

## President John's Message



We began Honor Air in April 2008 in an effort to take our aging World War II veterans to see the recently completed WWII memorial on the Mall in Washington. We ultimately made 10 trips through 2018. The COVID pandemic paused our efforts to continue this tradition. Also, the dynamics had changed as so many of the WWII veterans had passed away and those that were still with us were not able to make the trip. The cost of chartering a flight and taking over 100 people had also become too expensive.

We decided to try a concept that other groups had used of taking about 50 people (one bus load) on commercial flights. This approach would take about 3 months to put into motion once we had a permitted date that we could travel. Early last fall our Honor Air coordinators, Past President Gene Beckham and Alicia Hughes, applied to the National Park Service (NPS) for a permit to allow our group to come to the Mall memorials on April 4th. Throughout the winter we repeatedly followed up with the NPS regarding our permit application but did not receive approval until two weeks before our requested April 4th date.

Not wanting to give up, we contacted Sen. Jon Ossoff's Military & Veteran Services Representative to assist us in trying to procure the permit for a late June flight. We received the permit on May 3rd for a June 27th visit, giving us less than two months for implementation. We immediately tried to book 50 seats for air travel but were only able to get a flight out around 7 AM, which is way too early in the morning to make this work logistically for gathering, getting on a bus in Roswell, travel to the airport, check-in, and proceeding through TSA security. Very reluctantly, we had to decide to no longer pursue the trip this year.

I am truly appreciative of Gene and Alicia's efforts to make this trip work. They have provided tremendous service to both our club and our veterans in

## MEETINGS

May is Youth Service Month

- 6/1 Steve Stroud - Business Climate in Roswell
- 6/8 Drug Companies and PBMs - Alan Greensmith
- 6/15 Wondering What's Up Down Under
- 6/22 Roswell Rotary Year End Recognitions
- 6/29 NO MEETING TODAY - Installation Party tonight
- 7/6 No Meeting Today - July 4th Holiday
- 7/13 President Alex Kaufman - 2023/2024 Vision
- 7/20 Tiffany Ervin - CART

## EVENTS

- 6/6 RR After Hours Club
- 6/10 Homestretch Run the River 5K & 10K Race
- 6/10 Magnolia Ball
- 6/20 Alive in Roswell
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- 6/20 Rotary Means Business
- 6/22 Comedy for a Cause Presented by Roswell Rotary After Hours
- 6/24 RR After Hours - Unity Garden Service Project

## BIRTHDAYS

- 6/1 Albert Mazzeo
- 6/2 Sam Lane
- 6/3 David Houck
- 6/6 Brian Fennie
- 6/7 John Wolfe
- 6/7 Jay Pickett
- 6/12 Jason Stine
- 6/12 Dean Robertson

organizing and implementing all our previous flights. We still plan to find opportunities to honor our veterans. Already, President-Elect Alex is working to organize a special veterans project for the coming Rotary year. Please join me in thanking Gene and Alicia for their service.

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## Program This Week

# Steve Stroud - The Business Climate in Roswell



Prior to Roswell Inc, Stroud owned and operated his own small business in Roswell, Stroud's Printing & Design, for 30 years. An active member of the community, Stroud has been involved with civic and nonprofit organizations throughout North Fulton for more than 20 years, currently serving on the board of the North Fulton Community Improvement District , Greater North Fulton Chamber, North Fulton Community Charities, Computer Museum of America, and Synovus (Atlanta region). Stroud attended Georgia State University, with a focus in political science. A Roswell native, he remains residing in the city with his wife and daughters.

### Community Involvement

- North Fulton Community Improvement District, 2022- Present
- Greater North Fulton Chamber, Board Member, 1990 - Present; Chairman in 1995
- North Fulton Community Charities, Board Member, 2016 - Present
- Computer Museum of America, Board Member, 2017 - Present

6/14	Tim McFarlin
6/14	Mindy Smith
6/15	Peter Korman
6/16	Brian Hansford
6/17	Mary Trapp
6/18	AJ Bonds
6/20	Rett Gunn
6/21	Haniel Jones
6/22	Harold Coleman
6/23	John Ross
6/23	Syd Mostajabi
6/24	John Greaves
6/25	William McFarlin
6/26	William Lindsey
6/26	David Young

## YEARS OF SERVICE

5/31	Michael Curling (5)
6/2	Lori Allen (6)
6/10	Gabriel Prado (1)
6/12	Ron Cowan (26)
6/20	Thomas Campbell, Jr. (4) 38 years in Rotary

## 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

## SOCIAL MEDIA



- Synovus – Atlanta Region, Board Member, 1995 – Present
- United Way of North Fulton, Board Member, 2015 – 2020
- Roswell Rotary, Board Member, 1986-Current; President from 1993-1994
- City of Roswell Recreation and Parks Commission, 2011-2016
- Roswell Convention and Visitors Bureau, Board Member 1992-2011; Chairman from 1998-2011
- Roswell Historical Society, Board Member 1986-1990
- Brandon Hall School, Board Member 2003-2010; Chairman in 2008
- North Fulton Child Development Association, Board Member 1986-1998; Chairman in 1995-STAR House, Board Member 2005-2012
- Roswell Olympic Committee, 1996

Professional Development

- IEDC Basic Economic Development Course, Georgia Tech, 2014
- GDEcD Georgia Academy for Economic Development, Class of 2012
- Georgia Chamber of Commerce Leadership Georgia, Class of 1998-ARC Regional Leadership Institute, Class of 1995
- GNFCC Leadership North Fulton, Class of 1989

## LEADERSHIP

President	John Carruth
President-Elect	Alex Kaufman
Immediate PP	Terry Taylor
Treasurer	Trummie Patrick, III
Secretary	Nancy Alterman
Public Image	Michael Gould

## Past President Lynne Lindsay - 2020 - 2021



Anybody remember what happened in 2020? Well...Past President Lynne Lindsay certainly does! It was the year we had to Shift. Shift where we could meet. Shift what we could wear. Shift how we could perform service projects. Shift happens! We were Lucky we could gather at all. This week we unmask the Rotary year 2020-2021. Come hear Lynne tell us about her year as President of Roswell Rotary.

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## The Lee Hollingsworth Interview with PDG Kirk Driscoll



Past District Governor Kirk Driscoll interviews our own Lee Hollingsworth on his new show.

Many of us know of PDG Kirk's tireless efforts to help people achieve better lives, particularly those affected by emotional and mental issues. From depression and anxiety to addiction and suicide, these affect us all. Kirk established the men's recovery residence, Vision Warriors, just over the county line in Canton.

This is a very frank discussion of critical issues, from actual life experiences, that in some way touch us all.

[Click Here to Listen to the Interview](#)

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## RRAH Meets Next Week to Discuss Core Values



After Hours will welcome Courtney Rodebaugh, Chief Programming Officer for LeadAbroad, to speak on Identifying Your Core Values at the June 6th meeting. Courtney develops and operates all logistics for LeadAbroad programs around the world, with their main focus currently in Europe, Central America and South Africa. She is also responsible for recruitment, training and management of their international staff, vendor relations, LeadAbroad curriculum, risk management and new program development.

Courtney is a UGA graduate, mother of three, and sister to RRAH member, Ashley Doran. LeadAbroad is an innovative, purpose-driven organization focused on leading transformative experiences at home and abroad, serving students from 70+ universities. Learn more at [www.leadabroad.com](http://www.leadabroad.com)

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**Comedy for a Cause, Coming Soon!**



Save the date for the biggest event of the summer! Roswell Rotary After Hours' signature event is coming on June 22nd!

Grab your family and friends for burgers, brews and belly laughs at the 1st Annual Comedy For a Cause, presented by Roswell Rotary After Hours. Get ready to chuckle, howl and giggle at this special fundraiser benefiting the Roswell community. The event is \$30 and will feature several knee-slapping local comedians. What are you waiting for? Save your spot today and we will see you on June 22 on the lawn of Lucky's Burger & Brew Roswell. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

Buy tickets here.

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## Rotary Last Week

