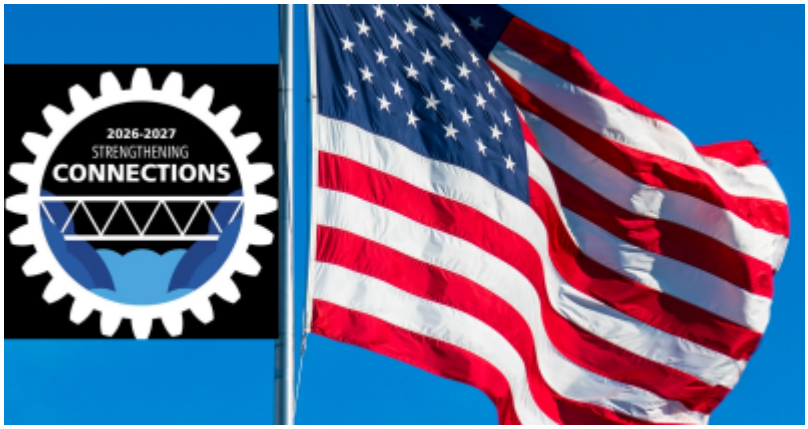
President's Message



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.

MEETINGS

July is Maternal and Child Health Month

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
8/27	Mayor Mary Robichaux - Update from the Mayor's Office

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
8/20	Alive In Roswell

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.

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

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

8/22 Officer Jeremy Labonte Memorial 5k
8/26 Blood Drive
9/13 Tournament Tailgate

LEADERSHIP

President	Leslie Bassett
President-Elect	Katie Anderson
Treasurer	James Stone
Secretary	Mike Agurkis
Program Director	Kenneth Greensmith
Public Image	Alicia Hughes

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

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

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!

No Meeting 7-2

Send Pictures of What You are Doing This Holiday!

No Meeting Thursday, July 2nd
Enjoy the Holiday!

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

7/23	Steven Palmer
7/27	Walt Woliver
7/28	Anita Darling
7/29	Matthew Thomas
7/29	Leigh Brown

YEARS OF SERVICE

7/11	John Ross (9)
7/12	Rich Austin (14)
7/12	Jeff Kramer (3)
7/12	Alvin Nash (3)
7/16	Drayton Robertson (2)
7/16	Mishel Miller (2)
7/16	Don Horton (11)
7/16	John McCool (2)
7/17	Geoff Smith (1) 2 years in Rotary
7/17	Mike Agurkis (12)
7/17	Dr. Betty Price (12)
7/18	Steven Malone (2) 3 years in Rotary
7/18	Sam Lane (2)
7/20	Michael Hernandez (26)
7/20	Robert Button (26)
7/22	Cathy Pope (1)
7/22	Bill Sawin (1)
7/22	Becky Stone (17)
7/25	Jack Tolbert, Jr. (41)
7/25	James Rains (18)
7/26	Albert Mazzeo (8)
7/26	Dave Hallman (25)
7/27	Grant Miller (4)
7/27	Justice Brakache (4)
7/28	Jack Wyche (21)
7/28	Chris Archer (15)

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.