

## Meetings

October is Economic and Community Development Month

- 10/23 State of Roswell Police Dept and Fire Department with Police Chief Conroy and Fire Chief Pabel Troche
- 10/30 Interact Kick Off Meeting + GRSP/RYE Introductions
- 11/6 U.S Treasurer Brandon Beach
- 11/13 Congressman Buddy Carter - GA Ports Update
- 11/20 Lt. Governor Burt Jones
- 11/27 No Meeting at Roswell Rotary - Thanksgiving
- 12/4 Farrell Middleton - The Bell Curve of Life
- 12/11 Chancellor Sonny Perdue

## Events

- 10/23 Cornhole Tournament @ Lucky's
- 10/27 RUMC JOB FAIR
- 11/6 Anchors Away- Packing Boxes for Naval Personnel
- 12/8 RUMC JOB FAIR
- 12/13 Roswell Rotary Holiday Party
- 3/2 Read Across America Day
- 3/14 Roswell Rotary 75th Anniversary Party
- 3/21 Roswell Relays

## LEADERSHIP

President	Trummie Patrick, III
President-Elect	Leslie Bassett
Immediate PP	Nancy Alterman

## President's Message

### The Red Bandana



### Roswell's Symbols of Selfless Courage



### Courage in Action

On September 11, 2001, as flames and smoke consumed the South Tower of the World Trade Center, a 24-year-old equities trader named Welles Crowther made a decision that defined his life—and his legacy. Crowther, a former volunteer firefighter, grabbed a red bandana from his pocket, tied it over his face, and charged up and down the stairs of the 78th floor—again and again—guiding strangers to safety. Survivors later recalled the calmness in his voice, the steadiness of his hands, and the red bandana that became a symbol of hope amid chaos. He saved at least a dozen lives before the tower collapsed. Welles Crowther didn't set out to be a hero that morning. He simply answered a call—to serve, to protect, to give of himself without hesitation. His story reminds us that true heroism is often quiet, instinctive, and rooted in love for others.

That same spirit of courage and selflessness lives among us here in Roswell. When a call comes in—whether it's a structure fire, a car accident, or a dangerous domestic situation—our police officers and firefighters don't stop to calculate risk -They go! Every day, Roswell's Police and Fire face uncertainty and danger with the same resolve that guided Welles Crowther up those smoke-filled stairs. And while their acts of heroism may not make the evening news, they make all the difference to the people whose lives they touch.

### Honored to Host Police & Fire Chiefs as Speakers Thursday Oct. 23

This week, Roswell Rotary is honored to host Chief James W. Conroy of the Roswell Police Department and Chief Pabel Troche of the Roswell Fire Department. They represent the disciplined courage, strategic vision, and selfless heart behind our city's safety. Under Chief Conroy's leadership, the Roswell Police Department emphasizes community engagement, transparency, and professionalism. The fire side is evolving as

Treasurer Mike Agurkis  
Secretary Katie Anderson  
Membership Courtney Lott

## 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

10/1 Ralph Rowland, Jr.  
10/2 Cheryl Greenway  
10/2 Sandy Buhler  
10/4 Ronald Cowan  
10/4 Lucy Hall  
10/7 Lynne Lindsay  
10/10 Jeffrey Meyers  
10/11 Charlie Brown  
10/12 SaraBeth Huntley  
10/12 Jeff McCoy  
10/15 Tori Nielsen  
10/16 David Wash  
10/16 Natalie Cook  
10/17 Jim Byrd

well—balancing everyday calls with larger system improvements and new challenges.

Let's listen closely to Fire Chief Troche and Police Chief Conroy as they share their insights and challenges. At its core, Rotary's motto—"Service Above Self"—is the very similar creed that drives every first responder. It's about showing up when you're needed most. It's about courage, compassion, and commitment. As a club, Roswell Rotary has stood shoulder to shoulder with these heroes—hosting Family Farm Day for first responders and their families, sponsoring recognition events, and saying thank you in tangible ways. But our gratitude should always lead to action.

### How Can You Help?

Let's ask how Rotary can help—whether through community partnerships, youth outreach, or supporting programs for those who carry this burden every day. Welles Crowther's red bandana became a symbol of selfless courage. In Roswell, the symbols are different—a badge, a helmet, a fire engine, a squad car—but the message is the same: Service above self.

As we honor our city's first responders this week, may we also renew our own commitment as Rotarians—to be people who step forward, not back; who serve quietly but powerfully; and who remember that the best way to thank a hero is to live by the same creed they do.

## State of Roswell : Roswell Police Chief Conroy & Fire Chief Pabel Troche

# SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT

## The Chiefs



**Chief James W. Conroy**  
Roswell Police Dept.



**Fire Chief Pabel Troche**  
Roswell Fire Dept.

Let's show our appreciation for those who serve with courage and commitment. To read about these dedicated men, click "read more". [[read more](#)]

### A New Twist

10/17 Geoff Smith  
 10/18 A.D. Dalton  
 10/19 Jack Stephens  
 10/23 Mindy Jones  
 10/23 Queen Brown  
 10/26 Katie Anderson

## YEARS OF SERVICE

10/1 Fate McKinney, III (23)  
 30 years in Rotary  
 10/4 Shields Blankenship, III (2)  
 8 years in Rotary  
 10/6 Chuck Savage (8)  
 16 years in Rotary  
 10/7 Jim Coyle, Jr. (15)  
 10/7 Matthew Millard (15)  
 10/9 Bill Kolbrener (0)  
 10/9 Aaron Farrant (0)  
 10/9 Shannon Harrison (0)  
 10/10 Mike McRay (22)  
 10/11 Darrell Bartlett (5)  
 10/11 William Lindsey (5)  
 10/11 Ted Lescher, Jr. (5)  
 11 years in Rotary  
 10/13 Jennifer Briggs (13)  
 10/16 Lou Tabickman (16)  
 10/18 Taylor Schmidt (1)  
 10/18 William McFarlin (1)  
 10/18 John Gordon (1)  
 10/18 William Brown, Esq. (1)  
 10/19 Kurt Hilbert (7)  
 8 years in Rotary  
 10/23 Steve Stroud (38)  
 10/28 Ryan Gehricke (3)  
 10/29 Hal Coleman (26)

## 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 [lynnehilindsay@outlook.com](mailto:lynnehilindsay@outlook.com)

## Cornhole for Polio Thursday Oct. 23 6:00 PM Lucky's



Sponsor a Team NOW! [read more]

## 100 Gift Boxes-Packing Nov. 6

## Anchors Away- Collecting for Naval Personnel

**Anchors  
 Away- 100  
 Gift Boxes to  
 Naval  
 Personnel on  
 ships**



### Food:

- granola, fruit, nut, sweet & salty
- Quick protein mix
- Beef jerky
- powdered drink mix
- packets coffee

### Other:

hand sanitizer, shampoo, body lotion, AA , AAA batteries, toothpaste, Toothbrushes, deodorant, gum, lip balm, socks, magazines for 18-28 years old, gold bond powder , packets of coffee, paper, pen, envelopes



Ralph Rowland is heading up this project. [404-641-5671](tel:404-641-5671) [read more]

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#3- Cross the Finish Line

## President's Polio Power Play



<https://my.rotary.org/en/donate> Choose Polio Plus & Use Club Code 4142 for Roswell Rotary

[read more]

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## World Polio Day



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Board Spotlight

## Darrell Bartlett: Club Administration/Meetings

## ROTARY SPOTLIGHT 2025-2026 BOARD



Darrell Bartlett: Club Administration/Meetings [\[read more\]](#)

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**New Member Spotlight**  
**Welcome Ryan Williams**



# NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Meet New Member Ryan Williams [\[read more\]](#)

**Vote for Scarecrow-\$2 per vote**

**Scarecrow Roto-Lee on Canton St.**

Vote for Roswell Rotary Scarecrow  
on Canton St.



Scarecrow # 88 -Rota Lee



\$2 per vote



**District Conference Registration Info**

**District Conference**  
April 16 - 19 2026  
Lake Lanier Islands, GA

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**UNITE FOR GOOD**

ROTARY DISTRICT 6900 • SERVICE HEROES

[Click Here to Register](#)

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

[Cornhole for Polio](#) Thursday, October 23 6pm

Lucky's  
[Add To Calendar](#)

[Anchors Away- Boxes for Navy](#)  
Thursday, Nov 6 Before & After meeting  
[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](#)

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## Last Week at Roswell Rotary

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**Atlanta Giants**  
**UPS & Delta Airlines**



## Youth Day Parade and Tailgate for Polio Volunteer Recognition



# Register Your Cornhole Team for Thursday Oct. 23-Lucky's



# First Responders Farm Day Volunteer Recognition



## **Rotary Spotlight**

**Rich Austin**



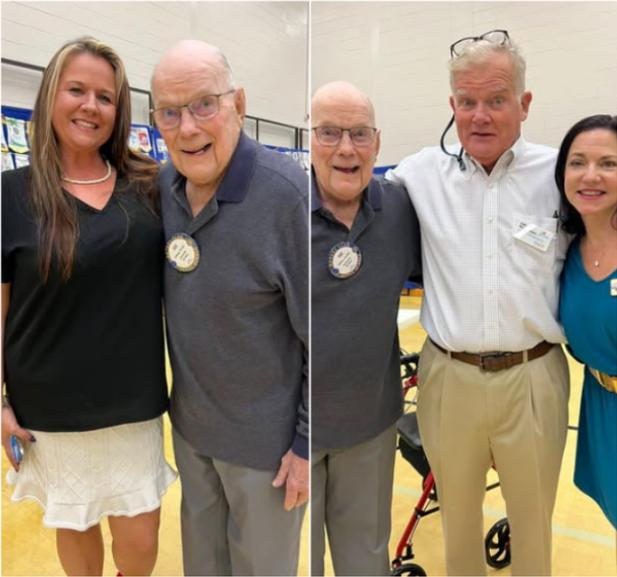
## **My Rotary Why**

**Becky Nelson**

# ER Nurse Appreciation Week Volunteers



# Sid Disher is Back!



# Oct. Alive in Roswell



**Blood Drive**  
**36 Pints! 108 Lives!**

