DISTRICT 6900 NEWS FOR APRIL, 2020

Oops!

Reissuing Newsletter for Article Not Connected

By Jackie Cuthbert

My apologies! We are reissuing the newsletter because one of the articles didn't get connected in the first time around!
We hope to see your stories in the May issue - deadline is April 25.

DG Jim and grand child Peyton

From Our District Governor

Stay Connected and Strong in These Challenging Times

By Jim Squire

I pray you and your families are safe and well. These are truly challenging times. Last week was my wedding anniversary and obviously the celebratory trip I had planned was cancelled, and the Atlanta Fish Market. where I proposed to Donna and we have our annual celebration dinner, was closed. Thank the Lord for Waffle House, where I was able to order two All American breakfasts to go to bring home to start the day with breakfast in bed. And our anniversary highlight was not the umbrella drinks while watching the sunset across the ocean that was planned, but playing a new board game, Sequence.

In a similar situation, we will not be meeting together in Jekyll Island for District Conference later this month; we will look forward instead to a day of district celebration in mid-June in Columbus. And many if not all of our clubs are finding truly innovative ways to demonstrate our District theme for this year, Connect With Rotary. Internet meetings, conference calls, social media, etc. are all being used in new and exciting ways for Rotary connection. And the **Rotary Club of Thomasville** has shared their special approach to being sure they're all connected during this difficult time. [more]

From Our District Chaplain

Change, Seasons, and The Circle of Life

By Mark Barbour

There is a somewhat familiar phrase in a philosophical collection of sayings called "Ecclesiastes" that tells us: *"For everything there is a season and a time for every activity under heaven…"*. People in all generations have certainly pondered the 'seasons and times' of living life. The writer of Ecclesiastes elaborates further … [more]

Members of the Rotary Club of LaGrange, Kiwanis Club and Lions Club join local business owners to provide coffee and treats for hospital workers.

Serving During the Pandemic

LaGrange Reaches Out to Hospital Workers

By Barb Henigin

Local civic organizations and businesses came together to offer a helping hand to LaGrange's WellStar hospital workers.
Members of the **Rotary Club of LaGrange** joined with members from LaGrange's Lions and Kiwanis Clubs to offer support to the WellStar hospital staff. Due to the coronavirus WellStar had to close … [more]

The Rotary Foundation

Calling for All District Grant Reports and Applications!

By Gillian Leggett

District Designated Funds (DDF) allow us to do many of the projects we do in our local communities to make a difference. This current Rotary year, 55 clubs in District 6900 took advantage of the money available for standard and/or competitive grants - you can even read about the Rotary Club of Cuthbert's project in this newsletter. Don't leave … [more]

Thomasville Rotary Club Pivots in the Face of the Pandemic

By Mike Bixler

Even before the most recent directives from U.S. health officials and the White House made it clear that gathering our members for weekly meetings would be impossible, our Board of Directors was considering options to safeguard the health and well-being of our 140+ members... especially those who are among the most vulnerable demographic. So, when … [more]

Serving During the Pandemic

From a Cancer Hospital Project in Bangladesh

By Anne Glenn

*Several District 6900 Clubs - including **North Columbus, Thomasville, Bainsbridge, Dunwoody, East Cobb, North Cobb, Marietta Smyrna and Vinings Cumberland** - are part of a Global Grant supporting a cancer hospital and doctor in Bangladesh. This hospital is now being used by the Bangladeshi Government to help tackle COVID … [more]*

Serving During the Pandemic

Alzheimer Project in Italy Has Side Benefit During Pandemic

By Louise Barden

The **Rotary Club of Dunwoody** is partnering with the Rotary Clubs in Cesena and Valle del Savio, Italy on a Rotary Foundation global grant to assist dementia and Alzheimer's victims. An additional grant partner is the University of Bologna psychology department who is developing unique software for use by those with Alzheimer's. Dunwoody is the International partner in sponsoring this Rotary Foundation Global Grant which provided equipment and training for the staff of assisted living and nursing home facilities. [more]

Serving During the Pandemic

Clubs Supporting Local Food Banks, Programs, Individuals

By Jackie Cuthbert

In recent days, we have had several stories of our clubs supporting local food charities in their communities:
• **Alpharetta Rotary** donated money to the North Fulton Community Charities to be used for emergency needs during the panedemic
• **North Columbus Rotary Club** members voted to donate the money saved on meetings while we shelter at home to a local food bank
• **Roswell Rotary** has donated the money it spends on food to local food banks
• **Dunwoody Rotary** donated the money saved from two cancelled March meetings to Malachi's Storehouse - a program providing food to families and children in the Dunwoody area
And the **Rotary Club of Marietta** voted to give their servers an early "year end" bonus when the Hilton had to lay off workers in light of cancellations.
Share your stories in next month's newsletter; our deadline is April 25. [more]

Club News

Cuthbert Celebrates District Rotary Reads Grant

By Wynita Cannon

For this year's District Grant, the **Rotary Club of Cuthbert** has enjoyed a phenomenal partnership with Randolph County Elementary School. I truly believe that the blessing and enrichment of this project was felt on both sides. The club loved every minute of this Grant!
[more]

From DG Jim Squire's disk jockey days at WSGA

Club News from Home

Marietta President Delivers Musical Sunshine We Can All Enjoy

By Dale Covington

Editor's Note: In lieu of meeting a Wednesday or two ago, Marietta President Chris Bethel wrote this musical message to club Rotarians. Dale Covington shared it with me, and I thought everyone might enjoy reading and listening to the musical suggestions … and learning a bit about DG Jim Squire:
Greetings this Wednesday to you. … [more]

Club News

Lake Spivey/Clayton County Honors STAR Students and Teachers

By Ron Swofford

In early March, the **Rotary Club of Lake Spivey/Clayton County** hosted a lunch program to honor this year's STAR students and teachers from Clayton County's 11 public high schools. "STAR" stands for Student Teacher Achievement Recognition. The program is sponsored at the state level by the Professional Association of Georgia … [more]

Family of Rotary Challenge

What's Your Favorite Treat to Eat?

By Lisa Carlisle

On more than one occasion our District Governor, Jim Squire, has said "Rotarians are people who turn their passions into compassion." Some of us are suffering as we shelter in place with medical conditions including COVID-19. Others are wondering if they can take another month separated from friends and extended family. So how does knowing your favorite treat help? [more]

Uku Urb from Estonia attended Clayton State - all packed up and ready to go

GRSP Update

The Short Goodbye

By Lynn Clarke

Have you ever had that feeling of thinking you'd had a blow to the chest, but there wasn't anyone around you? Not like a heart attack, but a sick feeling in your entire body. Many of us felt that way as we helped our student move out of their dorms, sometimes on short notice. I got the call from my student who was on spring break in a … [more]

RI President Mark and Gay Maloney with Amy and Sean Minton

Global Scholar Update

March Madness: Update on Studies and Life in London During COVID-19

By Kathy Brandt

Sean and Amy are safe and well, and are still residing in their London flat. As of 24 March, the UK is operating on travel restrictions to protect from the spread of the Coronavirus. The government has closed schools, pubs, restaurants, cafes, gyms, and other businesses. The Prime Minister has advised that residents not leave their homes except … [more]

Upcoming Key Dates

Saturday, April 11th, 2020	**Atlanta Brasil Governor's Visi**
Thursday, April 30th, 2020	**2020 District Conference | Jekyll Island CANCELLED**

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