



October 15 - Cottage School, Jacob's Ladder, and Eaton Academy Schools Panel

Roswell Rotary
PANEL DISCUSSION

Innovative Education: *Helping Every Student Thrive*

Dr. Steven T. Palmer
Head of School
The Cottage School

Megan Finnegan
Director of Outreach
Jacob's Ladder Group

Scott Baldrich
LEAP Program Director
Eaton Academy

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2026 | **12:00 PM** | **ROSWELL AREA PARK**

Join us October 15 for a panel discussion from school leaders who share a commitment to serving students by providing highly individualized, supportive, and nontraditional educational environments that help each student reach their full potential.

Dr. Steven T. Palmer – Head of School at The Cottage School

Megan Finnegan - Director of Outreach Jacob's Ladder Group

Scott Baldrich - Eaton Academy LEAP Program Director [\[read more\]](#)

MEETINGS

October is Economic and Community Development Month

- 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
- 12/3 GA House Rep Todd Jones
- 12/10 Rena Youngblood - Mimms Computer Museum

EVENTS

- 10/15 Alive In Roswell
- 10/18 Gold N Grass Farms / First Responders Farm Day
- 10/21 World Polio Day Cornhole Tournament @ Lucky's
- 10/24 Gala for HomeStretch
- 11/7 Medical Equipment Collection

Board Spotlight

Shields Blankenship- Veterans



Shields Blankenship, a Roswell resident for 12 years, has always lived next to Roswell Area Park, enjoying the benefits that the area offers, such as the nature of the park and vibrant social life. In addition to Roswell Rotary, he is a member of Sons of the American Revolution and the American Legion.

Originally from South Carolina but growing up in Winston-Salem, NC, Shields returned to South Carolina for college, graduating from the University of South Carolina with a BA in History. As a result, he feels obligated to support its unorthodox football program, regardless of performance or quality of the coaching staff. He also completed an MBA in International Business at Georgia State and an MA in International Political Economy from the University of Kent Brussels School of International Studies. [\[read more\]](#)

Thursday, Oct. 16
Alive in Roswell

11/19 Governor Visit
11/19 Adopt a Platoon Packing Event
11/19 Hump Day Social Gahering

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

10/13	Pete Collaros
10/15	Tori Nielsen
10/16	Natalie Cook
10/17	Geoff Smith
10/17	James Byrd
10/18	Allen Dalton
10/19	Jack Stephens
10/23	Mindy Jones
10/23	Jeff McCoy
10/23	Queen Brown
10/24	Tim Maurer
10/26	Katie Anderson



Sun. Oct. 18th

Farm Day for First Responders

- 10/30 Bryan Turner
- 10/31 Anne Wilkinson
- 11/4 Michael Schoppenhorst
- 11/4 Sid Disher
- 11/6 James Rouse
- 11/6 Karen Schwank
- 11/6 Ashton Dapp
- 11/7 Walt Burnotes
- 11/7 Dave Hallman
- 11/9 William Brown
- 11/10 Lee Hollingsworth

YEARS OF SERVICE

- 10/13 Jennifer Briggs (15)
- 10/16 Lou Tabickman (18)
- 10/18 Taylor Schmidt (3)
- 10/18 William McFarlin (3)
- 10/18 William Brown (3)
- 10/18 John Gordon (3)
- 10/19 Kurt Hilbert (9)
10 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)
- 10/29 Harold Coleman (28)
- 11/1 Kenneth Greensmith (2)
3 years in Rotary
- 11/5 Haniel Jones (5)
- 11/5 Tillie O'Neal-Kyles (5)
15 years in Rotary
- 11/5 Bob Hagan (28)
33 years in Rotary
- 11/5 Charles Cameron (39)
- 11/7 Scott Moscow (13)
- 11/7 Mike Hampton (13)
- 11/8 Robert Fezza (19)



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

Three Minutes of Magic \$9, 000 for Polio Plus



John Carruth \$500
Makes the Challenge



Lee Hollingsworth
Match + Challenge = \$1K



Sandy Buhler \$500



Robert Fezza \$500



Bob Hagan \$500

In 3 minutes, \$3,000

Then Gates Foundation
2-for-1 Match=\$6,000

Total for Polio Plus
\$9,000

\$3,000 in Five Minutes. \$9,000 for PolioPlus.

The meeting was winding down. Then **Past President John Carruth** offered \$500 to PolioPlus, a challenge sparked by last week's Cornhole for Polio announcement. Nobody saw it coming. \$3,000 in under five minutes. With the Gates Foundation's 2-for-1 match, \$9,000.

One Rotarian acted — a room of doers followed — that is Roswell Rotary. *Keep the challenge going: bring your pledge to the next meeting.*

Oct. 21

Cornhole for Polio

Cornhole for Polio Wed. Oct. 21 Lucky's 6pm



Sign Up today at Volunteer Table!

- **Date:** Wednesday, October 21st
- **Start time:** 6:00 PM
- **Location:** Lucky's Burger & Brew
- **Entry fee:** \$100 per team or \$50 per person - we can pair up anyone who signs up individually.

Contact Bob Clarkson for more info bobc@c21connectrealty.com

Peace Pumpkin Patch

Roswell Rotary Boo Ya'll Scarecrow



It's that time again - time to vote for your favorite Canton Street Scarecrow

President Leslie Bassett and the scarecrow team of Kathy Igou, Kenneth Briggs and Jackie Jordan crafted our Peace girl 🕊

Rotary District 6900's District Governor Cynthia's motto this year is "Peace through Economics, Culture, and Education" ☺

Find the Peace Scarecrow on Canton Street - *hint* it may be near a certain Rotarians business.

[Click Here to Vote for the Peace Pumpkin Patch](#)

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. 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

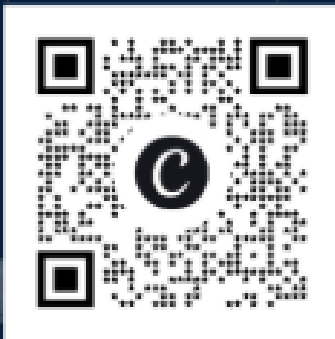
BENEFICIARIES

 **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](#)

Oct. 28

Blood Drive

BLOOD DRIVE

340 S Atlanta St - Roswell



THE TAVERN

at Roswell Junction

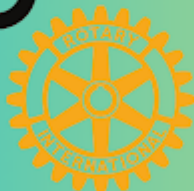
Wed. Oct. 28th
8:00 am - 2:00 pm

*A Life-saving Function
at Roswell Junction!*

**GIVE A PINT
GET A PINT**



Rotary



Roswell & No. Fulton Clubs
Our Awesome Partners:



**BERKSHIRE
HATHAWAY**
HOMESERVICES

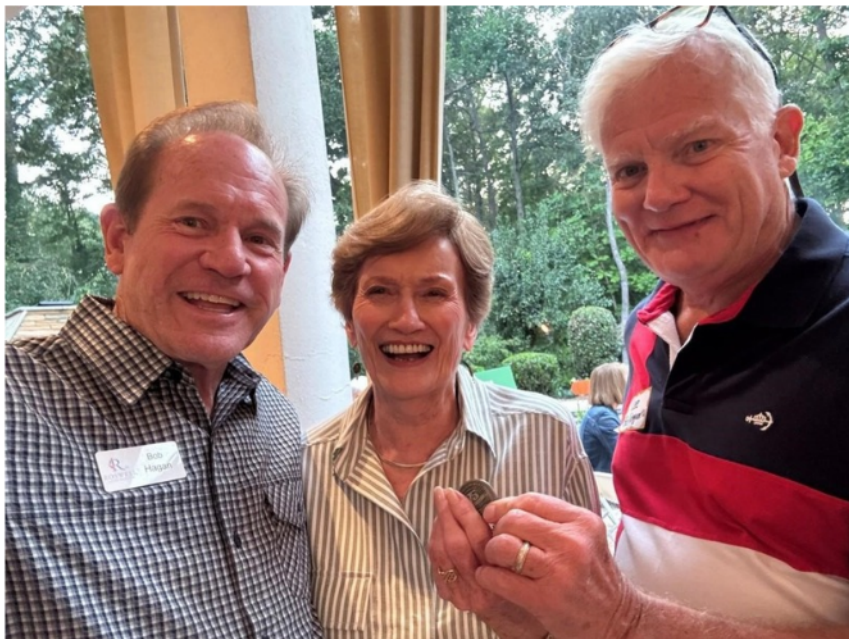
Pam Santoro, Realtor®

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Connections Challenge Coin

Charlotte Dodson



Bob Hagan and Lee Hollingsworth presenting Roswell Rotary Club's Service Above Self Coin to our much-beloved **Charlotte Dodson**. She has served largely behind the scenes in our community and our lives. Always uplifting.

A great way to connect with prospective Rotarians, in a giving, positive way!

There are so many under-recognized service warriors all around. Help find and reward them.

Nov. 19

Adopt a Platoon



Ralph Rowland

Adopt a Platoon Nov. 19 Packing right after the meeting

Change this year:
All items have already
been ordered

Asks:

- **Can you bake 3 dozen cookies?**
Sign up with Kathy Igou
- **Would you like to purchase a box for a serviceman?**

Just \$ 50, and you will receive a Connections tumbler, a hat, or a tote bag. Sign up at volunteer table.



Sat. Dec. 12

Holiday Party- Save the Date

Roswell
Rotary



Holiday Party



SATURDAY
DEC. 12



**6:00 PM –
9:00 PM**



MIMMS MUSEUM
5000 Commerce Parkway
Roswell, GA

TICKETS

\$65 *per person*

Evite Link <https://evite.me/6YAWvjYCTZ>



[QR Code](#)

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

District Conference Asheville NC

Rotary
District 6900



Join us for District Conference!
Thursday, April 22 – Sunday, April 23, 2027

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!



Save the
DATE

Alive in Roswell

Thursday Oct. 15 5pm - 8pm

Add To Calendar

First Responders Farm Day

Gold & Grass Farms Ballground, GA

Sunday, Oct. 18 1pm - 5pm

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Cornhole for Polio

Wed. Oct. 21 Lucky's 6pm

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Gala for Homestretch

St. Ives 5pm-9pm

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Medical Equipment Collection

Sat. Nov..7

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Adopt a Platoon Packing

Thursday Nov. 19

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Holiday Party

Sat, Dec. 12 6pm-9pm

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April 22-25, 2027

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Last Week at Roswell Rotary



Thank You

**Brittany Jones -
Chattahoochee National
Park Conservancy**



**Congratulations to the
Youth Day Float Team!**

1st Place in Civic Category



Still No Winner!

Try again this week!



Farm Day Reminder!

Our generous host for Sunday, **Gary Garrett**, dropped by to make sure we had the event planning under control.

Event chair, **Dave Young**, looks pretty confident.