

## President's Message

### Character

Once again, we learn from our youth as the winners of the **Laws of Life** essay contests from Roswell High and Independence High share their essays at Roswell Rotary. Character matters. For me, character is doing something right when no one is looking. It is built through a series of life experiences—good and bad. Choosing how each of us responds to our experiences is all we can control in this life. In living our lives, we can choose honesty, courage, perseverance, patience, gratitude, self control, hard work, helping others and, above all, we can choose love. As Rotarians, we choose to inspire others through *Service Above Self* and the tenets of the *Four Way Test*. On Thursday, **come be inspired** by these students who have chosen to write about a life experience and how they responded.

Thursday also kicks off the 2018-2019 District Conference in Sandestin! District Governor Court's theme "Have Fun and They Will Come" encouraged all of us to have fun at Rotary this year and no one does that better than Roswell Rotary. Over 70 Rotarians and family members will be having fun at the beach! 20 of us will be competing in the Big Wheel Races on Thursday night. Watch social media to share in the Roswell Rotary FUN and important updates! Finally, please welcome back to the podium Past President Jeff McCoy as he leads our meeting this week!

Have a great week and we will do our best to **HAVE FUN** at District Conference in the Roswell Rotary tradition!

President Becky

### This Week's Speaker



A Law of Life is a short, pithy saying or quotation that points to a core personal value or ideal. Often times, a Law of Life serves as a memorable and meaningful moral compass on a person's journey through life. The Georgia Laws of Life Essay Contest asks students to select their own Law of Life, and to write about how it applies to their lives. In doing so, students reflect deeply and write from the

## MEETINGS

April is Environment Month

- 4/25 Laws of Life
- 5/2 Alara Su Bilgez - GRSP Student
- 5/9 Be THE Voice - Debbie Cwalina and Michael Schoppenhorst
- 5/16 Christopher Tuff - The Millennial Whisperer: The profit focused-playbook for working with and motivating the world's largest generation
- 5/23 Memorial Day Program
- 5/30 Gretchen Corbin - President and CEO of Georgia Lottery Corporation
- 6/6 Ben Mathes - Rivers of the World Experiences
- 6/13 Judge Elizabeth Gobeil - From George Washington to Pop Culture: What to do (and Not do) to Bridge Differences in a Divisive World

## EVENTS

- 5/2 2nd Annual Blood Drive
- 5/14 Rotary Means Business - North Fulton
- 5/16 Paul Harris Presentations
- 5/16 Alive in Roswell
- 5/30 Past President's Dinner
- 6/5 Hump Day
- 6/5 Hump Day - C&S Chowder House
- 6/11 Rotary Means Business - North Fulton

## BIRTHDAYS


- 4/22 Thomas Campbell
- 4/23 Will Colley
- 4/25 Michael Curling
- 4/28 Peter Saddler
- 4/29 Marcus Smith

heart about what they think matters most. The contest celebrates the students' stories and their often profound reflections, and proudly presents significant cash awards to students and teachers.

The Georgia Laws of Life Essay contest provides one \$100 winner per school and three \$50 grade level winners for each school that meets the minimum participation requirements. To participate in the contest, a student must attend a high school that is registered with the contest for the current school year. All essays are submitted through the schools.

Rotary clubs operate the contest through the nonprofit Georgia Rotary Districts Character Education Program, Inc. Clubs support the Laws of Life contest financially and recognize winning students at local and district-wide meetings and conferences. Rotary clubs also supply volunteers who read and judge essays, who serve on the contest's Board of Directors, and who volunteer their professional expertise to help build character and ethical literacy in our younger generation.

## New Member Spotlight

 Mary Robichaux grew up in rural Louisiana and is a graduate of LSU Medical Center and University of New Orleans. She holds various healthcare degrees and certifications in healthcare quality. She has spent her career as a Healthcare Provider & Executive, leading teams focused on improving healthcare for patients with over 35 years of experience in various organizations around the country including the American Heart Association, Emory Healthcare and Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Before going into private consulting, she served as the Vice President, American Heart Association Southeast in the division of Quality where she worked across six states and two territories with over 700 hospitals, thousands of physicians and other providers focusing on making healthcare effective, efficient, and equitable. Mary currently has two "part-time positions" - healthcare consulting through her family business, Parotis Group and serving as the state representative for the 48<sup>th</sup> district in Roswell.

Mary and her husband of 41 years, Rory, have lived in Roswell since 1992 and have been a resident of Georgia since 1987. They are the proud parents of twin sons, Scott and Chad. Scott is an Assistant District Attorney in Savannah and Chad is conducting medical research at Emory. She is the daughter of a WWII naval veteran who currently shares their lives in Roswell and has been blessed to participate in the Honor Air Flight program. She enjoys

5/1	Bill Kolbrener
5/3	Danny Broadway
5/4	FRANK Brown
5/4	Jerry Orlans
5/8	Casey Weldon
5/9	Asch Aschenbach
5/11	Edward Klaas
5/14	Donald Howard
5/15	Theresa Johnson
5/15	Marc Kittrell
5/16	R. Canata
5/17	Leslie Bassett
5/19	Lee Dodson
5/20	John Gordon

## YEARS OF SERVICE

5/4	George Polatty, Jr. (41)
5/8	Michael Schoppenhorst (5)
5/12	Ralph Rowland, Jr. (8)

## ROTARY ONLINE

<https://roswellrotary.club>  
<https://rotary6900.org/>  
<https://rotary.org/>

## ROTARY CLUB OF ROSWELL

Thursdays, 12:15 pm  
Roswell Area Park  
Bill Johnson Community Activity Building  
10495 Woodstock Road  
Roswell, GA 30075

## LEADERSHIP

President	Becky Stone
President-Elect	Gordon Owens
Immediate PP	Lisa Carlisle
Treasurer	Gordon Owens
Treasurer	Terry Taylor
Secretary	Lynne Lindsay
Public Image	Karen Schwank

sailing, traveling, reading, cooking, and gardening in her spare time.

## Opportunity to Serve

### 2nd Annual Blood Drive

The **2nd Annual Blood Drive is May 2nd 11 am - 4 pm**. It will be in the small gym at the Community Activities Building at Roswell Area Park. We need 3-4 volunteers (please contact Dwayne Kell). Walk-ins are welcomed but signing up on line is preferred. [Click Here to Register](#) and enter the following information:

Click: Donate Blood

Click: Find Blood Drive

Zip/Sponsor Code: (type in) Roswellrotary

Click: Roswell Park and Recreation Center

Pick a time and donation type

THANK YOU!

## Dates for Service Above Self (and a good bit of fun)

Opportunities for your participation:

4/25 - 4/28, Wed-Sun: District Conference

5/01, Wed: Hump Day at Lucias in Sandy Plains Village, 4705 Woodstock Rd, Roswell, GA 30075

5/02, Thu: Blood Drive

5/11, Sat: VEO Maintenance Work Day

5/14, Tue: Rotary Means Business - North Fulton B2B networking for Rotarians, <https://rotary6900.org/v2/page/484>

5/16, Alive in Roswell (3rd Thursday evening (5-9PM) through October, Hagan Center)

5/27, Mon: Memorial Day: Roswell Remembers

6/05, Wed: Hump Day (TBD)

6/11, Tue: Rotary Means Business - North Fulton B2B networking for Rotarians, <https://rotary6900.org/v2/page/484>

**It's even more fun with your friends** and that starts with

inviting your friends to a meeting, service project or social event. Bringing a guest presents 2 opportunities for "service." First is the goodwill that comes from introducing a guest to members of our club, to our club projects AND hearing our speakers. The second is growing our Roswell Rotary family.

**Please look for opportunities to share Rotary with your friends.**

*"The more you give, the more you get." Author unknown.*

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## **Last Week at Rotary**

