

## We Can't Take Clean Water for Granted President John's Message



You are thirsty. You go to your sink and turn on the faucet. Clean, drinkable water comes out. But it's not always a guarantee. Ask the people of Jackson, Mississippi.

Last week we heard what Past President A.D. Dalton and our club have done to help the folks in Jackson through their water crisis. Half of the water our club bought was delivered on September 15th and the last half is due to arrive this week.

This week our own City of Roswell Water Department folks - Chris Boyd and Brian Watson - will tell us about how Roswell has prepared to avoid the type of problems Jackson has experienced this summer. It's not something we can take for granted.

See you Thursday!

**Let's Talk About Water**

### MEETINGS

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month

- 9/29 Roswell Water Utility - Chris Boyd & Brian Watson
- 10/6 Youth Day Preview
- 10/13 Be The Voice
- 10/20 DG George Granade Official Club Visit
- 10/27 Restaurant Industry Post-COVID
- 11/3 Interact Kickoff
- 11/10 John Germ - Past RI President & Chair of End Polio Now
- 11/17 Retired Command Sergeant Major Sarita Yvette Dyer

### EVENTS

- 10/1 Gary Garrett's Farm Day
- 10/4 RR After Hours Club
- 10/8 Youth Day Parade
- 10/18 Rotary Means Business (district networking event)
- 10/18 RR After Hours Club
- 10/19 DG Dinner
- 10/20 Alive In Roswell
- 10/24 First Annual World Polio Day Cornhole Tournament

### LEADERSHIP

President	John Carruth
President-Elect	Alex Kaufman
Immediate PP	Terry Taylor
Treasurer	Trummie Patrick, III
Secretary	Nancy Alterman
Public Image	Michael Gould

**ROTARY CLUB OF**

# Program Sept 27: Chris Boyd and Brian Watson



Do you ever think about how our Roswell water is clean and delicious? These past few weeks Roswell Rotarians partnered with other groups to send clean water to Mississippi. We often take for granted our crystal clear, tasty Roswell water!

This week we will hear from the award winning Roswell Waterworks team:

**Brian J. Watson, P.E., P.H., D.WRE, Deputy Director of Environmental/Public Works** The Roswell Environmental/Public Works Department oversees services pertaining to water, sanitation, environmental compliance/education, and engineering.

**Chris Boyd, Water Utility Manager** The Roswell Water Utility is proud to serve approximately 5,600 customers. The City operates the Roswell Water Treatment Plant, which is capable of producing 3.3 million gallons of water per day and maintains 89 miles of distribution waterline mains in order to get the highest quality water delivered to the customer.

The City has been the recipient, for 4 years in a row, of the Gold Award which is given to treatment plants which meet above all of the state standards for water production.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear about the fantastic job being done in the City of Roswell to make sure the taps run clean for us all.

## 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/>

## BIRTHDAYS

9/27	Dave McCleary
9/30	Shahid Khan
9/30	Trummie Patrick
10/1	Ralph Rowland
10/2	Sandy Buhler
10/2	Cheryl Greenway
10/4	Ron Cowan
10/4	Lucy Hall
10/7	Lynne Lindsay
10/10	Jeffrey Meyers
10/11	Michael Brown
10/12	SaraBeth Huntley
10/13	Peter Collaros
10/15	Tori Nielsen
10/16	Natalie Cook
10/17	James Byrd
10/17	Geoff Smith
10/18	Allen Dalton
10/19	Jack Stephens
10/23	Jeff McCoy
10/23	Mindy Jones
10/23	Queen Brown
10/24	Tim Maurer

## YEARS OF SERVICE

10/6	Chuck Savage (6) 14 years in Rotary
10/7	Jim Coyle, Jr. (13)

This Saturday!

## Gary Garrett's Farm Day Event- This Saturday October 1st



Come join us for a Roswell Rotary Family Picnic at Gary Garrett's Farm.

WHO: Roswell Rotary members and families; great fun for the kids. **WE NEED TO KNOW YOU ARE COMING** Sign up here at [Rotary Farm Day Potluck](#)

WHAT: Potluck Picnic at Gary Garrett's farm. Clay shooting, 4 wheelers for adults, horseshoes, learn the history of gold on the property, play games, kids can enjoy the barn, eat good food

WHEN: Saturday October 1 from 1 pm - 4 pm

WHERE: 335 Yellow Creek Road, Ball Ground, GA 30107

WHAT TO BRING: Everyone is asked to bring a side item. Sign up at this link [Rotary Farm Day Potluck](#) and let us know what you plan to bring so we can coordinate sides.

Special thanks to Gary Garrett for donating his place once again for this wonderful event!

[Add To Calendar](#)

10/7	Matthew Millard (13)
10/10	Mike McRay (20)
10/11	Darrell Bartlett (3)
10/11	William Lindsey (3)
10/11	Theodore Lescher, Jr. (3) 9 years in Rotary
10/13	Jennifer Briggs (11)
10/16	Lou Tabickman (14)
10/19	Kurt Hilbert (5) 5 years in Rotary
10/23	Steve Stroud (36)

## New Member Spotlight

### Welcome New Member: Joe Gillespie



**Schools attended** University of Notre Dame (Go Irish!)

**Major** Graduated January of 2003 with a bachelor's degree in accounting

**Where** we live and have lived My family and I have resided in Roswell for a little over six years. My wife and I grew up in Niles, MI.

**Spouse** I have been married to my lovely wife, Sara, for 10 years. Sara attended Saint Mary's College.

**Kids and ages** We have two elementary age children, a son (10) and daughter (8).

**Why I joined Roswell Rotary** Because it is a great organization of individuals who work to help our community and world become a better place. The Roswell Rotary is an exceptional organization to belong to and continue our service to build a strong community.

**Other involvement in community** I have always had an interest in helping less fortunate families and children. It is important to me to help continue to foster growth within the community as well as make a positive impact on our world with a group of unique dedicated individuals. It is also important that I set a strong example for my children and their friends, providing service to create positive lasting change. My wife and I make a point to serve in the ways we can based on our schedules. We have donated our time to various charity events including the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation ,the Masons 24 golf outing, Roswell Youth Lacrosse program and our children's school's PTA. We also sponsor a family annually through the Salvation Army Angel Tree program.

**Career** I began my career with the Chicago, IL location of a California based field examination firm that provided field exams to banks and finance companies in the asset-based lending industry. Within four years I was promoted to Regional Exam Manager and moved to Atlanta, GA to open the Southeast office spending 12 years as the Atlanta Regional Exam Manager. During this time, I developed a market in the region and grew the office from one employee in Atlanta, to six examiners in the Southeast. At the beginning of 2019 I started a field examination firm (Top Tier Examinations Services) that services the asset-based lending industry. Our clients consist of banks and financial institutions locally, nationally, and internationally. Currently we have approximately 12 employees located in nine different states.

**Interesting Facts** Two interesting facts about me are that my wife and I have known each other since we were eight years old (there may or may not be a picture of us roller skating when we were 8 or 9). Also, I am a bit of a sneakerhead, so if you see me outside of work attire, you are likely to see a pair of Jordans on my feet (weather permitting of course).

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## After Hours Serves Spaghetti Lunch to Veterans at VEO

This past Saturday, After Hours visited the Veterans Empowerment Organization (VEO) to serve the veteran residents a delicious and homemade spaghetti lunch. Shout-out to John Davies who made the pasta *from scratch* and Lindsay Davies for spearheading the effort. Every plate was clean and the vets were coming back for more!



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## After Hours Meeting Recap



Did you know September is National Suicide Prevention Month? After Hours welcomed a very special guest, mental health advocate Lynn Prothero. Lynn serves on the board for the Georgia Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, is a Crisis Text Line volunteer and is a Talk Saves Lives educator. She spoke about the signs to look for in a suicidal person and what to do if a family member or friend is having suicidal thoughts. It was a very important and worthwhile discussion to have.

The club also officially welcomed three new members to the Rotary family! Please help us welcome Will Albers, Grant Miller and Gabriel Kelly.



The next After Hours meeting is Tuesday, October 4th at 6:30 at the Artillery Room @ Gate City.

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## Rotary Last Week

