

Meetings

August is Membership and New Club Development Month

- 8/21 Danny Wuerffel - Fmr. New Orleans Saints Football QB
- 8/28 Golf + Tennis Tournament Kick Off Meeting
- 9/4 Master Brewers from: Variant Brewing, Gate City Brewing, Voodoo Brewing + From the Earth Brewing Take the Stage for a Lesson in Leadership + Beer
- 9/11 No Meeting at Roswell Rotary - Tournament Week
- 9/18 District Update from District Governor Steve Ivory
- 9/25 Senator Saxby Chambliss
- 10/2 Roswell's State of the City with Mayor Kurt Wilson
- 10/9 Bob Hope on Leadership and his time with the Atlanta Braves and Ted Turner

Events

- 8/20 Pint for a Pint Blood Drive
- 8/21 Alive in Roswell with Roswell Rotary Club
- 8/23 Pop-up Golf & Tennis Event
- 8/23 Roswell PD Officer Jeremy Labonte Memorial 5K Run/Walk

LEADERSHIP

President	Trummie Patrick, III
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Membership	Courtney Lott

President's Message

Encouragement That Echoes



“Confidence is contagious. So is lack of confidence.”

-Coach Vince Lambardi

This past week, we enjoyed an unforgettable program as **Mike Linch** took the mic and brought his A-game—not just in delivery, but in heart. His message was simple yet profoundly moving: encouragement matters. Our words and actions carry the power to lift others higher than they imagined possible—or to weigh them down without us even realizing it. Mike reminded us that a well-timed “You can do this” or “I believe in you” can change the course of someone’s day—or even their life. True to form, he didn’t just tell us to be encouragers; he encouraged us in the process. It was a powerful reminder that kindness and belief in others are forms of leadership everyone can practice.

At my first meeting, I quoted Ralph Waldo Emerson: *“To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded.”* Mike’s words inspired us to live that out—challenging us to be more mindful in how we speak into the lives around us, and stirring us to take meaningful action. The power of encouragement lies not just in what we say, but in the way we choose to live each day. Emerson also said, *“The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be.”* So I encourage each of you to decide today to be that encouraging voice for someone who needs it.

This week, our podium welcomes someone who knows a thing or two about encouragement and making a difference—**1996 Heisman Trophy winner Danny Wuerffel**. From leading the Florida Gators to national glory, to the NFL, and on to his enduring work through Desire Street Ministries, Danny has shown that true greatness is measured by what you give, not just what you win.

Now, back in 1995, when I was a sophomore frat boy at UGA, Danny Wuerffel came to Athens with his orange and blue and didn’t just beat my Bulldogs—he turned Sanford Stadium into his personal highlight reel. As “The Ol’ Ball Coach” famously put it, the Gators *“hung half a hundred”* on us. The five touchdowns Danny threw, before the end of the third quarter I might add (ugh), still live in the hearts (and nightmares) of Dawg Nation. But as big as that performance was, it pales in comparison to the impact Danny has made off the field—changing lives in under-resourced neighborhoods and inspiring young people to reach for more. Muhammad Ali once said, “Don’t count the days, make the days count.” Danny lives that every day.

Expect Danny to challenge us in that same spirit, reminding us that a meaningful life comes from intentional choices—whether it’s leading a team, serving a community, or inspiring the person right in front of you. And if history is any indication, we might get a few locker-room laughs along the way—hopefully not at my Bulldogs’ expense this time.

SO, from Mike’s heartfelt plea for uplifting to Danny’s example of leadership and service,

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS

Cheryl Greenway 2012-13
Bob Hagan 2015-16
Gordon Owens 2024-25

ROTARY CLUB OF 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/>



GET CLUB SMS ALERTS

text CLUBALERTS to
(833) 456-2829

Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

8/2 Gene Beckham, III
8/4 Ryan Williams
8/4 Vanessa Snyder
8/5 Charlie Cameron
8/7 Ryan Gehricke
8/9 Jennifer Briggs
8/10 Kathryn Igou
8/12 Rick Dreger
8/13 Ross Patton
8/13 Lori Allen
8/15 Betty Price
8/17 Jacque Digieso
8/18 John Albers
8/19 Susan Rumble
8/20 Debbie Cwalina
8/22 Becki Campolito
8/26 Grant Miller
8/27 Lori Kirn
8/28 Richard Spencer

one theme rings clear: encouragement fuels achievement. Hall of Fame coach Vince Lombardi said it best: *“Confidence is contagious. So is lack of confidence.”* Our challenge as Rotarians—and as human beings—is to spread the former like wildfire.

Let’s come ready next week—not just to hear a great speaker, but to leave with a renewed commitment to be that source of confidence for others. Because sometimes the most powerful way to encourage someone is to simply live in a way that says, **“You matter, and I believe in you.”**

Sic Vos Non Vobis,

Trummie Lee Patrick III
State Farm Insurance

From Gridiron Success to Community Impact: Danny Wuerffel to Speak at Roswell Rotary on August 21



Danny Wuerffel, the 1996 Heisman Trophy winner and College Football Hall of Fame inductee, will join us as our featured speaker on August 21. Known for leading the Florida Gators to four SEC titles and their first national championship, Wuerffel’s athletic career spanned the NFL (Saints, Packers, Bears, and Redskins) and NFL Europe, where he won the World Bowl with the Rhein Fire. But his legacy extends far beyond the

- 8/30 Ted Lescher, Jr.
- 8/31 Steve Stroud

YEARS OF SERVICE

- 8/1 Steven Palmer (9)
9 years in Rotary
- 8/2 Chris Webb (3)
- 8/3 John Carruth (30)
- 8/4 David Young (37)
- 8/6 Elwyn Gaissert, II (44)
- 8/12 Robert McIntyre (1)
- 8/12 FJ Levy II (1)
- 8/12 Priya Crumpton (1)
- 8/13 Ryan Williams (0)
- 8/13 Vanessa Snyder (0)
- 8/13 Jordan Jedneski (0)
- 8/13 Rick Meer (33)
- 8/20 Trummie Patrick, III (10)
- 8/20 John Wolfe (33)
- 8/23 Jay Pickett, III (7)
- 8/25 Lynn Dunn (9)
- 8/28 Lori Kirn (11)
- 8/29 Katie Anderson (6)
- 8/29 Lucy Hall (6)

FAMILY OF ROTARY

Our membership cares deeply about the needs and concerns of our members. We don't want to miss an opportunity to reach out in friendship when such concerns arise. The chairperson of this committee is Lynne Lindsey and all news should be directed to her at lynnehlindsay@outlook.com

field. After retiring in 2004, he turned his focus to service, becoming Executive Director of Desire Street Ministries, a nonprofit dedicated to empowering leaders in under-resourced neighborhoods across the Southeast.

Wuerffel's journey into service began while he was still playing in New Orleans, volunteering in the city's Upper Ninth Ward. After Hurricane Katrina, he helped relocate and expand Desire Street's mission from New Orleans to Atlanta, supporting spiritual and community development in some of the country's most challenged urban areas. His commitment to excellence and compassion is reflected in the Allstate Wuerffel Trophy, awarded annually to the college football player who best combines athletic achievement with academic and community service. In 2020, he launched the Wuerffel Foundation to further inspire unity and grassroots leadership. [[read more](#)]

Red Cross & WellStar Blood Drive August 20

BLOOD DRIVE
*A Life-saving Function
at Roswell Junction!*

340 S Atlanta St - Roswell

Wednesday, Aug 20th
8:00 am - 2:00 pm

**GIVE A PINT
GET A PINT**

Roswell Rotary

Thursday August 21 Alive in Roswell

It's Alive in Roswell Time!!
This Thursday August 21 5:00 -8:00pm
Roswell Rotarians
Gather at Hagan Center at 5pm



Alive in Roswell - This Thursday evening August 21st - RRC member Becky Nelson, Capital City Home Loans is sponsoring the food and fellowship for this month. Join us at Hagan Corner for grilled Sliders/"dogs" and beverages from 5-8:00.

995 Canton Street * Roswell We need a full tent!!!! Last Alive in Roswell before the Golf-Tennis-Pickleball Tournament.

This Saturday
Roswell PD Officer Jeremy Labonte Memorial 5K
Run/Walk

**Officer Jeremy Labonte
Memorial 5K Run/Walk**

Saturday, August 23, 2025
8:00 am
Riverside Park - 575 Riverside Rd.
Roswell, GA 30075

Join us for the First Annual Memorial Walk dedicated to Officer Jeremy Labonte, a beloved hero and protector in our community. This is a time to remember his legacy, reflect on his service, and stand united in support and love.

Register at: bit.ly/LabonteMemorial5K

This Saturday

Tunnel to Towers Foundation
T2T.ORG

Roswell
GEORGIA

Roswell Rotarians are invited to register for this walk. We would love to have a big group wearing their Rotary t-shirts to show support for Roswell PD and the Labonte family . Proceeds go to Tunnel to Towers Foundation.. More details to follow about where to

meet, etc .Register [HERE](#)

Any questions, pls contact Lyn Lindsay lynnehlindsay@outlook.com

RRAH - Golf & Tennis Pop-up Fundraising event!



Saturday, Aug. 23rd Roswell Rotary & After Hours will be having a pop-up charity fundraiser for the Golf/Tennis/Pickleball Tournament.

Stop by Gate City between 11 am - 1 pm and donate \$20 and get a free beer!

Golf-Tennis-Pickleball



<https://birdease.com/30819>

Every Member Participates

What is YOUR Role in This Year's Tournament?

My Role in Roswell Rotary Tournament



Find your role in this year's tournament. It is our big fundraiser and we need YOU! So many opportunities to participate and make a difference. Look at the graphic above and pick the item(s) that work for you! If you have questions, here is who to contact:

- Pickleball & Tennis- Rich Austin richclean@bellsouth.net & Mindy Jones goldyall@aol.com
- Golf- James Stone james@stonelaw.com or Ryan Gehricke rgehricke@lanternrealestategroup.com

- Golf Sponsors- James Stone james@stonelaw.com & Ryan Gerhike rgerhricke@lanternrealestategroup.com
- Pickleball Donations- President Trummie Lee trummie@trummie.com
- After Hours Pop-Up- Peter Saddler petersaddler@outlook.com
- Volunteers- Nancy Alterman nancyhalterman8@gmail.com
- 50/50 Raffle- Nancy Alterman nancyhalterman8@gmail.com
- Ball Drop- Shannon Harrison shharrison2020@gmail.com
- Wine & Bourbon donations- Katie Anderson ktucker@ehla.com
- Sending donation letters to your contacts- Joe Mazzeo joemazzeo1@gmail.com

Or stop by the Golf-Tennis-Pickleball Table at lunch!

Tournament Update

We Need Sponsorships!



The Power of Corporate Sponsorship: Making a Local Impact Through Golf, Tennis, & Pickleball

As Rotarians, we know service above self is more than a motto — it's a call to action. That's why the Roswell Rotary Golf, Tennis, & Pickleball Tournaments are more than just fun on the fairways and fierce matches on the courts. They're engines of change for our community.

Why Do Corporate Sponsorships Matter?

Every dollar raised through our annual tournaments goes directly to local charities that make a difference in the lives of children, veterans, seniors, and families in need. Corporate sponsorship helps fund programs that provide winter clothing for students, medical equipment for veterans, meals for homebound seniors, and educational support for at-risk youth — to name just a few.

What Do Sponsors Receive?

Each corporate sponsor gets recognition through signage, marketing, and social media. Yes, a corporate sponsor receives a foursome to enjoy a day of networking and camaraderie on the course, or a team on the tennis and pickleball courts. But the impact of each sponsorship is more than that. Sponsors gain something money can't buy: the intrinsic satisfaction of knowing their support is transforming lives right here in our own backyard.

It's More Than a Logo — It's a Legacy

By committing to sponsor, it's not just promoting a business or brand. It's about committing to Legacy of our Club and taking part in investing in the well-being of our community. That's a win-win we can all rally behind.

Join us. Be a corporate sponsor. Swing for a cause. Serve up some good. And help us continue the legacy of giving that defines Roswell Rotary. Join me and be a corporate sponsor for the 2025 Roswell Rotary Golf, Tennis & Pickleball Tournament.

To sponsor or learn more, visit the Tournament Website or contact James Stone james@stonelaw.com or Ryan Gehricke rgehricke@lanternrealestategroup.com

We Need Your Dark Spirits

Bourbon and Red Wine Collection for Tournament Wine Pull



Katie Anderson is making an urgent ask! Please help us with the wine and bourbon collection for the bottle pull at the tournament. She will be collecting your donated bottles each week at the tournament table. Or you can drop donations off at her office E Home Loan Advisors 595 W Crossville Road Roswell, GA 30075 -*especially if you are donating wines that need to be kept cool*. This is a super popular feature of the tournament and a great money maker! Guidelines - Bourbon/Whiskey bottles should be \$40 value and up. Red wine donations should be \$30 value and up. Thanks for making this event a success. Contact Katie Anderson ktucker@ehla.com if you have questions.

Remember, Katie is begging you to help!

Sign Up for Sponsorship

Thank You Premium Sponsors!

<p>Gold Golf</p> <p>KURT WILSON</p> <p>mediStreams</p> <p>CARL BLACK ROSWELL BUICK GMC</p> <p>Wellstar HEALTH SYSTEM</p>	<p>Diamond Sponsor</p>  <p>Patsy & Bill Wolff</p>	<p>Round Robin</p>  <p>STERLING Healthcare, Inc. Bob Hagan</p>  <p>LEE HOLLINGSWORTH INVESTING FOR LIFE</p>
<p>Silver Golf</p> <p>SWANK LAW GROUP LLC.</p> <p>ATLANTA RE-ROOF SPECIALISTS, INC.</p> <p>STONE LAW GROUP TRIAL LAWYERS, LLC</p> 	<p>Court Tennis</p>  <p>SCHMIT + ASSOCIATES</p>  <p>Pickle Pals Pickleball</p> 	

Thank you for your Sponsorship of the 2025 Golf-Tennis-Pickleball Tournament

- **Patsy & Bill Wolff- Diamond Golf & Tennis Sponsor**
- **Patrick Family Foundation-Rally Rockstar Pickleball**
- **Kurt Wilson-Gold Golf**
- **Jim Coyle-MediStreams- Gold Golf**
- **Tod Baker- Carl Black-Gold Golf**
- **Lori Allen & Jon-Paul Croom- WellStar Gold Golf**
- **Bob Hagan- Round Robin Tennis**
- **Lee Hollinsworth- Round Robin Tennis**
- **Swank Law Group- Silver Golf**
- **Stone Law Group- Silver Golf**
- **WS Nielson- Silver Golf**
- **Atlanta Re-Roof- Silver Golf**
- **Sandy Buhler- Court Tennis**
- **Schmit & Associates- Court Tennis**
- **Good Life Travel- Court Tennis**

Board Spotlight 2025-26

Michael Curling-Chair Service Project Committee

ROTARY SPOTLIGHT 2025-2026 BOARD



Since joining Rotary in May 2018, Michael Curling first served as Chairs for Youth Services as well as Social Events. Now chairing Project Services, he also currently sits on the Board of Directors for Roswell Economic Development and Tourism and Roswell Next.

Michael and wife Randi live in East Cobb with their three daughters, Avery 11, Emerson (Emmy) 7 and Collins (Coco), 6. A UGA grad, he is also a proud third-generation Hokie, and holds a MBA from Virginia Tech.

As Vice-president of New Kent Capital, he develops and implements portfolio investment strategies while serving as the Financial Officer for Variant Brewing Company.

Fun fact: Michael speaks Spanish, a residual gift from time spent living abroad in Nicaragua.

Hero of the Month- August

Hero Officer Thomas Chandler Honored by Roswell Rotary



On Thursday, August 14, Roswell Rotary Club honored Roswell Police Department's Officer of the Year for 2024, Thomas Chandler, as part of President Trummie Lee Patrick III's **Hero of the Month Program**, which honors the heroes in our Roswell Community—fire, police, EMT's, teachers, veterans, active duty military.

Officer Chandler's name may be familiar to you. Around this same time last year, he bravely placed his patrol car into the path of an intoxicated wrong-way driver on GA 400, undoubtedly saving the lives of others present on the roadway that night. You can revisit that moment here:

<https://ow.ly/NwSo50WGcPs>

While that incident is a dramatic display of Officer Chandler's ethic, it is also just one moment among many reflecting his consistent dedication to protecting and serving the Roswell community. When given the opportunity to speak today, Officer Chandler humbly took the spotlight off himself and placed it back onto this community, thanking the residents of Roswell for their support that empowers and encourages his work of service.

We're incredibly proud to honor one of Roswell Police Department's finest. Thank you RPD for keeping us safe.

Membership Summit Held In Jonesboro over weekend



Reporting back to you on an amazing event I experienced this past weekend- Membership Summit! In the picture see me, Courtney Lott, Membership Board Chair, President Trummie Lee, Past District Gov. & Past president Gordon Owens, Past President Dave McCleary , and District Governor 6900 Steve Ivory.

We learned about:

- Intentional membership strategies
- The importance of classification talks & truly knowing our members
- Innovative club types & companion models
- New member orientation & engagement ideas
- Success stories from presidents who have driven significant growth

Everyone walked away inspired and equipped to help our club Grow More & Do More. Can't wait to share with you. Hoping you are already looking for potential members for Roswell Rotary! #Rembership #growmoredomore #innovate #membershipmatters

We are going to Rock Membership for 2025-26 but I really need every one of you to help. Questions? Contact me courtney.lott@kw.com

April 16-19, 2026

2026 District Conference- Lake Lanier Islands



Your body is asking for this

Walk with a Doc: Community hike after Pain Mgmt Specialist Dr K talks



Pain Mgmt Specialist Dr Joseph Kundukulam with Roswell's Align Spine and Pain Institute will discuss how to manage your aches and pains. It's not always obvious.

Location: "Meet at the covered bridge. Free parking. Dog friendly. A couple of hills to challenge you getting to a beautiful waterfall. Short and medium distance trails.

Contact Hal Schlenger or Dr Betty Price for more info.

Reminders



Last week President Trummie contributed \$50 to Happy Dollars for First Responders as he recognized the Club for following the guidelines for announcements and introducing guests.

He reminded us that only Roswell Rotarians should use the mic during guest & visitor introductions and that any announcements should be cleared by him before the meeting. Each meeting is carefully timed to insure that the speaker has ample time for their presentation and that other parts of the program can fit into the meeting timeframe. It is much harder than it looks!

One awesome thing about our club is our enthusiasm and our dedication to service. We are ALL wonderful servant leaders, and it's hard not to shout out about all of the projects that are near and dear to us. Thank you for your consideration as President Trummie tries to manage time each week. The speakers are so great and we don't want to cut their time short!

Upcoming Roswell Rotary Events

Save the Date: Find Your Spot and Help Us to Unite for GOOD

Save the Date



Michael Curling
Service Projects Chair



Bob Clarkson
Social Chair

Blood Drive for Red Cross/Wellstar at Roswell Junction

Wednesday, August 20 8am - 2pm

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=roswellrotary>

[Add To Calendar](#)

Alive in Roswell

Thursday, August 21 5pm - 8pm

[Add To Calendar](#)

5K Memorial Walk for RPD Officer Labonte

Saturday, August 23 8am Riverside Park

[Add To Calendar](#)

GOLF, TENNIS & PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Monday, Sept. 8 Country Club of Roswell

[Add To Calendar](#)

Alive in Roswell

Thursday, September 18 5pm - 8pm

[Add To Calendar](#)

[Walk with a Doc](#)

Saturday, Sep 20 8:30am - 1130am

Apple-picking in Ellijay with Dr Kim Richards, Phy Therapist

[Add To Calendar](#)

[Youth Day Parade](#)

Saturday, October 4 Time: TBD

[Add To Calendar](#)

Farm Day with First Responders

Sunday, Oct. 12

Gold & Grass Farms

[Add To Calendar](#)

December 13, 2025

Roswell Rotary Holiday Party

Saturday, Dec 13

[Add To Calendar](#)

District 6900 Conference Lake Lanier Islands

Thursday April 16 - Sunday April 19

[Add To Calendar](#)

Last Week at Roswell Rotary

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Mike Linch

- **Who offered you an unexpected encouragement recently?**
- **When someone else is asked, could their answer be YOU?**

**Mattéo visits RRC with Host Parents
Ashley & Gordon Owens**



**Our Hero- Roswell Police Officer
Thomas Chandler**



