



President's Message



Weaving New Threads Into Our Fabric

One of the quiet privileges of belonging to Roswell Rotary is that we get to decide who joins us. Our club doesn't grow by accident. It grows because each of us decides to be intentional about the people we invite into this work. Every new member brings fresh ideas, new resources, different skills, and perspectives we may not have considered. Choosing thoughtfully who we ask is one of the most important ways we shape what this club becomes.

In my world as an attorney, we often talk about the people in a firm as **Finders, Minders, and Grinders**. The idea comes from David Maister's classic book, *Managing the Professional Service Firm*, and I think it fits a Rotary club surprisingly well.

Finders open doors. They bring in new relationships, partners, sponsors, and opportunities, and they are often the first to say, "I know someone you should

MEETINGS

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month

- 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
- 10/22 Mary Lou Austin - Longest
Serving Member of the USO
- 10/29 Fall Interact Meeting
- 11/5 Interfaith Panel led by Jeff
Meyers
- 11/19 District Governor Cynthia
Edwards
- 11/26 No Meeting - Thanksgiving

EVENTS

- 9/30 Women in Rotary Fall Social
- 10/3 Roswell Youth Day Parade
- 10/16 Alive In Roswell
- 10/18 Gold N Grass Farms / First
Responders Farm Day
- 10/22 World Polio Day Cornhole
Tournament @ Lucky's

meet."

Minders keep things running. They nurture relationships, organize committees, keep projects on track, and make sure the good work we start actually gets finished and followed up.

Grinders do the hands-on work. They show up with work gloves on, whether that means moving furniture, cleaning the river, flipping burgers, or staffing a table, and they make service happen.

A healthy club needs all three. I'd ask each of you to spend a few minutes this week thinking about where we stand. Do we have plenty of Finders but too few people to carry projects through? Are our Grinders stretched thin as our service calendar fills up? Which skills, professions, neighborhoods, or generations in Roswell aren't yet represented around our tables? And where could one or two new members make the biggest difference?

Then comes the most important step: **act**.

Think of someone who would make a great Rotarian. It might be a neighbor, a colleague, a client, a fellow parent, or someone you've watched quietly serve this community. Then invite them. Bring them to a weekly meeting. Ask them to join us at an event. Or better yet, invite them to roll up their sleeves at an upcoming service project, where they'll see who we are at our best.

Roswell is full of talented, generous people. Some of them have simply never been asked. An invitation from you may be the thing that finally brings them in. It could be the start of lasting friendships, new partnerships, and years of Service Above Self.

Let's be intentional. Let's be thoughtful. And let's go ask.

Yours in Service,

Leslie

Tyler J. Harper, Georgia's 17th Agriculture Commissioner, Joins Us October 1

- 11/19 Governor Visit
- 11/19 Hump Day Social Gahering
- 12/12 Holiday Party

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

9/30	Shahid Khan
9/30	Trummie Patrick
10/1	Ralph Rowland
10/2	Cheryl Greenway
10/2	Sandy Buhler
10/4	Ron Cowan
10/4	Lucy Hall
10/7	Lynne Lindsay
10/10	Jeffrey Meyers
10/11	Michael Brown
10/12	SaraBeth Huntley
10/13	Pete Collaros



We are pleased to welcome Commissioner Tyler J. Harper, Georgia’s 17th Agriculture Commissioner, as our speaker on October 1. A seventh-generation South Georgia farmer and lifelong resident of the Peach State, Harper oversees the state’s largest industry, an economic powerhouse employing nearly 400,000 Georgians and contributing \$91.4 billion annually. Since taking office in January 2023, he has delivered major wins for farmers and consumers, including establishing the Georgia Farmland Conservation Fund, banning adversarial foreign nations from purchasing Georgia farmland, restoring the Department of Agriculture’s law-enforcement authority, and implementing critical safeguards for consumable hemp products. Under his leadership, the Georgia Grown program has expanded through new partnerships with the Atlanta Braves, UGA Football, and the annual Georgia Grown Bowl.

Before becoming Commissioner, Harper spent a decade representing Southeast and South-Central Georgia in the State Senate, where he championed legislation supporting rural communities, strengthening Right to Farm protections, expanding agricultural education, improving rural healthcare, increasing broadband access, and reducing tax burdens on farmers. A graduate of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and the University of Georgia’s College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences, Harper continues to be deeply rooted in Georgia’s agricultural heritage, operating his family’s century-old farm in Irwin County. Beyond his public service, he is an avid outdoorsman, musician, and pilot, and remains active in his local community and church.

Board Spotlight

Angela Medley- Youth Services

10/15	Tori Nielsen
10/16	Natalie Cook
10/17	James Byrd
10/17	Geoff Smith
10/18	Allen Dalton
10/19	Jack Stephens
10/23	Jeff McCoy
10/23	Mindy Jones
10/23	Queen Brown
10/24	Tim Maurer
10/26	Katie Anderson

YEARS OF SERVICE

10/4	Shields Blankenship, III (4) 10 years in Rotary
10/6	Chuck Savage (10) 18 years in Rotary
10/7	Jim Coyle, Jr. (17)
10/7	Matthew Millard (17)
10/9	Bill Kolbrener (2)
10/9	Shannon Harrison (2)
10/9	Aaron Farrant (2)
10/10	Mike McRay (24)
10/11	Darrell Bartlett (7)
10/11	William Lindsey (7)
10/11	Theodore Lescher, Jr. (7) 13 years in Rotary
10/13	Jennifer Briggs (15)
10/16	Lou Tabickman (18)
10/18	William Brown (3)
10/18	John Gordon (3)
10/18	William McFarlin (3)
10/18	Taylor Schmidt (3)
10/19	Kurt Hilbert (9) 9 years in Rotary
10/21	James Rouse (1)
10/21	Brian Fennie (1)
10/21	Asch Aschenbach (1)
10/21	Hayward Altman (1)
10/23	Steve Stroud (40)
10/28	Ryan Gehricke (5)

Roswell Rotary Board 2026-2027



**Angela Medley
Youth Services**

Angela Medley is a longtime Roswell resident and real estate professional serving families throughout North Atlanta. A Georgia Tech graduate with a degree in Biology and a Master's in Instructional Technology from Kennesaw State University, Angela brings a thoughtful, problem-solving approach to helping clients navigate buying, selling, and relocation.

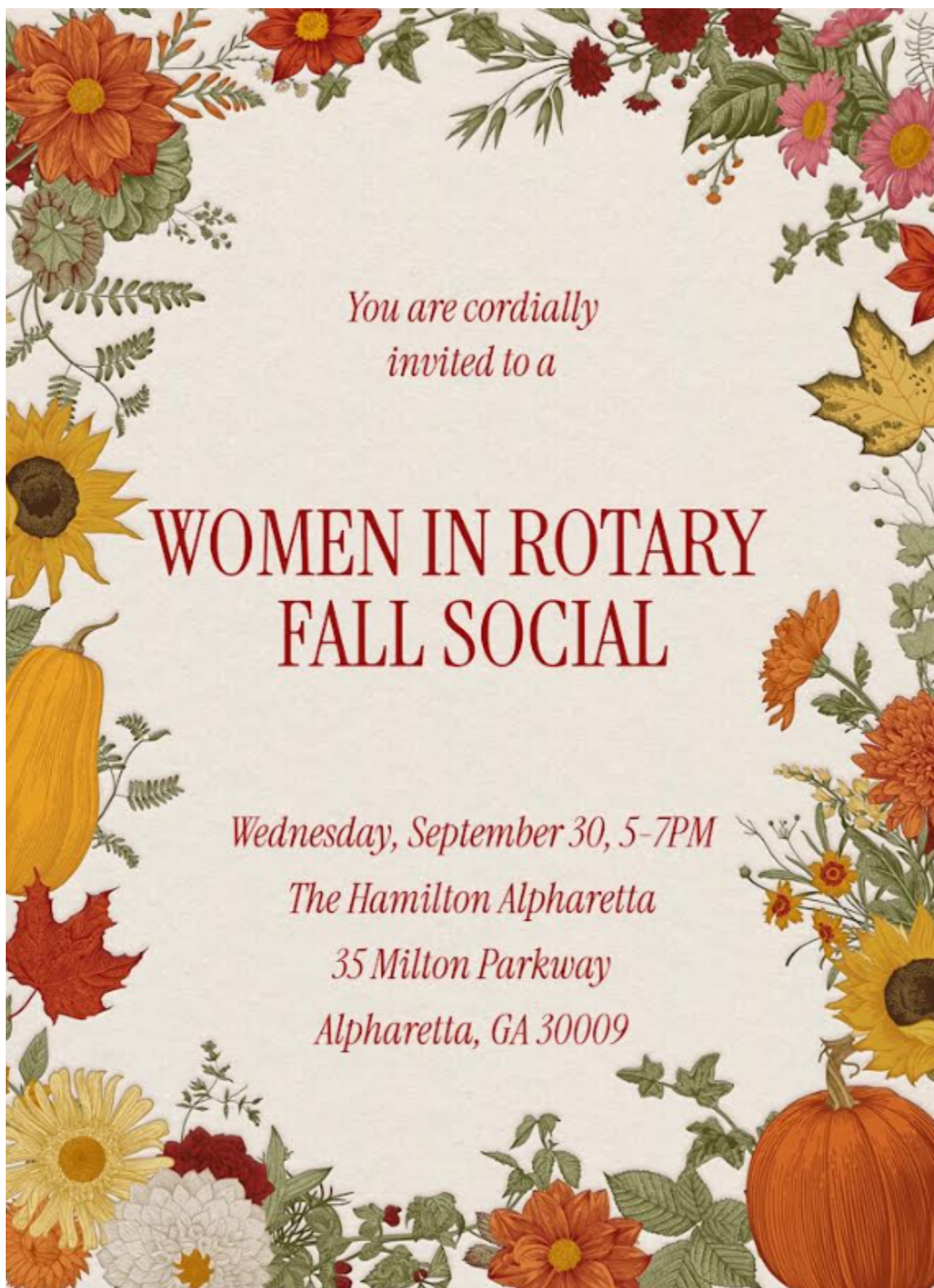
Angela is married to her college sweetheart, Brian, whom she met at Georgia Tech. They have three adult children, one daughter and two sons. Two of their children are Georgia Tech graduates, while their youngest is currently attending Georgia Tech, keeping the family's Yellow Jacket tradition going strong.

As a real estate professional with Atlanta Fine Homes Sotheby's International Realty firm, her business is built on relationships, integrity, and a deep commitment to the communities she serves. Angela is passionate about helping families through major life transitions and connecting clients with the people and resources they need to feel at home in North Atlanta.

Outside of real estate, she is actively involved in Rotary, her church, and the local community. She believes in giving back, building meaningful connections, and using her talents to serve others. For Angela, success is measured not only by the work she does, but by the relationships she builds and the positive impact she can make in her community.

Fall Social Sept. 30

Women in Rotary Event



Bring Your Candy!



YOUTH DAY PARADE

WE NEED YOUR

CANDY!

Help us keep the Youth Day Parade
sweet for all the kids!

YOUTH DAY PARADE

SATURDAY, 10/3/26

**BRING YOUR CANDY FOR THE
NEXT TWO ROTARY MEETINGS!**



Peace Pumpkin Patch
Roswell Rotary Boo Ya'll Scarecrow



Thursday, Oct. 16

Alive in Roswell



It's Alive in Roswell Time!!
Thursday October 16 5:00 -8:00pm
Gather at Hagan Center at 5pm

Sun. Oct. 18th

Farm Day for First Responders

Roswell Rotary Club's

FIRST RESPONDERS FARM DAY

HONORING OUR LOCAL HEROES AND THEIR FAMILIES

Sunday, October 18
 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Gold & Grass Farms
737 Yellow Creek Rd.
Ballground, GA

Join the Roswell Rotary Club for a special day at the farm to celebrate and thank our local first responders and their families for their service and sacrifice.

FAMILY FUN
 FARM ACTIVITIES
 GOOD FOOD
 COMMUNITY CONNECTION

GOLD & GRASS FARMS

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
Rotary Club of Roswell

Look for your invitation via email and come volunteer at the table in the front. It's the highlight of the fall!

Oct. 24

Fall Gala for Homestretch

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
FIRST ROTARY

Fall Gala

PARTNERING HOSTS

Rotary 
Club of North Fulton

Rotary 
Club of Roswell

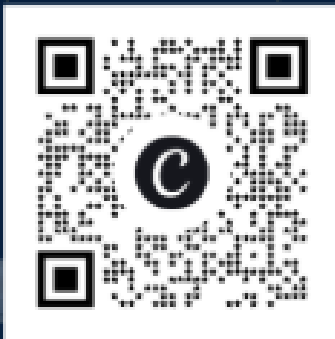
BENEFICIARIES

 **ARETE SCHOLARS**  **HomeStretch™**

SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER
5-9PM 2026

ST. IVES COUNTRY CLUB
1 ST IVES COUNTRY CLUB DR. DULUTH, GA 30097
DINNER | 10 PIECE BAND | DANCING

GET
TICKETS
USING QR



ATTIRE
BLACK TIE
OPTIONAL

[CLICK HERE FOR FALL GALA TICKETS](#)

Nov. 7th

Collecting Medical Equipment

Rotary District 6900



North Fulton

Home Medical Equipment Collection Center

November 7

Al Nash

Please
donate gently
used medical
equipment



Oct. 21

Cornhole for Polio



Cornhole for Polio



Nov. 19

Adopt a Platoon

Adopt a Platoon Nov. 19

**Wishlist
Coming Soon!**



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

District Conference Asheville NC

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Rotary
District 6900

Join us for District Conference!
Thursday, April 22 – Sunday, April 25, 2027

Asheville, NC

rotary6900.org/event/9729

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!



Women in Rotary Fall Social

Wed, Sept. 30 5pm - 7pm

[Add To Calendar](#)

Youth Parade

Oct, 3 10am - 2pm

[Add To Calendar](#)

First Responders Farm Day

Gold & Grass Farms Ballground, GA

Sunday, Oct. 18 1pm - 5pm

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