

President's Message



Getting Here the Hard Way

There's no Roswell Rotary meeting this week, so all of us can spend Thanksgiving with the people we love. I'll admit Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday of the year. It comes just before the holiday rush, and nobody has to give or receive a single gift. My college boy is home for the week, glad to rest and refuel before exams. The weather hasn't turned frigid yet, so a walk by the river is still a pleasure and not an endurance test. It's a holiday built around a table and the people at it, and that suits me fine.

At dinner recently, an old friend told me something I've been thinking about ever since: "You've done it right." For fifteen years I've raised my two sons on my own while building a law practice and serving this community. The early years were not graceful. I worked long hours, traveled constantly, and fought plenty of guilt and exhaustion. But I learned young, watching my mother hold three little girls

MEETINGS

November is Rotary Foundation Month

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
1/7	Leroy Hite - Cutting Edge Firewood
1/14	Chattahoochee Nature Center - David Miles + Christie Hill

EVENTS

12/1	After Hours Club Meeting
12/2	Women of Rotary Holiday Social
12/12	Holiday Party
12/15	Hump Day Social Gathering -- Christkindl Market
12/19	Wreaths Across America
1/21	Hump Day Social Gathering
2/11	Leadership 20/20

together after losing my father, that the people who depend on you need you to be steady. That has been my promise to my boys, and it's the kind of leadership I hope to give this club. I won't be flashy. I'll show up every week, keep my word, and be someone you can count on.

One of my favorite Mary Chapin Carpenter songs is **"The Hard Way,"** and I think of it every Thanksgiving. Every person at your table this week got there the hard way, carrying losses, burdens and victories the rest of us may never see. The holidays can bring heavy feelings to the surface, and if we're honest, none of us is a stranger to that. So this Thursday, look around your table and really see the value and beauty in each person there. And look past your table, too. Call the Rotarian you haven't heard from in a while, check on the neighbor who's spending the holiday alone, and remember that help is always a call away. Service Above Self begins with noticing each other. I'm grateful for every one of you. Happy Thanksgiving.

Yours in Service,

Leslie

Board Member Spotlight 2025-26

Frederick Levy



2/18 Hump Day Social Gathering

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

11/29	Jim Coyle
12/1	John Michael Brunetti
12/8	Nathan Porter
12/8	Deborah Perkins
12/10	Raymond Peabody
12/15	Tod Baker
12/18	Angela Medley
12/19	Kenneth Greensmith
12/20	Michael Hernandez
12/20	Becky Nelson
12/22	David White
12/23	Leisha Hayford

Frederick J. Levy II was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and raised in Roswell, where he still lives with his wife, Ana, and their five children. FJ works in management and logistics. His favorite way to spend his free time is outdoors around Roswell with his family, golfing and community service.

Fun fact: FJ's favorite Winter Olympic sport is curling!

No Meeting Thursday



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Happy Thanksgiving

After Hours Club Project Nov. 30

Gate City Event for Micah's Project









From 6pm - 10pm, $1 per beer goes to Michah's Promise

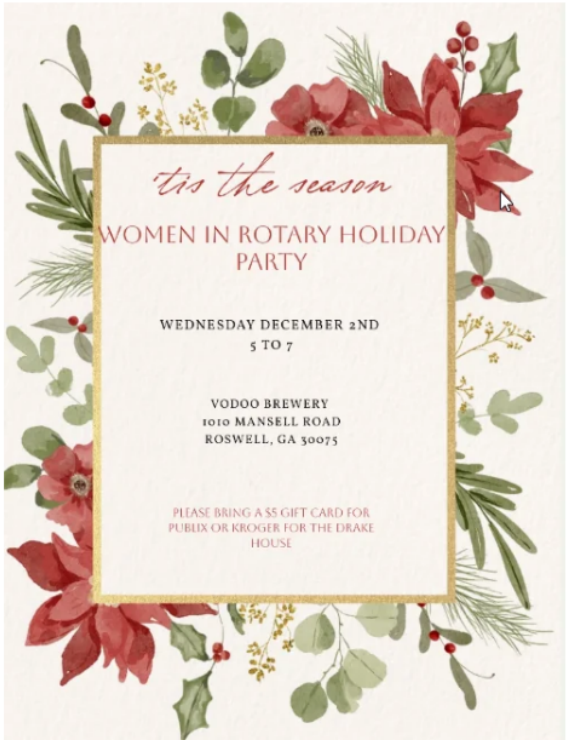
RRAH is hosting Monday Night Football at Gate City on Monday Nov 30 6 pm - 10 pm. Gate City will donate $1 per beer to Micah's Promise — RRAH's chosen charity. Come on out and grab a beer and some fellowship for a great cause!

Wed Dec 2 5pm-7pm

YEARS OF SERVICE

11/30	David White (9)
12/1	Gary Garrett (49)
12/3	James Byrd (7)
12/6	Nathan Porter (5)
12/6	Courtney Lott (5)
12/7	Andrew Dalby (26)
12/7	Craig Simons (26)
12/8	Danny Broadway (15)
12/8	Matthew Thomas (15)
12/11	Michele Johnson (19)
12/12	SaraBeth Huntley (13) 17 years in Rotary
12/12	William Swank (13)
12/13	John Greaves (14)
12/13	Jeff Hamling (41)
12/16	Pete Collaros (1)
12/19	Dave McCleary (24)
12/20	Marcus Smith (8)
12/20	Blake Turner (8)
12/20	Edward Klaas, II (8)
12/21	John Reddick (9)
12/21	R. Dennis Canata (31)

Women of Rotary Holiday Social at Voo Doo





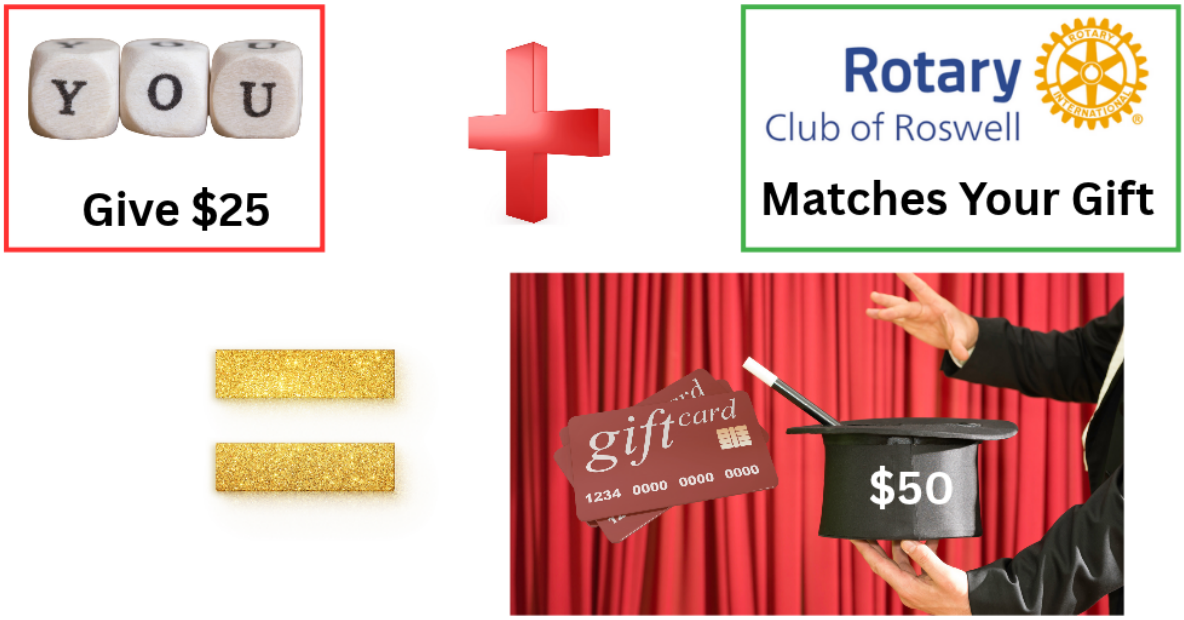
Register Here

Please join us for a fun evening of fellowship with other Women of Rotary. Remember to bring a $5 or more gift card to give to Drake House! See you there!

Bringing holiday cheer to 100 local families

Roswell Rotary Holiday Angel Program

Be a Holiday Angel



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

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.

Sat. Dec. 12

Holiday Party- Save the Date



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QR Code



Your Rotary Why

BE OUR GUEST | NOVEMBER 5 TO DECEMBER 23

Connections Challenge: Membership Edition

Four weeks, four challenges, one goal: grow our club. We'll practice our Rotary Why, share it, and invite the people we know to come see what Roswell Rotary is all about.

WEEK 1 Nov. 5	**Practice and use your Rotary Why**	Send Alicia a 30-second video of your Rotary Why, then work it into a talk with a prospective member.
WEEK 2 Nov. 12	**Post your Rotary Why: Be Our Guest**	Share it on Facebook and LinkedIn and invite your contacts to our Nov. 19 Adopt a Platoon meeting.
WEEK 3 Nov. 19	**Bring a Buddy Thursday, December 3**	Bring a guest to hear State Rep. Todd Jones. Everyone who brings a guest is entered to win two Holiday Party tickets.
WEEK 4 Dec. 3	**Meet me at the Christkindl Market**	Bring a potential new member to Bulloch Hall, share your Rotary Why, and send Alicia a selfie.

Have you recorded your Rotary WHY? **Check out this video** from some of your fellow Rotarians!

Board Approved for 2026-27

President-elect Katie Anderson Announces Board



Come Support Carlotta



Support Our
Roswell Youth Exchange Student
AND
watch a little high school basketball!

Join us at Roswell High School
Friday, Dec. 4th
6:00 pm in the gym

You may have heard that our Rotary Youth Exchange student, **Carlotta Pirovano**, made the girl's basketball team at Roswell High School this year. Congratulazioni!

And there are other Roswell Rotary connections on the team- Team Captain **Mary Harms Mulkey** is the daughter of **Kathryn Mulkey** and the grand daughter of Jeff **Hamling**, both proud Roswell Rotarians!

Join us for a fun hour of high school basketball on Friday, Dec. 4th at 6pm in the gym at Roswell High School. Then after the game, we can meet at Lucky's for a burger and fellowship. Be there.

Any questions, check with **Lynne Lindsay**, proud host mom of Carlotta! **lynnelindsay@outlook.com**

Dec. 19

Wreaths Across America



National Wreaths Across America Day is Saturday, December 19 at Noon. Here is how you can participate to lay a wreath at a local cemetery. Go to **www.wreathsacrossamerica.org** and click on volunteer. Look up the cemetery by city name or postal code. Then email your cemetery choice to **RHS.cemetery@gmail.com** and let them know your choice and that you are a Roswell Rotarian.

Contact Elwyn Gaissert at **egaissert2@comcast.net** if you have questions.

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!



Women of Rotary Holiday Social

Wednesday, December 2 5pm-7pm
Add To Calendar

Holiday Party
Sat, Dec. 12 6pm-9pm
Add To Calendar

Wreaths Across America
Saturday, Dec. 19
www.wreathsacrossamerica.org
Add To Calendar

District Conference Asheville NC
April 22-25, 2027
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Last Week at Roswell Rotary

District Governor Cynthia Edwards









Board Meeting



Current & Former DG's



Packing for the Troops



















New Members & Red to Blue







Ribbon Cutting Christkindl Market Roswell

