



ROS WELL Rotascope

President's Message



Roswell Rotarians, if you ever wonder whether “Strengthening Connections” is just a theme on a banner, this week should settle it for good — because this week, our connection with the City of Roswell showed up in almost everything we did. Dozens of us laced up and completed the **Jeremy Labonte Memorial 5K** alongside our City's own first responders, **Mayor Robichaux**, **City Council**, and **Senator Albers** — a race that reminded us our club isn't just adjacent to this City, we're woven into it.

We also got to wish happy birthday to Mayor Robichaux, and we officially dedicated the painting Roswell Rotary sponsored at last year's **Roswell Arts Festival**, which will now hang permanently on the walls of City Hall — a small but lasting piece of Rotary in the building where Roswell's decisions get made.

And this week isn't done with us yet: Mayor Robichaux herself is at our meeting to address the club directly. That's four separate moments, one week, all pointing the same direction — the ties between Roswell Rotary and the City of Roswell

MEETINGS

August is Membership and New Club Development Month

- 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
- 10/1 Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Tyler Harper
- 10/8 Brittany Jones - Chattahoochee National Park Conservancy
- 10/15 The Cottage School, Jacobs Ladder, Eaton Academy Schools panel

EVENTS

- 8/26 Blood Drive
- 9/13 Tournament Tailgate
- 9/14 Annual Golf, Tennis + Pickleball Tournament
- 9/18 Alive In Roswell
- 9/19 Rivers Alive Clean Up

keep getting stronger, and they show no sign of slowing down.

That same spirit of partnership is exactly what powers one of our favorite traditions as we count down to the Golf, Tennis & Pickleball Tournament: the **Ball Drop**. Once again, the **Roswell Fire Department** is rolling one of its trucks right onto our tournament grounds, hoisting a bin of numbered golf balls — purchased by club members and tournament participants — and dropping them onto a green far below. Whichever ball finds the hole wins the jackpot for its owner. It's equal parts theater, fundraiser, and love letter to our partnership with the City, and it never fails to draw a crowd and a whole lot of noise.

So here's my ask — step up and buy some chances to win. The Ball Drop is one of the most fun, most communal parts of our biggest day of the year, and it only works if everyone leans in and buys a ball or three. Come watch the truck roll in, cheer for your number, and celebrate a tradition that only exists because the City and Roswell Rotary keep choosing each other. Strengthening Connections isn't just what we're building this year — this week, it's what we're living.

Yours in Service,

Leslie

Update from the Mayor's Office - Mayor Mary Robichaux

9/19 Roswell Arts Festival

9/19 Lake Day at Past President Gordon Owens House

10/3 Roswell Youth Day Parade

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

8/26 Grant Miller

8/27 Lori Kirn

8/28 Richard Spencer

8/30 Theodore Lescher

8/31 Steve Stroud

9/2 Mishel Miller

9/4 Terry Taylor

9/4 Roger Wise

9/5 Cole Taylor

9/6 Rudiger Lind

9/6 Robert McIntyre



SPEAKER *of the Week*



THIS WEEK

8/27/26

ROSWELL MAYOR **MARY ROBICHAUX** *State of the City*



NOON



ROSWELL AREA PARK

10495 Woodstock Rd.,
Roswell, GA 30075



Mayor Mary Robichaux has been a native of Roswell for over 30 years. Originally from New Iberia, Louisiana, she was inspired into a life of service by her father, a military veteran of World War II. After a decades-long career in healthcare administration, Mary entered public office as the State Representative for House District 48. She served under the Gold Dome for two terms before running for Mayor in 2026. Mary was elected on a vision of transparency, and a Government that serves ALL of Roswell.



**TOGETHER,
WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE**
IN OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND.



9/9	Bill Sawin
9/12	Alesia Booth
9/13	William Swank
9/14	Lynn Dunn
9/14	Carleton Ohly
9/14	Chuck Savage
9/16	Scott Morchower
9/17	Shannon Harrison
9/17	Mike Agurkis
9/20	Jeff Bridges
9/22	Lorraine Head
9/23	Drayton Robertson

YEARS OF SERVICE

8/28	Lori Kirm (12)
8/29	Lucy Hall (7)
8/29	Katie Anderson (7)
9/7	Sid Disher (17)
9/8	Karen Schwank (15)
9/8	Jeff Bridges (21)
9/15	Michael Thompson (5)
9/17	Lenna Castagna (1)
9/17	Mike Ivkovich (1)
9/17	Shahid Khan (1)
9/17	Mike Mizell (1)
9/17	Jay Pittroff (1)
9/17	Mindy Smith (1)
9/18	Brian Hansford (12) 14 years in Rotary
9/18	Debbie Cwalina (12)

Roswell Rotary is honored to welcome Mary Robichaux, Mayor of Roswell, as our featured speaker on August 27. Mayor Robichaux will provide an update from the Mayor's Office. A longtime Roswell resident since 1993 and former State Representative for District 48, Robichaux brings more than 35 years of healthcare leadership, public service, and community engagement to her role. Her career includes work with the American Heart Association, Emory Healthcare, and Johns Hopkins Hospital, where she collaborated with more than 700 hospitals to improve patient outcomes and operational efficiency. [\[read more\]](#)

THIS WEDNESDAY Aug 26

Blood Drive

BLOOD CRISIS

QR Code

American Red Cross

*Restrictions apply, see americanredcross.org/legal

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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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!

Rotary Club of Roswell

Roswell Rotary Golf Tennis Pickleball 2026

Monday, September 14, 2026
Country Club of Roswell, Roswell, GA

Golf **Tennis & PickleBall** **Donate**

[Link to Website](#)



[Download Golf Flyer](#)

[Download Tennis-Pickleball Flyer](#)

[Download Golf Tri-Fold](#)

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

Sunday, Sept 13

Tournament Tailgate

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GOLF, TENNIS & PICKLEBALL

TAILGATE

Join the Fun. Support Our Community.

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FOR A GREATER PURPOSE! ••

GOOD TIMES.
GREAT FRIENDS.
BIGGER IMPACT.

Join Us!

SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 13

6-8 PM

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roswelljunction.com

\$25
(SILVER AND
ABOVE ARE FREE)

2 DRINK TICKETS
FOR BEER & WINE

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HARRISON



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CVALINA

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Sat. Sept. 19
Lake Party



Sat. Sept. 19
River Clean Up

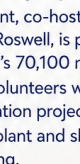


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RIVERS

Alive!



35TH
ANNUAL



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026



The 35th Rivers Alive annual river cleanup will be held on **Saturday September 19th**.

The event, co-hosted by Keep Roswell Beautiful and the City of Roswell, is part of a statewide campaign to preserve Georgia's 70,100 miles of rivers and streams.

Small groups of volunteers will be disbursed throughout the city to perform beautification projects, including river and trails cleanup, litter pickups, invasive plant and shrub removal, mulching, native plant planting and storm drain marking.

AS ALWAYS, ROSWELL ROTARY CLUB

will clean up the river, river bank and trails along Riverside Road from Old Alabama Road to Eves Road.

This is an excellent event for the entire family and kids really enjoy it!





MEET AT
Dutch Earle's house
9030 Bluffview Trace
Roswell, GA 30076



ARRIVE AROUND
8:45 AM



WEAR
Long pants, old shoes
and bring a hand towel.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION
AND TO SIGN UP**

Call/Text Dutch Earle
770.403.0755
No need to sign up online,
just contact Dutch and show up.



Clean Rivers. Beautiful Roswell. Stronger Together.

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Registration

Register online. The registration deadline is September 16. Pre-registered groups will be assigned a task based on preference. In addition to the online group registration, each volunteer must provide a signed waiver.

Questions? Contact Dutch Earle 770-403-0755

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!

Board Spotlight 2026-27

Dave McCleary

Roswell Rotary Board 2026-2027



**Dave McCleary
Historian**

Dave McCleary currently serves as historian for President Trummie Lee—a job made even more important with the celebration of the Club's 75th anniversary. Dave is probably best known throughout Rotary for his efforts to Stop Human Trafficking. As then-President of the Rotary Club of Roswell, Dave McCleary founded End Human Trafficking Now, focusing on business engagement, law enforcement collaboration and empowering survivors. In 2019, he was appointed Chair of Rotarians Against Slavery, aiming to mobilize over 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide. In recognition of his work, he received Rotary International's highest honor—the Service Above Self Award.

As a small business owner from Roswell, Dave and his wife Pam have two daughters, 28 and 31. Volunteering at the 2012 Passion Conference in Atlanta, he first became aware of the issue, realizing the problem existed not just globally but in his own community. With that, Dave turned awareness into action as a passionate advocate for ending human trafficking.

Chairing Georgia's Statewide Taskforce workgroup on deterring traffickers through business engagement, Dave led the 2015 World Summit on Ending Human Trafficking with President Jimmy Carter, and moderated panels at the UN and U.S. Department of Justice. He also led a national Rotary campaign to support the End Modern Slavery Initiative Act.

Serving on the Super Bowl Anti-Trafficking Task Force, Dave moderated high-level discussions with major corporations and was appointed to Georgia's GRACE Commission and the White House Round Table on Human Trafficking.

Fun fact – When Dave was 8 years old, he visited Hollywood and saw a live episode of Bonanza being filmed with Little Joe, Hoss and

the rest of the cast. Memorably, he was actually acknowledged by Michael Landon.

Coming Up Sept. 3rd

US Treasurer Brandon Beach Speaking at Roswell Rotary

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BRANDON BEACH



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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



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ROSWELL, GA 30075

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Pick Up Your 2026-27 Directory

Directories are Here!

Pick up yours at front table.



Thanks Joe Gillespie

Thursday, April 22, to Sunday, April 25, 2027

District Conference Asheville NC



2027 Conference Overview

Dates: April 22-25, 2027

Location: Asheville, NC (Blue Ridge Mountains)

Host Hotels: Embassy Suites and DoubleTree by Hilton (Downtown Asheville)

Registration Tiers: Early Bird Special (July 1 - Dec 31, 2026): \$350 Regular Registration (Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2027): \$425 Late/On-site (April 1 - Apr 25, 2027): \$450

You can track updates and complete registration through the official Rotary District 6900 website.

Upcoming Roswell Rotary Events

Strengthen Your Connections Here!

Blood Drive

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The Tavern

[Add To Calendar](#)

Tournament Tailgate

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Saturday, September 19

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Lake Day at Gordon Owens

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Roswell Arts Festival

Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 19-20

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Last Week at Roswell Rotary

Last Week at Rotary

Josh Marks



At over 438,000-acres, the Okefenokee is the largest blackwater swamp in North America.





Jeremy LaBonte 5K Run



