



## President's Message

# INSPIRATION IS AROUND EVERY CORNER OF ROSWELL ROTARY!



On Thursday, Egbert Perry, a titan in the business world, will share his insights as Immediate Past Chairman of Fannie Mae and CEO of The Integral Group. Fannie Mae is a \$3.2 trillion mortgage giant and the largest financial institution (by assets) in the US. Egbert served on its board from 2008 to 2018, the last five years as its Chairman. He will share lessons learned from the financial crisis and how regulations changed to influence the mortgage and housing markets today. In addition, Egbert is inspiring new thinking as it relates to addressing the community development crisis in this country, elements of which are in the Roswell community. [Click Here](#) to read his most recent article outlining his view of the community development challenges and the possible solutions.

On Saturday, Rotary International President Barry Rassin will inspire us with his travels around the Rotary world (literally) and what it means to be a Rotarian! Roswell Rotary is blessed to be one of the 35,000 Rotary Clubs to be visited by President Rassin and his wife, Esther! We will have over 150 Interactors joining us for lunch and packing supplies for Puerto Rico's seniors! That evening, we will have the opportunity to meet with President Barry and Esther at Bob Hagan's house and raise money to end polio. This is a day that will make you proud to be a Rotarian, especially a Roswell Rotarian.

But there's more inspiration coming!

During February and March, Roswell Rotary continues the Entrepreneur's Workshop;

On 2/17, Roswell Rotary will provide lunch to young women in foster care who are selecting their prom dresses;

On 2/22, we celebrate *Rotary Has A Heart* at Hearts for Honduras to help feed lunch to children in Honduras;

On 2/23, we celebrate with the Veterans Empowerment

## MEETINGS

February is Peace and Conflict Prevention Month

- 2/14 Egbert Perry - CEO, The Integral Group & Former Chairman, Fannie Mae (thru 2018)
- 2/21 Anna Roach - Chief Operating Officer Fulton County - Behavioral Health Update
- 2/28 Mark McGraw - You Have to Learn to Fail to Win
- 3/7 Dave McCleary - End Human Trafficking
- 3/14 Rodney Cook - Peace Park
- 3/21 Charity Awards
- 3/28 Interact
- 4/4 Robert Balentine - The Meaning of Money - What I've Learned in 40 years of Managing Wealth

## EVENTS

- 2/16 RI President Barry Rassin
- 3/6 Hump Day - Variant
- 3/30 District Assembly
- 4/3 Hump Day - Houck's
- 4/6 Sweep the Hooch
- 4/18 Alive in Roswell
- 5/2 2nd Annual Blood Drive
- 5/14 Rotary Means Business - North Fulton

## BIRTHDAYS

- 2/15 Bruce Smith
- 2/15 Grace Peoples
- 2/18 Gordon Owens
- 2/20 Lenna Castagna
- 2/21 Michael Gould
- 2/22 Becky Stone
- 2/22 Bill Wolff

Organization to help our homeless veterans;

On March 1, we will read to our kindergarteners a book about kindness and inclusion; and

On March 16, we will put on a great track meet at the Roswell Rotary Relays!

I hope you are inspired to engage in our meetings, and these projects and social events with your Roswell Rotary family. Roswell Rotary's commitment to **Service Above Self** is second to none because of each of you!

## Roswell Rotary Rocks!

President Becky

P.S. As Col. Schmidt shared last week, go be inspired by Admiral McRaven's talk on making your bed. **CLICK HERE** You will be glad you did!

## This Week's Speaker

### Egbert Perry



Egbert L.J. Perry, a native of Antigua and Barbuda, is the former Board Chairman of Fannie Mae where he served from 2008 to December of 2018. Egbert is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Integral, a company he co-founded in 1992 with a mission to "create value in cities and rebuild the fabric of communities." Since then, Integral has become a premier provider of sustainable real estate and community solutions in mature and emerging markets across the United States and, more recently, internationally. The company is vertically integrated with subsidiaries in the community development, commercial real estate, investment management, property management, and program management fields.

Since entering the commercial real estate and construction profession in 1979, Egbert has developed and/or built most project types, including residential, office, retail, institutional, and mixed-use projects. From 1980 to late 1992, he helped grow an Atlanta-based real estate and construction company into the nation's third largest African-American owned business, with annual revenues of about \$200 million.

Integral's mission was first put on display in 1996 when Centennial Place, a collaboration that also involve another firm

2/24	Dutch Earle
2/27	Leonard Greski
2/27	Justice Brakache
2/28	Alexandria Shuval Weiner
3/3	Don Horton
3/3	Ken Vaughn
3/3	Jeff Kramer
3/4	Tillie O'Neal-Kyles
3/5	Steve Dorvee
3/7	Nancy Alterman
3/11	Jon-Paul Croom
3/12	Kevin Benscoter

## YEARS OF SERVICE

2/17	Roger Wise, Jr. Wise, Jr. (8)
2/22	Lee Jenkins, Jr. (1)
2/23	Richard Stilley (2) 4 years in Rotary
3/2	Gene Beckham, III (19)
3/4	Ken Briggs (37)
3/7	Amy Brannen (6)
3/7	Terry Taylor (6)
3/9	Jacque Digieso (13) 26 years in Rotary
3/9	Michael Byars (13)
3/9	Syd Mostajabi (10)
3/10	Vivian Bankston (14)
3/10	Jeff McCoy (14)
3/10	Mickey Deaton (14)
3/11	Lynne Lindsay (9)
3/11	Michael Gould (9)
3/11	Lisa Carlisle (9)
3/12	Gordon Owens (8)

## ROTARY ONLINE

<https://roswellrotary.club>

<https://rotary6900.org/>

<https://rotary.org/>

## ROTARY CLUB OF ROSWELL

Thursdays, 12:15 pm  
Roswell Area Park

and the Atlanta Housing Authority, was created. This forward thinking project was the nation's first urban mixed-use community, integrating mixed-income housing, early childhood development, K-12 education reform, recreation, health & wellness facilities, and human services. This holistic revitalization approach to community development has since been emulated in Atlanta and scores of cities across the country.

Over almost a quarter century, Integral has implemented scores of public-private partnerships that promote "responsible" community development and commercial real estate. It is well-respected for its expertise in affordable, workforce, luxury, and mixed-income housing solutions, often as components of master planned, mixed-use and Transit Oriented Developments.

Today, Integral is a diversified, 300-person organization with projects in themed-Atlanta, Southeast, Southwest, and Western regions of the United States. The company is headquartered in Atlanta, with offices in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Dallas, and Denver.

Integral and Egbert have received numerous awards, and are regarded nationally as innovators in the field of urban development and revitalization. Egbert's policy positions are often sought on issues of housing, community economic development, regional planning and development, regional planning and development, public-private partnerships, and K-12 education reform.

An honors graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, Egbert received both BS and MS degrees in civil engineering from the University's Towne School, and a MBA degree with majors in finance and accounting from the Wharton School. In 1990, he was named to the University's "Gallery of Distinguished Engineering Alumni" for the Engineering School.

Egbert has served on boards such as Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Atlanta International School and The United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta.

## Charity Spotlight



### Georgia Ensemble Theatre

#### Mission:

To create a connection between artists and audiences of all

Bill Johnson Community Activity  
Building  
10495 Woodstock Road  
Roswell, GA 30075

### SOCIAL MEDIA



### LEADERSHIP

President	Becky Stone
President-Elect	Gordon Owens
Immediate PP	Lisa Carlisle
Treasurer	Gordon Owens
Treasurer	Terry Taylor
Secretary	Lynne Lindsay
Public Image	Karen Schwank

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### **Fast Facts:**

- GET's first production was in 1993 and is the resident professional theatre at the Roswell Cultural Arts Center.
- GET has produced 21 regular seasons of plays and musicals with 141 productions on the main stage at the Roswell Cultural Arts Center and on tour to elementary and middle schools throughout Georgia.
- In 2007, GET was awarded two CABY Awards: one for Outstanding Organization, and one for Excellence in Arts Education.
- GET has been nominated for numerous Suzi Bass Awards for artistic excellence in theatre and received awards from Atlanta Magazine for Best Theatre Company (Readers' Choice) in 2008 and Best Suburban Drama in 2011.
- GET offers a variety of educational opportunities through adult classes, youth classes, and summer camps.
- GET invests in students' arts education by offering touring Theatre for Young Audiences performances for elementary, middle, and high school students, by offering in-class workshops such as Literacy Through Drama for elementary students, and by developing Living Study Guide workshops for high school language arts classes.
- In the 2017-2018 season, GET reached over 30,000 students and teachers with curriculum-based, high-quality educational theatre through 20 performances in Fulton County Schools' Teaching Museum North and field trips to the Roswell Cultural Arts Center.

Find out more:

[www.get.org](http://www.get.org)

## **Be The Inspiration**

# **Rotary International President Barry Rassin Visits Roswell Rotary!**

**Rotary International President Barry Rassin will Visit Roswell Rotary on February 16, 2019 at Blessed Trinity High School, 11320 Woodstock Road, Roswell, Georgia 30075**

**District Interact Conference and Lunch Meeting Agenda:**

9:30 - 11:30 District 6900 Interact Conference

11:30 - 12:30 Registration, Supply Collection\* and Lunch (\$15 per person-except for Roswell Rotarians, then no charge)

12:30 - 2:00 Roswell Rotary Special Meeting - Featured Speaker  
Rotary International President Barry Rassin

2:00 - 3:00 Interact members pack items destined for Puerto Rico

### **Service Project:**

In honor of President Barry's visit to Roswell, please make a donation or bring the following supplies for delivery to Puerto Rico: Adult diapers, body lotion, Wet Ones, Ensure and vitamin drinks in powdered form. You may also bring gently used durable medical equipment (walkers, etc.) for the seniors.

**Please Register Online** For more information, please contact Becky Stone at [Rebecca.Stone@StonePC.net](mailto:Rebecca.Stone@StonePC.net) or 770-634-2717.

### **Evening Reception:**

There is also another great chance to meet and interact with Barry and Esther Rassin that evening at the home of Bob Hagan. Tickets can be purchased for the champagne reception at 5pm and/or the cocktail reception at 6pm. Proceeds will go to the Polio Plus Program. **So get your tickets to the reception** by [CLICKING HERE](#). For more information about the reception, please contact PDG Bob Hagan at [bhagan@sterling-health.com](mailto:bhagan@sterling-health.com)

## **TIME TO REGISTER!**

# **DISTRICT CONFERENCE AT SANDESTIN!**

*The Rotary Bandit is racing to SanDestin arriving April 25 - 28, 2019 singing:*

- *We are Sandestin bound and down, loaded up and truckin',*
- *We're gonna do what they say can't be done.*
- *We've got a long way to go and a short time to get there.*
- *We are Sandestin bound, just watch ol' "Rotary Bandit" run.*

**District Conference registration is now open.**

**Be sure to get your Adult Big Wheel Team together for Thursday night! The First 5 Teams from Roswell Rotary**

**will be FREE! See Michael Gould to sign-up your team!**

Click Here to Register.

**See you there for Adult Spring Break!**

## **Volunteer Opportunity**

### **NFCC WARMING CENTER - UPDATE**

The NFCC Warming Center needs volunteers to sign-up to help staff the center. You can sign up for

\*food (30 people)

\*one of the 2 shifts: 5:30-9:30pm at NFCC Annex or 8:45pm to 7:00am at Cross of Life Lutheran Church.

Email Darlene Turk at [dturk@nfcchelp.org](mailto:dturk@nfcchelp.org) or 678-387-4471 and copy Mike Nielsen.

The Warming Center will be activated when the overnight temperatures dip into the 20's. Emails and text messages will be sent to the volunteers about noon when the center is activated and you can then sign-up for a spot. Be part of keeping Roswell's most vulnerable population warm this winter!

### **RUMC Job Networking - Mini Job Fair**

Roswell United Methodist Church Job Networking and Roswell Rotary will hold a 'mini' job fair on Monday, Feb 11 at 6:45 p.m. at RUMC. Employers from all corners of Greater Atlanta will be joining together to meet in person with potential candidates to fill their job vacancies.

Job Networking starts at 12:30 pm with 13 afternoon workshops, and dinner, sponsored by Roswell Rotary, at 5:30 p.m. with dinner speaker Rusty Gordon. Workshops/activities include free headshot photos for LinkedIn, Resume Review, Crossroads Career, (a 7-step process for seeking and finding a job), how to write the best resume, how to capture the hiring manager's eye with appropriate messaging on LinkedIn, resume review, boomer & gen X job search strategies, and much more.

If you have job openings, please consider bringing them to our 'mini' job fair. Contact Karen Griggs Medley, 770-2611739, or [CLICK HERE](#) for further information.

## A Blast From The Past



## Last Week at Rotary

