District Newsletter

MARCH 10, 2022



From Our District Governor

Spring into Action

By Mary Ligon

t's almost spring - daffodils, tulips and all the trees showing new energy and growth! In District 6900, we are about to enter the fourth quarter of our Rotary Year - and I hope we will use the energy and enthusiasm of spring into all we are trying to accomplish.

While there's work ahead of us, I'd like to start by inviting you to a party! Please join me and District Rotarians for a Jolly Holiday in SanDestin - at our District Conference April 28-May 1. Our conference committee has planned for lots of fun and fellowship - and a celebration of all we've accomplished so far this year. Read more below and register now!

On a more serious note, many of you have asked how Rotary is responding and what you can do to help the Ukrainian refugees. We have included information on three possibilities here - one from The Rotary Foundation through its disaster relief program, one from ShelterBox and the third from Buckhead Rotarian Radu Zernoveanu Jr., whose father is a Rotarian in Romania working on a supply chain effort to support the refugees.

As you know, membership growth remains our number one internal priority this Rotary Year - as we look to "Grow More to Do More." [more]

LEADERBOARD Check out the full district scoreboard

Here are the clubs that are leading the way in our district for membership, annual fund and polio plus.

Category	NET MEMBERSHIP	ANNUAL FUND	POLIO PLUS
I	**Atlanta Brasil**	**Emory-Druid Hills**	**Brookhaven**
II	**Bremen**	**Muscogee-Columbus**	**Muscogee-Columbus**
III	**North Atlanta Professional Alliance**	**Vinings Cumberland**	**Vinings Cumberland**
IV	**Dunwoody**	**Dunwoody**	**Marietta**
V	**Peachtree City**	**Alpharetta**	**North Cobb County**

Key Dates

Tuesday, December 1st, 2026	**Fayetteville Governor Visit**
Wednesday, December 2nd, 2026	**Tyrone Governor Visit**
Tuesday, December 8th, 2026	**Atlanta Metro Governor Visit**
Thursday, December 10th, 2026	**South DeKalb County Governor Visit**



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The Rotary Foundation creates channel for direct humanitarian support in Ukraine region

Ukraine Relief

The Rotary Foundation, Shelter Box and More

By Mary Ligon

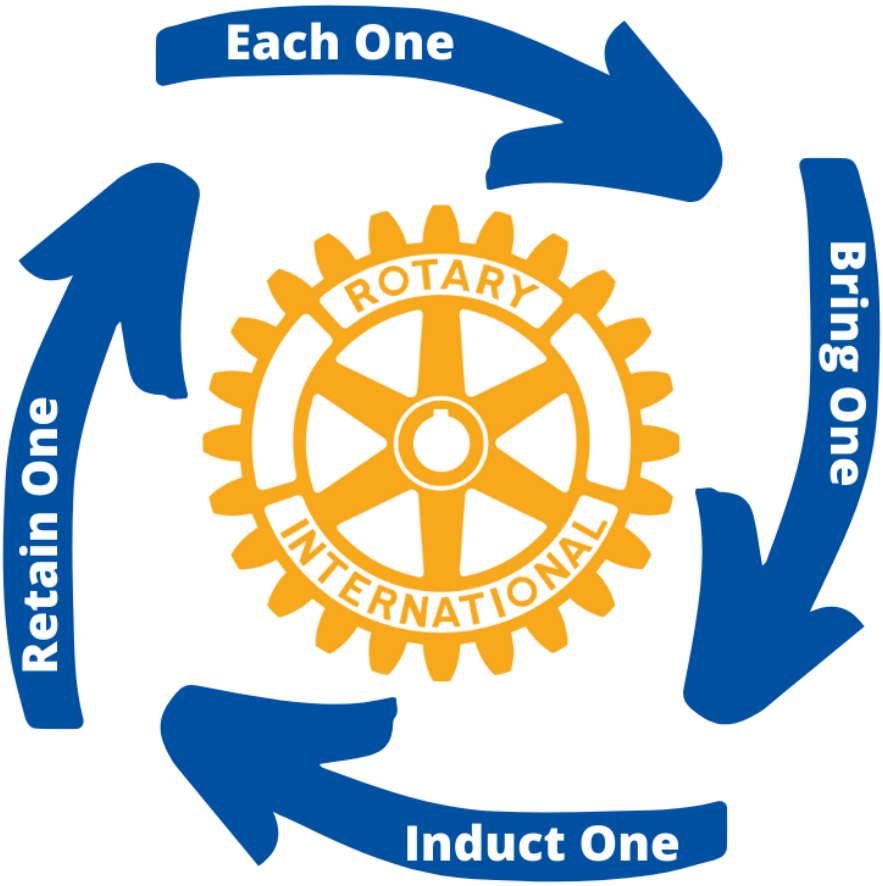
More than 2 million people have fled Ukraine and are in dire need of emergency aid. The United Nations estimates that number could grow to as many as 5 million people displaced. Rotary clubs in Europe and around the world have stepped up their relief work, some working on the ground to help displaced families. This article talks about ways to contribute through The Rotary Foundation's Disaster Relief Fund and Shelter Box. The next newsletter article talks about supporting specific effort sof the Rotarians in Romania and the Republic of Moldova.
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Support Romanian and Moldovan Rotarians as They Respond to Needs in Ukraine

By Mary Ligon

We are deeply concerned about the situation and people in the Ukraine. Thanks to our Buckhead Rotarian Radu Zernoveanu we have information for action. Radu's father is a Rotarian in Romania. Due to this relationship, we have very current information on the needs and process for sending support. [more]



Membership

The Zone 34 Competition Continues!

By Jaclyn Donovan

Remember that the Zone 34 Membership Competition is still going through the end of June. If you do the stuff that helps grow a club, you get points:

- 1 point for each new visitor
- 5 points for each new member induction
- 5 points for a Member Retention Program
- 10 points for each Rotary Social Recruiting Event
- 20 extra points for doing all four of the above

The more your club does, the greater chance it has to win recognition and – more importantly – grow its impact. The details are in the **attached flyer** and you can contact your District Membership Chair with any questions.

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District Training Assembly

By Jackie Cuthbert

Join us in-person on March 26 at the Columbus Trade Center (Ironworks) for training sessions covering the key elements of Rotary. Registration will open at 10 am, program starts at 11 with box lunches. There will be 2 breakout sessions and ... [more]

GRSP News

Oslo Scholarships Awarded!



By Katheryne Fields

Georgia Rotary Student Program Chair Bert Guy announced Sarah Grace Thompson of Peachtree City and Nicole Emily Kincaid of Columbus as two of five college students from Georgia selected to represent GRSP with scholarships offered by the Rotarians of Oslo, Norway for the International Summer School at the University of Oslo. Thompson, who is a student at Berry College, and Kincaid, who attends Columbus State University, will represent District 6900 with the endorsement of GRSP 6900 District Chair Ian Bond and his scholarship committee.

The six-week program from June 27 to August 5, 2022 includes air fares from Atlanta-Oslo and return to Atlanta, a field tour to Bergen (administered by the University of Oslo), room, board, 12-credit hours of undergraduate coursework, administrative fees at the International Summer School at the University of Oslo plus visiting for one week with Norwegian Rotary host families. [more]







Membership

Welcome New Members

By Jaclyn Donovan

Welcome to 43 new members who joined 26 of our District 6900 Rotary Clubs in the last month - based on additions to the district database! Also welcome a few of the new members who are currently featured on their club Facebook pages. [more]



Rotary Means Business

Join RMB March 15 for Fellowship and Networking

By Johnathan Clark

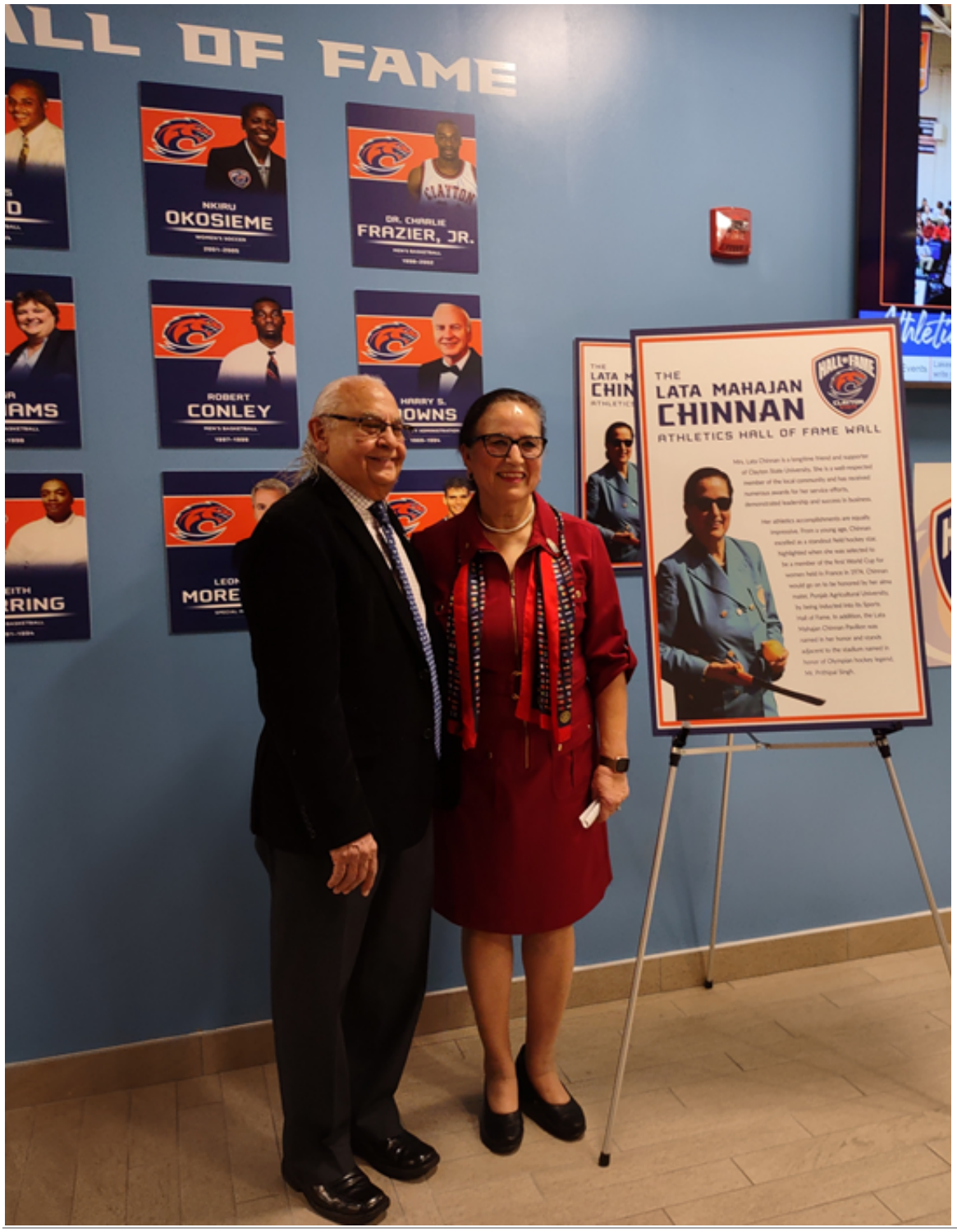
Rotary Means Business 6900 will meet next Tuesday, March 15, for another wonderful event of friendship, networking, and business building. We will meet at Pure Taqueria in Brookhaven. For the latest information check out our Facebook page: **https://www.facebook.com/RMB6900** [more]



Roswell Rotary Invests in City's Legacy

By Becky Nelson

Roswell has five pre-Civil war homes that provide not only a “living history” for tourists and residents but also have been found by the exploding movie industry! These homes were not burned to the ground when Sherman marched through in 1864 because both Roswell King (a Roswell founder) and General Sherman were Masons. Therefore, the homes were spared and open to visitors today. Bulloch Hall needed some sprucing. Over two weekends, more than 20 Roswell Rotarians pressure-washed, repaired and painted the fence while others reshaped the landscape with pruning, weeding and general clean-up. It was a work project with our families and prospective members included. [more]



Club News

Lake Spivey/Clayton County Couple Honored by Clayton State University

By Claudia Mertl
Recently Clayton State University honored Dr. Manjeet and Mrs. Lata Chinnan for their exceptional financial support of the Clayton State University Athletic Wall of Fame. Lata Chinnan was a world class competitor as a member of the World Cup Field Hockey team in India. She has a pavilion named for her at one of the Athletic complexes in India. There is also a movie about the championship year of Lata and her teammates. She is a Board member at the University and is heavily involved in the Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton County and the community.
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Club News

East Cobb Dog Days Benefit Community

By Joe Mayes
The Rotary Club of East Cobb held its Annual Give Back Banquet - honoring the sponsors of the Club's 5-K Dog Days Run and presenting grants to 22 Cobb County non- profits. The 16th annual Dog Days Run was held last August. Over the years, with the help of some incredible community sponsors, the club has donated more than $500,000 to local and international service projects! [more]



From Facebook

Supporting Our Communities

By Jackie Cuthbert
See what Rotarians in **Camilla, Thomasville and Bainbridge** have been doing to serve their communities. [more]



From Facebook

Atlanta West End Rotarian Honored

By Jackie Cuthbert

Atlanta West End Rotarian Richard Gerakitis personifies "Service Above Self." We are so proud that his profound commitment to our community is being recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism. [more]