



President's Message



Roswell Rotary Family, I cannot wait to see you this Thursday, July 9, as we officially kick off the 2026-2027 Rotary year together. I'll be sharing my vision for our club and how we will align with **Rotary International President Yinka Babalola's theme, *Create Lasting Impact***, and **District Governor Cynthia Edwards' focus on *Peace through Education, Culture, and Economics***. My hope is that you leave Thursday's meeting not only informed, but energized about the year ahead and the role each of you will play in it.

Our club's theme for the year is **Strengthening Connections**, and on Thursday I'll unveil a new **Strengthening Connections Challenge** designed to invite every member into small but meaningful acts of connection each week. We'll talk about how coffee with a fellow Rotarian, **a note of gratitude to a first responder, or a simple visit to a Roswell park can help weave a stronger fabric in our club and in our community.** As **Sean Stephenson** reminds us, "*Communication is merely an exchange of information, but connection is an exchange of our humanity,*" and that spirit sits at the heart of our plan for the

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
- 8/21 Alive In Roswell

year.

I firmly believe that the lasting impact we create as Rotarians begins with the way we connect with one another and with those we serve. **Brené Brown** puts it this way: *"I define connection as the energy that exists between people when they feel seen, heard, and valued."* This Thursday, I'll share how we intend to cultivate that energy in everything from our major events to our weekly challenges. I hope you'll join us, bring a guest, and come ready to lean into a year of deeper connection, joyful fellowship, and impactful service.

Together in Service,

Leslie

Speaker Thursday, July 9th

President Leslie Leaning Into Connection



This Thursday is a can't-miss meeting! President Leslie will be sharing her vision for Rotary Year 2026-27 with the Club and everyone is guaranteed to leave feeling energized and excited about all that is to come. You will be hearing a lot about connections and impact. And strength! The strength of Roswell Rotary, the strength of our leadership team, the strength of our 75 years of history, and most importantly, the strength of our members and the connections they make with each other, with others in the community, and even globally!

Roswell Rotary is ready to launch this new year, and President Leslie is ready for take off!

8/22 Officer Jeremy Labonte Memorial 5k

9/14 Annual Golf, Tennis + Pickleball Tournament

9/18 Alive In Roswell

LEADERSHIP

President Leslie Bassett

Treasurer James Stone

Secretary Mike Agurkis

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

7/7 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

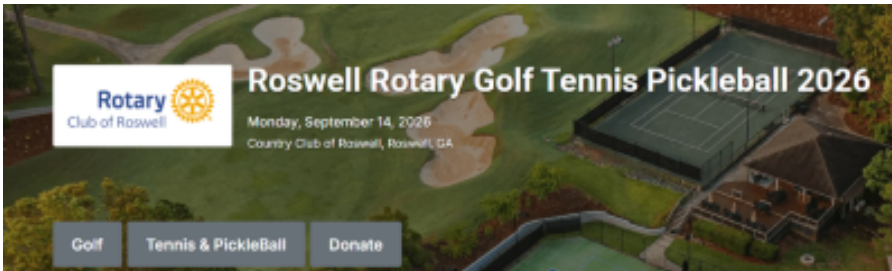
7/27 Walt Woliver

Sept 14

Tournament Time is Here

Weekly Golf, Tennis, Pickleball Tournament Meetings Begin This Week!

Meet in gym at 11:15 before the lunch meeting. Weekly updates on tournament.
All new members encouraged to attend!



[Link to Website](#)



Tennis-Pickleball Clinic

- 7/29 Matthew Thomas
- 7/29 Leigh Brown
- 8/2 Gene Beckham
- 8/3 Mike Ivkovich
- 8/3 Martha Spencer
- 8/4 Vanessa Snyder
- 8/4 Ryan Williams

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 Don Horton (11)
- 7/16 John McCool (2)
- 7/16 Mishel Miller (2)
- 7/16 Drayton Robertson (2)
- 7/17 Marcus Snoddy (23)
26 years in Rotary
- 7/17 Mike Agurkis (12)
- 7/17 Betty Price, M.D. (12)
- 7/17 Geoff Smith (1)
2 years in Rotary
- 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 Justice Brakache (4)
- 7/27 Grant Miller (4)
- 7/28 Jack Wyche (21)
- 7/28 Chris Archer (15)
- 8/1 Steven Palmer (10)
10 years in Rotary
- 8/2 Chris Webb (4)
- 8/3 John Carruth (31)
- 8/4 David Young (38)

Tennis-Pickleball Clinic

Wednesday, August 12
6:30pm - 8:00pm

Country Club of
Roswell

For more information:
lee@leehollingsworth.com
678-576-4838



Volunteers-The Heart of the Tournament

The graphic is a collage of promotional elements. On the left, a blue square contains a green box with the text "2026 Golf, Tennis, Pickleball Tournament" and images of tennis rackets, a tennis ball, and a pickleball. In the center, a blue banner with a wavy border says "VOLUNTEER NOW" in white. To the right, a green box displays "SEPTEMBER 14" in blue. Below the banner is a QR code. On the far right, a vertical blue bar contains a URL: "https://www.signupgenius.com/go/6080C4EA9A8237A3F38B39C0B89F705W617".

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](#)

Where does the Tournament Money Go?

2026 Charity Check Presentation



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.

- **Be the Voice**
- **Bulloch Hall, Friends of**
- **Chattahoochee Nature Center**
- **Child Development Academy**
- **Drake House**
- **End Human Trafficking**
- **Family Promise of North Fulton**
- **Foster Care Support**
- **Friends of Roswell Library**
- **GroveWay Community Group**
- **Homestretch**
- **Hope Roswell**
- **Huskies Helping Huskies**
- **Jacobs Ladder**
- **Lunches for Learning (Honduras)**
- **Mary Hall Freedom Village**
- **Memorial Day**
- **North Fulton Community Charities**
- **Roswell Arts Festival / Friends of Roswell Parks**
- **Roswell First Responders Foundation**
- **Roswell Historical Society**
- **Roswell Organization for Community Development**
- **RUMC Job Networking**
- **Senior Services North Fulton**
- **Stand Up for Kids**
- **STAR House**
- **The Cottage School**
- **Toolbox**

One event with far reaching effects!

2-26-27

Welcome to the New Board



Welcome to your 2026-27 Board! They have already been hard at work brainstorming and planning for this year, even attending a board retreat to come together and focus on the exciting year ahead. Roswell Rotary Club thanks you each for stepping up and accepting the responsibility and pride that being a board member entails. And know that this club is solidly behind to volunteer and help you during this year. Bring it on and let's watch the magic happen!

President: Leslie Bassett

President-Elect: Katie Anderson

Secretary: Mike Agurkis

Treasurer: James Stone

Past President 1: Trummie Patrick

Past President 2: Nancy Alterman

Presidential Advisor: Terry Taylor

Historian: Dave McCleary

Membership: Courtney Lott

Public Image: Alicia Hughes

RRC Foundation: Kurt Hilbert

The Rotary Foundation: Cheryl Greenway

Youth Services: Angela Medley

Seniors: Al Nash

Veterans: Shields Blankenship

International: Gabriel Prado

Vocational: Frederick Levy

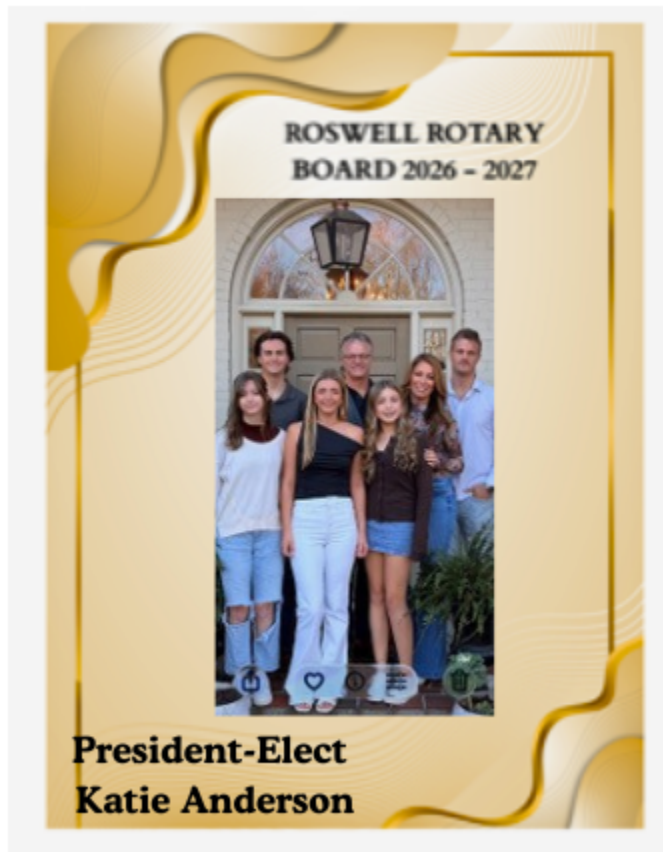
Meetings: Alan Greensmith

Events/Social: John Michael Brunetti

Roswell Rotary After Hours: Jordan Jednesky

Board Spotlight 2026-27

Katie Anderson President-Elect



A native of Atlanta, Katie Anderson, prior to marrying Greg Anderson, underwrote commercial real estate loans for Regions Bank, and is now a loan officer for E Home Loan Advisors, a small company based here in Roswell. She met Greg, an FSU grad who had been on a full-ride tennis scholarship, while playing tennis on the same mixed doubles team at Brookfield country club.

Their family is comprised of Mary Katherine, 18, headed to play Division One Lacrosse at Kent State in August; Annalee, 17, a Senior at Roswell high school and past-attende of Rotary's RYLA, plays violin & piano, and is a member of Robotics Team; Carolina, 13, a rising freshman at Roswell high school and Interact Club participant, also plays soccer and volleyball; stepsons: Brady, 23, graduate of Florida State University class of 2025 with a major in Entrepreneurship, now managing Market Square Lounge and interning part-time with the Seminole Boosters; and Austin, 21, a junior at East Tennessee State University, majoring in sports management while umpiring local Youth Baseball.

An inveterate reader, mainly non-fiction and self-help, Katie graduated UGA with a BBS in International Business. Leadership activities consisted of roles in her sorority Kappa Delta, the Greek system, campus life and in the Athens community.

Joining Roswell Rotary in 2019, Katie's service began as red badge to blue badge chair, food and beverage chair for golf and tennis tournament, Membership chair, Social Events chair, Treasurer, Secretary and now President-elect! It's evident no grass has grown under this lady's feet (unless she's playing lawn tennis)! Longtime member of Roswell United Methodist Church.

Fun Facts: Tennis: Big-time love of the sport, especially travel to Pro Tennis Tournaments, having played since third grade, both playing and watching, having played since third grade!

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

Summer Volunteer Opportunity

Homestretch Summer Enrichment for kids



Be one of the 33 Roswell
Rotary volunteers for
**Homestretch
Summer Enrichment**

One Hour! Let's Do This!

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. [\[read more\]](#)

Seeking Host Families for Our Rotary Youth Exchange Student



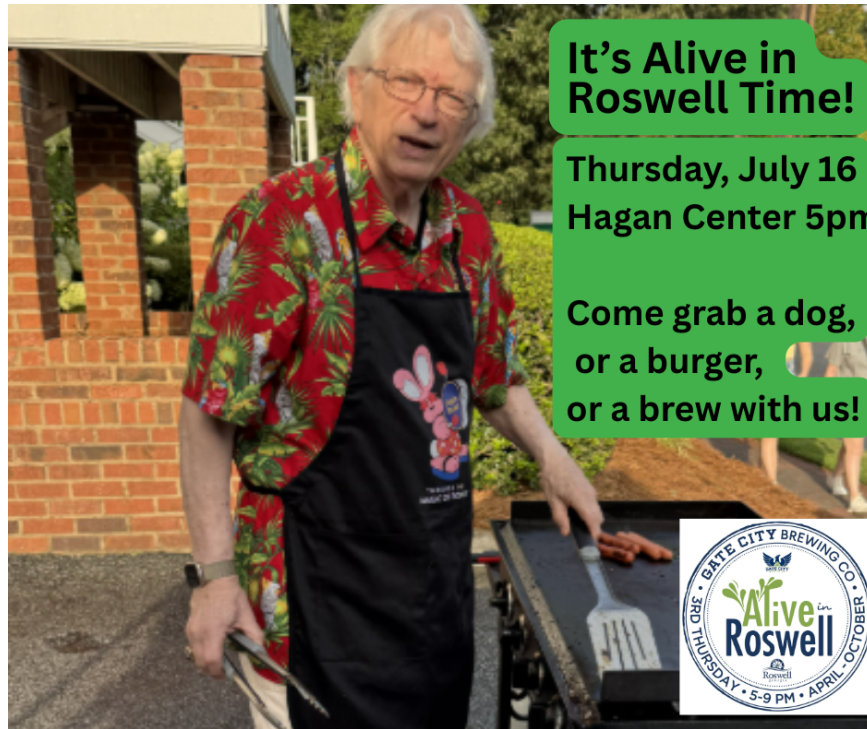
Roswell Rotary Club has a proud tradition of supporting Rotary Youth Exchange and the global connections it creates. This year, we are seeking host families for a 17-year-old female student from Vimercate, Italy, who will be entering the 11th grade at Roswell High School.

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.

Come Join Us at Alive in Roswell!



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.

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.



Upcoming Roswell Rotary Events
Strengthen Your Connections Here!

Huskies Helping Huskies Backpacking Project

Thursday, July 23

[Wish List Link](#)

Add To Calendar

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3pm - 6pm

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Last Week at Roswell Rotary

