



ROSWELL Rotascope

President's Message

The Big Connect

Sunday, August 9th
3pm - 6pm

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Most mornings, I get up extra early to create a space of time that is mine alone. I don't want to talk (just ask my family). I don't want the news on. I don't want to get fed other people's ideas or experiences. It's a space I reserve for quiet—listening for what God's got for me that day, paying attention to where my mind gravitates, and what that might mean for how I should focus my efforts.

The idea for The Big Connect came in one of those quiet mornings. I was musing on how I wanted to steer the tenor of this year's Roswell Rotary experience. We repeat the motto "Service Above Self" almost reflexively at times. I wanted us to begin the Rotary year by demonstrating, in a concentrated period of time—just three hours—the kind of energy we bring to service, the joy we derive from sharing a purpose (and a beer) on a Sunday afternoon, and the dedication we have to filling the needs of those in our community who need us most.

This Sunday, The Big Connect brings that vision to life. We'll gather at our local, Rotarian-owned breweries, supporting our members' businesses and enjoying

MEETINGS

August is Membership and New Club Development Month

- 8/6 Senator John Albers - Legislative Update
- 8/13 GA Supreme Court Justice Ellington
- 8/20 Josh Marks - Georgians for the Okefenokee
- 8/27 Mayor Mary Robichaux - Update from the Mayor's Office
- 9/3 US Treasurer Brandon Beach
- 9/10 General Leslie Smith
- 9/17 No Meeting at Roswell Rotary - Tournament Week
- 9/24 Non Profit Panel Discussion - Kidz2Leaders, NFCC

EVENTS

- 8/9 The Big Connect
- 8/12 Tennis Clinic -- Country Club of Roswell
- 8/21 Alive In Roswell
- 8/22 Officer Jeremy Labonte Memorial 5k
- 8/26 Blood Drive

true fellowship. At the same time, we'll engage in hands-on service projects that meet real needs for our Seniors, our First Responders, and the families served by The Drake House.

When we show up in our community, side by side, we're doing more than attending an event. We're showing Roswell who we are as Rotarians: people who find joy in service, who invest in each other, and who are willing to give up a quiet Sunday afternoon to make a tangible difference—beer in hand and purpose in heart.

So here's my ask this week:

- Make The Big Connect a priority on your Sunday.
- Invite a prospective member or a family member to join you.
- Come ready to serve, to laugh, and to share with our community what Rotary looks like in Roswell.

Let's begin this Rotary year by living our motto in full view of our city, demonstrating that our connections—with each other and with those we serve—are what give meaning to "Service Above Self."

In Service,

Leslie

Welcome Senator John Albers: Champion for Our Community

- 9/14 Annual Golf, Tennis + Pickleball Tournament
- 9/18 Alive In Roswell
- 9/19 Rivers Alive Clean Up

LEADERSHIP

President	Leslie Bassett
President-Elect	Katie Anderson
Treasurer	James Stone
Secretary	Mike Agurkis
Program Director	Kenneth Greensmith
Public Image	Alicia Hughes

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/>

SOCIAL MEDIA



BIRTHDAYS

- 8/5 Charles Cameron
- 8/7 Ryan Gehricke
- 8/8 Jay Pittroff
- 8/9 Jennifer Briggs
- 8/10 Kathryn Igou
- 8/12 Richard Dreger
- 8/13 Mike Mizell
- 8/13 Ross Patton
- 8/13 Lori Allen
- 8/15 Betty Price
- 8/17 Jacque Digieso



Senator Albers has long been an active and engaged member of our community. His service includes participation on numerous boards of directors for business, civic, and charitable organizations. A fourth-generation firefighter, he served more than 30 years as a volunteer, and his sons have continued the family legacy as fifth-generation first responders.

In the Georgia Senate, Senator Albers is a respected leader, serving as Chairman of the Senate Committee and contributing to several other key committees. He has been recognized more than two dozen times as Legislator of the Year by various organizations.

In 2021, Senator Albers became an organ donor, giving a kidney to his son. Following this life-changing experience, he championed the Giving the Gift of Life Act and has since become a national advocate for organ donation, working to pass laws and raise awareness.

Senator Albers holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Louisville and completed postgraduate programs at Harvard University and the University of Georgia. When not attending to state business, he is an executive, business owner, and entrepreneur. He and his wife, Kari, have been married for 33 years and have two sons. John is also a proud member of Roswell Rotary.

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
8/30	Theodore Lescher
8/31	Steve Stroud
9/2	Mishel Miller

YEARS OF SERVICE

8/6	Elwyn Gaissert, II (45)
8/12	Robert McIntyre (2)
8/12	FJ Levy II (2)
8/12	Priya Crumpton (2)
8/13	Richard Meer (34)
8/13	Ryan Williams (1)
8/13	Vanessa Snyder (1)
8/13	Jordan Jedneski (1)
8/19	Casey Weldon (1)
8/19	Cole Taylor (1)
8/19	AJ Bonds (1)
8/20	Trummie Patrick, III (11)
8/20	John Wolfe (34)
8/23	Jay Pickett, III (8)
8/25	Lynn Dunn (10)
8/28	Lori Kirn (12)
8/29	Katie Anderson (7)
8/29	Lucy Hall (7)

Please Listen

Important Video



An Important Message From Will Colley

Golf-Tennis-Pickleball Chair 2026

Click [HERE](#) for Video Message

Board Member Spotlight

Nancy Alterman- 2024 Past President

Roswell Rotary Board 2026-2027



**Nancy Alterman
Past President 2024-25**

Nancy Alterman – Traveler, Rotarian, Cancer Care Advocate, Sports Fan, and Dog Whisperer

Born in Buffalo, New York, Nancy's journey has taken her from snowstorms to seven continents. Upon earning a degree in Biology from the University of Rochester, she began her Radiation Therapy career in oncology at Strong Memorial Hospital. A move to Marblehead, Massachusetts led to an exciting role with a Swedish manufacturer of radiation therapy equipment, thus combining medicine with international business.

While pursuing her MBA at Boston University, Nancy met her husband Richard. They married, moved to Newark, Delaware, where she became Medical Affairs Director for the Delaware American Cancer Society, and welcomed their daughter, Tori.

In 1992, the family headed south to Alpharetta, Georgia, where Nancy spent the next three decades caring for cancer patients in radiation oncology at several Atlanta hospitals before retiring in 2022. Retirement, however, has proven to be just another full-time job!

Nancy has been a devoted member of Happy Tails Pet Therapy, where her beloved mutt, Millie, comforted patients and families for 14 years. Now the next generation, another lovable mutt named Millarky, is being evaluated to become a certified therapy dog and continue the family tradition.

Nancy also is a board member of the Cottage School working with the advancement committee and also Friends of Bulloch where she has chaired numerous Magnolia Balls and has been deeply involved with the Roswell Chriskindle Market.

An avid traveler, Nancy has visited all seven continents and all five oceans, always looking for her next adventure. She's also an enthusiastic sports fan whose game-day loyalties span the country. You'll find her cheering for the Georgia Bulldogs, Buffalo Bills, Atlanta Falcons, Atlanta Braves, and the Boston Red Sox—proof that you can successfully root for teams from both the North and the South!

Closer to home, service is at the heart of everything she does. A proud Rotarian for 16 years, Nancy served as President of the

Roswell Rotary Club during 2024-25, earning the prestigious Sheffield Leadership Award while leading the club through an award-winning year. Today, she continues her Rotary journey as an Area Governor supporting four clubs.

Nancy and Richard recently traded Alpharetta for a wooded home on Cox Road in Cherokee County, also celebrated 38 years of marriage. Richard is semi-retired and now runs his own business development consulting company. Their daughter, Tori, is an ICU nurse at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta's Arthur M. Blank Hospital and recently married her longtime partner, Allison.

When she's not traveling, volunteering, or cheering on her favorite teams, Nancy enjoys relaxing with a good thriller. Her favorite authors include Stephen King, Dean Koontz, and Gregg Hurwitz. Practicing Tai Chi, which helps her balance an active life filled with service, travel, family and fun, believing life is best lived with purpose, curiosity, compassion, and a healthy sense of adventure.

New Member Spotlight

Welcome Kirk Wilson



Kirk Wilson
Retired-St. Joseph Hospital

Kirk Wilson joined Roswell Rotary Club in June after 15 years as a member of the downtown Atlanta Club. A Paul Harris fellow, Kirk retired as CEO of St Joseph Hospital in Sandy Springs when it merged into Emory Healthcare in 2010. He unretired twice to serve as interim CEO of two other regional medical centers as they transitioned to new leadership/ownership.

Along with his wife Monica, a retired medical technologist, the Wilsons have lived in Johns Creek since 2006 and have one son, Bret, a STEAM educator in Cobb county.

Fun facts: Kirk enjoys golf, trumpet, travel and painting. and looks forward to continuing his Rotary service focused on improving senior activities.

August 9 3pm - 6pm

The Big Connect



The Big Connect – Strengthening Connections Campaign accelerator!

On Sunday, August 9 from 3 pm – 6 pm. Roswell Rotary will sponsor a crowd-pleasing volunteer event – three impactful projects at three of our beloved breweries – Gate City, Variant, and Voo Doo. We will hit each brewery for an hour, have fellowship, and complete a service project at each – for 3 of our local charities! It will be a fast-paced service accelerator afternoon demonstrating our commitment to Service Above Self. And a fun way for us all to connect as club.

Bonus: If you have sponsored Golf, Tennis, or Pickleball and paid, you receive a free beer at one of the breweries.

Coming Up Sept. 3rd

US Treasurer Brandon Beach Speaking at Roswell Rotary

Roswell
Rotary
Club



★ PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN INSPIRING ★
LUNCHEON WITH

— **U.S. TREASURER** —
★ ★ ★ ★ ★
BRANDON BEACH



Join us as U.S. Treasurer
Brandon Beach shares insights
on economic leadership,
fiscal responsibility, and the
role of the Treasury in building
a stronger future for America.



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THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 3, 2026



12:00 PM
LUNCHEON & PROGRAM



ROSWELL AREA PARK
10495 WOODSTOCK RD.
ROSWELL, GA 30075

SERVICE ABOVE SELF ★ LEADERSHIP ★ COMMUNITY

Building Connections.
Changing Lives.
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President's Challenge Week of July 30

Roswell
Rotary
Club



President
**LESLIE
BASSETT'S**

WEEKLY CHALLENGE



THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

7/30/26



**DINING OUT
TOGETHER**

Grab a fellow Rotarian
and meet at one of our
amazing Roswell
restaurants. Take a selfie
and send it to
Alicia Hughes!



**SHARE WHAT ROTARY
MEANS TO YOU
WITH SOMEONE AT
THE RESTAURANT.**



**CONNECT
SERVE
AMPLIFY**

**TOGETHER, WE BUILD
A STRONGER COMMUNITY.**



Wed. Aug 12 6:30pm

Tennis-Pickleball Clinic

**BOB HAGAN INVITES
YOU TO THE FREE**

TENNIS & PICKLEBALL CLINIC

A FUN NIGHT OF DRILLS AND FELLOWSHIP
OPEN TO ALL SKILL LEVELS.

**WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 12, 2026**

COUNTRY CLUB OF ROSWELL

2500 CLUB SPRINGS DRIVE
ROSWELL, GA 30076

6:30-8:00 PM

RSVP:
TEXT/EMAIL LEE 678.576.4838
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Sat. August 22, 2026

Run/Walk for Officer Labonte

Officer Jeremy Labonte Memorial 5K Run/Walk



Saturday, August 22, 2026
8:00 AM
Sweet Apple Elementary School
12025 Etris Rd, Roswell, GA



Roswell Rotarians, join the Roswell community as we lace up our running shoes to honor a local hero. The Jeremy Labonte Memorial 5K is more than just a race; it is a community-wide tribute to a man who gave his all for our safety, and a chance for us to come together to support the men and women who wear the badge.

Running for a Cause: Every step you take, and every registration fee helps give back to the department Officer Labonte loved. All proceeds from the race will directly benefit Friends of Roswell Police and The Roswell Police Foundation.

Location: Sweet Apple Elementary (12025 Etris Rd, Roswell, GA), Date: Saturday August 22nd, 8:00 AM.

Course: Fast, Flat, and fully paved out and back on Etris Road

Who: Runners and walkers of all ages and abilities are welcome!

Sign up here: [Jeremy Labonte Memorial 5K](#)

Contact: Jason Stine [770-527-2882](tel:770-527-2882), Elizabeth Greer [404-510-9733](tel:404-510-9733), or Lynne Lindsay [404-229-4558](tel:404-229-4558) with questions.

Aug 26

Blood Drive

BLOOD DRIVE

340 S Atlanta St - Roswell



THE TAVERN

at Roswell Junction

Wed. Aug. 26th
8:00 am - 2:00 pm

A Life-saving Function
at Roswell Junction!

GIVE A PINT
GET A PINT



Rotary



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URGENT - Please Help Keep YE Alive for Roswell Rotary



Roswell Rotary Club has a long-standing tradition of supporting Rotary Youth Exchange and the global connections it fosters. This year, **we have an urgent need for a host family for our 17-year-old student from Vimercate, Italy**, who will be entering the 11th grade at Roswell High School. She arrives next week, and while host families are already secured for the fall and winter terms, we are in immediate need of a family to host her for the Spring 2027 semester.

We are looking for a caring family willing to open their home and hearts to her for a three-month hosting period. You do not need to have a high school student of your own to participate, just a willingness to share your family life, offer support, and embrace a meaningful cultural exchange. Families do not have to be in Rotary. If you know of a great family in the Roswell High School district, please approach them about this opportunity!

The Rotary Youth Exchange Program thrives because of families who generously welcome students they have never met, creating bonds that last a lifetime. In a world that feels increasingly divided, hosting an exchange student is a powerful way to build understanding, broaden perspectives, and help our young people, and ourselves, see the shared hopes and dreams that connect us across cultures.

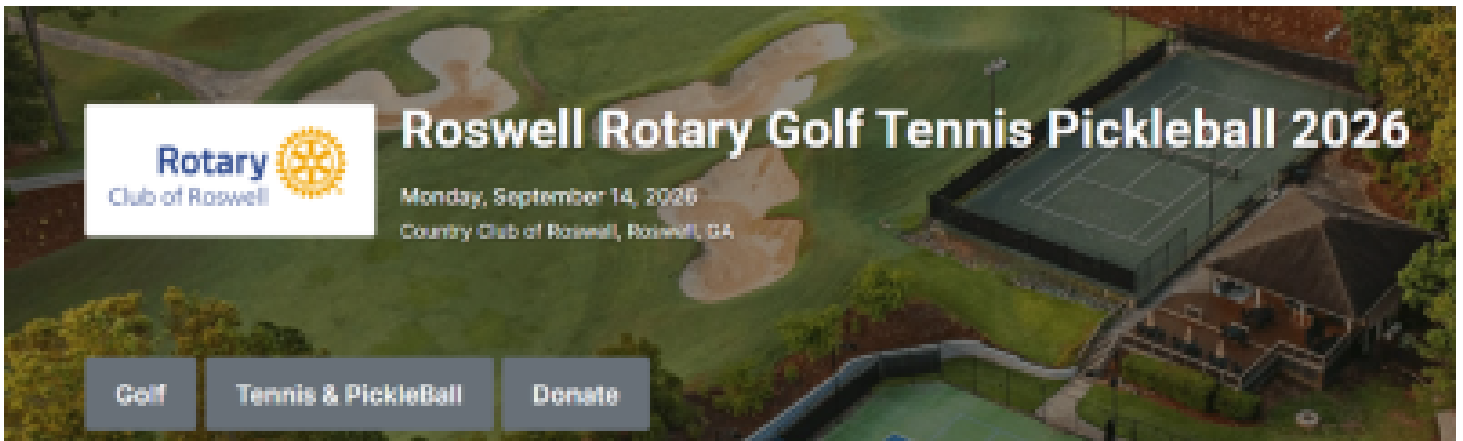
If you would like to explore this opportunity for global friendship, either for this school year or next, or know a neighbor or friend who would open their home, please contact Alesia Booth, Deb Perkins, or email roswellrotaryye@gmail.com.

Sept 14

Tournament Time is Here

Weekly Golf, Tennis, Pickleball Tournament Meetings Begin This Week!

Meet in gym at 11:15 before the lunch meeting. Weekly updates on tournament. All new members encouraged to attend!



[Link to Website](#)



[Download Golf Flyer](#)

[Download Tennis-Pickleball Flyer](#)

[Download Golf Tri-Fold](#)

[Download Tennis-Pickleball Tri-Fold](#)

Where does the Tournament Money Go?

2026 Charity Check Presentation



If you were at the Roswell Rotary meeting when the charity grant checks from the Golf, Tennis, Pickleball tournament were handed out, you remember the energy and the joy from the recipients as they received their checks. Just look at what this club accomplished! How many amazing charities are stronger and able to serve more of our community because of your efforts at the 2025 tournament?

This is the WHY of the tournament.

- **Be the Voice**
- **Bulloch Hall, Friends of**
- **Chattahoochee Nature Center**
- **Child Development Academy**
- **Drake House**
- **End Human Trafficking**
- **Family Promise of North Fulton**
- **Foster Care Support**
- **Friends of Roswell Library**
- **Groveland Community Group**
- **Homestretch**
- **Hope Roswell**
- **Huskies Helping Huskies**
- **Jacobs Ladder**
- **Lunches for Learning (Honduras)**
- **Mary Hall Freedom Village**
- **Memorial Day**
- **North Fulton Community Charities**
- **Roswell Arts Festival / Friends of Roswell Parks**
- **Roswell First Responders Foundation**
- **Roswell Historical Society**
- **Roswell Organization for Community Development**
- **RUMC Job Networking**
- **Senior Services North Fulton**
- **Stand Up for Kids**
- **STAR House**
- **The Cottage School**
- **Toolbox**

One event with far reaching effects!

Volunteers-The Heart of the Tournament



Volunteers – The secret sauce to our day of service and fundraising for charities is our volunteers. Secure your spot now so you know how you'll contribute...and how you'll enjoy the fellowship the rest of the day. Volunteering has a not-so-secret side benefit of building relationships (dare I say Strengthening Connections?? ?) with fellow Rotarians!

For many Roswell Rotarians, the Golf, Tennis, Pickleball Tournament is the place where they, as a new member, felt most engaged and made the most connections with their fellow club members. Volunteer, make new friends, serve our community-We all win!

Sponsorships- The Tournament Engine

Sponsorship Committee



Kurt Hilbert



Jerry Orlans



Bob Clarkson



Leslie Bassett



Gabriel Prado



Michael Curling



Becki Campolito

Sponsorships are the engine that drives the Golf-Tennis-Pickleball Tournament.

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.

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.

Thank you to the Sponsorship Committee for stepping up to serve in this critical role. But remember, the Sponsorship Committee will need the help of every Roswell Rotary member. We have to fire up this engine with our friends, neighbors, contacts, and networks. We are all part of the sponsorship team!

To sponsor or learn more, visit the [Tournament Website](#) or contact Kurt Hilbert khilbert@kaufmanhilbert.com

Commit early! The Big Connect event is on August 9th, and all committed and paid sponsors will get a free beer at one of our three event breweries while we perform a service project for one of the tournament charities. Great way to get your company involved and experience hands-on exactly where your sponsorship dollars go!

New for Premium Sponsors (Silver and Above): Special exclusive invitation-only event before the tournament and VIP perks. Contact Kurt Hilbert khilbert@chalmersadams.com

Upcoming Roswell Rotary Events

Strengthen Your Connections Here!

The Big Connect

Sunday, August 9th

3pm - 6pm

[Add To Calendar](#)

Tennis Pickleball Clinic

Wednesday, August 12

6:30pm - 8:00pm Country Club of Roswell

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The Tavern

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Monday, Sept. 14

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