Roswell Rotary Club

Rotascope

SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

President's Message



I believe that true success begins with authenticity—with being true to ourselves and to others. At my induction, I shared that I could not know the kind of president I might have been before losing my father on January 7th, but what I do know is the kind of president I want to be now: one who leads in his honor and continues my father's legacy. These first three months as President of Roswell Rotary have been filled with hard work, great energy, and countless moments of pride. I hope you share in that pride, because everything we've accomplished has been the result of our collective effort. It has truly been a privilege and an honor to serve as your President.

That said, it is important to remember that, as Peter Drucker once wrote, "Rank does not confer privilege or give power. It imposes responsibility." With that spirit in mind, I am introducing something new: a Quarterly Report on our club's progress. Each quarter, I'll share updates in three key areas—Membership, Giving, and Community Service. This will help us measure our impact, celebrate our successes, and stay focused on the goals we've set together. My aim is not to lead with ego, but to honor the trust you have placed in me and to serve each and every one of you well in this role.

#1 Membership: Strength in Numbers - "The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team." – Phil Jackson

Goal: Add 50 new members this year (we need 35 more applicants)

Where We Stand:

- Total Members: 230 (Main Club -197 at start of year and 213 today. We also have 17 in Roswell Rotary After Hours)
- Losses: 1 in Rotary, 2 in RRAH
- RESULTS: New Members -15 added, net growth of 12

Courtney Lott and her team are doing an outstanding job—our pipeline of prospective members is strong. But the truth is, membership is everyone's responsibility. It is the lifeblood of our club—the source of fresh energy, new ideas, and more hands to serve. To support this effort, we've been intentional about bringing in high-caliber speakers to make our meetings engaging and attractive for guests. But the most powerful invitation will always come from you.

MEETINGS

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month

9/25	Senator Saxby Chambliss
10/2	Roswell Mayor Kurt Wilson-Youth Day & Youth Council
10/9	Bob Hope on Leadership and his time with the Atlanta Braves and Ted Turner
10/16	Hometown Giants - Hear from Delta and UPS- Moderated by PP Dave McCleary
10/23	State of Roswell Police Dept and Fire Department with Police Chief Conroy and Fire Chief Pabel Troche
10/30	Interact Kick Off Meeting + GRSP/RYE Introductions
11/6	Pam Reed Baker
11/13	US Representative Buddy Carter - GA Ports Update

EVENTS

10/4	Youth Day Parade
10/4	UGA Tailgate in partnership with Athens Rotary Club
10/12	Farm Day: Roswell Rotary Honors Our Local Heroes
10/13	RRAH - Monday Night Football!
10/15	"Pint for a Pint" blood drive
10/15	Wednesday, Bloody Wednesday :-) aka Pint for a Pint blood drive
10/16	Alive in Roswell with Roswell Rotary
10/23	Cornhole Tournament @ Lucky's

LEADERSHIP

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

You know who makes a great Rotarian.

So here's my challenge: make a personal commitment to help us bring in at least one new member this year. If not this year, then next year under Leslie's leadership. If every Rotarian brought just one new member, we could double our size in a single year. To make this commitment tangible, please join us by signing a membership pledge card (thank you, Mickey Deaton, for the idea). I'll be reaching out personally in the weeks ahead, because together we can accomplish something remarkable.

#2 Giving: Investing in a Better Tomorrow – "No one has ever become poor by giving" -Anne Frank

This quarter, your generosity has been nothing short of inspiring.

Charitable Giving Goal: $300,000

Our Roswell Rotary Golf, Tennis & Pickleball Tournament was a tremendous success. The level of support and generosity left me inspired, rejuvenated, and in awe. We're finalizing totals now, but it's safe to say we've reached a level worth celebrating.

The Rotary Foundation Goal: $20,000

This past week, more than 30 Roswell Rotarians were recognized as Paul Harris Fellows, with many moving up to higher levels. To be a Paul Harris Fellow, a Rotarian must personally give $1,000 to the Rotary Foundation. These contributions fuel projects around the world—clean water, education, peacebuilding, and disease prevention—and also flow back into our own community here in Roswell. This was not just a strong beginning—it was a testament to the generosity and commitment that defines Roswell Rotary. Today we are $6,049 in new monies toward our $20,000 goal.

PolioPlus Goal: $8,000

Since Rotary launched its fight against polio, global cases have been reduced by 99.9%. Over 2.5 billion children in 122 countries have been immunized, thanks to Rotary's leadership and partnerships around the globe. But the fight isn't finished. Experts warn that if eradication efforts stopped now, polio could paralyze up to 200,000 children every year within a decade. That's why on October 4, Roswell Rotary is partnering with Athens-area clubs for the first-ever Rotary Polio Tailgate in Athens before the Georgia vs. Kentucky game. It's a chance to raise awareness, generate funds, and remind the world that Rotary won't stop until polio is gone. Please join us—or connect with Bob Hagan or Lee Hollingsworth to learn how you can help. We are $0 towards our goal.

#3 Community Service: Impact at Home - "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." – Mahatma Gandhi

Our service in the first quarter has been both wide-ranging and impactful. Highlights include:

- An incredible Golf, Tennis & Pickleball Tournament
- Packing backpacks with Huskies Helping Huskies
- Helping launch the Student Leadership Council with the City of Roswell
- Sweep the Hooch River cleanup
- Volunteering at the Roswell Arts Festival
- Hosting blood drives and supporting Meals on Wheels

Secretary	Katie Anderson
Membership	Courtney Lott

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
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https://rotary.org/

SOCIAL MEDIA

BIRTHDAYS

9/23	Drayton Robertson
9/24	Chris Archer
9/25	Cathy Pope
9/27	Dave McCleary
9/30	Shahid Khan
9/30	Trummie Patrick
10/1	Ralph Rowland
10/2	Sandy Buhler
10/2	Cheryl Greenway
10/4	Ron Cowan
10/4	Lucy Hall
10/7	Lynne Lindsay
10/10	Jeffrey Meyers
10/11	Michael Brown
10/12	SaraBeth Huntley
10/13	Pete Collaros
10/15	Tori Nielsen
10/16	Natalie Cook
10/17	James Byrd
10/17	Geoff Smith
10/18	Allen Dalton

- Memorial Day Remembrance Event
- Supporting First responders with 5k, Cops & Cars, Hero Program

Upcoming Events:

- Rotary Polio Tailgate in Athens before UGA vs. Kentucky – October 4
- First Responders Family Farm Day at Gary Garrett's farm – October 12
- Polio Cornhole Tournament - TBD
- Dinner for ER staff during National ER Nurses Week
- Youth Day Parade- October 4
- Wednesday Bloody Wednesday Blood Drive October 15
- Packing Holiday Boxes for Platoon November TBA
- Backpacks for Homeless Veterans TBA

A Reflection on Our First Quarter

As I look back, I am humbled by the energy, generosity, and dedication of this club. Whether it's welcoming new members, giving sacrificially to our Golf, Tennis and Pickleball Tournament or The Rotary Foundation, or rolling up our sleeves to serve, Roswell Rotary continues to embody the spirit of Service Above Self.

We have much to be proud of—and even more to look forward to. Together, we are not only serving today—we are building a legacy that will shape generations to come. Thank you for making Roswell Rotary the best Rotary Club in the world.

Sic Vos Non Vobus

Trummie Lee Patrick III
President Roswell Rotary 2025-26

10/19 Jack Stephens

YEARS OF SERVICE

9/24	Tod Baker (10)
10/4	Shields Blankenship, III (3) 9 years in Rotary
10/6	Chuck Savage (9) 17 years in Rotary
10/7	Jim Coyle, Jr. (16)
10/7	Matthew Millard (16)
10/9	Bill Kolbrener (1)
10/9	Shannon Harrison (1)
10/9	Aaron Farrant (1)
10/10	Mike McRay (23)
10/11	Theodore Lescher, Jr. (6) 12 years in Rotary
10/11	William Lindsey (6)
10/11	Darrell Bartlett (6)
10/13	Jennifer Briggs (14)
10/16	Lou Tabickman (17)
10/18	William Brown (2)
10/18	John Gordon (2)
10/18	William McFarlin (2)
10/18	Taylor Schmidt (2)
10/19	Kurt Hilbert (8) 8 years in Rotary

Roswell Rotary Welcomes Senator Chambliss: A Statesman's Perspective

You are warmly invited to join the Roswell Rotary Club for a lunch meeting featuring former U.S. Senator Saxby Chambliss. With decades of distinguished service in both the Senate and House of Representatives, Senator Chambliss brings a wealth of insight on national security, agriculture, and leadership in public service. This is a unique opportunity to hear directly from one of Georgia's most respected statesmen.

Our meeting will be held on **Thursday, September 25 at 12:15 PM** at the **Bill Johnson Community Activity Building** in **Roswell Area Park**, located at **10495 Woodstock Road, Roswell, GA 30075**. Visitors are welcome. Just $20 at the door covers a delicious lunch and the chance to connect with community leaders and neighbors in a spirit of *Service above Self*. We hope you'll join us for an engaging afternoon of conversation, connection, and inspiration. All are welcome!

Senator Saxby Chambliss's public life is marked by a steady ascent through the ranks of American government, beginning with his election to the U.S. House of

Representatives in 1994. Representing Georgia's 8th District, Chambliss quickly distinguished himself as a key figure in national security, chairing the House Intelligence Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security. In the wake of the September 11 attacks, he played a role in critical investigations into intelligence failures, helping to produce one of the first comprehensive reports on the shortcomings of U.S. intelligence operations. His leadership from 1995 – 2003 demonstrated a commitment to accountability and reform in the face of national crisis.

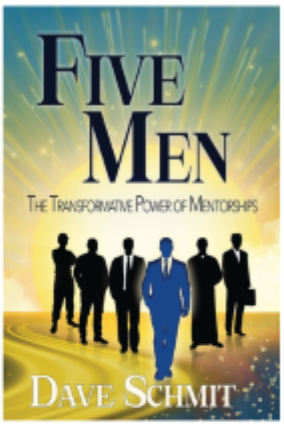
Chambliss transitioned to the U.S. Senate in 2003, where he served until 2015. His tenure included the Senate Armed Services Committee, the Senate Rules Committee, and chairing the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, and serving as the vice chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. Known for his conservative principles, Chambliss nonetheless embraced bipartisan collaboration, and helped to shape the 2007 Farm Bill, immigration reform, and deficit reduction efforts.

Throughout his career, Chambliss remained deeply engaged in issues of national defense, agriculture, and economic policy, earning respect across party lines. Saxby Chambliss currently serves as a partner in the Atlanta Office of DLA Piper. Though not without controversy, his legacy is one of service, leadership, and a willingness to tackle difficult issues head-on. For Rotarians, his career offers an example of principled engagement in public life.

Sept 23 5pm - 8pm at Lucky's

Dave Schmit Book Signing Event-Five Men: The Transformative Power of Mentorships



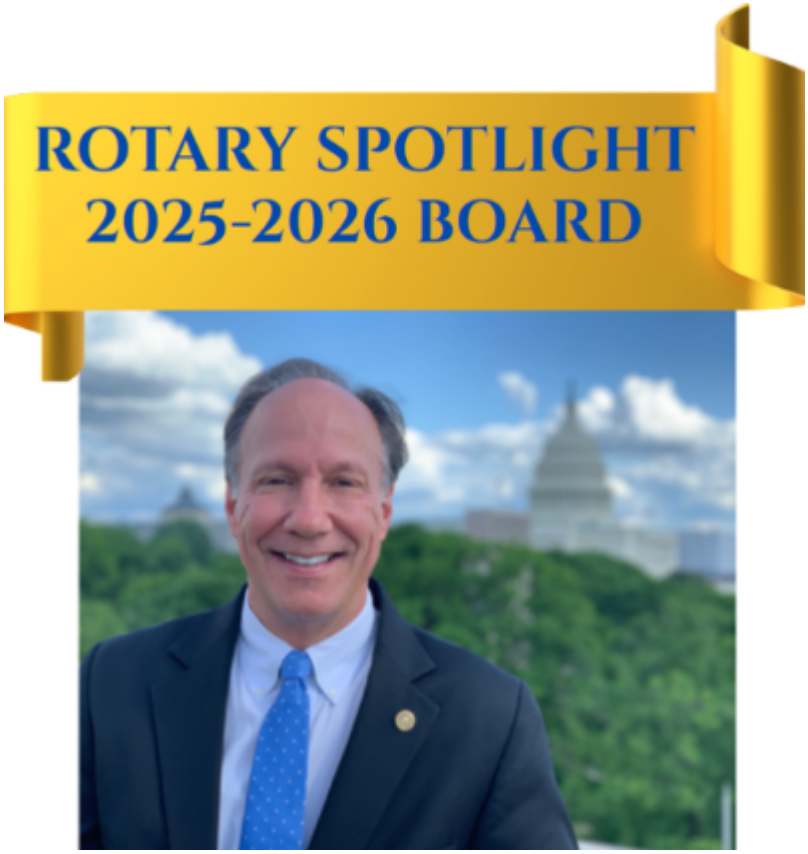




Come out to support Dave Schmit and his new Book ***Five Men on Sept. 23 at Lucky's 5pm - 8pm.***. He will be saying a few remarks around 6:00pm about the book and mentorship along with signing books for people who attend. See you there.

Dave McCleary-Board Historian

Board Member Spotlight



Dave McCleary currently serves as historian for President Trummie Lee —a job made even more important with the celebration of the Club's 75th anniversary. Dave is probably best know throughout Rotary for his efforts to Stop Human Trafficking. As then-President of the Rotary Club of Roswell, Dave McCleary founded End Human Trafficking Now, focusing on business engagement, law enforcement collaboration and empowering survivors. In 2019, he was appointed Chair of Rotarians Against Slavery, aiming to mobilize over 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide. In recognition of his work, he received Rotary International's highest honor—the Service Above Self Award.

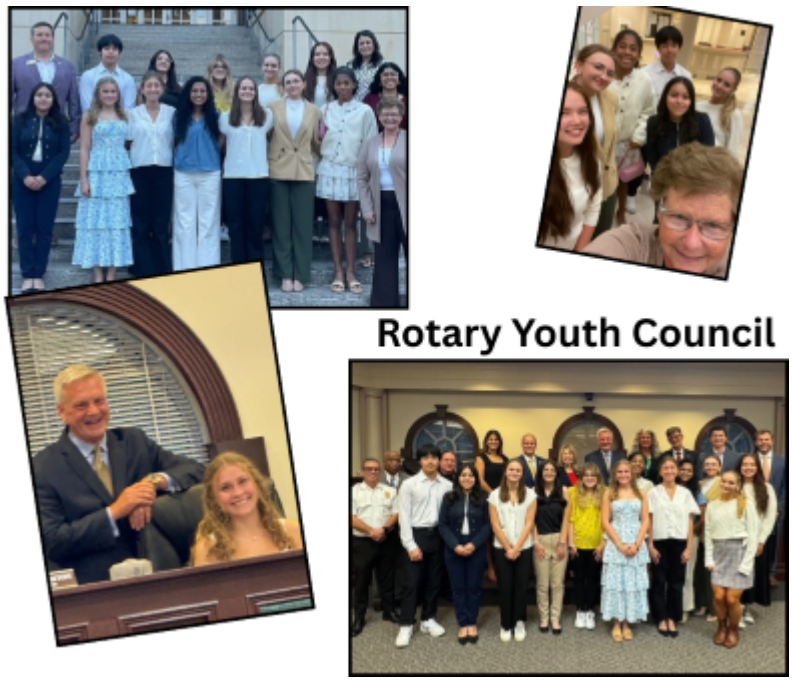
As a small business owner from Roswell, Dave and his wife Pam have two daughters, 28 and 31. Volunteering at the 2012 Passion Conference in Atlanta, he first became aware of the issue, realizing the problem existed not just globally but in his own community. With that, Dave turned awareness into action as a passionate advocate for ending human trafficking.

Chairing Georgia's Statewide Taskforce workgroup on deterring traffickers through business engagement, Dave led the 2015 World Summit on Ending Human Trafficking with President Jimmy Carter, and moderated panels at the UN and U.S. Department of Justice. He also led a national Rotary campaign to support the End Modern Slavery Initiative Act.

Serving on the Super Bowl Anti-Trafficking Task Force, Dave moderated high-level discussions with major corporations and was appointed to Georgia's GRACE Commission and the White House Round Table on Human Trafficking.

Fun fact – When Dave was 8 years old, he visited Hollywood and saw a live episode of Bonanza being filmed with Little Joe, Hoss and the rest of the cast. Memorably, he was actually acknowledged by Michael Landon.

Roswell Youth Council Installation



We have a new City Council installed! The Roswell Youth Council (RYC) is ready to lead the 75th Francis McGahee Youth Day Celebration on Sat, Oct 4th! The relaunch of the RYC is now a collaboration between the City of Roswell and the Roswell Rotary sponsored High School Interact Clubs. **"*We are exceptionally proud to be working with the City of Roswell on this exciting youth-focused leadership initiative especially this year when both entities are celebrating their 75th Birthday,*" *Roswell Rotary President Trummie Lee Patrick.***

Installed last night at the Roswell City Council Meeting, a proclamation was read and each member of the City Council along with the Mayor, City Administrator, Roswell Police Chief and Roswell Fire Chief have been paired with a youth ambassador.

The RYC members will participate fully in the Youth Day Celebration but they will also meet 3 more times through the 2025-26 academic year to not only learn about their own leadership style but also being a dual mentor. They will have a day after the first of the year to meet and learn from each City of Roswell Department Head. All of this will culminate in the Spring with a day to tour the "gems" of Roswell and choose the theme of the 2026 Youth Day Celebration. Applications will then open for the 2026-27 RYC year.

The 17-member council reflects students from

5 Roswell private and public high schools: Blessed Trinity, Centennial, Fellowship, The Cottage School and Roswell High School.

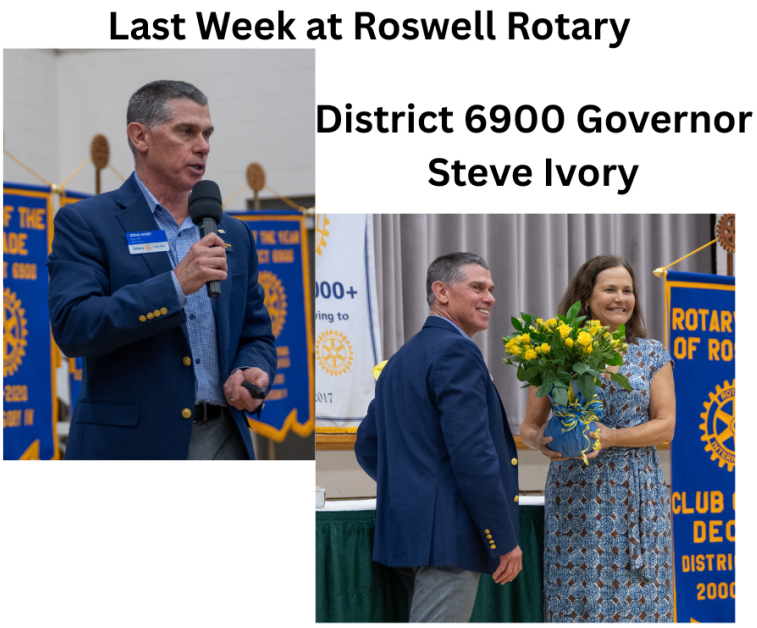
Please extend your congratulations to:

- Brady Berry
- Ashley Boomhower
- Hannah Chacko
- Kayden Cheng
- Annie Etheridge
- Emily Frezell
- Julie Hernandez-Ramirez
- Caitlyn Hobby
- Ava Huebner
- Yeimi Hurtado
- Joy Jordan
- Kate Martinez
- Addison Nowakowski
- Taylor Patrick

- Malia Richards
- Jennifer Sanchez
- Mary Katherine Tucker

Roswell Rotary will host the RYC members at our Thursday, Oct 2 meeting when Mayor Kurt Wilson will update us on the State of the City.

Last Week at Rotary





Foundation Giving
Paul Harris



Roswell Fire Department Hero
Captain Jeff Mealor Honored





Signing Card for Claire



Thank You Roswell Fire Department



Have YOU signed your membership Pledge card?




Rivers Alive



Roswell Arts Festival











Alive in Roswell

