

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

9/24	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
11/19	District Governor Cynthia Edwards

EVENTS

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
9/30	Women in Rotary Fall Social

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

10/3	Roswell Youth Day Parade
10/16	Alive In Roswell
10/18	Gold N Grass Farms / First Responders Farm Day

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

MEETING NOTES

Thursday, Sept. 17 — No Meeting Due to Monday's Tournament

Thursday, Sept. 24 — Non-Profit Panel Discussion

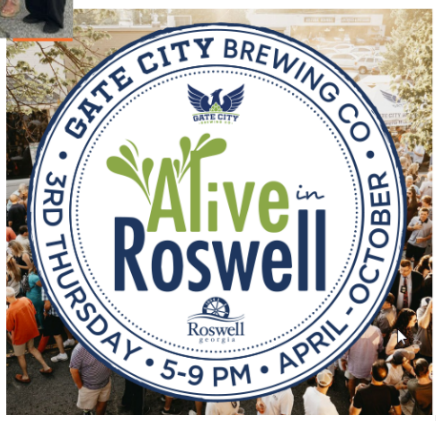
Tonight- Be There!

Alive in Roswell



Sept 17 5pm
Hagan Center

Alive in Roswell



THIS Friday Sept. 18th

Moonlight & Magnolias

10/2	Cheryl Greenway
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) 14 years in Rotary
9/24	Tod Baker (11)
10/4	Shields Blankenship, III (4) 10 years in Rotary
10/6	Chuck Savage (10) 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) 13 years in Rotary
10/11	William Lindsey (7)
10/11	Darrell Bartlett (7)
10/13	Jennifer Briggs (15)



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

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Lake Party







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

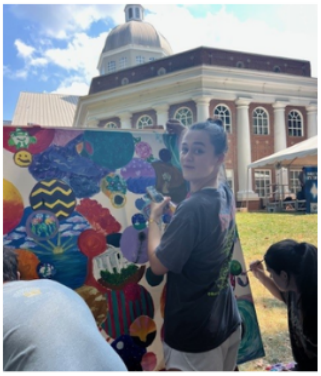
September 19th and 20th, 2026
10 a.m.-5 p.m.

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

Roswell Arts Festival
CELEBRATING 60 YEARS







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**

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

Recap of Golf Tournament





1st Place-
Jack Wyche Team-
Scrubz Car Wash



2nd Place-
Blake Turner Team-Lincoln Capital Advisors-

after playing in Tennis tournament as well!



What a day for golf! It was such a fun day and Roswell Rotary is so grateful for our players and sponsors who make the day one of the most special of the year. The generosity of our sponsors is so humbling and so crucial as we support our local charities with grants. Our most sincere thanks!

Congratulations to Roswell Police Dept. for winning the prized First Responders Cup in the Police Dept vs Fire Dept. rivalry. And congratulations to Jack Wyche and his team for their first place win! Have to give a shout out to Blake Turner who played tennis AND golf and won second place in BOTH! What's your secret Blake?

More highlights coming in next week's newsletter. Check social media for pictures as well. And thank you all for a spectacular event. We hope you made new connections and strengthened old ones. Service Above Self.

Hurray Mindy & Rich

Tennis-Pickleball Recap

Hagan Cup Winner Andrew Chambers



Pickleball Champs
Marti Wdowicki &
Roswell Firefighter
Christopher "Cav" Cavender





The '26 Hagan Cup Tennis and Pickleball Classic was met by great weather (thanks Pastor Chuck), generous sponsors, tasty food, and well tuned athletes. Both the **14th tennis and 2nd annual pickleball events were sellouts** due the the laser focus of Rotarians and volunteers.

For the first time, the Hagan Cup champion was determined by a tennis trivia tie breaker between a male and female player with exactly the same point total.

In tennis, our **second place woman was Annette Hodgson**, **second place man...our own Rotarian and sponsor Blake Turner.**

That left two....a battle of the sexes. After much brain wracking, **Julie Ann Ullman finished 1st for ladies and Andrew Chambers(whose wife Stephanie was the top finisher was n '25) became the '26 Hagan Cup Tennis Champion.**

The afternoon pickle session was again filled with eager competitors. This event, remembering our own Trummie Patrick Jr, brings together players into two levels.

Thanks to Lee Hollingsworth, we honored our local First Responders . Their entry fees were paid by sponsors whose names will be on Roswell Rotary plaques placed in the new Fire/Police station. Pickle play was fast, furious, and hot. After the smoke cleared (sorry), **Marti Wdowicki was crowned women's winner** and **Roswell Firefighter Christopher "Cav" Cavender** walked off with the men's title.

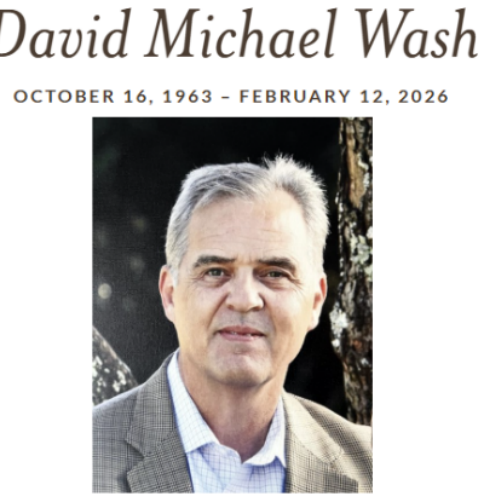
Mindy and I would like to thanks the CCR tennis / Pickle pros Harris, Mimi, Kyle, and Jordan for their smooth management of the event, our generous sponsors, and of course all the volunteers who make our G/T/P event the largest all volunteer fundraiser in the Southeast- Cheers

Bittersweet Year

Remembering Dave Wash



Dave giving us our assignments for holes at ‘25 Tournament





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.

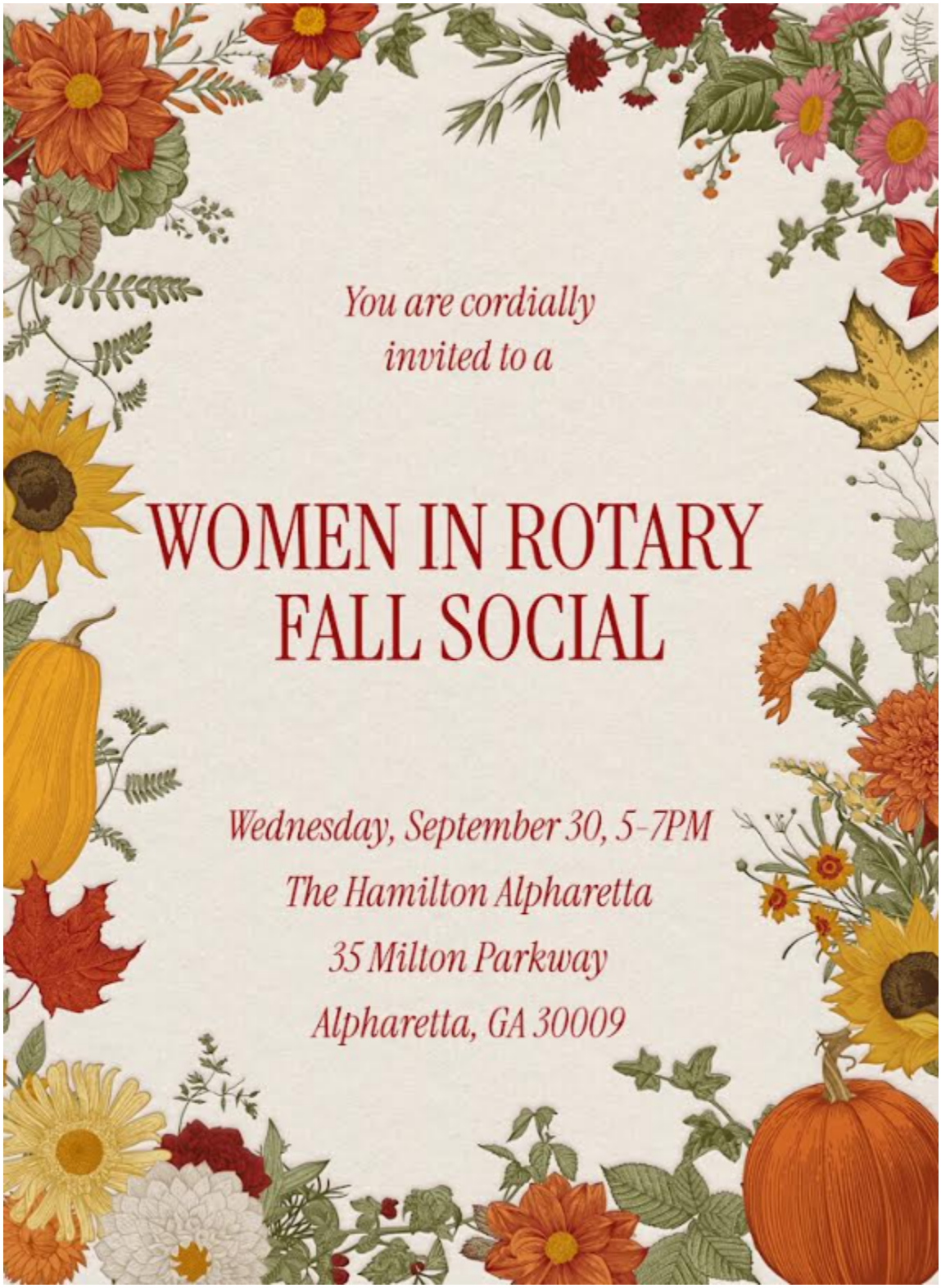
For so many years, **Dave Wash** was such an integral part of the planning for the hole locations and contests and many other parts of the tournament. When we got excited, he got calm. He was smart and humble and had a true heart for service. So many others in our club missed his presence, especially during this tournament time.

So when we got to "Party Hole" and saw these cup**s- 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 the cool breeze and the quiet and the beautiful day. Dave, you truly do live in our hearts.

Fall Social Sept. 30

Women in Rotary Event



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): $350Regular Registration (Jan 1 – Mar 31, 2027): $425Late/On-site (April 1 – Apr 25, 2027): $450

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

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
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Lake Day at Gordon Owens
Saturday, September 19
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Roswell Arts Festival
Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 19-20
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Women in Rotary Fall Social
Wed, Sept. 30 5pm - 7pm
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First Responders Farm Day
Gold & Grass Farms Ballground, GA
Sunday, Oct. 18 1pm - 5pm
Add To Calendar