Roswell Rotary Club

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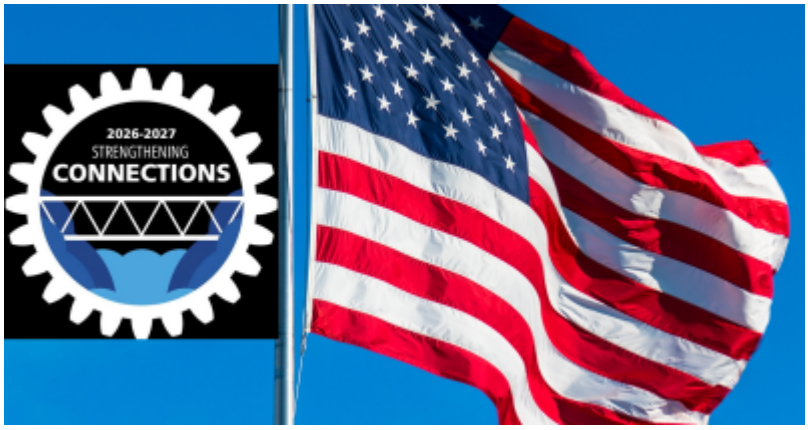
JUNE 30, 2026

President's Message



Friends,

I want to start with a simple but heartfelt thank you. It is an incredible honor to serve as your President this year, and I am truly grateful for your trust. I step into this role with a lot of excitement—and just enough humility to know I have some big shoes to fill.

We have a great year ahead of us—filled with service projects that matter, fellowship that keeps us connected, and plenty of opportunities to make a real impact in our community. I will share more about where we are headed at my Vision Meeting on July 9 (mark your calendars), but for now, just know that I cannot wait to get started with all of you.

A quick reminder: there will be no meeting on July 2, so enjoy the extra time with family and friends as we head into the July 4 holiday.

This year's Independence Day feels especially meaningful as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States. Two hundred and fifty years of history, progress, challenge, and resilience. As John F. Kennedy said, "Ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country." That spirit of service is something we as Rotarians understand deeply.

And as if that were not enough, we also have the excitement of the World Cup coming to the United States during this milestone year—a powerful reminder that connection goes beyond borders, bringing people together across cultures and communities.

In a bit of personal perspective, I recently realized I have now reached the impressive milestone of being one-fifth as old as our nation. So while America celebrates 250 years, I am just getting warmed up.

MEETINGS

June is Rotary Fellowships Month

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
7/30	Larry Kenemore - OD Rescue and Safe drug Disposal
8/6	Senator John Albers - Legislative Update
8/13	GA Supreme Court Justice Ellington
8/20	Josh Marks - Georgians for the Okefenokee

EVENTS

7/17	Alive In Roswell
7/23	Huskies Helping Huskies Backpack Stuffing
8/9	The Big Connect
8/12	Tennis Clinic -- Country Club of Roswell
8/21	Alive In Roswell
8/22	Officer Jeremy Labonte Memorial 5k
9/14	Annual Golf, Tennis + Pickleball Tournament
9/18	Alive In Roswell

LEADERSHIP

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

This July 4, I hope you will take time to connect—really connect—with the people around you. Whether that looks like a backyard barbecue, a morning road race, enjoying the Roswell fireworks celebration, or a relaxed afternoon at the pool, these are the moments that matter.

And here is where I need your help: take photos. Lots of them. We are launching our Strengthening Connections Challenge on July 9, but let's get an early start by sharing how you are connecting on this historic holiday. Please send your photos to Alicia Hughes so we can highlight the many ways our Rotary family shows up for each other and our community.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve. I am looking forward to a year of connection, service, and shared purpose.

Leslie M. Bassett
President Roswell Rotary 2026-27

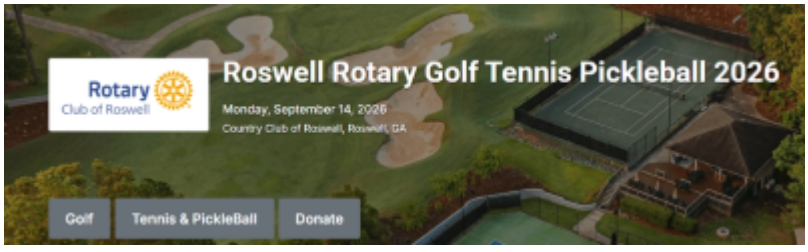
No Meeting 7-2

Send Pictures of What You are Doing This Holiday!

No Meeting Thursday, July 2nd
Enjoy the Holiday!

Sept 14

Tournament Time is Here



Link to Website

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

6/30	Tori Alterman
7/1	George Polatty
7/5	Bob Hagan
7/6	Jack Wyche
7/7	Elizabeth Greer
7/11	Craig Simons
7/12	Andy Williams
7/13	Scott Moscow
7/13	Langdon Hollingsworth
7/16	Mike McRay
7/17	Jack Tolbert
7/18	Matt Ritchie
7/19	Alex Kaufman
7/19	Marcus Snoddy
7/23	Steven Palmer
7/27	Walt Woliver

YEARS OF SERVICE

7/1	Alicia Hughes (14)
7/11	John Ross (9)
7/12	Rich Austin (14)
7/12	Jeff Kramer (3)
7/12	Alvin Nash (3)

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Where does the Tournament Money Go?

If you were at the Roswell Rotary meeting when the charity grant checks from the Golf, Tennis, Pickleball tournament were handed out, you remember the energy and the joy from the recipients as they received their checks. Just look at what this club accomplished! How many amazing charities are stronger and able to serve more of our community because of your efforts at the 2025 tournament?

This is the WHY of the tournament.

1. Be the Voice
2. Bulloch Hall, Friends of
3. Chattahoochee Nature Center
4. Child Development Academy
5. Drake House
6. End Human Trafficking
7. Family Promise of North Fulton
8. Foster Care Support
9. Friends of Roswell Library
10. Groveway Community Group
11. Homestretch
12. Hope Roswell
13. Huskies Helping Huskies
14. Jacobs Ladder

7/16	Don Horton (11)
7/16	Drayton Robertson (2)
7/16	Mishel Miller (2)
7/16	John McCool (2)
7/17	Betty Price, M.D. (12)
7/17	Mike Agurkis (12)
7/17	Geoff Smith (1) 2 years in Rotary
7/17	Marcus Snoddy (23) 26 years in Rotary
7/18	Steven Malone (2) 3 years in Rotary
7/18	Sam Lane (2)
7/20	Robert Button (26)
7/20	Michael Hernandez (26)
7/22	Bill Sawin (1)
7/22	Cathy Pope (1)
7/22	Becky Stone (17)
7/25	James Rains (18)
7/25	Jack Tolbert, Jr. (41)
7/26	Dave Hallman (25)
7/26	Albert Mazzeo (8)
7/27	Grant Miller (4)
7/27	Justice Brakache (4)
7/28	Chris Archer (15)
7/28	Jack Wyche (21)

15. Lunches for Learning (Honduras)
16. Mary Hall Freedom Village
17. Memorial Day
18. North Fulton Community Charities
19. Roswell Arts Festival / Friends of Roswell Parks
20. Roswell First Responders Foundation
21. Roswell Historical Society
22. Roswell Organization for Community Development
23. RUMC Job Networking
24. Senior Services North Fulton
25. Stand Up for Kids
26. STAR House
27. The Cottage School
28. Toolbox

One event with far reaching effects!

2026 Golf, Tennis, Pickleball Chair Frederick Levy II

When you see Frederick at Roswell Rotary these days, he is a man with a mission-a mission of leading this club's biggest fundraiser of the year!

It's a huge task and will take the commitment of every single Roswell Rotarian to give of their time, talents, connections, energy, and hearts. As the tournament planning kicks into high gear this week, be sure to answer the call. Whether you are called to sponsor, to volunteer, to share your contacts as we fundraise, or to share your talents, please answer the call with enthusiasm and commitment. Say YES!

This tournament has so many moving parts and there is a place for every single Roswell Rotarian in this effort. Make this the year you proudly dedicate yourself to making this tournament the best one yet. Frederick, we are ready to serve!

2026 Tournament Committee

Contact Frederick Levy **fjlevy@gmail.com** or 770-843-8506 or Leslie Bassett **leslie@pridgenbassett.com** or 678-595-8509 if you want to step up for the tournament committee.

Sponsorships- The Tournament Engine

Sponsorships are the engine that drives the Golf-Tennis-Pickleball Tournament.

As Rotarians, we know service above self is more than a motto — it's a call to action. That's why the Roswell Rotary Golf, Tennis, & Pickleball Tournaments are more than just fun on the fairways and fierce matches on the courts. They're engines of change for our community.

Every dollar raised through our annual tournaments goes directly to local charities that make a difference in the lives of children, veterans, seniors, and families in need. Corporate sponsorship helps fund programs that provide winter clothing for students, medical equipment for veterans, meals for homebound seniors, and educational support for at-risk youth — to name just a few.

Thank you to the Sponsorship Committee for stepping up to serve in this critical role. But remember, the Sponsorship Committee will need the help of every Roswell Rotary member. We have to fire up this engine with our friends, neighbors, contacts, and networks. We are all part of the sponsorship team!

To sponsor or learn more, visit the **Tournament Website** or contact Kurt Hilbert **khilbert@chalmersadams.com** or Frederick Levy **fjlevy@gmail.com**

Commit early! The Big Connect event is on August 9th, and all committed and paid sponsors will get a free beer at one of our three event breweries while we perform a service project for one of the tournament charities. Great way to get your company involved and experience hands-on exactly where your sponsorship dollars go!

Volunteers-The Heart of the Tournament

Volunteers – The secret sauce to our day of service and fundraising for charities is our volunteers. Secure your spot now so you know how you'll contribute…and how you'll enjoy the fellowship the rest of the day. Volunteering has a not-so-secret side benefit of building relationships (dare I say Strengthening Connections?? ?) with fellow Rotarians!

For many Roswell Rotarians, the Golf, Tennis, Pickleball Tournament is the place where they, as a new member, felt most engaged and made the most connections with their fellow club members. Volunteer, make new friends, serve our community-We all win!

Sign Up to Volunteer

Registration Team

The Registration Desk is the First impression for our tournament attendees. The goal of this high energy registration team is to welcome everyone with big smiles and enthusiasm and kick off their day by making every donor feel special for their contributions for our charities. It's a full day of fun and raising money for the charities of Roswell, North GA and across continents.

The Roswell Rotary is hosting our 48th Tournament this year. Our volunteers are onsite at 5 am setting up for the day. You will experience first class treatment from check in, special games on the holes to lunch all while interacting and networking with business leaders from the metro area.

Golf has two rounds, one shotgun start in the am and one right after lunch. There are several games, charitable opportunities and beverages offered throughout the golf course.

The Hagan Cup Tennis-Pickleball Classic is a blast. Bring a partner or we will pair you up with one. Come try to win the esteemed Hagan Cup. And be sure to grab a glass of Haganade!

And remember that Pickleball is back after a fabulous first year! Bring your skills and your fun.

The Registration Team is excited to greet you and get your tournament experience started with joy and appreciation for your service to our community. See you on Sept. 14th.

August 9 3pm - 6pm

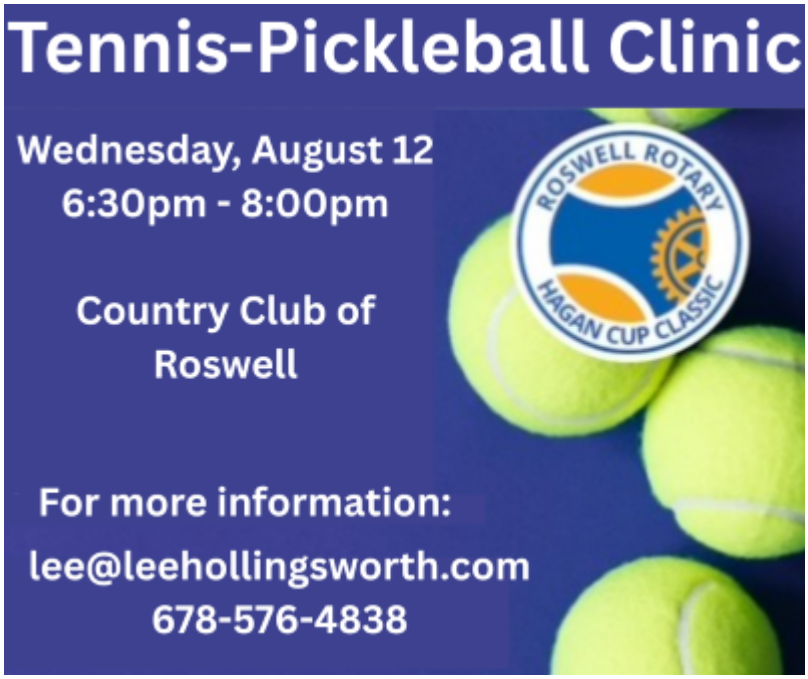
The Big Connect

The Big Connect – Strengthening Connections Campaign accelerator!

On Sunday, August 9 from 3 pm – 6 pm. Roswell Rotary will sponsor a crowd-pleasing volunteer event – three impactful projects at three of our beloved breweries – Gate City, Variant, and Voo Doo. We will hit each brewery for an hour, have fellowship, and complete a service project at each – for 3 of our local charities! It will be a fast-paced service accelerator afternoon demonstrating our commitment to Service Above Self. And a fun way for us all to connect as club.

Bonus: If you have sponsored Golf, Tennis, or Pickleball and paid, you receive a free beer at one of the breweries.

Tennis-Pickleball Clinic



Summer Volunteer Opportunity

Homestretch Summer Enrichment for kids

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. [read more]

Thursday, July 23

Backpack Packing Party

Wish list . Easy to order online. All items will be there at our July 23rd meeting. Priya Crumpton is your contact for questions.

Calling Interact Liaisons

Want to be an Interact Liaison?

Contact Joe Gillespie

joegillespie@toptieres.com
404-694-4833

Volunteers Needed

World Cup Event at Piedmont Park July 19th

Calling for Volunteers July 19th

City of Atlanta is hosting
this event at Piedmont Park
Dave McCleary is gathering volunteers:

1. Assemble 25 thousand dignity bags for survivors of human trafficking
2. Host a World Cup Final Watch Party
3. Showcase Rotary's global impact
4. Experience inspiring messages, entertainment, and a shared message of hope

Volunteer Link

More Details to come

Upcoming Roswell Rotary Events

Strengthen Your Connections Here!

Huskies Helping Huskies Backpacking Project
Thursday, July 23
Wish List Link
Add To Calendar

The Big Connect
Sunday, August 9th
3pm - 6pm
Add To Calendar

Tennis Pickleball Clinic
Wednesday, August 12
6:30pm - 8:00pm Country Club of Roswell
Add To Calendar

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