

# "THE FRIENDLY BREAKFAST CLUB" NEWSLETTER

September 27, 2023

## Meetings

September is Basic Education  
and Literacy Month

- 9/29 Dylan Cooper,  
PrizePicks.com,  
"PrizePicks: A Business  
Start-up Story"
- 10/6 Andre Marria, District  
Governor
- 10/13 Jennie Stipick, The Rotary  
Foundation
- 10/20 Brad Raffensperger,  
Georgia Secretary of State

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 9/6 Chris Gutschenritter
- 9/18 Marion Bunch

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 9/4 Charlene Hall (43)

## Rotary Online

<https://dunwoodyrotary.org>  
<https://rotary6900.org/>  
<https://rotary.org/>

## ROTARY CLUB OF DUNWOODY

Fridays, 7:15 am  
AC Hotel Atlanta Perimeter - Bar  
Peri  
40 Perimeter Center PI NE  
Atlanta, GA , GA 30346



## This Week's Meeting at AC Hotel's Bar Peri

Remember we've moved to the AC Hotel's Bar Peri . Set your navigation for AC Hotel by Marriott, Atlanta Perimeter, 40 Perimeter Center Place NE, Atlanta GA 30346.

### This Week's Speaker

## Dylan Cooper, Senior Vice President, Revenue at PrizePicks



Join us this Friday at the AC Hotel's Bar Peri to welcome Dylan Cooper, Senior Vice President, Revenue at PrizePicks where he serves as a leader with the responsibility to tie together acquisition marketing, retention marketing, linesmaking, risk management, and game operations.

Dylan was a part of the founding team of PrizePicks and has helped build the product for over 4 years. Dylan is also the co-founder of MomentRanks, an NFT analytics and content site best known for providing its NBA Top Shot analytics. Dylan graduated from Georgia Tech with a Bachelors of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in Information Technology Management.

## LEADERSHIP

President	Jack Sparks
President-Elect	Louise Barden
President Nominee	Matthew Johnson
Immediate PP	Jennifer Shumway
Vice President	Louise Barden
Treasurer	Carter Stout
Secretary	David Burr
Sergeant-at-Arms	George Stewart, Jr.

## Whiskey Raffle Update

# Buy Your Whiskey Raffle Tickets Now; Support Our Future Community Outreach

**\$10 TICKETS**

# FIRST WHISKEY RAFFLE

hosted by  
**Dunwoody Rotary Club**

**1st Drawing on:  
October 19th**

**Dunwoody Tavern  
Dunwoody, GA**

Tickets available at [www.Whiskey-Raffle.com](http://www.Whiskey-Raffle.com)

Join us in raising a glass for a great cause! The Dunwoody Rotary Club is thrilled to announce our Whiskey Raffle, where you can WIN amazing whiskey while making a difference in our community and supporting the Rotary Charitable Fund that assists some TERRIFIC causes: purchase reading books for Kingsley Elementary School, Malachi's Storehouse, USO, Harvest Food boxes, and MORE!

### How to participate:

1☐ Purchase raffle tickets online at <https://bit.ly/45JzL6v> or in person at our Friday morning meetings. And pass the news and the website information along to your whiskey-loving friends.

2☐ Each ticket gives you a chance to win top-notch whiskeys. Check out the website! ([www.WhiskeyRaffle.com](http://www.WhiskeyRaffle.com))

3☐ All proceeds go towards local service needs and other Rotary Charitable Fund initiatives.

The first drawing takes place on October 19!

**Thank You for Your Service**

## Thank You from the USO



The USO Georgia Team is sincerely thankful for the Dunwoody Rotary Club and for each member who served lunch through our Meet & Treat program on Thursday, September 20, 2023.

It is always a pleasure to watch your group interact with the service members and their families. Everyone always serves with a smile and keeps the USO Atlanta Center a relaxing place to rest while traveling. We also want to thank you, Dunwoody Rotary Club, and the multiple vendors for your generous donations. Service members, including recent graduates, and their families thoroughly enjoyed the snacks, homemade cookies, fresh fruit, hot dogs, and more! [\[more\]](#)

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## Dunwoody Rotary to Help Honor Vietnam Veterans



At our August 25 meeting we heard from John Butler, Board Chair for the Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association, about plans to install a beautiful monument in Dunwoody's Brook Run Park to honor both American and Vietnamese soldiers who fought and died in the Vietnam War. This story includes images of the planned monument and information about it.

The RCD Board approved to commit the Charitable Fund to match donations of Club members up to \$2,500 so we can meet or exceed the \$5,000 level to have the Club's name and Rotary logo engraved on the monument.

If you'd like to participate, please make your tax deductible contribution to "Dunwoody Rotary Charitable Fund" and put "Vietnam War Memorial" on the memo line. Then give or mail your check to RCD Treasurer Carter Stout as soon as possible. [[read more](#)]

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### Flashback

## What Were Dunwoody Rotarians Proud of 40 Years Ago?

As you probably know, the Rotary Club of Dunwoody will celebrate our 40th anniversary next May. A quick walk through the PAPER bulletins from our first year says a lot about who we are today:

- **Membership growth:** The Club grew from 35 to 51 members that first year - even with some turnover. "Someone offered each of us the opportunity to become a Rotarian - now we must pass on the favor to someone else." President Ernie Davis (1985-86) said "we must build for fellowship, friendliness and contagious enthusiasm."
- **Rotary Scholarship Programs:** The Club awarded its first scholarships as part of an essay contest - with four-year commitments to students at Marist and Peachtree High. The Club also welcomed Mary Beth Robertson as a speaker, a 1981 graduate of Oglethorpe who received a Rotary Foundation Fellowship and used it to receive a BA in History and Honors in International Policies at the Victoria University in Wellington, New Zealand. I'm guessing this is the precursor to today's Global Grant Scholarship program, led at the District level by our own Kathy Brandt.
- **Creation of the DeKalb Rotary Council:** to "substantially increase the profile of Rotary" in the community. It talked about Council projects to honor teachers (then with an apple hand-delivered to each teacher at each school), Skill-a-Rama (where future club presidents Ed Godshall and Gordon Anderson served as

judges for this DeKalb County Driver Education day) and Arrive Alive (a program that provided rides to and from prom in six metro Atlanta Counties).

- **The first Dozens for Dinner parties held in February 1985:** a program President Jack hopes to revive this year.

Interesting note: The bulletin also reported a 1985 tour of the Vogtle nuclear power plant under construction near Augusta - Units 1 and 2 went online in 1987 and 1989, and Unit 3 was activated this August.

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### **New Student, Fellowship Opportunity**

## **Welcome GRSP Student Ahmed This Sunday at the Woulfins**

Welcome Dunwoody's new GRSP student - Ahmed Sendze from Gabon - and enjoy time with your Rotary friends at our welcome party on Sunday, October 1. Bill and Les Woulfin will host this Family of Rotary event from 3-7 pm. Everyone is invited but RSVPs were due by September 14.

The Woulfins will provide the entree and the club provides wine, beer and sodas. We are asking that each of you provide an appetizer, salad, side dish or dessert to share (enough to serve 8 people).

Please contact Griff if you missed the deadline and want to know if you can attend. [[read more](#)]