Roswell Rotary Club

# Rotascope

DECEMBER 19, 2023

### Finishing Out December Strong

## President Alex's Message




Fellow Rotarians-

It is hard to believe that 2023 is nearly over and that my term is half over as is that of our incredible Board. We are so proud of this Club, all that it has accomplished, and all that it will do.

As a reminder, we are continuing our tradition of caroling on Canton this Wednesday and Thursday is our final meeting of the year. I encourage everyone to continue attending our Christmas Market up to and through Christmas Eve.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Alex

Alex B. Kaufman

Roswell Rotary Club President

2023-2024

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## Entrepreneur, Author, and Coach,

### MEETINGS

December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

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| 12/21 | Marlon Grigsby |
| 12/28 | no meeting |
| 1/4 | no meeting |
| 1/9 | End Human Trafficking - Dave McCleary |
| 1/11 | RPD & RFD Chiefs - State of their departments |
| 1/18 | Be THE Voice - Debbie Cwalina |
| 1/25 | Mariziyeh Amirizadeh - From Iran to the US |
| 2/1 | Skipper Hoke / Football Leadership |

### EVENTS

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| 12/19 | Tour the Capital for the Holidays with Sen. John Albers |
| 12/20 | Caroling on Canton Street |
| 1/10 | Hump Day at Roswell Garden |
| 1/20 | Walk with a Doc |
| 1/23 | Rotary Means Business (district networking event) |
| 1/31 | Blood Drive for Jan |
| 2/3 | Polar Bear Plunge-Wills Park Pool |
| 2/7 | Hump Day at Gate City Artillery Room |

### LEADERSHIP

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| President | Alex Kaufman |
| President-Elect | Nancy Alterman |
| Treasurer | Leslie Bassett |
| Secretary | Trummie Patrick, III |
| Public Image | Becky Nelson |
| Membership | Bob Clarkson |

# Marlon Grigsby to Speak



Marlon Grigsby's mission is to unleash his full potential while inspiring greatness in others by helping them lead intentional, purpose-driven lives.  Marlon is the founder of Sentry IT, an IT professional service, consulting, and cybersecurity company, the founder of The Ultimate Clarity company, a breakthrough success coaching company, the author of The Ultimate YOU! Be you. Only Better and The Ultimate MAN! A man's guide to living bigger, loving deeper, and creating a legacy.  As a tech executive, entrepreneur, author, and coach, Marlon believes if you can dream it, you can do it. He has dedicated his life to helping high-achieving leaders identify and overcome obstacles to create more meaningful impact. Marlon's passion is empowering executives and entrepreneurs to overcome barriers to fulfillment. He teaches them to take their careers, businesses, finances, and relationships to the next level. Marlon lives right here in Roswell.  He is a loving husband, father of three, a basketball coach, wannabe golfer, and bourbon enthusiast who believes in strategic life planning.

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### You Are Invited!

## State Capital Tour with GA State Sen. John Albers

### 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

| | |
|---|---|
| 12/19 | Kenneth Greensmith |
| 12/20 | Michael Hernandez |
| 12/20 | Becky Nelson |
| 12/22 | David White |
| 12/23 | Leisha Hayford |
| 12/24 | Vivian Bankston |
| 12/24 | Steven Malone |
| 12/26 | Lou Tabickman |
| 12/26 | Joseph Gillespie |
| 1/1 | Ken Briggs |
| 1/1 | Andrew Dalby |
| 1/1 | Ron Redner |
| 1/4 | Jere Wood |
| 1/7 | Jeff Hamling |
| 1/11 | Darrell Beaudoin |
| 1/14 | Chris Webb |

### YEARS OF SERVICE

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|---|---|
| 12/19 | Dave McCleary (21) |
| 12/20 | Edward Klaas, II (5) |
| 12/20 | Marcus Smith (5) |
| 12/20 | Blake Turner (5) |
| 12/21 | R. Dennis Canata (28) |

## Capital Tour with Sen. Albers
## Tuesday Dec. 19th 2pm



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| 12/21 | John Reddick (6) |
| 12/31 | Frank Brown (49) |
| 1/2 | Raymond Peabody (1) |
| 1/3 | Carleton Ohly (4) |
| 1/4 | Paul Lang (34) |
| 1/5 | Kathryn Igou (7) |
| 1/5 | William Noethling, Jr. (7) |
| 1/12 | Jere Wood (6)<br>26 years in Rotary |

***A special note from Senator John Albers***

The Georgia Capitol is a beautiful, historic building downtown decorated for Christmas. I would love to provide a personal tour for you and your family (kids and friends are very welcome). There is typically no school, and many people are vacationing this Tuesday, 12/19.  This is an annual event, and everyone has a great time.

We will be taking and providing pictures of you and your family/team in front of the tree in the rotunda of the Capitol.  I hope you can join us.  Come early and enjoy coffee, cocoa, and cookies in my office at the Capitol.  If you arrive on time, meet us any time before 2:00 pm in the rotunda at the big Christmas tree.

If you have not already, please RSVP for the logistics and headcount to Senator John Albers **john@senatoralbers.com**

Tuesday, 12/19 @ 2:00 pm - Georgia State Capitol

Add To Calendar

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### Come Sing with Your RRC Friends!

## Caroling on Canton Street




Its that time again... THIS WEDNESDAY, 12/20!!!

6:30-8:00

Meeting at The Vick where Kadijah's team will serve Hot Chocolate + Cookies (no charge for Rotarians). We will Carol down Canton Street ending at Rockin Taco. **The bar will be open for everyone to buy themselves a drink**

Dress Festive and wear your best Santa hat! Hagan will bring copies of the songs for everyone to make sure they sing the actual words :)

There is no charge for this event but please RSVP to Alicia! ahughes@wsnielsen.com or text 678-283-7098.

Add To Calendar

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## The Story of... Christkindlmarket




November 24th-December 24th. Open Daily. Free Admission!
Pet Friendly!
Enjoy Homemade mulled wine, Food, Over 70 Vendors, Giftshops, Pictures with Santa, Trees Located at

Bulloch Hall in Roswell.  Vendors welcome! More information here and Follow on Facebook!

Roswell Rotary Club is proud to be a partner with Munich Event Group (MEG) to bring the ChristkindlMarket to Roswell. President Alex had a love of German Christmas markets from his travels and coincidentally, a business relationship with MEG.  Together they discussed the idea of bringing the tradition to Roswell. Alex, when Chairman of the Star House Foundation, was instrumental in getting the Star House Roswell Beer Fest started in Roswell so he thought the Christmas Market would be a wonderful event to bring to the community, as well.  As it happened, Friends of Bulloch, Inc. was just starting to plan a Christmas market on the grounds of Bulloch Hall. They approached Alex to consider having the ChristkindlMarket there.  MEG visited the property, took drone videos, and fell in love with the setting.

The next chore was to get the City on board.  Alex and MEG had concerns that the City would be able to permit and approve the Market in time for Christmas 2023, however the Mayor and Council were excited about the Market idea and expeditiously worked in tandem with all stakeholders, including Roswell's Recreation and Parks, to pull off the Christkindlmarket  in time.  Alex's vision was that the event could become a tradition and legacy for the Club and would continue to grow for years to come. The vision was for the Market to be a family-friendly event and fun for all ages and all people in and around the Roswell Community and beyond.

In addition to community-building and partnership with the City, the Market was to be a second major fundraiser for the Club as well as Friends of Bulloch. It was also designed to bring additional exposure to the Club, enhance the Club's standing in the community, and to attract new members. The Market provides opportunities for the other charities RRC supports to participate, like giving children from Star House and Drake House chance to come see Santa!  It is also a way to enhance  Rotary's relationship with Roswell Recreation and Parks Department, Roswell's Economic Development Departments, the Mayor and Council, as well as other economic stakeholders in the City, such as Roswell Inc.

The ChristkindlMarket also presents many volunteer opportunities for our Club members and others. For instance, in partnership with Friends of Bulloch, Inc. Rotary members who donate their time to work in the Bulloch Hall Gift Shoppe allow us to serve a higher volume of shoppers during extended open hours.  The Roswell community of hotels, shops, and restaurants understand the positive economic impact this event will provide the City.  Watch for results in Visit Roswell and Roswell Inc. It's a win- win for all involved.  As a Roswell Rotarian, please join us to make the Market a Holiday success!

Roswell
Christkindlmarket

https://roswell-christkindlmarket.com/

Sign Up Genius:

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### Toys for Military Families

## Another Chance to Donate Toys-Support Military Families




Please bring donations of toys to the next two meetings to benefit children of military families. Roswell Rotary has partnered with the VFW to bring some smiles on Christmas morning to the families of those who have served us so well. Jim Swain **jim@avapp.org** and Ron Cowan **roncowan@bellsouth.net** have the details if you have questions.

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## Rotary Last Week









