

# ROTASCOPE

July 15, 2025

# Meetings

July is Maternal and Child Health Month

- 7/17 Clark Dean Connection, Community + Convergence
- 7/24 Attorney General Chris Carr
- 7/31 Coaches John Coen, John Thompson, Ray Manus, Pete Poulos, Wayne Smith + Coach Tim McFarlin
- 8/7 Jenn Gray Why Rotary?
- 8/14 Mike Linch Host of the Linch with a Leader Podcast
- 8/21 Danny Wuerful Fmr. New Orleans Saints Football QB
- 8/28 Golf + Tennis Tournament Kick Off Meeting

9/4 Master Brewers from: Variant Brewing, Gate City Brewing, Voodoo Brewing + From the Earth Brewing Take the Stage for a Lesson in Leadership + Beer

### **Events**

- 7/17 Alive in Roswell with Roswell Rotary Club
- 8/6 Tennis Clinic
- 8/20 Pint for a Pint Blood Drive
- 8/21 Alive in Roswell with Roswell Rotary Club

#### LEADERSHIP

Trummie Patrick, III
Leslie Basset
Nancy Alterman
Mike Agurkis

# Message from President Trummie Lee



"The secret of getting ahead is getting started."

Mark Twain

This presidential message is coming to you from London, England. Ya'll wore me out at last week's Rotary meeting and I had to go on vacation to recover! But seriously...

As we reflect on our start to this new Rotary year, I want to thank you all for the strong kickoff last week. This is our 75th anniversary — a landmark year for Roswell Rotary — and we are off and running with energy and purpose. Now is the time to lean in and keep the momentum going.

Let's strike while the iron is hot.

There's a reason the blacksmith doesn't wait — the moment the iron is glowing, you act. This Rotary year is our glowing moment.

The energy is here. The excitement is real. We're out of the gate strong, with new ideas on the table, and a milestone 75th year to celebrate. But momentum only matters if we use it.

#### Now is the time to:

• *Invite that future Rotarian.* Don't wait for the "right" moment — make the ask today.

• Sign up for the tournament. Sponsor a hole. Register a team. Spread the word.

-  $\pmb{Support the Foundation.}$  If you've been thinking about your next Paul Harris level — go ahead and do it.

Let's not wait for things to settle or slow down. Let's build while the fire is burning.

Secretary Katie Anderson Public Image Hal Schlenger

#### PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS

Cheryl Greenway 2012-13 Bob Hagan 2015-16 Gordon Owens 2024-25

#### 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/



### **GET CLUB SMS ALERTS**

text CLUBALERTS to (833) 456-2829

# Our Rotary Family **BIRTHDAYS**

- 7/1 George Polatty, Jr.
- 7/3 Max Walker
- 7/5 Bob Hagan
- 7/6 Jack Wyche
- 7/11 Craig Simons
- 7/12 Andy Williams
- 7/13 Scott Moscow
- 7/13 Langdon Hollingsworth
- 7/16 Mike McRay
- 7/17 Jack Tolbert, Jr.
- 7/19 Alex Kaufman
- 7/19 Mark Snoddy
- 7/23 Steven Palmer
- 7/27 Walt Woliver

The most successful clubs — and the most impactful leaders — are the ones who don't wait for conditions to be perfect. They act when the opportunity is hot, and they create results others only talk about.

So ask yourself:

What can I do this week to move Roswell Rotary forward?

#### Membership: Set Your Pledge

Membership is the lifeblood of our club. This year, I'm asking every member to pledge how many new Rotarians they will bring into our club. Just one new member per person would double our reach. Think about a friend, a colleague, or a community leader who shares our values — and invite them in. Regardless, if you pledge to bring in just one new member or five new members, your efforts can make a difference!

#### **Tournament Time - Mark Your Calendars!**

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is almost here: the Roswell Rotary Tennis, Golf & Pickleball Tournament at Roswell Country Club on Monday, is on September 8th. This year we've added Pickleball to bring in even more excitement and engagement.

Our fundraising goal is \$300,000, and with everyone's support — from sponsors to players to volunteers — I believe we'll hit it. This is a fun day with serious impact. Let's rally around it and make it a record-breaking year.

#### **Paul Harris Fellow Drive - Early Success**

We've already seen a strong start to our Paul Harris Fellow Foundation fundraising drive — thank you to those who have already contributed. Our goal this year is 100% participation. Every dollar helps support Rotary's global mission and life-changing service projects.

This is a big year, and it's off to a strong start. Together, let's keep that momentum going — in membership, fundraising, and community service. Let's lead boldly and honor the legacy of Roswell Rotary by building an even brighter future.

Sic Vos Non Vobis

Trummie Lee Patrick III President, Roswell Rotary Club 2025-2026

Speaker July 17, 2025 Rotary Club Welcomes Clark Dean

#### 7/29 Matt Thomas 7/29 Leigh Brown

# YEARS OF SERVICE

7/11 John Ross (8) 7/12 Rich Austin (13) 7/12 Al Nash (2) 7/12 Jeff Kramer (2) 7/16 Don Horton (10) 7/16 John McCool (1) 7/16 Mishel Miller (1) 7/16 Drayton Robertson (1) 7/17 Betty Price (11) 7/17 Mike Agurkis (11) 7/17 Mark Snoddy (22) 25 years in Rotary 7/18 Steven Malone (1) 2 years in Rotary 7/18 Sam Lane (1) 7/20 Michael Hernandez (25) 7/20 Robert Button (25) 7/22 Becky Stone (16) 7/25 Pat Rains (17) 7/25 Jack Tolbert, Jr. (40) 7/26 Dave Hallman (24) 7/26 Joe Mazzeo (7) 7/27 Grant Miller (3) 7/27 Justice Brakache (3) 7/28 Jack Wyche (20) 7/28 Chris Archer (14)

#### **FAMILY OF ROTARY**

Our membership cares deeply about the needs and concerns of our members. We don't want to miss an opportunity to reach out in friendship when such concerns arise. The chairperson of this committee is Lynne Lindsey and all news should be directed to her at lynnehlindsay@outlook.com

# SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT



CLARK DEAN EXECUTIVE MANAGING DIRECTOR TRANSWESTERN CONVERGENCE

#### Rotary Club Welcomes Clark Dean: A Visionary Leader Bridging Real Estate, Innovation, and Community Impact

The Rotary Club is delighted to host Clark Dean as our guest speaker on July 17th for his talk, **Connection, Community + Convergence**. Clark is known as a disruptive innovator in both the business and civic spheres whose career spans real estate innovation, strategic consulting, and community leadership.

With a background in biomedical engineering and management consulting from Harvard, Clark brings a rare blend of analytical rigor and visionary thinking to his work. Clark serves as Executive Managing Director and Board Member at Transwestern, where he founded the firm's Transaction Sciences Group. This groundbreaking initiative builds businesses, grows non-profits, and enriches communities through structured solutions for real estate globally. [read more]

### Board Member Spotlight 2025-26 President-elect Leslie Bassett (Next Year 2026-27)

# ROTARY SPOTLIGHT 2025-2026 BOARD



Having lived in the Atlanta area since attending Emory School of Law 20+ years ago, Leslie has been a Roswell resident since 2014. The Bassett household is Leslie and a bunch of boys: her sons Zack (18 years old and rising college freshman at GCSU), Sam (15 years old and rising sophomore at RHS) and three male Cavalier King Charles spaniels. Family activities include baseball, community service, solid dedication to grilling all things protein, family Sunday dinners, hiking, and making a point daily to unexpectedly be kind to at least one person for no personal gain.

As a local ERISA/Employee benefits dispute attorney, her law practice is currently the opposite demographic dynamic of her home, comprised of all female attorneys in the Dolvin House on Bulloch Avenue. She is also a mediator and handles mainly complex commercial litigation dispute resolution.

Leslie joined Roswell Rotary as a member in the heart of the Covid era, April 2020, sponsored by Jim Gray, her dad's orthodontic school buddy. Having made the transition from the large law firm lots-of-travel life to a small boutique firm anchored in Roswell, she finally had the time and inclination to grow local roots and give back to the community.

Fun fact: When the boys were little, she owned a farm in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, spending 4 months of the year in bucolic bliss.

### What's Your Number? Growing Roswell Rotary



"What Gets Measured, Gets Done" -Peter Drucker

In President Trummie Lee's remarks last week to the club and again in his president's message this week, he asked our club to focus on inviting friends and neighbors and coworkers to come join us at Roswell Rotary and share in the joy and service generated by this club. The more engaged members we have, the more projects we can take on and the more we can serve our community. And he has placed a stretch goal in front of us of 50 new members.

How can we each make sure that we are part of reaching this goal? Let's make a new member pledge. Remember the pledge cards you signed in church? Let's each make a pledge to bring in a new member this year. Some may want to pledge more. But if we all make this our goal and stay accountable, we will naturally be bringing more guests with us and mentioning Roswell Rotary more in our personal interactions.

Membership Chair Courtney Lott will be speaking to the Club on Thursday about this new membership pledge initiative. Let Courtney know your number!\_courtney.lott@kw.com We will have pledge cards and an electronic method to register your pledge next week, but if you know it now tell Courtney! You can use index card on your table and hand your number to Courtney today!

### Tournament Updates September 8 is Coming Up Fast



Sponsorship Experience the Power of Corporate Sponsorship



# The Power of Corporate Sponsorship: Making a Local Impact Through Golf, Tennis, & Pickleball

As Rotarians, we know service above self is more than a motto — it's a call to action. That's why the Roswell Rotary Golf, Tennis, & Pickleball Tournaments are more than just fun on the fairways and fierce matches on the courts. They're engines of change for our community.

#### Why Do Corporate Sponsorships Matter?

Every dollar raised through our annual tournaments goes directly to local charities that make a difference in the lives of children, veterans, seniors, and families in need. Corporate sponsorship helps fund programs that provide winter clothing for students, medical equipment for veterans, meals for homebound seniors, and educational support for at-risk youth — to name just a few.

#### What Do Sponsors Receive?

Each corporate sponsor gets recognition through signage, marketing, and social media. Yes, a corporate sponsor receives a foursome to enjoy a day of networking and camaraderie on the course, or a team on the tennis and pickleball courts. But the impact of each sponsorship is more than that. Sponsors gain something money can't buy: the intrinsic satisfaction of knowing their support is transforming lives right here in our own backyard.

#### It's More Than a Logo — It's a Legacy

By committing to sponsor, it's not just promoting a business or brand. It's about committing to Legacy of our Club and taking part in investing in the well-being of our community. That's a win-win we can all rally behind.

Join us. Be a corporate sponsor. Swing for a cause. Serve up some good. And help us continue the legacy of giving that defines Roswell Rotary. Join me and be a corporate sponsor for the 2025 Roswell Rotary Golf, Tennie & Pickleball Tournament.

To sponsor or learn more, visit the <u>Tournament Website</u> or contact Jim Stone <u>james@stonelaw.com</u> or Ryan Gehricke <u>rgehricke@lanternrealestategroup.com</u>

**Tournament Sponsor News** 

We Have a DIAMOND Sponsor-Second Year in a Row!



Thank you so much to the Wolff family for this generous sponsorship in memory of his beloved Patsy who recently passed. We are proud to display the sponsorship banner at every Roswell Rotary meeting. You are always with us.

Wed. Aug. 6 at Brookfield CC 6:30pm Free Tennis Clinic



This is a fun fellowship time and warmup for the Hagan Cup Classic which will be held **Sept. 8 at Country Club of Roswell**. NOTE: The clinic on Aug. 6 will be held at Brookfield CC. So don't get it mixed up! Clinic at Brookfield & Tournament at Country Club of Roswell. Add To Calendar

For More info contact Lee Lee@leehollinsworth.com

# We Need Your Dark Spirits Bourbon and Red Wine Collection for Tournament Wine Pull



You spoke and we listened. For the tournament wine pull, our guests aren't looking for Rose, or Chardonnay, or Vodka. They want the big two...Bourbon/Whiskey and Red Wine. So let's deliver! Katie Anderson will be collecting your donated bottles each week. This is a super popular feature of the tournament and a great money maker! Guidelines -Bourbon/Whiskey bottles should be \$40 value and up. Red wine donations should be \$30 value and up. Thanks for making this event a success. Contact Katie Anderson ktucker @ehla.com if you have questions.

# **Technology Assistance at Rotary**



We heard you and we are going to be hands on in the meetings to assist you with your

Rotary tech questions. Are you clueless about QR codes? Not sure how to use Sign Up Genius to volunteer? Want to learn how YOU can help Roswell Rotary expand our message just by liking, following, and sharing on social media? Want to sign up for Club texts? Wish you had the Rotary Club contacts in your phone? We heard you and we are going to be hands on in the meetings to assist you.

RRC Past President & Tournament Volunteer Chair Nancy Alterman will be ready with her laptop to sign you up to Volunteer for the tournament. The Public Image team will be available to answer your questions and get you set up. Just look for the signs on the table and come see us! It's also a great way to get to konw your 2025-26 Public Image team! Let's get everyone in the club plugged in.

Thursday July 19 5:30pm Alive in Roswell

# It's Alive in Roswell Time!! Thursday July 17 5:30 - 7:30pm Roswell Rotarians Gather at Hagan Center at 5pm



Alive in Roswell is a free monthly festival held every third Thursday from April through October in Roswell, Georgia. In 2025, the schedule is: April 17, May 15, June 19, July 17, August 21, September 18, and October 16. The festival runs from 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM, but our tent closes at 7:30.

Come join us in front of the Hagan Center 995 Canton St. for burgers, dogs, and Roswell Rotary fellowship! It's a Roswell Rotary tradition and a great way to get to know other members.

Huskies Helping Huskies Back to School Backpack Drive



**Roswell Rotary School Supply Drive** 

# For Crabapple Middle School's "Huskies Helping Huskies"

It's time for RRC's 2nd Annual School Supply Drive — and we need your help to make it a success!

You can help a student start the new school year with everything they need for success. Our Goal: Fill 40 Backpacks!

#### 🛛 lt's easy!

Just scan the QR code below to purchase supplies and support a local student. Let's come together and make a difference — one backpack at a time! All school supplies need to be received by Tuesday, July 23rd for the Thursday, July 25th stuffing.



Click here for Amazon Click here for Walmart

**Volunteer Opportunity** Sign Up for Interact

> Choose Your Interact Club 28 spots available High School, Middle, & Elementary



School year is gearing up and so are we! Want to learn more about our Interact Program? We host 14 Clubs in our local elementary, middle and high schools. Ideally, we need 28 Liaisons. Current liaisons and perspective ones, please come learn more after the RRC meeting on July 31st. (We will be meeting in Classroom #1 which is across the lobby from where we have our general meeting.) Of course you can reach out anytime... Angela Medley angelamedley@atlantafinehomes.com Becky Nelson bnelson@cchl.com

# **Roswell PD Officer Jeremy Labonte Memorial 5K Run/Walk**



# **Officer Jeremy Labonte** Memorial 5K Run/Walk

Saturday, August 23, 2025 8:00 am Riverside Park - 575 Riverside Rd. Roswell, GA 30075

Join us for the First Annual Memorial Walk dedicated to Officer Jeremy Labonte, a beloved hero and protector in our community. This is a time to remember his legacy, reflect on his service, and stand united in support and love. Register at: bit.ly/LabonteMemorial5K









Roswell Rotarians are invited to register for this walk. We would love to have a big group wearing their Rotary t-shirts (we have extras if you don't have one) to show support for Roswell PD and the Labonte family . Entry fee is \$25 until July 22. Proceeds go to Tunnel to Towers Foundation to pay toward his widow's mortgage. More details to follow about where to meet, etc .Register HERE

Any questions, pls contact Lyn Lindsay lynnehlindsay@outlook.com

## Sunday, Oct. 12 SAVE the DATE: Farm Day with First responders



#### Save the Date!

We're excited to announce our upcoming Farm Day with First Responders event! This special day will combine our annual 9-11 cookout with a meaningful tribute to our first responder families, in response to requests from the police and fire chiefs. While the details are still being finalized, we want to make sure everyone reserves the date.

Stay tuned for more information soon! Add To Calendar

#FarmDay #FirstResponders #CommunityEvent #SaveTheDate

# **Roswell Rotary Billing - New Look**



Your Roswell Rotary Club payment notices will now be coming from Quickbooks. So when you get the email to pay your dues (or anything else you've asked to be billed for) it will look different, but it is real. So please pay it! Any questions, contact Cheryl Greenway **cgrotarydg1213@aol.com** or Tori Nielson **admin@roswellrotary.com**.

Upcoming Roswell Rotary Events Save the Date: Find Your Spot and Help Us to Unite for GOOD

Save the Date



Michael Curling Service Projects Chair



Bob Clarkson Social Chair

**Alive in Roswell** 

Thursday, July 17 Add To Calendar

**Tennis Clinic** 

Wednesday, August 6 6:30pm - 8pm Brookfield CC 100 Willow Run Roswell GA 30075 Add To Calendar

5K Memorial Walk for RPD Officer Labonte

Saturday, August 23 8am Riverside Park Add To Calendar

Golf & Tennis Tournament

Monday, Sept. 8 Country Club of Roswell Add To Calendar

Farm Day with First Responders

Sunday, Oct. 12 Gary Garrett Farm Add To Calendar

## Last Week at Rotary



Passing the Presidential Pin- So many former presidents still active!







# Miss Tillie Recognized with Proclamation from State of GA



# "Smiley" Recognized with letter from Roswell Mayor Wilson

