



## President Message



### Roswell Rotarians, I am still floating from Monday.

If you were on the course or the courts for our Golf, Tennis & Pickleball Tournament, you saw it too: months of sponsor calls, ticket sales, and committee meetings clicking into place into one extraordinary day. And it didn't even start Monday morning — it started Sunday night, when we threw our Tournament Tailgate party while simultaneously setting up everything the tournament would need at sunrise. That is this club in a single snapshot: celebrating together with one hand while rolling up our sleeves with the other.

What struck me most this year is how many of you didn't just show up — you leaned in past your comfort zone. You asked for one more sponsorship than felt comfortable to ask for. You took a volunteer shift you weren't sure you had time for. You showed up anyway, and because you did, our primary fundraiser of the year came together more beautifully than I could have planned on paper. Even Mother Nature cooperated — someone (thank you, Malone Dodson) must have

## MEETINGS

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month

- 9/17 No Meeting at Roswell Rotary - Tournament Week
- 9/24 Non Profit Panel Discussion - Kidz2Leaders, NFCC
- 10/1 Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Tyler Harper
- 10/8 Brittany Jones - Chattahoochee National Park Conservancy
- 10/15 The Cottage School, Jacobs Ladder, Eaton Academy Schools panel
- 10/22 Mary Lou Austin - Longest Serving Member of the USO
- 10/29 Fall Interact Meeting
- 11/5 Interfaith Panel led by Jeff Meyers

## EVENTS

- 9/17 Alive In Roswell
- 9/18 Moonlight & Martinis
- 9/19 Rivers Alive Clean Up
- 9/19 Roswell Arts Festival
- 9/19 Lake Day at Past President Gordon Owens House

put in a good word, because we could not have asked for better weather. Between the laughter, the friendly competition, and the fellowship on the back nine and the pickleball courts, I watched connections deepen in real time. That is the whole point. The dollars raised matter enormously for the community organizations counting on us, and so does every relationship that grew stronger on the way to raising them.

To every single person who sponsored, sold, recruited, set up, tore down, played, or simply showed up to cheer someone else on: thank you. Thank you. Thank you again. This tournament does not happen without each of you deciding that your comfort zone was the wrong place to stop. I am so proud to be a Rotarian in this club, and I hope Monday gave you the same lift it gave me.

**Then we woke up Tuesday — and got back to work.**

That, to me, is the most Rotary thing about this club. We didn't take a week off to admire what we'd just built. We simply turned to the next need. This week alone, our members are moving furniture to help the young mother we welcomed into her new apartment a few weeks ago settle further into her new home. We're out in the community at Alive in Roswell, sharing what Rotary is all about and inviting our neighbors to join us. We're wading into the Chattahoochee for the Rivers Alive cleanup, leaving our river a little cleaner than we found it. And we're picking up paintbrushes at the Roswell Arts Festival, helping create the piece our club donates to the City every single year.

What I find remarkable about this club is not any one of these projects — it's the pattern. Every time we pull off something big. Instead of resting on it, we use it as fuel to dream up what's next. The needs in front of us change from year to year: a family needing a hand, a river needing care, a community needing an introduction to who we are. But the instinct underneath never changes — see the need, find a way, take action. That track record is exactly why this club never runs out of momentum. It creates its own optimism, the kind that's hard to manufacture and impossible to fake, and that optimism is magnetic to anyone who is wired for **Service Above Self**.

It is the honor of my life to help propel that momentum this year. Thank you for making it so easy to be proud of this club — this week, and every week.

Yours in Service,

Leslie

# Meeting Notes

- 9/30 Women in Rotary Fall Social
- 10/3 Roswell Youth Day Parade
- 10/16 Alive In Roswell

## 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

- 9/17 Shannon Harrison
- 9/17 Mike Agurkis
- 9/20 Jeff Bridges
- 9/22 Lorraine Head
- 9/23 Drayton Robertson
- 9/24 Chris Archer
- 9/25 Cathy Pope
- 9/27 Dave McCleary
- 9/30 Shahid Khan
- 9/30 Trummie Patrick
- 10/1 Ralph Rowland
- 10/2 Cheryl Greenway

# MEETING NOTES

**Thursday, Sept. 17**

No Meeting Due to  
Monday's Tournament

**Thursday, Sept. 24**

Non-Profit Panel Discussion

**Tonight- Be There!**  
**Alive in Roswell**



**Sept 17 5pm**  
**Hagan Center**

**Alive in Roswell**



**THIS Friday Sept. 18th**

**Moonlight & Magnolias**

|       |                  |
|-------|------------------|
| 10/2  | Sandy Buhler     |
| 10/4  | Ron Cowan        |
| 10/4  | Lucy Hall        |
| 10/7  | Lynne Lindsay    |
| 10/10 | Jeffrey Meyers   |
| 10/11 | Michael Brown    |
| 10/12 | SaraBeth Huntley |
| 10/13 | Pete Collaros    |
| 10/15 | Tori Nielsen     |

## YEARS OF SERVICE

|       |                                                    |
|-------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 9/17  | Mindy Smith (1)                                    |
| 9/17  | Jay Pittroff (1)                                   |
| 9/17  | Mike Mizell (1)                                    |
| 9/17  | Shahid Khan (1)                                    |
| 9/17  | Mike Ivkovich (1)                                  |
| 9/17  | Lenna Castagna (1)                                 |
| 9/18  | Debbie Cwalina (12)                                |
| 9/18  | Brian Hansford (12)<br>14 years in Rotary          |
| 9/24  | Tod Baker (11)                                     |
| 10/4  | Shields Blankenship, III (4)<br>10 years in Rotary |
| 10/6  | Chuck Savage (10)<br>18 years in Rotary            |
| 10/7  | Jim Coyle, Jr. (17)                                |
| 10/7  | Matthew Millard (17)                               |
| 10/9  | Aaron Farrant (2)                                  |
| 10/9  | Shannon Harrison (2)                               |
| 10/9  | Bill Kolbrener (2)                                 |
| 10/10 | Mike McRay (24)                                    |
| 10/11 | Theodore Lescher, Jr. (7)<br>13 years in Rotary    |
| 10/11 | William Lindsey (7)                                |
| 10/11 | Darrell Bartlett (7)                               |
| 10/13 | Jennifer Briggs (15)                               |



**MOONLIGHT**  
*and Martinis*  
at BULLOCH HALL

Friends of Bulloch is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and funds raised from this event go to the preservation of historic Bulloch Hall, home of Mittie Bulloch, mother of President Theodore Roosevelt.

+ **Friends of Bulloch, Inc.** invites you to enjoy the **Harvest Moon** while sipping a martini and listening to the sounds of **Jazz by Two** on the beautiful grounds of Bulloch Hall, **7:00pm - 10pm on Friday, September 18, 2026.**

- + An artisan market will feature local artists work.
- + A Martini Bar with popular martinis will be conveniently available.
- + The Osage Terrace will feature delicious hors d'oeuvres and a Wine Bar with a selection of wines, sodas, and water.
- + Magnolia Ball Sponsors will be recognized in appreciation of their generosity.
- + Reservations are \$75 per person.
- + Event occurs rain or shine.

For reservations, visit [www.bullochhallroswell.org](http://www.bullochhallroswell.org)  
or call the Bulloch Hall Gift Shoppe (404) 820-4836.

We look forward to seeing you!

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**THIS Sat. Sept. 19**  
**River Clean Up**

Roswell  
**Rotary**  
Club



# RIVERS *Alive!*

**35TH  
ANNUAL**



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026**



The 35th Rivers Alive annual river cleanup will be held on **Saturday September 19th**.

The event, co-hosted by Keep Roswell Beautiful and the City of Roswell, is part of a statewide campaign to preserve Georgia's 70,100 miles of rivers and streams.

Small groups of volunteers will be disbursed throughout the city to perform beautification projects, including river and trails cleanup, litter pickups, invasive plant and shrub removal, mulching, native plant planting and storm drain marking.

## **AS ALWAYS, ROSWELL ROTARY CLUB**

will clean up the river, river bank and trails along Riverside Road from Old Alabama Road to Eves Road.

**This is an excellent event  
for the entire family and  
kids really enjoy it!**



### **MEET AT**

Dutch Earle's house  
9030 Bluffview Trace  
Roswell, GA 30076



**ARRIVE AROUND  
8:45 AM**



### **WEAR**

Long pants, old shoes  
and bring a hand towel.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION  
AND TO SIGN UP**

Call/Text Dutch Earle  
**770.403.0755**

No need to sign up online,  
just contact Dutch and show up.



*Clean Rivers. Beautiful Roswell. Stronger Together.*



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Questions? Contact Dutch Earle 770-403-0755

## THIS Sat. Sept. 19 Lake Party



### DETAILS

- 📍 2379 Stephens Circle  
Gainesville, GA 30506
- 🕒 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM
- 📞 Gordon: (404) 597-5434
- 👜 Bring:
  - Swimsuits & Towels
  - Camp Chairs
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Pair of Shoes
  - Sun Protection

**PARKING**

|             |              |              |              |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 🍹 Beverages | 🚤 SS Shitbox | 🎱 Bocce Ball | 🔥 Fire Pit   |
| 🍴 Food      | 🏊 Swim       | 🎱 Croquet    | 🐎 Horseshoes |
| 🛞 Cart Path | 🛶 Float      | 🛖 Hammocks   | 🏸 Badminton  |

[RSVP Here if you have not](#)

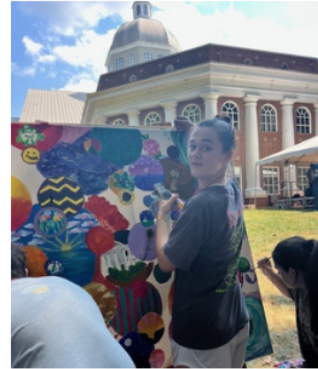
## Volunteers Needed Roswell Arts Festival

# ROSWELL ARTS FESTIVAL

supporting the City of Roswell's Recreation, Parks,  
Historic, and Cultural Affairs Department since 1966

September 19th and 20th, 2026  
10 a.m.-5 p.m.

On the grounds of Roswell City Hall  
38 Hill Street, Roswell, GA 30075



Roswell Rotary will have a tent set up at the Roswell Arts Festival this Saturday and Sunday. We will be helping with the Community Painting which will be presented to the City and displayed in City Hall after the festival. Hours are am - 5pm. It's a fun project plus you get to see all of the excellent artist booths! Contact Lisa Carlisle if you can volunteer for a shift. Text 404-915-7986 or [email lisacarlisle05@comcast.net](mailto:lisacarlisle05@comcast.net)

## Thank You Tournament Volunteers!



A heartfelt thank you to all those who came out to volunteer! What an incredible effort you gave to make the Roswell Rotary Golf and Tennis Tournament a success. From setup and tear down, tail gate support, golf cart drivers, runners, putting green support, volunteer check in, breakfast, lunch and dinner service, registration, party holes, and everything in between. Over 80 volunteers from Rotary and our charity partners faced long hours and heat, yet you stayed positive and committed. I want to particularly thank those who took on double or triple shifts, handled beverages and especially coolers, and asked how they could help in additional ways. You all have left me with such a great feeling that good, generous people exist on earth.

Your hard work is what makes this event possible. Every role mattered, every hour counted, and every one of you helped create a memorable experience for our players and guests. Thank you for giving your time and energy. – Deb Perkins

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## Bittersweet Year

# Remembering Dave Wash



**Dave giving us our assignments  
for holes at '25 Tournament**

## *David Michael Wash*

OCTOBER 16, 1963 - FEBRUARY 12, 2026



**Remembering Dave at the Party  
Hole in '26**

As we worked on the Tournament this year, there was such a big empty chair at every committee meeting and on the day of the tournament. For so many years, Dave was such an integral part of the planning for the hole locations and contests and many other parts of the tournament. When we got excited, he got calm. He was smart and humble and had a true heart for service. So many others in our club missed his presence. So when we got to "Party Hole" and saw these cups- In Memoriam- Dave Wash- Always in our Hearts- I know Dave was there hearing us remember him and drinking a toast to him. Thank you, Chris Archer, for making time to remember Dave on the course out in th

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## Upcoming Roswell Rotary Events

## Strengthen Your Connections Here!



### **Moonlight & Martini's**

Fri. Sept. 18, 7pm Bulloch Hall

[Add To Calendar](#)

### **Rivers Alive Clean Up**

Saturday, September 19

[Add To Calendar](#)

### **Lake Day at Gordon Owens**

Saturday, September 19

[Add To Calendar](#)

### **Roswell Arts Festival**

Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 19-20

[Add To Calendar](#)

### **Women in Rotary Fall Social**

Wed, Sept. 30 5pm - 7pm

[Add To Calendar](#)

First Responders Farm Day

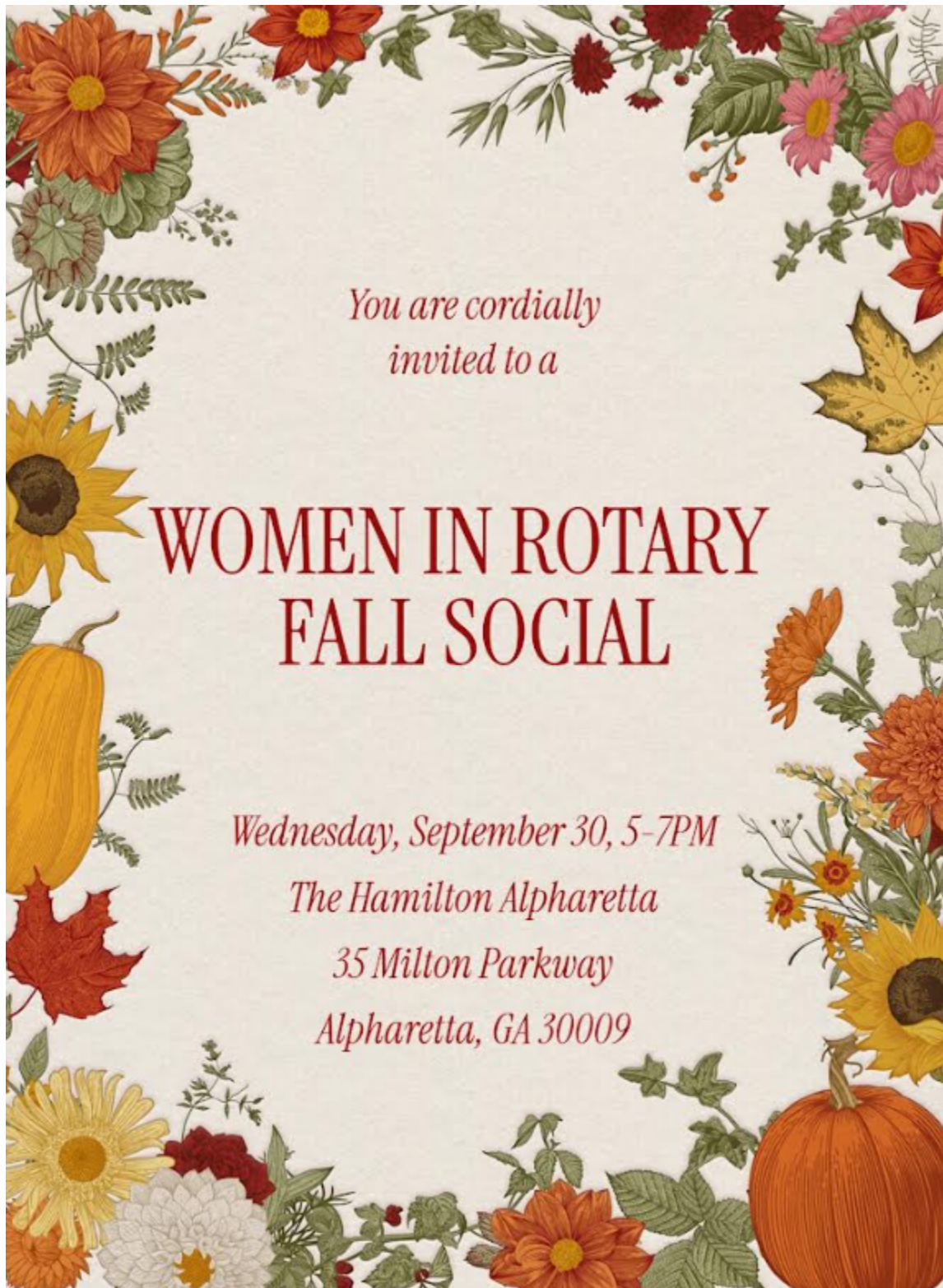
Gold & Grass Farms Ballground, GA

Sunday, Oct. 18 1pm - 5pm

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## Fall Social Sept. 30

## Women in Rotary Event



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Thursday, April 22, to Sunday, April 25, 2027

# District Conference Asheville NC



## 2027 Conference Overview

**Dates:** April 22–25, 2027

**Location:** Asheville, NC (Blue Ridge Mountains)

**Host Hotels:** Embassy Suites and DoubleTree by Hilton (Downtown Asheville)

**Registration Tiers:** Early Bird Special (July 1 – Dec 31, 2026): \$350 Regular Registration (Jan 1 – Mar 31, 2027): \$425 Late/On-site (April 1 – Apr 25, 2027): \$450

You can track updates and complete registration through the official Rotary District 6900 website.