

## MEETINGS

June is Rotary Fellowships Month

- 6/25 Trummie Lee's Wrap Up Meeting
- 7/2 NO MEETING - 4TH of July Holiday Week
- 7/9 President Leslie Bassett's Vision and Welcome Meeting
- 7/16 GBI Director Chris Hosey
- 7/23 Janelle King - Georgia State Elections
- 7/30 Larry Kenemore - OD Rescue and Safe drug Disposal
- 8/6 Emilio Estevez - Atlanta Police Foundation
- 8/13 GA Supreme Court Justice Ellington

## EVENTS

- 6/24 Blood drive
- 6/25 President Leslie Installation Party
- 7/17 Alive In Roswell
- 7/23 Huskies Helping Huskies Backpack Stuffing
- 8/21 Alive In Roswell
- 8/22 Officer Jeremy Labonte Memorial 5k
- 9/14 Annual Golf, Tennis + Pickleball Tournament
- 9/18 Alive In Roswell

## LEADERSHIP

President	Trummie Patrick, III
President-Elect	Leslie Bassett
Immediate PP	Nancy Alterman
Treasurer	Mike Agurkis

## President's Final Message



As I sit down to write my final article as President of Roswell Rotary, it's Father's Day today, and I am not myself. The obvious is true. I am without a father for the 2nd Father's Day in my life. And while this day may be hard, I find myself struggling to put into words what this year has truly meant to me. How do you adequately summarize 52 weeks of leading you all? This has been a great year filled with service, friendships, and memories that will last a lifetime? And I simply must say thank you to Roswell Rotary as a whole!

The truth is, when I joined Roswell Rotary years ago, I never envisioned that one day I would have the privilege of serving as president. In fact, my Rotary journey began for a very simple reason: I wanted to have lunch with my dad. Every Thursday, we would ride together to the Rec Center. He would complain about how far away I parked (even though he got up at 6 am and walked 5 miles), we would -most meetings- sit at a table together, eat fried chicken, listen to the program, and just simply.....spend time together. At the time, I don't think I fully appreciated what was happening. I thought I was simply having lunch with my father. Looking back now, I realize he was giving me something far more valuable. He was, in a way that only he could do, without me even noticing, introducing me to a group built on service, fellowship, and purpose.

However, when my dad passed away, everything changed.

His passing left an emptiness that words cannot ever describe. That said, I was surprised to find that it also deepened my appreciation for Rotary and the legacy he left behind. Suddenly, following in his footsteps as a Rotarian and ultimately as president became about much more than the obligation and a job to do. It became about honoring the example he set. It became about carrying forward a legacy and being the best damn Rotary President I could be!

I often wondered what kind of president I would have been if Dad were still alive. Would I have lived up to the example of those who came before me, including my father? Would I have been good enough? I don't know. However, if I am being honest, I don't think I would have been the president I have been. The role took on an entirely new meaning to me. When I park outside our meeting, I sit there sometimes and have a little conversation with Dad. I so desperately wanted to make him proud. Truth be told, he is

Secretary Katie Anderson  
Membership Courtney Lott

## 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

## BIRTHDAYS

6/23 Syd Mostajabi  
6/23 John Ross  
6/24 John Greaves  
6/25 William McFarlin  
6/26 William Lindsey  
6/26 David Young  
6/28 Ridge Cannon  
6/29 Lisa Carlisle  
6/30 Tori Alterman  
7/1 George Polatty  
7/5 Bob Hagan  
7/6 Jack Wyche  
7/7 Elizabeth Greer  
7/11 Craig Simons  
7/12 Andy Williams  
7/13 Langdon Hollingsworth  
7/13 Scott Moscow

the only reason I agreed to be president of Roswell Rotary. He was honestly more excited for me than I ever was. But I realized something very early in this Rotary year.... it was never about me! So, every meeting, before I start the meeting, I start with the same simple prayer: "God for your glory, not mine. God for your glory, not mine." And each week I wondered if Dad was able to see me from heaven and is proud of what we were accomplishing together.

I so very much want to think so.....

Along this journey and over this past year, I have watched this club accomplish extraordinary things. Together, we welcomed what must be close to a record number of new members, raised incredible amounts for The Rotary Foundation and PolioPlus, honored veterans, supported first responders, inspired students, served our community, and strengthened our friendships. We celebrated milestones, like 75 years as a club and continually demonstrated what "Service Above Self" truly means.

While the awards are nice and important to some in the club, what I discovered is that Rotary has never been about one person. It is about all of us. I have witnessed this club at its very best. And from my heart of hearts, I THANK YOU - each and every one of you. I have seen Rotarians show up when people needed help. I have watched members quietly give of their time, talents, and resources without expecting recognition. I have seen generosity that leaves you speechless and compassion that restores your faith in humanity.

And somewhere along the way, Roswell Rotary became more than the place where I used to have lunch with my dad. This club has embraced me as its president, encouraged me, challenged me, and supported me through one of the most difficult years of my life. In many ways, Rotary helped carry me when I needed carrying. For that, I will be forever grateful. People often say that presidents leave their mark on a club. The reality is exactly the opposite. This club has left its mark on me.

Serving as your president has been one of the greatest honors of my life.

As I pass the gavel, I do so with a heart overflowing with gratitude. Gratitude for every board member, committee chair, volunteer, sponsor, speaker, new member, longtime member, and friend who made this year possible. Gratitude for a club that continues to lead, serve, and inspire. Gratitude for a father who introduced me to Rotary all those years ago without ever realizing just how profound that gift would become.

Dad, what started as fried chicken on Thursdays became so much more. And for that, I will always be thankful.

Thank you, Roswell Rotary, for allowing me the privilege of serving as your president.

For the last time, Sic Vos Non Vobis,

Trummie Lee Patrick III

## President Trummie Last Meeting Program This Week

- 7/16 Mike McRay
- 7/17 Jack Tolbert
- 7/18 Matt Ritchie
- 7/19 Marcus Snoddy
- 7/19 Alex Kaufman

### YEARS OF SERVICE

- 7/1 Alicia Hughes (14)
- 7/11 John Ross (9)
- 7/12 Rich Austin (14)
- 7/12 Alvin Nash (3)
- 7/12 Jeff Kramer (3)
- 7/16 Drayton Robertson (2)
- 7/16 Mishel Miller (2)
- 7/16 John McCool (2)
- 7/16 Don Horton (11)
- 7/17 Geoff Smith (1)  
2 years in Rotary
- 7/17 Betty Price, M.D. (12)
- 7/17 Mike Agurkis (12)
- 7/17 Marcus Snoddy (23)  
26 years in Rotary
- 7/18 Sam Lane (2)
- 7/18 Steven Malone (2)  
3 years in Rotary
- 7/20 Michael Hernandez (26)
- 7/20 Robert Button (26)

### 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 Karen Schwank and all news should be directed to her at [karen@keedesignsinc.com](mailto:karen@keedesignsinc.com)

## Between the Rotary Hedges The Trummie Interview



The speaker this week is outgoing President Trummie. Don't miss this opportunity to hear from President Trummie as he reflects on this last year. What a year!!

**Save the Date: June 25th**

### **Installation Party Leslie Bassett- IT'S HERE!!!**



Join us on June 25th at Grana to celebrate the Installation of our President-Elect for 2026-27 Leslie Bassett!

[Click Here](#) for Invitation

[Add To Calendar](#)

**June 24 The Tavern**

### **Blood Drive THIS WEDNESDAY**



**Sign Up to Give Blood:**

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-re...>

## Seeking Host Families for Our Rotary Youth Exchange Student



Roswell Rotary Club has a proud tradition of supporting Rotary Youth Exchange and the global connections it creates. This year, we are seeking host families for a 17-year-old female student from Vimercate, Italy, who will be entering the 11th grade at Roswell High School.

We are looking for a caring family willing to open their home and hearts to her for a three-month hosting period. You do *not* need to have a high school student of your own to participate, just a willingness to share your family life, offer support, and embrace a meaningful cultural exchange.

The Rotary Youth Exchange Program thrives because of families who generously welcome students they have never met, creating bonds that last a lifetime. In a world that feels increasingly divided, hosting an exchange student is a powerful way to build understanding, broaden perspectives, and help our young people, and ourselves, see the shared hopes and dreams that connect us across cultures.

If you would like to explore this opportunity for global friendship, either for this school year or next, or know a neighbor or friend who would open their home, please contact Alesia Booth, Deb Perkins, or email [roswellrotaryye@gmail.com](mailto:roswellrotaryye@gmail.com).

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### **Volunteers Needed**

## **World Cup Event at Piedmont Park July 19th**

Calling for Volunteers July 19th

City of Atlanta is hosting  
this event at Piedmont Park  
Dave McCleary is gathering volunteers:



1. Assemble 25 thousand dignity bags for survivors of human trafficking
2. Host a World Cup Final Watch Party
3. Showcase Rotary's global impact
4. Experience inspiring messages, entertainment, and a shared message of hope

[Volunteer Link](#)

**More Details to come**

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### **Summer Volunteer Opportunity**

## **Homestretch Summer Enrichment for kids**

 HomeStretch<sup>®</sup>



**Be one of the 33 Roswell  
Rotary volunteers for  
Homestretch  
Summer Enrichment**

**One Hour! Let's Do This!**

President-Elect Leslie has committed to 33 volunteer hours for the 33 children in the HomeStretch program.

9-10 am M-F from June 8 through July 31 are available dates. [\[read more\]](#)

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### **Peace Pole At The King Center**

## **Thank You Dave McCleary!**

## Gratitude Wall



In case you missed it on Facebook, the district placed a granite Peace Pole in the Peace & Meditation Garden at the King Center. There couldn't be a more fitting place with MLK's tomb as the backdrop, the eternal flame burning to the left and Ebenezer Baptist Church to the right. This a big win for Rotary and I want to extend my gratitude to Dave McCleary for helping connect the dots between the City of Atlanta and The King Center to make this happen!

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**Thursday, July 23**  
**Backpack Packing Party**



Wish list for items will be coming our shortly. Easy to order online. All items will be there at our July 23rd meeting. Priya Crumpton is your contact for questions.

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**New Member Spotlight**  
**Welcome Ashton Dapp**



**Ashton Dapp**

Growing up in Alpharetta, after graduating from the University of Georgia with an International Business degree, this local gal chose to go west, spending 16 years in Texas, California, Colorado and Montana. After spending 16 years in Big Tech, Ashton chose to make Roswell her home.

She spends as much time as possible with her 3 nephews and her 16 year old pup, shown here with Mom. An outdoor lover, she enjoys adventures such as hiking, snowboarding and cycling!

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### **Upcoming Roswell Rotary Events**

## **Save the Date: Find Your Spot and Help Us to Unite for GOOD**

### **Blood Drive**

Wed. June 24  
The Tavern 8am-2pm  
[Add To Calendar](#)

### **Leslie Installation Party**

Thursday, June 25 6pm - 9pm Time TBD  
[Add To Calendar](#)

### **Huskies Helping Huskies Backpacking Project**

Thursday, July 23  
Wish List coming soon!  
[Add To Calendar](#)

### **2026 Golf, Tennis, Pickleball Tournament**

Monday, Sept. 14  
[Add To Calendar](#)

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## **Last Week at Roswell Rotary**

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**Ricky Kalmon**  
**The Power of Mindset**



**What did Angela draw?**



**Introducing Guest Intern**

**Curling Family with "Mr. Gary"**



**New Member Induction**



**Table of happiness (almost)**





**Who Will Win  
the Final Pot?**



**Congratulations Michael!**

**Getting Ready for the Mentalist!**



**Past President Lynne  
Stepping Up**