North Fulton Rotary Club

CREATE LASTING IMPACT

The Rotary Times

NOVEMBER 3, 2026

President's Message, November 3, 2026

Hi All,

November is Rotary Foundation Month, and at our next meeting on Tuesday, November 10th we will hear from Doug Higgins and Mike Mudd to talk about Rotary Foundation. Rotary Foundation Month is a time to celebrate how The Rotary Foundation turns our generosity into meaningful change around the world.

Founded in 1917 with an initial contribution of just $26.50, The Rotary Foundation has grown into a powerful force for good, supporting projects that fight disease, provide clean water, improve education, protect the environment, and promote peace. One of its most remarkable achievements is Rotary's leadership in the global effort to eradicate polio. Through the Foundation, Rotary members also support local community projects and international grants that improve lives and create lasting change.

So, what can we do as Rotarians?

 Give: Consider contributing to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund or PolioPlus.

 Share: Tell others about the incredible work Rotary accomplishes through Foundation-supported projects.

 Participate: Look for opportunities to support local and international service projectsthrough our club.

Every contribution, large or small, helps Rotary turn compassion into action. As Rotarians, we know that Service Above Self is more than a motto- it is a commitment to making the world a better place. During Rotary Foundation Month, let's celebrate what we've accomplished together and consider how we can do even more.

And don’t forget we have our First Tuesday Social tonight at Old Blind Dog, Milton for some fun trivia hosted by Steve Cory and Andy West!

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

MEETINGS

November is Rotary Foundation Month

11/10	Rotary Foundation Program
12/8	Speaker: Sophia Klum, Greater North Fulton Chamber
1/12	Stacey Dunn, Director of Community Engagement for Atlanta Vibe Volleyball
1/26	Vocational Speaker
2/9	TBD
2/23	TBD
3/8	TBD
3/9	TBD

EVENTS

11/3	1st Tuesday Social-Olde Blind Dog Irish Pub
11/7	CPR/AED Training at University of North Georgia
11/14	CPR/AED Training at Wellstar North Fulton Hospital
11/14	North Park Peace Garden Work Day
11/18	Board Meeting
11/19	Companion Club Meeting
12/1	Holiday Party - (1st Tuesday Socal)
12/15	Holiday Bingo and Crafts with Alpharetta/Crabapple Senior Center

LEADERSHIP

President	Dan Jenkins
Vice President	Jonathan Stelling
Treasurer	Erik Bykat
Secretary	Steve Siders
Public Image	Lisa Gelber



BIRTHDAYS

11/10	Stacey Nyman
11/15	Carolynn DeSandre
11/19	Mike Mudd

YEARS OF SERVICE

11/8	Erik Bykat (4)
11/12	Jeffrey Esterkes (2)
11/12	Regina Orlick (2)
11/12	Jonathan Stelling (2) 10 years in Rotary
11/14	Dan Jenkins (3)
11/14	Louis Wieland (3) 5 years in Rotary
11/19	Carrie Zhou (7)

ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH FULTON

Tuesdays, 12:00 pm
Brimstone Restaurant & Tavern

ROTARY ONLINE

https://northfultonrotary.org
https://rotary6900.org/
https://rotary.org/

Peace Garden Cleanup & Brick Installation — Nov. 14

North Fulton members invited to help at North Park starting at 10 a.m., followed by lunch at 'Cue Barbecue.

May Peace Prevail On Earth
Que la paz prevalezca en la Tierra

Please sign up to volunteer at our ROTARY PEACE GARDEN workday at North Park. We will be spreading more mulch at both the front and back garden areas while also removing 26 regular bricks and replacing them with new engraved bricks.

SIGNUP: Help us finish these tasks quickly. We need at least 12 volunteers. Rotary Peace Garden Workday - Signup Genius.

WHEN: 10:00 AM Saturday, November 14, 2026

WHERE: North Park (13450 Cogburn Rd, Alpharetta, GA 30004)

AFTEWARD: The fun continues with lunch at CUE Barbecue at your own cost (13700 Highway 9 N, #300. Milton, GA 30004)

WHAT TO BRING: gloves, water, wear layers and bring tools listed below if you have them.

TOOLS:

- Metal bow rake (to spread mulch)
- Flathead screwdrivers (to remove existing bricks)
- Small scoops and trays to remove and hold the sand for reuse between the bricks
- Brooms hand-held or push (just a few needed) to brush the sand in between the new bricks

BRICK REPLACEMENT STEPS:

1. Layout new bricks for placement
2. Remove existing plane brick
3. Cleanout sand down to (but not removing) the gravel base
4. Replace with new engraved brick
5. Reuse the sand in between the bricks
6. Brush sand to fill the gaps

Contact Steve Siders if you have any questions, 678-488-3545 (cell).


WELCOME
TO THE
PEACE GARDEN
We invite you to explore, relax, and enjoy the tranquility of this Peace Garden. Peace and conflict prevention & resolution is one of Rotary International's seven areas of focus worldwide.
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Club of North Fulton

Operation Christmas Child: Bring Filled Shoeboxes to Nov 10th meeting

Don't forget to bring your filled shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child (a project of Samaritan's Purse) to our next meeting on November 10th. If you will miss that meeting, please make arrangements with Joy to get the boxes to her another time, but no later than the week of November 16th.

In case you need a reminder on the details, visit this webpage for ideas: https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christ… This page also tells what items are *not allowed* to pack. Please give that close attention.

A very reasonable $10.00 donation per donated shoebox is requested to support the shipping cost (often to remote locations in the world!). This can be paid online using the QR code on the shoebox adhesive label which is provided with the box or speak with Joy about other ways to contribute.

Have *FUN*! This can become a very worthwhile & enjoyable family project! And thank you so much for contributing to this wonderful cause!

Questions: Joy Manbeck (770) 715-5422

Bring Festive Fun to Alpharetta/Crabapple Senior Center on Dec. 15

North Fulton invites volunteers for crafts, bingo and lunch

You are invited to spend a morning with the seniors at the Alpharetta Senior Center, 12624 Broadwell Road, on December 15 from 10:00 am to 12:45 pm.

- **10:00 am–11:00 am:** Craft — holiday wreath decorating
- **11:00 am–12:00 pm:** Bingo
- **12:00 pm–12:45 pm:** Lunch

Sign up here: Senior Center Fun

Funding: This project is funded by our District 6900 community grant.


DOOR MUST
REMAIN UNLOCKED
WHILE BUILDING
IS OCCUPIED
EXIT

Holiday Sing Along

We are so fortunate that Tom Georges has agreed to bring his keyboard to our Holiday Party on December 1st. Are you interested in helping lead a Holiday Sing Along? We are looking for a few members (or guests!) to lead party attendees in a Holiday sing along. Please reach out to Tom at tom.georges@gmail.com if interested.



Let's Score for the Foundation

Football for The Foundation

What a great week for Foundation Football! With their defeat over the Gators this week, UGA is now our top scoring team with 328 points. Congrats Dan, Rick, and Joy! Sorry Richard. Lisa's Baylor Bears showed their support of the Rotary Foundation by scoring the most points this week at 41. President Dan continues to be our leading contributor at $656. The Falcons disappointed Jonathan, and perhaps a few others, by posting a zero this week, leaving Jonathan in second place at $572.50. Some are beginning to question the Falcons loyalty to the Foundation. Richard is in third place at $515, but that is only part of the story. We still are unable to verify the scores of the Oconee 5th grade football team and each point is worth $5! So, what is Richard's real pledge??? He is playing this one close to the vest but assures us he will divulge the total score at season's end. Your pledges have reached $5,251! This is only $450 less than this time last year when we

had 6 more players on the field. Will we meet or exceed last year's results? Time will tell. Thanks for all who are playing and let’s cheer on all these teams to score big for the Foundation.

(Yes - Baylor does actually have a bear habitat on campus!)



Companion Club

The next meeting of the Companion Club will be on November 19th at 6:30 pm, location to be determined.

Companion Club members recently completed their service project designed to help individuals who were transitioning from temporary housing to a more stable situation. Members gathered at Thrive in October to sort the donated supplies so they could be distributed. Many thanks to all the members who donated supplies!

If you have any questions, please reach out to Joseph Powell, (912) 662-2246.



Membership Minute

Gratitude & Giving

Membership is a gift. This month, thank a fellow Rotarian for their service and invite someone new to share in the joy of giving back.

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