Roswell Rotary Club

Rotascope

MAY 6, 2025

Speaker: Gregor Baum-The Inner Journey



After traveling across the pond to compete on a tennis scholarship in North Carolina, Gregor Baum's athletic career was abruptly ended with an injury.

Far away from his home of Germany, Baum was chasing the "American Dream" when he came to Rocky Mount in 2021 to play alongside fellow students of North Carolina Wesleyan University. His story ever since took several turns—all of which led him to a reinvented version of that dream.

He experienced a career-ending injury, and Baum went through a time of serious depression. Seeking help and a path forward, he said he worked with a counselor which led to a new practice of journaling as a means to process the disappointment and shattered dream.

What started as a distraction for Baum in a difficult time turned into public speaking and community service interests. His travels through a student exchange program of Rotary International led him to Mexico and sparked an interest in him to create a student Rotaract Club on campus at N.C. Wesleyan University. The aim of the club was "to create a space where students could share the common challenges of college life, especially when faced with unexpected setbacks," according to a release from Rotary Club of Crabtree.

"Through Rotary, I found a way to transform my pain into purpose," Baum said. "What began as a Rotary exchange program in Mexico has evolved into a lifelong mission of service, mental health awareness, and the promotion of resilience. Rotary has not only changed my life but also provides me with the chance to uplift others, proving that through service, we can indeed change the world, one person at a time."

Please invite a friend and come to lunch on Thursday to hear Gregor's extraordinary story of tragedy and hope and purpose.

MEETINGS

May is Youth Service Month

5/8	Gregor Baum - Mental Health and Wellbeing
5/15	Roswell Charity Intros + Checks
5/22	Memorial Day Meeting
5/29	Beth Lehman - Organ Donation Recipient
6/5	Justin Farmer
6/12	Stroud/Williams Southern Post / City of Roswell Update
6/19	President Nancy's Wrap Up Meeting
6/26	No Meeting at Roswell Rotary June 26-Trummie Lee Installation Party June 27

EVENTS

5/12	RUMC Job Networking
5/13	Women of Rotary
5/15	Alive in Roswell
5/26	Roswell Memorial Day Celebration
6/5	Ribbon Cutting Playhouse- Drake House
6/7	Cops and Cars
6/9	RUMC Job Networking
6/12	Comedy for a Cause

LEADERSHIP

President	Nancy Alterman
President-Elect	Trummie Patrick, III
Treasurer	Katie Anderson
Secretary	Leslie Bassett
Public Image	Kathryn Igou

ROTARY CLUB OF ROSWELL

Thursdays, 12:15 pm

New member Spotlight: Peter Saddler



Peter brings more than 30 years of sales and marketing expertise, providing enterprise, I.T. solutions to businesses and the American dream to consumers.

Navigating through the labyrinth of his own life lessons, he felt compelled to start a transformational coaching company, dedicated to co-partnering with people, to help them overcome fear, self-doubt and other barriers. Empowering people to achieve higher levels of leadership, a greater sense of accomplishment and deeper levels of fulfillment - is his purpose.

As he's been known to say, "great coaching is like sex. It's better to experience it, than to talk about it!"

Peter's previous involvement in charitable and community service projects included instructing "chair dancing" classes to the memory care side of Senior living facilities. He also served in leadership at a Ministry in Gainesville, performing various community projects including food banking and distribution to the homeless.

He has four incredible daughters - one a recent grad from Georgia Tech, another recent grad from Georgia State, a senior at Mercer and a MPH from Emory.

"I plan to leverage my sales, marketing and production skills to help Roswell Rotary Club."

"I joined Roswell Rotary Club to serve and make a positive impact and a measurable difference in the lives of the residents of Roswell, the city of Atlanta and beyond our borders!"

Last Chance to Donate for GRSP

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

5/8	Casey Weldon
5/9	Asch Aschenbach
5/11	Edward Klaas
5/14	Donald Howard
5/15	Michele Johnson
5/16	R. Dennis Canata
5/17	Leslie Bassett
5/19	Lee Dodson
5/20	John Gordon
5/21	James Rains
5/22	Gabriel Prado
5/24	Elwyn Gaissert
5/24	John Carruth
5/25	Taylor Schmidt
6/1	Albert Mazzeo
6/2	Sam Lane
6/2	Sue Royappa
6/3	David Houck

YEARS OF SERVICE

5/8	Michael Schoppenhorst (11)
5/11	Natalie Cook (3)
5/12	Ralph Rowland, Jr. (14)
5/20	Peter Korman (1)
5/23	Bruce Smith (29)
5/31	Michael Curling (7)
6/2	Lori Allen (8)



GRSP
GEORGIA ROTARY STUDENT PROGRAM

DONOR RECOGNITION LEVELS

NAMED SCHOLARSHIP:
A contribution of $100,000 or more will earn the donor a permanent Named Scholarship in their name or the name of an individual designated by the donor.

FRANK BENTLEY, SR. FELLOW:
A contribution of $25,000 or more will earn the Frank Bentley, Sr. Fellow designation, honoring this past GRSP Endowment Chairman. He guided the Endowment Fund in the '90s to successful campaigns that gave the GRSP financial stability. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs.

HART JOINER FELLOW:
A contribution of $20,000 or more will earn the Hart Joiner Fellow designation, honoring one of the original 12 Trustees selected in the program in 1958. A member of the Rotary Club of Gainesville, he was host to many GRSP students and also served as GRSP Chairman in 1964-65.

JIM BRIM FELLOW:
A contribution of $15,000 or more will earn the Jim Brim Fellow designation, honoring this dedicated GRSP Trustee from the Rotary Club of Pelham. He wrote the original GRSP By-Laws and served as Vice Chair of the GRSP program.

RONNIE WALLER FELLOW:
A contribution of $10,000 or more will earn the Ronnie Waller Fellow designation, honoring this original Endowment Chairman who guided the Endowment through a significant period of expansion. A member of the Rotary Club of Gainesville, he also served as the GRSP Chairman.

JAKE CHEATHAM FELLOW:
A contribution of $7,500 or more will earn the Jake Cheatham Fellow designation, honoring this long time GRSP Trustee. Jake served as the GRSP Secretary/Treasurer for over 30 years. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Griffin.

KENDALL WEISIGER FELLOW:
A contribution of $5,000 or more will earn the Kendall Weisiger Fellow designation, which honors this Atlanta Rotarian, whose support of international students through the Rotary Education Foundation of Atlanta was merged into GRSP.

HUE THOMAS FELLOW:
A contribution of $2,500 or more will earn the Hue Thomas Fellow designation, honoring this past GRSP Chairman who guided the program through 35 years of growth. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Savannah.

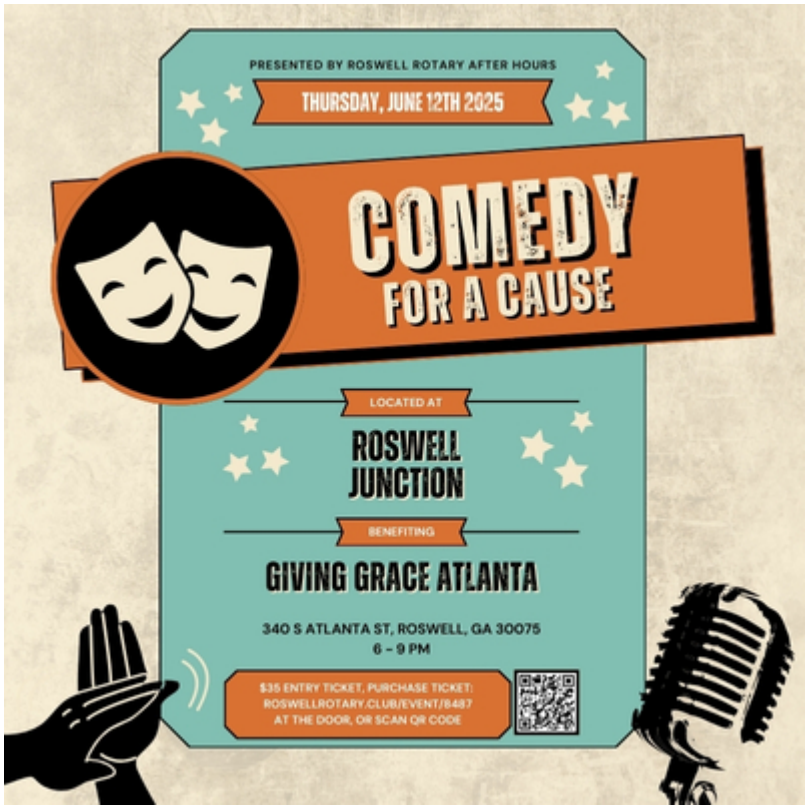
WILL WATT FELLOW:
A contribution of $1,000 or more will earn the Will Watt Fellow designation, honoring the Founder of the Georgia Rotary Student Program, who was a member of the Rotary Club of Thomasville.

Last week, we heard from our GRSP student Marie Sloth-Egholm before she returns to Denmark. What a great opportunity it has been for her and global friendship in the Rotary family.

This is last call for supporting the GRSP program this fiscal year. Awards will be given out on May 22 for various donation levels. We will also have a video from a GRSP student from 30 years ago!

Talk to Betty Price immediately to be part of a step up in contributing to this great cause!

After Hours 3rd Annual Comedy for a Cause!



Get ready to laugh for a cause!

Join us for our 3rd Annual Comedy for a Cause — where we turn laughter into support for those who need it most. This year, we're proud to partner with Giving Grace, a local Atlanta organization dedicated to helping families with everything from child care assistance and rent support to securing housing for those experiencing homelessness.

Every need is unique, and Giving Grace is there to meet people where they are. Now it's our turn to give back!

Come out for a Thirsty Thursday full of laughs, community, and purpose — and help make a difference, one punchline at a time!

When: June 12th, 2025

Time: 6-9pm

Location: Roswell Junction 340 S Atlanta St. Roswell, GA 30075

Interact Update

Roswell High School Intereact Seniors

Roswell High School Interact Seniors who have earned their Interact Cords for Graduation!

Oh the Places They Will Go!



Last Week at Rotary

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Awards from District



Games



Team Tunnel





Bunny Award
Peter Saddler





Bruce Smith Service Above Self

Laws of Life



Memorial Day Reminder



The Patricks

