

In the Company of Difference Makers

President's Message



This week's Connections Challenge brought me so many stories, and they had something in common. Each one was about inspiration that turned into action, and about new service ideas taking shape.

Our best work rarely starts with someone rushing in to push an agenda. It grows on its own. A member hears a speaker's message and can't stop thinking about it. Lunch every week slowly turns into friendship. Friends start serving together. Over time, that shared service becomes part of who we are and why we're here. That's Rotary at its best. We don't manufacture purpose. We grow it, one conversation and one relationship at a time.

I saw this firsthand this week at the launch party for Vision Warriors' new documentary. The room was full of Rotarians who came to support **PDG Kirk Driscoll** and the cause he has given his heart to: fighting addiction and helping

MEETINGS

November is Rotary Foundation Month

11/12	Foundation Meeting with Cheryl Greenway + Kay Williamson
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
12/17	Cary Rickoff - US Navy Blue Angels Pilot
12/24	No Meeting - Christmas Holiday
12/31	No Meeting - New Years Holiday

EVENTS

11/19	Governor Visit
11/19	Adopt a Platoon Packing Event
11/19	Alive in Roswell
12/2	Women of Rotary Holiday Social
12/12	Holiday Party
12/17	Hump Day Social Gathering
1/21	Hump Day Social Gathering
2/18	Hump Day Social Gathering

men live sober, accountable lives. Kirk's work shows what happens when one person's conviction meets a community willing to stand behind it.

After **Dave McCleary's** update last week, I said that we are surrounded by Difference Makers. I've been thinking about that ever since. It's a real privilege to watch Difference Makers in the making, at every stage. Some are just starting to put a dream into words. Some are building momentum. Others, like Kirk and Dave, are changing lives.

So I want to encourage each of you to be brave enough to talk about the difference you want to see. Don't wait until the plan is perfect or the path is clear. Saying an idea out loud in a room full of Difference Makers is powerful. Someone will lean in, and someone will offer to help. An idea one person carries alone can become something we carry together.

Let's keep connecting, keep listening, and keep turning inspiration into service.

Yours in Service,

Leslie

Learn about the Rotary Foundation with Kay Williamson and Cheryl Greenway

LEADERSHIP

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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/

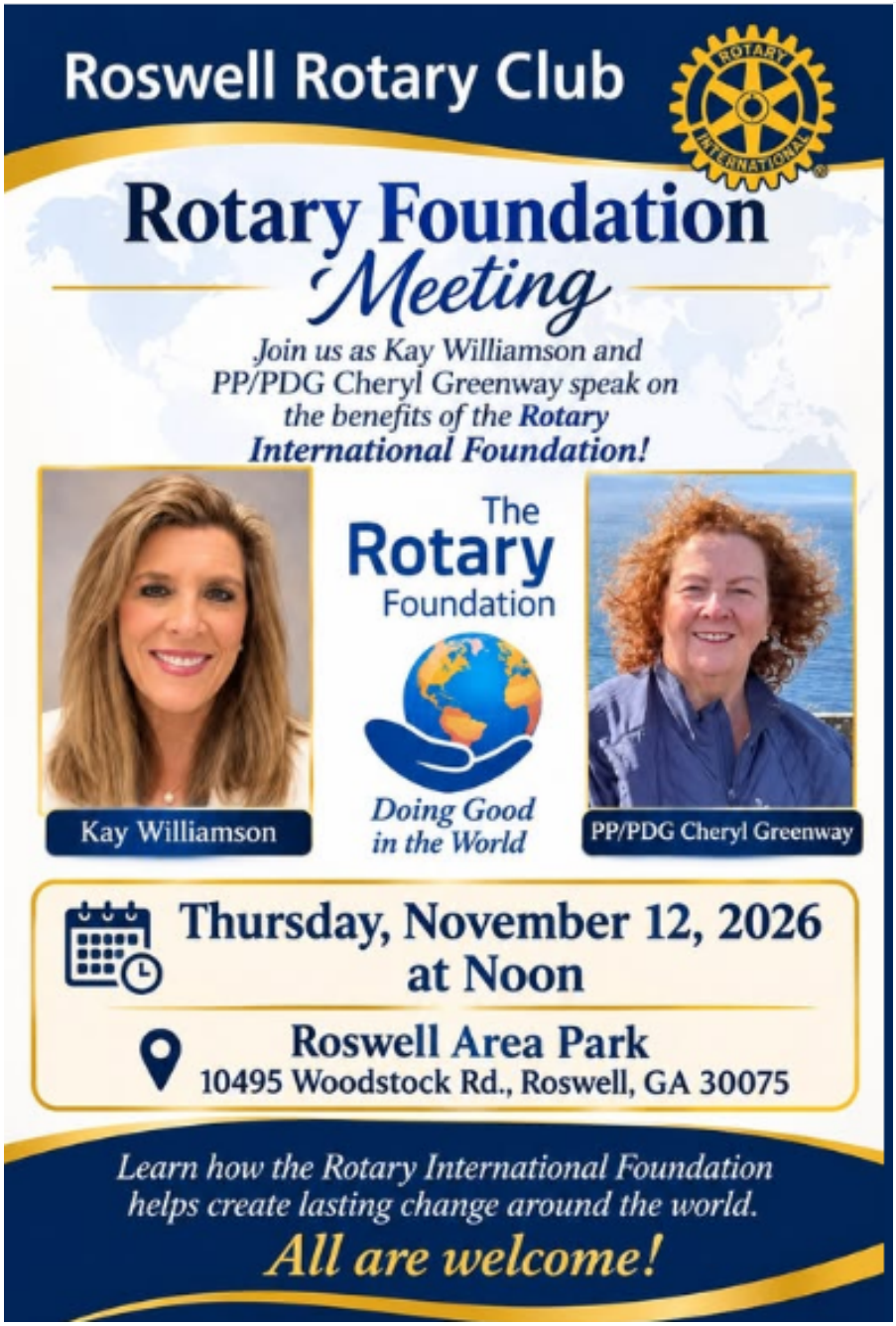
SOCIAL MEDIA

BIRTHDAYS

11/15	Robert Button
11/18	Alvin Nash
11/22	Kevin Jordan
11/24	James Savage
11/24	Neil Anderson
11/29	Jim Coyle
12/1	John Michael Brunetti
12/8	Nathan Porter
12/8	Deborah Perkins

YEARS OF SERVICE

11/11	Nancy Alterman (16)
11/14	Richard Spencer (33)
11/17	Richard Dreger (37)
11/18	Mason Beard (1)



On Thursday, November 12, we are pleased to welcome Kay Williamson and Cheryl Greenway, our distinguished Rotarians supporting the Rotary Foundation. The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty. Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the Foundation has spent more than US$6.5 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects.
[read more]

11/18	Leisha Hayford (1)
11/18	Tim Maurer (1)
11/30	David White (9)
12/1	Gary Garrett (49)
12/3	James Byrd (7)
12/6	Courtney Lott (5)
12/6	Nathan Porter (5)
12/7	Andrew Dalby (26)
12/7	Craig Simons (26)
12/8	Danny Broadway (15)
12/8	Matthew Thomas (15)

Board Member Spotlight

Gabriel Prado-International Committee Chair



Originally from the Deep South—Argentina!—Gabriel is proud to call America home. His journey has been shaped by faith, family, hard work, gratitude, and a deep appreciation for the opportunities this country has provided.

Professionally, Gabriel serves as Head of Supplier Performance and Commercial Management at Fluence, bringing experience in global business, commercial management, and building strong partnerships. He holds a Global Business Executive MBA from Georgia Tech and a Master's Certificate in Commercial Contract Management from Villanova University.

Beyond his career, Gabriel is passionate about serving others and making a positive impact in his community. As a member of the Roswell Rotary Club, he believes that service is not just something we do, but a reflection of who we are.

Argentine by birth, an American by choice, and southern by the Grace of God, and above all, someone who believes in giving back.

His personal motto is simple: ***Never forget where you came from, be grateful for where you are, and always find a way to serve others.***

Four Weeks

Connections Challenge



Bringing holiday cheer to 100 local families

Roswell Rotary Holiday Angel Program



The Purpose

Gift cards go through social workers at 9 local schools to families who need a little help. Each card can pay for a festive holiday meal, a small gift, or a bit of extra cheer.

The Ask

Sponsor a family for $25. The club gives each family $25, and your gift doubles it to $50.

Tell Leslie, Tori, Kathy Igou, or Becky Nelson how many families you can bless.

Key Dates

Nov. 19 and Dec. 3: Sign or write a note on holiday cards at the back table

Dec. 4: Volunteers deliver the cards to the 9 school social workers

Be someone's Holiday Angel this season.

Save Money Here

Veterans Resources



Here is a great list of resources for veterans compiled by Veterans Committee Board Chair Shields Blankenship. And thank you so much for your service. We owe you each a great debt.

Link for Discounts [read more]

Thursday, Nov. 19

Save the Date- Packing Boxes for Troops



Make Ralph Smile!

Mark your calendar for Thursday Nov. 19 to pack boxes for the troops right after our meeting

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Cookies for Adopt a Platoon Boxes

Calling All Cookies Bakers!

For the Troops!
A Taste of Home



We are calling on our Roswell Rotary bakers to make homemade cookies to include in the holiday boxes we are packing for the troops on November 19th. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Igou text 404-408-4188 or email **kligou@gmail.com**. Another option is to order from our Roswell Rotary friend George Rhodes at Rhodes Bakery. On the 19th, there will be a table set up to seal and package the cookies to prep them for the box packing event that will happen directly after Rotary on the 19th.

Cookie bakers will receive specific details next week.

Wed Dec 2 5pm-7pm

Women of Rotary Holiday Social at Voo Doo



Register Here

Sat. Dec. 12

Holiday Party- Save the Date



Evite Link https://evite.me/6YAWvJYCTZ

QR Code



Nov. 20-Dec. 23

Christkindlmarket Roswell



It's that time of year! The Christkindlmarket at Bulloch Hall is Nov.20-Dec.23. We need volunteers to work in the Bulloch Hall Gift Shoppe. These are hours that help with our Rotary commitment to the City. Roswell Rotary is a partner in the market. Please get in touch with Karen Schwank **karen@keedesignsinc.com** to join in this fun holiday event. Or use **volunteer** link or QR code.

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): $350Regular Registration (Jan 1 – Mar 31, 2027): $425Late/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!



Adopt a Platoon Packing

Thursday Nov. 19
Add To Calendar

Alive in Roswell
Thursday Nov. 19
Add To Calendar

Christkindlmarket Roswell
Nov. 20-Dec. 23

Women of Rotary Holiday Social
Wednesday, December 2 5pm-7pm
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Holiday Party
Sat, Dec. 12 6pm-9pm
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Last Week at Roswell Rotary







Visit from Past & Future District Governors

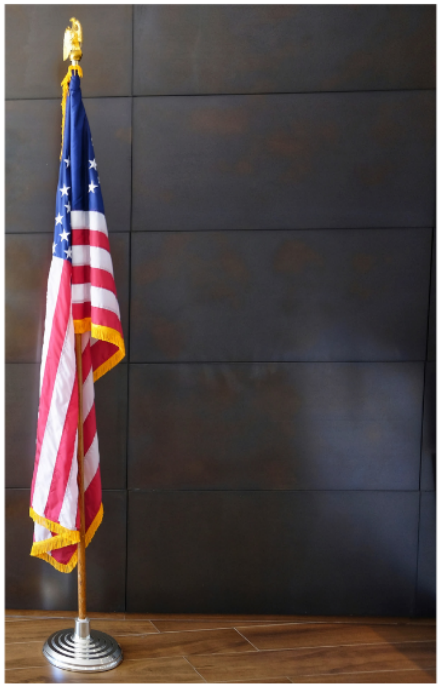




Around the Tables







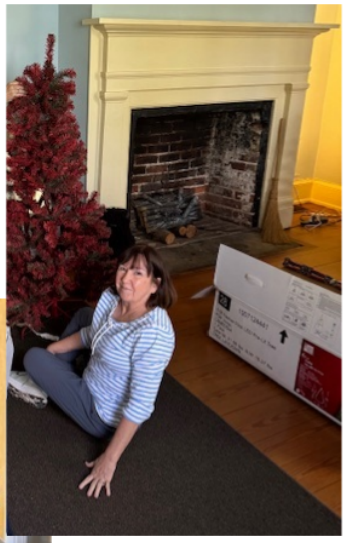
The Pledge and a Prayer



Roswell Rotarians Decorating at Bulloch Hall









Roswell Rotarians Supporting at Vision Warriors' monthly meal







Roswell Police Department Wins Again!

