack Backpacks for NFCC

Our first service project of the Rotary year is in progress. Needs are opportunity to support students in our community.

- **What:** Stuffing backpacks with grab-and-go school supplies for North Fulton Community Charities
- **When:** July 14th immediately after our Rotary meeting (meeting ends at noon; expected start approximately 1:00 or no later than 1:15 p.m.)
- **Where:** Milestone

NCNF Provides Support to Hasselwi Rotary at Blood Drive

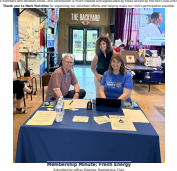
On June 24th, members of the Rotary Club of North Fulton provided support to the Hasselwi Rotary at a blood drive. Our members distributed their time and some also donated blood to help meet the community's needs.

Volunteers from NCNF included:

- Carolyn's DeFalcinis
- Ann Hutchinson
- Barb Hutchins
- Pauline Dirkin

We are grateful to the members who donated blood, this contribution to our community is greatly appreciated by those served by the Red Cross and the wider community.

Thank you to Barb Hutchins for organizing our volunteer efforts and helping ease our club's participation awards.



Membership Minute: Fresh Energy

Submitted by Jeffrey Stanzione, Membership Chair

A new Rotary year begins! Let's bring fresh energy, by welcoming new members and re-engaging those who have been away.

Companion Club Update

Reminder that our companion club meeting is July 7 at 10:00 AM at the Milton Community Center, located at 13000 Deerfield Parkway Milton Drive Forsyth where Minton Drive Forest at 9:30 pm.
The Companion Club is organizing a service project to gather household items for individuals who are transitioning from temporary housing into a more permanent situation. Stay tuned for further details.
If you have any questions, please reach out to Joseph Powell, (404) 840-2346.
In addition, our Companion Club members, Tam and Tracy Georgas, have scheduled their annual golf tournament for their non-profit, Special Needs Respite. The tournament is October 5th at Ivy Hence Golf Club. Please save the date if you'd like to participate in this tournament or consider sharing the opportunity information with your sphere.

MEETINGS
July is Rotary and Club Health Month
7/14 Service Project: Pack Backpacks
7/28 Rotary Youth Exchange with Bob MacDonald
8/11 TBD
8/25 District Governor Cynthia Edwards Official Visit
9/8 TBD
9/22 Speaker: TBD
10/13 Speaker: TBD
10/27 Speaker: TBD
EVENTS
7/7 1st Tuesday Social
7/14 Service Project: Backpacks for NFCC
7/23 Board Meeting
8/4 1st Tuesday Social
8/19 Board Meeting
8/25 District Governor Cynthia Edwards Visit
9/16 Board Meeting
10/21 Board Meeting
OFFICERS
President Dan Jenkins
Vice President Jonathan Sedling
President-Elect Steve Gaines
Secretary Steve Gaines
Treasurer Jonathan Sedling
BOARD
7/17 Bob MacDonald
7/18 Jeff Gaither
7/19 Eric Bylan
7/20 Steve Gaines
7/21 Richard Mahaffey
7/22 Jim Murphy
YEARS OF SERVICE
7/1 Jeff Gaither – 22
7/18 J. Miller – 21
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