



## October 15 - Cottage School, Jacob's Ladder, and Eaton Academy Schools Panel

**Roswell Rotary**  
PANEL DISCUSSION

### Innovative Education: *Helping Every Student Thrive*

**Dr. Steven T. Palmer**  
Head of School  
The Cottage School

**Megan Finnegan**  
Director of Outreach  
Jacob's Ladder Group

**Scott Baldrich**  
LEAP Program Director  
Eaton Academy

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2026** | **12:00 PM** | **ROSWELL AREA PARK**

Join us October 15 for a panel discussion from school leaders who share a commitment to serving students by providing highly individualized, supportive, and nontraditional educational environments that help each student reach their full potential.

Dr. Steven T. Palmer – Head of School at The Cottage School

Megan Finnegan - Director of Outreach Jacob's Ladder Group

Scott Baldrich - Eaton Academy LEAP Program Director [\[read more\]](#)

## MEETINGS

October is Economic and Community Development Month

- 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
- 12/10 Rena Youngblood - Mimms Computer Museum

## EVENTS

- 10/15 Alive In Roswell
- 10/18 Gold N Grass Farms / First Responders Farm Day
- 10/21 World Polio Day Cornhole Tournament @ Lucky's
- 10/24 Gala for HomeStretch
- 11/7 Medical Equipment Collection

## Board Spotlight

### Shields Blankenship- Veterans



Shields Blankenship, a Roswell resident for 12 years, has always lived next to Roswell Area Park, enjoying the benefits that the area offers, such as the nature of the park and vibrant social life. In addition to Roswell Rotary, he is a member of Sons of the American Revolution and the American Legion.

Originally from South Carolina but growing up in Winston-Salem, NC, Shields returned to South Carolina for college, graduating from the University of South Carolina with a BA in History. As a result, he feels obligated to support its unorthodox football program, regardless of performance or quality of the coaching staff. He also completed an MBA in International Business at Georgia State and an MA in International Political Economy from the University of Kent Brussels School of International Studies. [read more]

Thursday, Oct. 16

**Alive in Roswell**

- 11/19 Governor Visit
- 11/19 Adopt a Platoon Packing Event
- 11/19 Hump Day Social Gahering

## 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

- 10/13 Pete Collaros
- 10/15 Tori Nielsen
- 10/16 Natalie Cook
- 10/17 Geoff Smith
- 10/17 James Byrd
- 10/18 Allen Dalton
- 10/19 Jack Stephens
- 10/23 Mindy Jones
- 10/23 Jeff McCoy
- 10/23 Queen Brown
- 10/24 Tim Maurer
- 10/26 Katie Anderson



Sun. Oct. 18th

**Farm Day for First Responders**

- 10/30 Bryan Turner
- 10/31 Anne Wilkinson
- 11/4 Michael Schoppenhorst
- 11/4 Sid Disher
- 11/6 James Rouse
- 11/6 Karen Schwank
- 11/6 Ashton Dapp
- 11/7 Walt Burnotes
- 11/7 Dave Hallman
- 11/9 William Brown
- 11/10 Lee Hollingsworth

**YEARS OF SERVICE**

- 10/13 Jennifer Briggs (15)
- 10/16 Lou Tabickman (18)
- 10/18 Taylor Schmidt (3)
- 10/18 William McFarlin (3)
- 10/18 William Brown (3)
- 10/18 John Gordon (3)
- 10/19 Kurt Hilbert (9)  
10 years in Rotary
- 10/21 James Rouse (1)
- 10/21 Brian Fennie (1)
- 10/21 Asch Aschenbach (1)
- 10/21 Hayward Altman (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
- 11/5 Haniel Jones (5)
- 11/5 Tillie O'Neal-Kyles (5)  
15 years in Rotary
- 11/5 Bob Hagan (28)  
33 years in Rotary
- 11/5 Charles Cameron (39)
- 11/7 Scott Moscow (13)
- 11/7 Mike Hampton (13)
- 11/8 Robert Fezza (19)



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

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## Three Minutes of Magic \$9, 000 for Polio Plus



**John Carruth \$500**  
*Makes the Challenge*



**Lee Hollingsworth**  
**Match + Challenge = \$1K**



**Sandy Buhler \$500**



**Robert Fezza \$500**



**Bob Hagan \$500**

**In 3 minutes, \$3,000**

**Then Gates Foundation**  
**2-for-1 Match=\$6,000**

**Total for Polio Plus**  
**\$9,000**

**\$3,000 in Five Minutes. \$9,000 for PolioPlus.**

The meeting was winding down. Then **Past President John Carruth** offered \$500 to PolioPlus, a challenge sparked by last week's Cornhole for Polio announcement. Nobody saw it coming. \$3,000 in under five minutes. With the Gates Foundation's 2-for-1 match, \$9,000.

**One Rotarian acted — a room of doers followed — that is Roswell Rotary. *Keep the challenge going: bring your pledge to the next meeting.***

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**Oct. 21**

**Cornhole for Polio**

## Cornhole for Polio Wed. Oct. 21 Lucky's 6pm



Sign Up today at Volunteer Table!

- **Date:** Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>
- **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](mailto:bobc@c21connectrealty.com)

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](#)

Nov. 7th

## Collecting Medical Equipment

### Rotary District 6900



*North Fulton*

## Home Medical Equipment Collection Center

# November 7

# Al Nash

Please  
donate gently  
used medical  
equipment



Oct. 24

## Fall Gala for Homestretch

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR  
**FIRST ROTARY**

# Fall Gala

PARTNERING HOSTS

**Rotary**   
Club of North Fulton

**Rotary**   
Club of Roswell

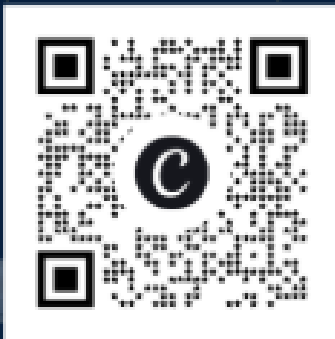
**BENEFICIARIES**

 **ARETE SCHOLARS**  **HomeStretch™**

**SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER**  
5-9PM 2026

**ST. IVES COUNTRY CLUB**  
1 ST IVES COUNTRY CLUB DR. DULUTH, GA 30097  
DINNER | 10 PIECE BAND | DANCING

GET  
TICKETS  
USING QR



ATTIRE  
BLACK TIE  
OPTIONAL

[CLICK HERE FOR FALL GALA TICKETS](#)

Oct. 28

**Blood Drive**

# BLOOD DRIVE

340 S Atlanta St - Roswell



## THE TAVERN

at Roswell Junction

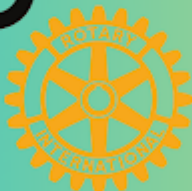
Wed. Oct. 28th  
8:00 am - 2:00 pm

*A Life-saving Function  
at Roswell Junction!*

**GIVE A PINT  
GET A PINT**



### Rotary



**Roswell & No. Fulton Clubs**  
*Our Awesome Partners:*



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## Connections Challenge Coin

### Charlotte Dodson



Bob Hagan and Lee Hollingsworth presenting Roswell Rotary Club's Service Above Self Coin to our much-beloved **Charlotte Dodson**. She has served largely behind the scenes in our community and our lives. Always uplifting.

A great way to connect with prospective Rotarians, in a giving, positive way!

There are so many under-recognized service warriors all around. Help find and reward them.

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## Nov. 19

### Adopt a Platoon



Ralph Rowland

## Adopt a Platoon Nov. 19 Packing right after the meeting

Change this year:  
All items have already  
been ordered

Asks:

- **Can you bake 3 dozen cookies?**  
*Sign up with Kathy Igou*
- **Would you like to purchase a box for a serviceman?**

*Just \$ 50, and you will receive a Connections tumbler, a hat, or a tote bag. Sign up at volunteer table.*



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Sat. Dec. 12

**Holiday Party- Save the Date**

Roswell  
Rotary



# Holiday Party



SATURDAY  
**DEC. 12**



**6:00 PM –  
9:00 PM**



**MIMMS MUSEUM**  
5000 Commerce Parkway  
Roswell, GA

TICKETS

**\$65** *per person*

Evite Link <https://evite.me/6YAWvjYCTZ>



[QR Code](#)

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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.

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#### Upcoming Roswell Rotary Events

### Strengthen Your Connections Here!



# Save the DATE

### **Alive in Roswell**

Thursday Oct. 15 5pm - 8pm

**Add To Calendar**

### **First Responders Farm Day**

Gold & Grass Farms Ballground, GA

Sunday, Oct. 18 1pm - 5pm

**Add To Calendar**

### **Cornhole for Polio**

Wed. Oct. 21 Lucky's 6pm

**Add To Calendar**

### **Gala for Homestretch**

St. Ives 5pm-9pm

**Add To Calendar**

### **Medical Equipment Collection**

Sat. Nov..7

**Add To Calendar**

### **Adopt a Platoon Packing**

Thursday Nov. 19

**Add To Calendar**

Holiday Party

Sat, Dec. 12 6pm-9pm

**Add To Calendar**

### **District Conference Asheville NC**

April 22-25, 2027

**Add To Calendar**

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## **Last Week at Roswell Rotary**



**Thank You**

**Brittany Jones -  
Chattahoochee National  
Park Conservancy**



**Congratulations to the  
Youth Day Float Team!**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place in Civic Category**



**Still No Winner!**

**Try again this week!**



# Farm Day Reminder!

Our generous host for Sunday, **Gary Garrett**, dropped by to make sure we had the event planning under control.

Event chair, **Dave Young**, looks pretty confident.