Roswell Rotary Club

Rotascope

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President's Corner



The Power of a Single Act

Pam Reed Baker

Be the people who notice the need.

Be the ones who step forward.

Create ripples that outlive us.

In 1854, a schoolteacher named **Clara Barton** saw wounded soldiers returning from the battlefield with no medical supplies, no bandages, and no one to care for them. She didn't have a grand plan. She didn't have an organization. She just saw a need and stepped into it—bringing food, blankets, and medical care with her own two hands. That single decision, one moment of compassion in the midst of chaos, would grow into what we now know as the **American Red Cross**, one of the most impactful humanitarian organizations in the world. Clara never set out to "change the world." She simply refused to walk past someone who needed help. And because of that one act, millions of lives have been touched.

That spirit is exactly wha**t Pam Baker** reminded us of last Thursday. Pam taught us that meaningful change is rarely born out of grand ambition—it grows from as she said, "love in motion." From her love in motion came **ShamRockin' for a Cure**, which has raised millions to fight cystic fibrosis and support families walking that path. From that same love grew **Coffee, Cancer & Cocktails** — a gathering place for those coping with the pain and complexity of brain cancer. And later, as life brought loss, grief transformed into grace through **Widows Who Wine**, where women who have lost so much find connection, laughter, and the permission to keep living.

Pam said, "We didn't start out thinking we'd change the world. We just wanted to help our kids." There was no master plan, no strategy to build organizations, no thought of impact measured in millions. There was simply a family in need, and a mother who allowed love to guide her forward. Pam reminded us, "Every meaningful movement begins with one decision: I will not sit still when I can stand up. I will not whisper when I can speak. I will not wait when I can act."

MEETINGS

November is Rotary Foundation Month

11/13	US Representative Buddy Carter - GA Ports Update
11/20	Lt. Governor Burt Jones
11/27	No Meeting at Roswell Rotary - Thanksgiving
12/4	Farrell Middleton - The Bell Curve of Life
12/11	Chancellor Sonny Perdue
12/18	Tony Barnhart - College Football Update
12/25	No Meeting at Roswell Rotary - Christmas
1/1	No Meeting at Roswell Rotary - NYD

EVENTS

11/13	Rotary on Tap- Happy Hour
11/17	Youth Meeting-Planning for Spring
11/21	Tapping of the Keg- ChristKindle Market
12/3	Women in Rotary Holiday Social
12/8	RUMC JOB FAIR
12/13	Roswell Rotary Holiday Party
2/11	"Pint for a Pint" blood drive for the American Red Cross
2/19	Leadership 20/20

LEADERSHIP

President	Trummie Patrick, III
President-Elect	Leslie Bassett
Immediate PP	Nancy Alterman
Treasurer	Mike Agurkis
Secretary	Katie Anderson
Membership	Courtney Lott

Our club was reminded of one of the core truths of Rotary: meaningful change does not always begin with grand gestures or sweeping movements. It begins quietly — in the action of one person — when we notice a need and choose not to look away. This is the essence of Service Above Self — not the scale of the act, but the heart behind it. History teaches us that the greatest shifts often begin with a single moment of courage. Mother Teresa said it simply: “If you cannot feed a hundred people, then feed just one.” ...Just as Pam did. ....Just as Roswell Rotary does.....

In many ways, our actions last meeting at Rotary echoed the heart of Pam Baker’s message: you don’t have to set out to change the world all at once; you simply start by seeing a need and responding with compassion. Last Thursday, , we recognized that children right here in our own schools are being affected by the government shutdown—kids who depend on meal assistance that is currently uncertain. Without hesitation, our club said not on our watch. We committed to raise funds to ensure those students have food, snacks, and the nutritional support they need. One child at a time. One act of love at a time. Just like Pam showed us, life-changing impact often begins with a single human gesture—meeting the need that is right in front of us.

Likewise, our service didn’t end there. Last meeting, more than 80 plus Rotarians—including many of our newest members—joined shoulder to shoulder to pack care boxes for our deployed U.S. military troops. These boxes weren’t just snacks and supplies; they were messages of gratitude, encouragement, and home. They were reminders that the people who serve our country are seen, appreciated, and never forgotten. The energy, laughter, teamwork, and purpose in that room reflected exactly who we are as Rotarians: when we see a need, we show up. Pam reminded us that love is most powerful when it becomes action—and that meeting, our club lived that message.

We may never know how far the ripples travel when we pack a box for our troops, donate to feed a student, sponsor a scholarship, build a well, or just simply show up for a family in crisis. But the ripple is real. And love, when turned into action, always moves outward.

Next week, we continue the theme of leadership guided by purpose as we welcome **U.S. Representative Buddy Carter**, who serves Georgia’s 1st Congressional District. Congressman Carter represents the coastal region of our state, including the Port of Savannah — one of the most significant economic engines in the Southeast. His work has focused on strengthening Georgia’s logistics infrastructure, expanding global trade capacity, and ensuring our state remains competitive in a rapidly changing global marketplace.

During his visit, Congressman Carter will share insights into the growth and strategic importance of the Port of Savannah, the partnerships that support Georgia’s economic vitality, and the leadership lessons he has gained through years of service in public office. His perspective offers us a meaningful opportunity to better understand how local initiative and national decision-making intersect to shape the future of our communities.

Pam captured it best when she said, ***“Any one of us — on any ordinary day — can choose to take one step forward. One phone call, one invitation, one yes, one act of courage. And those actions — repeated across a lifetime — become a legacy.”***

So, the question before each of us this week is not, “How do I change the world?” The question is, “Who needs my help today?” Changing the world happens one

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

11/15	Robert Button
11/18	Alvin Nash
11/22	Kevin Jordan
11/24	James Savage
11/24	Neil Anderson
11/29	Jim Coyle
12/1	John Michael Brunetti
12/8	Nathan Porter
12/8	Deborah Perkins

YEARS OF SERVICE

11/11	Nancy Alterman (15)
11/14	Richard Spencer (32)
11/17	Richard Dreger (36)
11/30	David White (8)
12/1	Gary Garrett (48)
12/3	James Byrd (6)
12/6	Courtney Lott (4)
12/6	Nathan Porter (4)
12/7	Andrew Dalby (25)
12/7	Craig Simons (25)
12/8	Danny Broadway (14)
12/8	Matthew Thomas (14)

situation at a time — one person, one family, one act of service grounded in love.

Let us continue to be the people who notice the need.

Let us continue to be the ones who step forward.

Let us continue to create ripples that outlive us.

See you Thursday — and let’s keep making a difference, together.

Sic Vos Non Vobis,

Trummie Patrick
President Roswell Rotary Club 2025-26

Congressman Buddy Carter Charts the Course: Ports Update Nov. 13



Congressman Earl L. “Buddy” Carter will join us on November 13 to share an update on Georgia’s ports. A lifelong resident of the First District and experienced businessman, health care professional, and legislator, Carter brings a unique blend of business insight and public service to the conversation.

For over 32 years Buddy owned Carter’s Pharmacy, Inc. where South Georgians trusted him with their most valuable assets: their health, lives and families. While running his business, he learned how to balance a budget and create jobs. He also saw firsthand the devastating impacts of government overregulation which drives his commitment to ensuring that the federal government creates policies to empower business instead of increasing burdens on America’s job creators.

A committed public servant, Buddy previously served as the Mayor of Pooler, Georgia and in the Georgia General Assembly where he used his business experience to make government more efficient and responsive to the people. Buddy is serving his sixth term in the United States House of Representatives and is a member of the House Energy and Commerce (E&C) Committee and the House Budget Committee. As a pharmacist serving in Congress, Buddy is dedicated to working towards a health care system that provides more choices, less costs and better services.

Buddy was born and raised in Port Wentworth, Georgia and is a proud graduate of Young Harris College and the University of Georgia where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy. Buddy married his college sweetheart, Amy. Buddy and Amy have three sons, three daughters-in-law and eight grandchildren. Curious about Congressman Carter’s committee work? Click **[here]** to find out. To see the honors he’s received throughout his career, click **[here].**

Veterans Day-Honoring Those Who Served



Honoring Our Veterans This Veterans Day

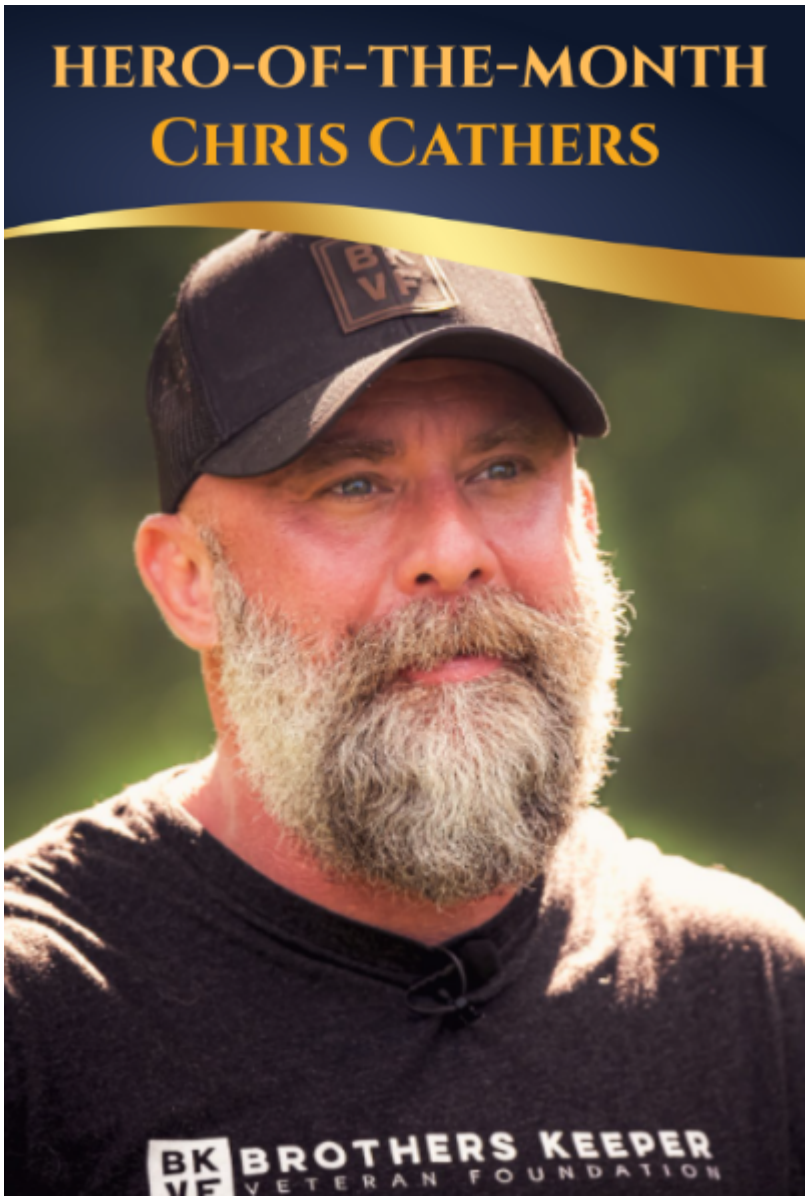
As we celebrate Veterans Day, it’s essential to reflect on the courage and sacrifices made by those who have served in the armed forces. This day, which falls on November 11th, not only marks the end of World War I but has evolved into a time to honor all veterans who have dedicated their lives to protecting our freedoms.

At Roswell Rotary, we take immense pride in recognizing our members who have served. Their commitment and bravery inspire us all, reminding us of the values we hold dear—service, community, and sacrifice.

Let us take a moment to acknowledge their stories, sacrifices, and the lessons they impart. As we enjoy our freedoms today, let’s remember to say “thank you” to those who have served and continue to serve. Their legacy is a testament to the strength and resilience of our community.

On this Veterans Day, we encourage everyone to participate in local events, support veteran organizations, and take time to honor those who have worn the uniform. Together, let’s ensure that their sacrifices are never forgotten.

Hero of the Month-Chris Cathers



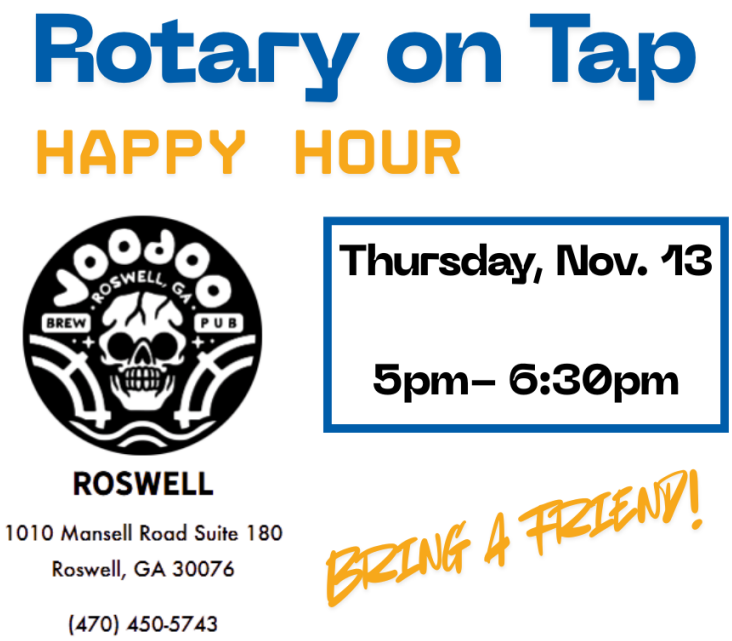
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Voo Doo Brewing 11-13 5pm

Introducing Rotary on Tap



Now that Alive in Roswell is over for the year, Roswell Rotary is introducing a new social event for the Club! Rotary on Tap-Happy Hour. What's different? New day of week- Thursdays! A great way to continue the fellowship and energy from the lunch meeting. A new name! Rotary on Tap reminds us that these social events are a great opportunity to bring a friend/potential member to meet club members in a very informal way. And Happy Hour because we will share a beverage or two and its always a happy time. Looking forward to seeing everyone Thursday afternoon at Voo Doo Brewing. Thank you new member James Rouse for hosting us!

Interested in Serving with Youth?



Youth Services is heading back to Variant Brewing for some spring planning! If you are interested in serving with youth, please join us to find out more! November 17th, 5:30 at Variant Brewing All are welcome!

New Member Spotlight

James Rouse- Voo Doo Brewing



I was born into a military family, which meant I learned early on how to adapt, connect, and find my footing wherever life took me. Growing up as a military brat, I moved all over the country, but when people ask where home is, I always say it's somewhere between Charleston, South Carolina, and Raleigh, North Carolina. Those two places shaped who I am — a mix of southern grit, hospitality and a love for good people and good times.

For over 20 years, I worked in manufacturing, where I learned the value of hard work, problem-solving, and leadership. That background built the foundation for everything I do today — including running my own business and leading teams with the same precision and care that manufacturing demanded.

I'm lucky to share this life with my amazing partner, Betsy Rouse. She's also a military brat, so she understands the meaning of resilience and rolling with life's changes. Together, we've built something special — not just a business, but a community centered around connection, creativity and craft beer.

I’m also a proud dad to two incredible kids, Dominik and Maya, who are both now in their 20s and carving out their own paths in life. Watching them grow into independent, capable adults is one of my greatest joys.

When I’m not at the brewery or working on the next project, you can usually find me doing something I love — shooting, talking fantasy football, brewing new beers, or just spending time with friends and family. I’m a die-hard fan of the Carolina Panthers, UNC Tar Heel basketball and UGA football — which makes for some interesting game days. And if I can sneak away to the beach, that’s where I find my peace — the ocean has a way of resetting everything.

At the end of the day, I love people, I love a good challenge, and I love building something that brings folks together. That’s what drives me every single day.

Last Week at Roswell Rotary

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Packing Holiday Boxes for Navy Personnel



Thank You Ralph Rowland for Leading the Effort



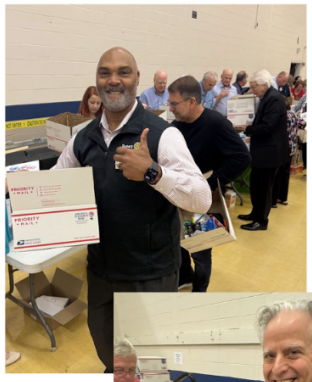




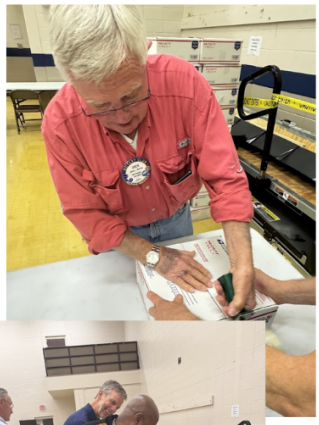
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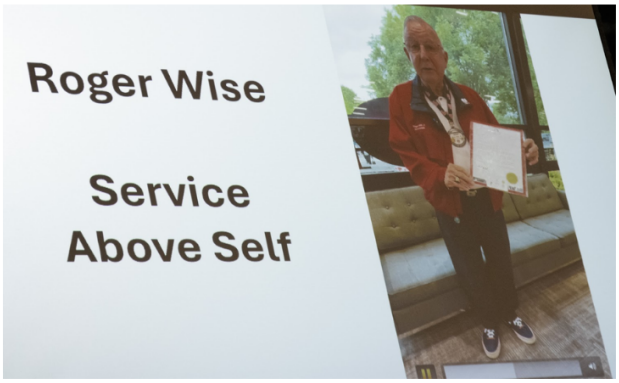






Rotary Spotlight
Lorraine Head

My Rotary Why
Roger on the Big Screen



Deborah Perkins &
Jackie Jordan

Decorating a Room at Bulloch Hall for Holidays

Come Check Out their 1970's Theme



