Roswell Rotary Club

Rotascope

JUNE 3, 2026

President's Message



“I am not what happened to me. I am what I choose to become.” Carl Jung

Who remembers the Watergate scandal during the Nixon Presidency? Well, a man named Charles “Chuck” Colson was squarely in the middle of it. Colson was a very successful attorney who was known as the “hatchet man” for President Richard Nixon. Chuck was deeply involved in the political scandal that eventually brought down a presidency. His story is really interesting if you have time to one day read about it.

Anyway, after being convicted and sent to prison, Colson experienced a profound spiritual transformation. Instead of becoming bitter, he changed completely. When he left prison, he devoted the rest of his life to helping inmates and founded Prison Fellowship, which became one of the largest prison ministries in the world. People who knew him before prison said they barely recognized the man he became afterward. His story became proof that failure and brokenness do not have to define the rest of a person’s life.

This Thursday at Roswell Rotary, we have the opportunity to hear from someone whose story is rooted in personal growth and the power of change. Our speaker’s message reminds us that success is not simply measured by professional accomplishments, but by the ability to grow through adversity, invest in others, and return stronger with renewed purpose.

What stands out most is the emphasis on service, connection, and impact — values that align so closely with the Rotary motto of “Service Above Self.” In a world that often moves too fast, it is refreshing to hear from someone who believes in listening well, building meaningful relationships, and creating opportunities to encourage and uplift others.

As Rotarians, we understand that leadership is not just about titles or recognition. True leadership is about showing up consistently, helping others succeed, and using our gifts to make a positive difference in our community. This week’s speaker embodies many of those principles through a commitment to growth,

MEETINGS

June is Rotary Fellowships Month

6/4	Scott Bagwill
6/11	Chris Hardman - Georgia Hotel + Lodging CEO
6/18	Ricky Kalmon - Growth Mindset Motivational Speaker + Hypnotist
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

EVENTS

6/6	Cops n Cars Roswell Police Dept.
6/18	Alive in Roswell
6/24	Blood drive
6/25	President Leslie Installation Party
7/17	Alive In Roswell
8/21	Alive In Roswell
8/22	Officer Jeremy Labonte Memorial 5k
9/14	Annual Golf, Tennis + Pickleball Tournament

LEADERSHIP

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

ROTARY CLUB OF

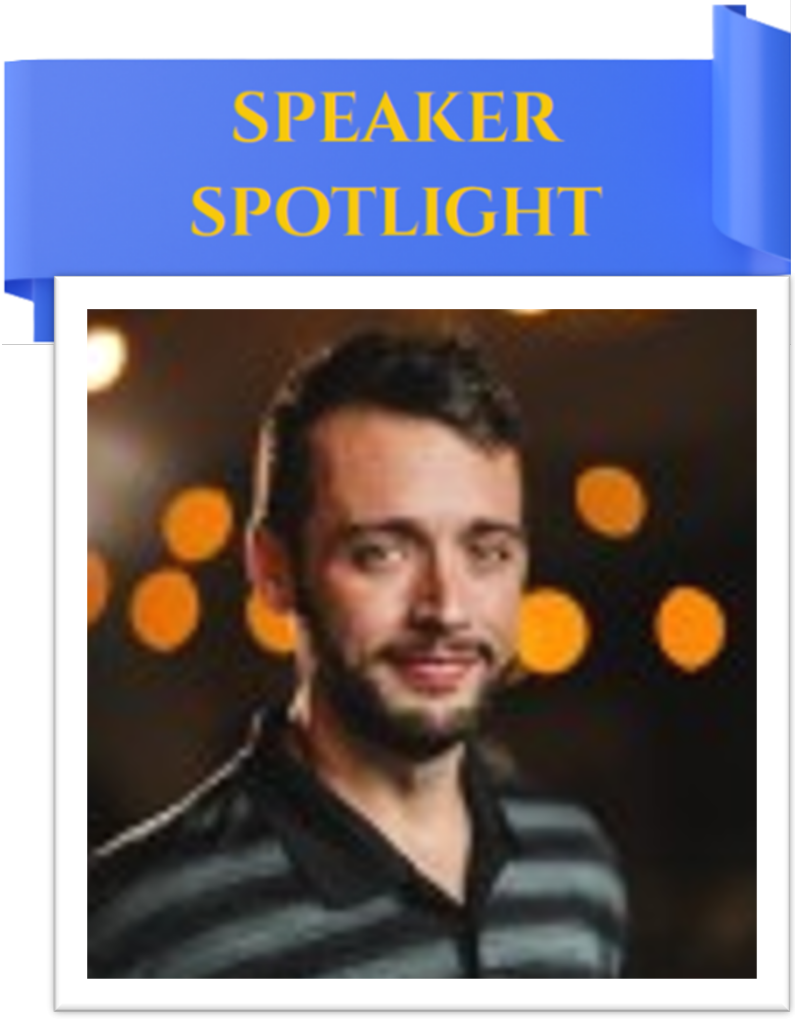
resilience, and serving something greater than self.

I encourage everyone to join us on Thursday for what promises to be an inspiring and meaningful program. It should be a great reminder that transformation is possible for all of us — personally, professionally, and within the communities we serve.

Sic Vos Non Vobis

Trummie Lee Patrick III

The Courage to Change: Scott Bagwill's 400-Pound Journey



Date : Thursday, June 4, 2026
Time: 12:15
Location: Roswell Area Park
Bill Johnson Community Activity Building
10495 Woodstock Road
Roswell, GA 30075

For most of my life, I was fighting a battle that very few people could see clearly, including me. At my heaviest, I had lost nearly all confidence in my body, my health, and my future. I had tried countless times to fix myself through willpower alone, believing the lie that if I just worked harder, everything would change.

ROSWELL

Thursdays, 12:15 pm
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ROTARY ONLINE

https://roswellrotary.club
https://rotary6900.org/
https://rotary.org/

SOCIAL MEDIA

BIRTHDAYS

6/3	David Houck
6/6	Brian Fennie
6/7	John Wolfe
6/7	Jay Pickett
6/12	Jason Stine
6/12	Dean Robertson
6/14	Tim McFarlin
6/14	Mindy Smith
6/15	Peter Korman
6/16	Brian Hansford
6/17	Mary Trapp
6/18	AJ Bonds
6/20	Rett Gunn
6/21	Haniel Jones
6/22	Harold Coleman
6/23	John Ross
6/23	Syd Mostajabi
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

Instead, I stayed stuck, physically, emotionally, and mentally, until I was forced to confront a hard truth: survival requires humility, support, and the courage to choose change even when fear is loud. In that moment, I also began to realize I needed something greater than myself to lean on.

In this talk, I share my journey of losing nearly 400 pounds, not as a story about weight loss, but as a story about identity, resilience, and rebuilding a life from the inside out. I walk through the moment I realized I could not do it alone, the decision to undergo bariatric surgery, and the daily discipline required afterward, especially when motivation fades. Along the way, I discuss what it meant to undergo this transformation publicly, documenting the process on television in front of millions of viewers around the world. Walking through this journey in full view of the world forced me to fully reconnect with my faith, not as a background belief, but as the foundation that sustained me through fear, pressure, and uncertainty. [read more]

7/1	George Polatty

YEARS OF SERVICE

6/10	Gabriel Prado (4)
6/12	Ron Cowan (29)
6/14	Vatsala Jajoo (3)
6/14	Karen Ewing (3)
6/20	Thomas Campbell, Jr. (7) 41 years in Rotary
7/1	Alicia Hughes (14)

June 6, 2026

Cops 'N Cars Car Show



Summer Volunteer Opportunity

Homestretch Summer Enrichment for kids



The HomeStretch Summer Academic Enrichment & Recreational Camp is an award-winning youth program in Roswell, Georgia. Designed for children experiencing homelessness or housing instability, the camp aims to prevent the "summer slide" while offering a safe, structured, and fun environment.

This camp experience is **designed specifically for children who have faced more adversity than most of us can imagine.**

This summer, **you can help break the cycle of generational poverty and create new possibilities for 33 homeless and at-**

risk children. From June 8th to July 31st, your gift of volunteering will ensure these children experience a summer filled with hope, growth, and opportunity.

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.

Three steps to volunteer:

1. Complete application for Homestretch Volunteers https://www.homestretch.org/volunteer-sign-up/

2. Choose your volunteer slot through **sign up genius**

3. Sign up for one of two training classes below both on Wed. June 3!.

Training Wed June 3 12-1 at this link: **https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/299825316861494?p=nuDsUcUc2ZY79U3onk**

TrainingWed June 3 5:30-6:30 at this link: **https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/284229399791690?p=wNdfKh9YAE6K9hlm0y**

Tues June 16

Women in Rotary Event



Click here to RSVP

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.

Save the Date: June 25th

Installation Party Leslie Bassett



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



Upcoming Roswell Rotary Events

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

Save the Date



Michael Curling
Service Projects Chair



Bob Clarkson
Social Chair

Alive in Roswell
Thursday, May 21 5pm - 8pm
Add To Calendar

Cops n Cars
Sat. June 6 11am - 3pm
Lebanon Baptist Church , Roswell GA
Add To Calendar

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

2026 Golf, Tennis, Pickleball Tournament
Monday, Sept. 14
Add To Calendar

Last Week at Rotary



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Ask Dale







Fulton County Commission
Chair Robb Pitts
with Bob Hagan and Roger Wise

Meeting Vibes







Frederick Levy
Raised by Roswell

And leading our next Golf, Tennis, Pickleball Tournament!



View from the Podium

And sometimes you need a stool!

Past President Lynne Lindsay



Paul Harris Award

Bill Sawin