

President's Message



There's a crispness in the air at last. After a long, sticky summer, the weather has finally turned to fall, and with it comes the full onslaught of football season: Friday nights under the lights, Saturday tailgates, and Sunday afternoons on the couch (for non-Rotarians). Fall is also when Roswell Rotary gets busy, and this year's calendar is full of chances to serve. We'll connect with our local community through **Scarecrows on Canton Street**, support our troops abroad through **Adopt a Platoon**, honor our first responders at **First Responders Farm Day**, and fight for global health at our **World Polio Day Cornhole Tournament**. With so many different interests and talents in our club, every member will find a way to serve that fits them.

It's inspiring to see Roswell Rotary out in the community, showing our commitment to tradition, to honoring our military and first responders, and to

MEETINGS

October is Economic and Community Development Month

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
11/26	No Meeting - Thanksgiving
12/3	GA House Rep Todd Jones

EVENTS

10/15	Alive In Roswell
10/16	ER Nurse Appreciation
10/18	Gold N Grass Farms / First Responders Farm Day
10/21	World Polio Day Cornhole Tournament @ Lucky's
10/24	Gala for HomeStretch

ending polio. As your President this year, I also get to see the quieter acts of service and kindness our members do behind the scenes, the ones that never make the newsletter but make all the difference. From where I stand, the fabric of our membership is varied, strong, and healthy. Let's bring our best, most positive, and most productive selves to this fall season and see what unexpected good we can do together.

Yours in Service,

Leslie

Welcome Brittany Jones, Executive Director of Chattahoochee National Park Conservancy

11/7	Medical Equipment Collection
11/19	Governor Visit
11/19	Adopt a Platoon Packing Event

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

10/7	Lynne Lindsay
10/10	Jeffrey Meyers
10/11	Michael Brown
10/12	SaraBeth Huntley
10/13	Pete Collaros
10/15	Tori Nielsen
10/16	Natalie Cook
10/17	James Byrd
10/17	Geoff Smith
10/18	Allen Dalton
10/19	Jack Stephens
10/23	Jeff McCoy



Let's welcome Brittany Jones, the Executive Director of Chattahoochee National Park Conservancy on Thursday, October 8, 2026. The Chattahoochee National Park Conservancy (CNPC) is the official Friends Group and Primary Philanthropic Partner of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area (CRNRA).

Most recently Brittany was Executive Director of Smith-Gilbert Gardens in Kennesaw, Ga and Chief Experience Officer at San Francisco's Filoli, a National Trust for Historic Preservation. In 2021, Jones completed her Master's in Nonprofit Administration from the University of San Francisco. Through her final capstone project, "DEAI in Nonprofits: Through the Lens of Museums and Gardens," she explored practices and barriers around Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, and Inclusion. Jones received her Bachelor's in Environmental Studies at Florida International University.

"What CNPC has accomplished in just 10 years is astounding, and I am thrilled to be joining such an active, growing, and engaged organization!" says Jones. "I have a deep passion for parks and the volunteers who care for them and look forward to enhancing CNPC's ability to achieve our mission and create a

10/23	Queen Brown
10/23	Mindy Jones
10/24	Tim Maurer
10/26	Katie Anderson
10/30	Bryan Turner
10/31	Anne Wilkinson

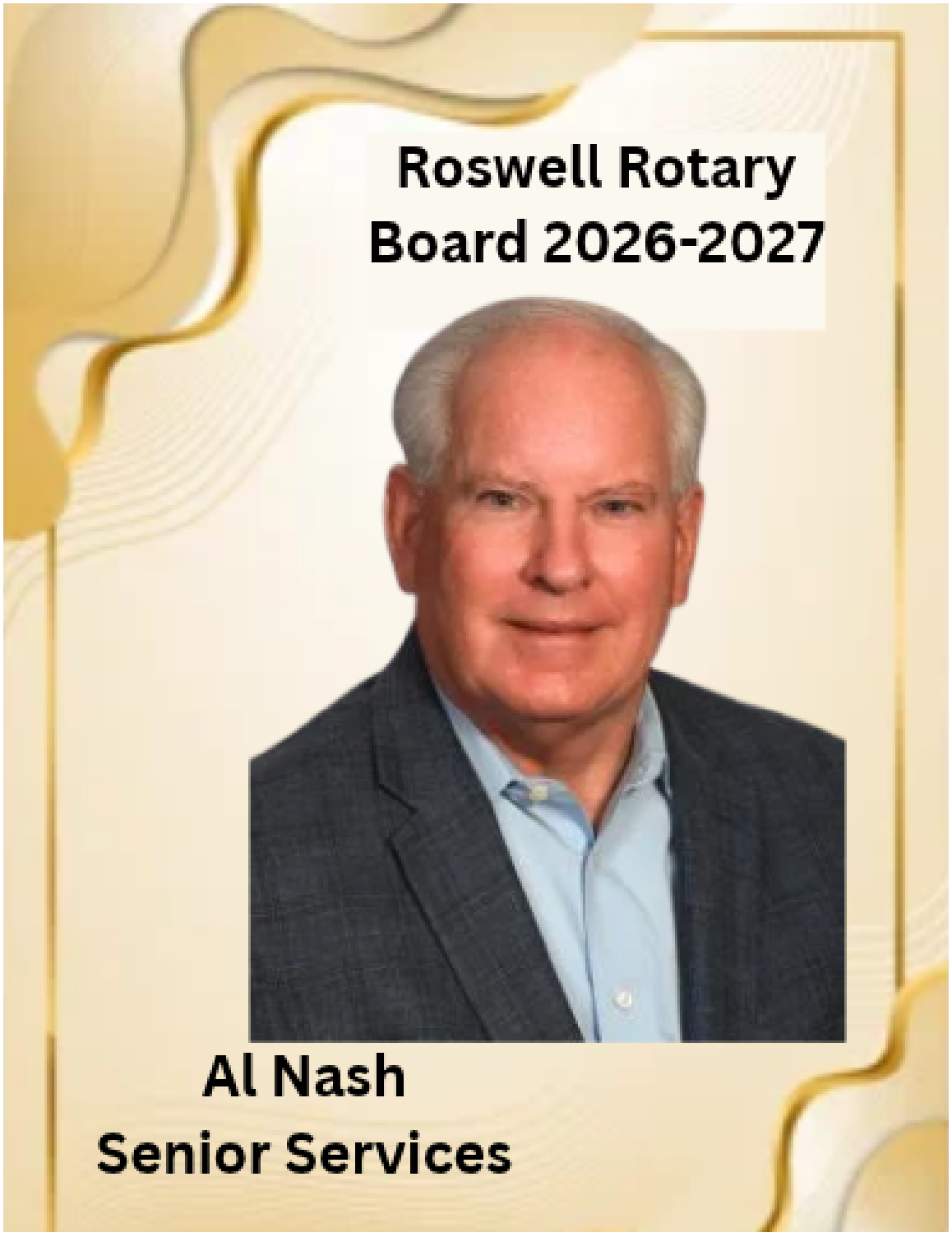
YEARS OF SERVICE

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	William Lindsey (7)
10/11	Theodore Lescher, Jr. (7) 13 years in Rotary
10/11	Darrell Bartlett (7)
10/13	Jennifer Briggs (15)
10/16	Lou Tabickman (18)
10/18	William Brown (3)
10/18	John Gordon (3)
10/18	William McFarlin (3)
10/18	Taylor Schmidt (3)
10/19	Kurt Hilbert (9) 10 years in Rotary
10/21	Asch Aschenbach (1)
10/21	Hayward Altman (1)
10/21	Brian Fennie (1)
10/21	James Rouse (1)
10/23	Steve Stroud (40)
10/28	Ryan Gehricke (5)
10/29	Harold Coleman (28)
11/1	Kenneth Greensmith (2) 3 years in Rotary

meaningful impact.” [read more]

Board Spotlight

Al Nash- Senior Services



During his tenure, transparency and accountability have remained top priorities, with DAFC strengthening its criteria for granting tax incentives. Implementing the use of a tax analysis modeling tool developed by Ernst& Young for DAFC, each project provided fact sheets to the public prior to consideration by the DAFC Board.

Prior to joining DAFC, Al served as Executive Director of Progress Partners, an economic development initiative launched by the

Greater North Fulton Chamber of Commerce where he previously served as Chairman of the Chamber. Nash is past Chairman of the Council for Quality Growth and the Regional Business Coalition, an organization comprised of 16 metro Atlanta chambers of commerce from across the region. He also has served on Board of the Georgia Chamber and the Metro Atlanta Chamber.

Appointed by Governor Sonny Perdue and reappointed by former Governor Nathan Deal, Al served on the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) where he was named Chairman of the Rural Service Transportation Committee.

Having served as a past chairman, he currently serves on the Board of The Council for Quality Growth, is now a current Board member of the True North 400 Community Improvement District, serving as Treasurer. As a member of the Roswell Rotary Club, he currently serves on the Board and chairs the Senior Committee, is a member of The Memorial Day Committee and coordinates Alive at 5 for 2026.

Nash received a Bachelor of Science in land development and public policy from Georgia State University and is also a graduate of the Atlanta Regional Leadership Institute. He and his wife Judy live in Roswell, and they have two grown children. [read more]

Sun. Oct. 18th

Farm Day for First Responders


Roswell Rotary Club's
FIRST RESPONDERS FARM DAY
HONORING OUR LOCAL HEROES AND THEIR FAMILIES
Sunday, October 18
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Gold & Grass Farms
737 Yellow Creek Rd.
Ballground, GA
Join the Roswell Rotary Club for a special day at the farm to celebrate and thank our local first responders and their families for their service and sacrifice.
FAMILY FUN
FARM ACTIVITIES
GOOD FOOD
COMMUNITY CONNECTION
GOLD & GRASS FARMS
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
Rotary Club of Roswell

Look for your invitation via email and come volunteer at the table in the front. It's the highlight of the fall!

Thursday, Oct. 16

Alive in Roswell



Oct. 24

Fall Gala for Homestretch



Oct. 21

Cornhole for Polio



- **Date:** Wednesday, October 21st
- **Start time:** 6:00 PM
- **Location:** Lucky's Burger & Brew
- **Entry fee:** $100 per team or $50 per person – we can pair up anyone who signs up individually.

Contact Bob Clarkson for more info bobc@c21connectrealty.com

Nov. 19

Adopt a Platoon



Ralph Rowland



Shields Blankenship

Adopt a Platoon Nov. 19

Details Coming Soon!

Packing boxes right after lunch meeting.



Nov. 7th

Collecting Medical Equipment



Peace Pumpkin Patch

Roswell Rotary Boo Ya'll Scarecrow



It’s that time again - time to vote for your favorite Canton Street Scarecrow

President Leslie Bassett and the scarecrow team of Kathy Igou, Kenneth Briggs and Jackie Jordan crafted our Peace girl ✌

Rotary District 6900’s District Governor Cynthia’s motto this year is “Peace through Economics, Culture, and Education" ☮

Find the Peace Scarecrow on Canton Street - *hint* it may be near a certain Rotarians business.

[Click Here to Vote for the Peace Pumpkin Patch]

1st Place Winner Civic Awards

Roswell Youth Day Float



Past President Trummie Patrick, Sr, actually started the first RRC sponsored Interact Club at Roswell High School in 1987. His son, **Trummie Lee Patrick III** was then president of the RHS Interact Club in 1993. His daughter, **Taylor Patrick**, is now in leadership for the Fellowship Interact Club. … there's 3 generations!

In 2013, RRC member, **Sid Disher**, brought the idea of a Progressive Interact Program to incoming RRC President **Dave Schmit**. With significant implementation and vision Sid, Dave and **Rebecca Stone**, RRC went from sponsoring 1 club to 10 clubs which included Elementary, Middle and High Schools! The plan was in place to teach, lead, mentor and impact all of our Roswell community and world with Youth Service.

This year, members **Joe Mazzeo** designed our Tapestry of Generations float while **Joe Gillespie, our Roswell Rotary Interact Club Coordinator**, built traction, interest and participation from all 16 Interact clubs. Note the nod to Dr Seuss and the fun colors, pictures and smiling students who BUILT then walked/rode the float with **Jay Pittroff, Jack Wyche, Michael Schoppenhorst, Michael Curling and Becky Nelson** leading the student-built float.

We want to give a significant shout-out to the RHS Construction Dept (Kevin Squiers) for allowing us to build the float on-site as a learning project for the construction students.

Our Interact students with their ever present Teacher Liaisons, BUILT the float.

Thank you is simply not enough to:

- Roswell High School Interact Liaison @ Regan O'Boyle Pierce

- Crabapple Middle School Interact Liaison @ Jennifer Priddy
- Elkins Pointe Middle Interact @ Gabriel Cooper
- Centennial HS Interact Liaison @ German Acosta

What a day of hope, generosity and mentorship between the generations. Love it all. [read more]

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!



Alive in Roswell
Thursday Oct. 15 5pm - 8pm
Add To Calendar

ER Nurse Appreciation
Friday, Oct. 16
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First Responders Farm Day
Gold & Grass Farms Ballground, GA
Sunday, Oct. 18 1pm - 5pm
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Cornhole for Polio
Wed. Oct. 21 Lucky's 6pm
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Gala for Homestretch
St. Ives 5pm-9pm
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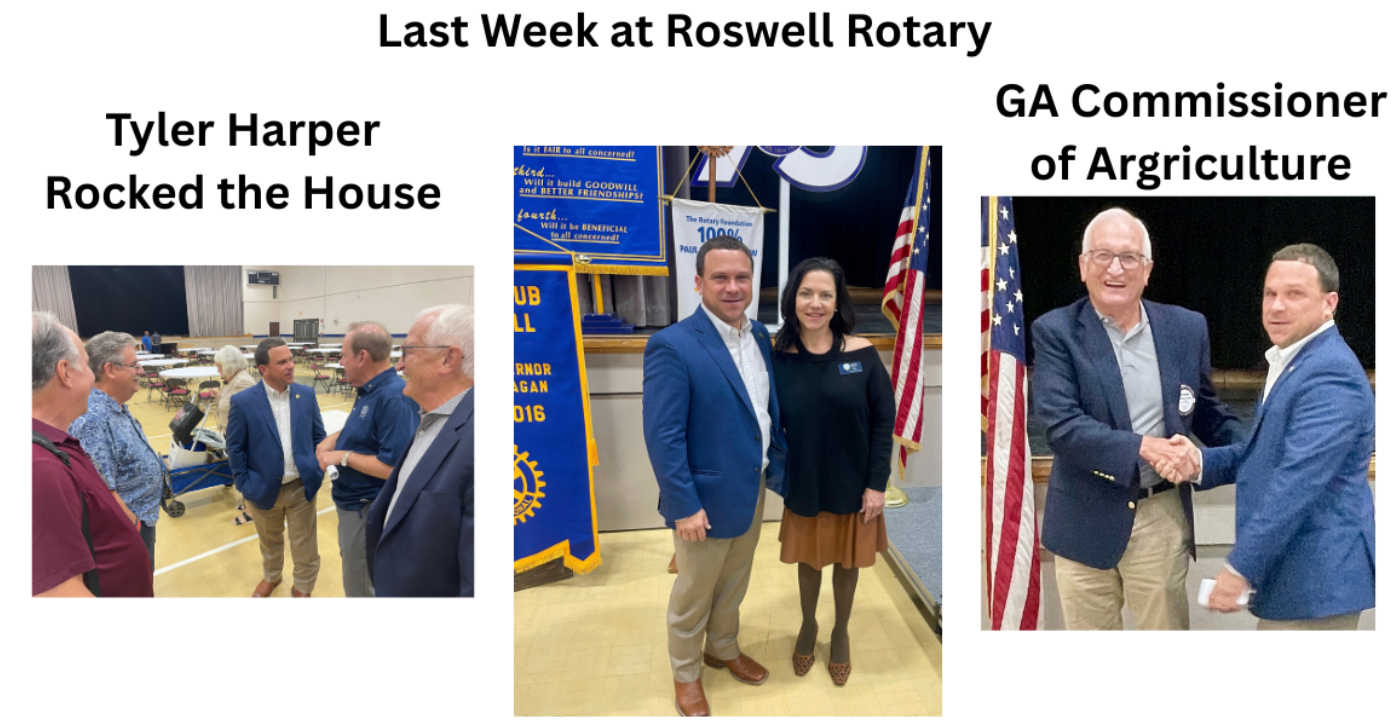
Last Week at Roswell Rotary





Visitors







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And More



