



ROS WELL Rotascope

President's Message



It's easy to say what we value. It's harder, and more meaningful, to show it. At our First Responders Farm Day, Roswell Rotary showed it, and we showed it in a big way.

Our First Responders run toward danger so the rest of us don't have to. They give up holidays, sleep, and time with their families to keep our community safe. Saying "thank you" matters. But on a beautiful fall day at Gold & Grass Farm in Ball Ground, we said it with hayrides, ATVs, art projects, laughing kids, and enough food to feed a small army. Several of our guests went home with dinner for their families for days. That's appreciation you can taste.

None of it would have happened without **Gary Garrett**, who welcomed all of us to his farm with the kind of warmth that makes everyone feel like family. Gary didn't just open the gate. He jumped right in, and there he was on the tractor, pulling the hayride for the kids. If you know what Gary has been through with his health these past several months, you know how much that moment meant. It

MEETINGS

October is Economic and Community Development Month

- 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
- 12/24 No Meeting - Christmas Holiday

EVENTS

- 10/21 World Polio Day Cornhole Tournament @ Lucky's
- 10/24 Gala for HomeStretch
- 11/7 Medical Equipment Collection
- 11/19 Governor Visit
- 11/19 Adopt a Platoon Packing Event
- 11/19 Hump Day Social Gahering
- 12/12 Holiday Party

was more than a hayride. It was a comeback, and a picture of dedication in action. Gary, thank you. You set the tone for the whole day.

To our **Farm Day Committee**: you made it look easy, which is how we know how hard you worked. Every detail, from the activities to the art tables to the spread that kept coming, was thought through and carried out so smoothly that our guests just got to relax and enjoy themselves. That kind of seamless day doesn't happen by accident. It happens because a group of committed Rotarians plans it, sweats it, and shows up early and stays late. Well done.

And to every member who volunteered, served food, wrangled kids, set up, cleaned up, or just showed up to shake a hand and say thanks: you are the reason this club means something in our community. You turned our values into memories that **First Responder families** will be talking about for a long time.

That's who we are. We don't just talk about Service Above Self. We put on our boots, head out to the farm, and live it.

Let's keep that momentum rolling. There's more good work ahead, and I can't wait to do it alongside you. Next up: **World Polio Day Cornhole Tournament this WEDNESDAY at LUCKY's**. Bring on the competition!

Yours in Service,

Leslie

Meet the Longest Serving Member of the USO - Mary Lou Austin

12/17 Hump Day Social Gathering

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

10/23	Queen Brown
10/23	Mindy Jones
10/23	Jeff McCoy
10/24	Tim Maurer
10/26	Katie Anderson
10/30	Bryan Turner
10/31	Anne Wilkinson
11/4	Michael Schoppenhorst
11/4	Sid Disher
11/6	Karen Schwank
11/6	James Rouse
11/6	Ashton Dapp
11/7	Walt Burnotes
11/7	Dave Hallman

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Service Above Self

President Leslie Bassett

INVITES YOU TO HEAR FROM



THE LONGEST SERVING

MEMBER AND EXECUTIVE

DIRECTOR OF THE

USO

in Atlanta





10/22/26



AT NOON



Roswell Area Park

10495 Woodstock Rd.

Roswell, GA 30075

Join us for an inspiring message about the mission, impact and continued service of the USO in Atlanta.

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Mary Lou Austin is the accomplished Executive Director at USO Georgia with a rich background in non-profit management and leadership. With over five decades of experience, she has successfully led initiatives for military service members and their families. Her expertise spans management, operational planning, and team building, making her a pivotal figure in the non-profit sector. Her academic foundation includes a bachelor's degree in education and social sciences from Misericordia University and a master's degree in public administration from Central Michigan University.

[\[read more\]](#)

Oct. 21

Cornhole for Polio

11/9	William Brown
11/10	Lee Hollingsworth
11/15	Robert Button

YEARS OF SERVICE

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	Tillie O'Neal-Kyles (5) 15 years in Rotary
11/5	Haniel Jones (5)
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)
11/11	Nancy Alterman (16)
11/14	Richard Spencer (33)
11/17	Richard Dreger (37)

**Roswell
Rotary Club**



Service Above Self
IN OUR COMMUNITY
AND AROUND THE WORLD

CORNHOLE *for* POLIO —TOURNAMENT—



SMALL BAGS.
BIG IMPACT.

*Help us
end polio
for good!*



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.



*All donations accepted to **END POLIO NOW***

Good Food • Great Company • A Polio-Free Future

Sign Up today at Volunteer Table!

- **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

November is Foundation Month



November is The Rotary Foundation month! Take Your Paul Harris Fellow Giving to The Rotary Foundation to the Next Level!

Roswell Rotary Club wants to help you reach your next Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) recognition level!

As part of our commitment to Rotary's mission and Service Above Self, the club will make a matching contribution of up to \$300 per member toward your next PHF giving level this Rotary year.

Here's how to participate:

1. Contact Cheryl Greenway to find out how much you need to reach your next PHF level for this giving year.
2. The club will match your contribution up to \$300 toward your next recognition level.

Each Paul Harris Fellow recognition level represents \$1,000 in cumulative giving to The Rotary Foundation.

Your contribution may be tax-deductible. Please consult your tax advisor regarding your individual circumstances.

Let's continue making a difference in our community and around the world through Rotary's commitment to Service Above Self!

This Saturday Oct. 24
Fall Gala for Homestretch

A vertical poster for the Fall Gala for Homestretch. The background is dark blue with a subtle pattern of pine branches. In the center, two champagne flutes are clinking. The text is primarily in gold and white. At the top, it says 'PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST ROTARY' in white, followed by 'Fall Gala' in large, elegant gold script. Below that, 'PARTNERING HOSTS' is written in white, followed by the Rotary Club of North Fulton and the Rotary Club of Roswell logos. A gold ribbon banner across the middle contains the text 'BENEFICIARIES ARETE SCHOLARS HomeStretch™'. Below the banner, the date and time 'SATURDAY 5-9PM 24 OCTOBER 2026' are displayed, with the number 24 being particularly large. The venue 'ST. IVES COUNTRY CLUB' and address '1 ST IVES COUNTRY CLUB DR. DULUTH, GA 30097' are listed, along with 'DINNER | 10 PIECE BAND | DANCING'. At the bottom, there are two sections: 'GET TICKETS USING QR' on the left and 'ATTIRE BLACK TIE OPTIONAL' on the right, both in gold. In the center of the bottom section is a QR code with a circular logo in the middle. At the very bottom, it says 'CLICK HERE FOR FALL GALA TICKETS' in white.

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 5-9PM **24** OCTOBER 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

A few tickets left! Reach out to Bob Hagan 770-587-40241 678-576-4838 or Lee Hollingsworth.

Oct. 28

Blood Drive

BLOOD DRIVE

340 S Atlanta St - Roswell



THE TAVERN

at Roswell Junction

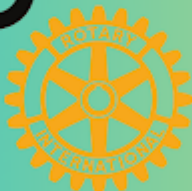
Wed. Oct. 28th
8:00 am - 2:00 pm

*A Life-saving Function
at Roswell Junction!*

**GIVE A PINT
GET A PINT**



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Roswell & No. Fulton Clubs
Our Awesome Partners:



**BERKSHIRE
HATHAWAY**
HOMESERVICES

Pam Santoro, Realtor®

GEORGIA
PROPERTIES

Leap Frog®

Click [HERE](#) to donate

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



Contact Al Nash 404-867-8287 or Jonathan Crooks 770-841-8686

Buy a Box!

Adopt a Platoon Oct. 19 Packing Day



Ralph Rowland



Shields Blankenship

Adopt a Platoon Nov. 19
Packing right after the meeting
Buy a Box Challenge*

If we sell **70 boxes (\$50 ea)
an anonymous donor will
give \$1,500 to enrich the
boxes!**

****Donor Gift Choice***



Sign up to buy a Box for the Troops at the Meeting Volunteer Table or contact Kathy Igou 404-408-4188

Thank a Local Business
Connection Challenge

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Presidential

WEEKLY CONNECTION

President Leslie encourages each of you to
visit a local business,
thank them for serving our community.



SHOP
LOCAL



LEAVE A
POSITIVE REVIEW



SHOUT OUT
THEIR GOOD WORK



TAKE A PIC
WITH THEM



*Then send a screenshot to
Alicia!*

*Together We Make a
Stronger Roswell!*



Sat. Dec. 12

Holiday Party- Save the Date



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



[QR Code](#)

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.

What a Day!

First Responder Farm Day



Farm Day Pumpkins

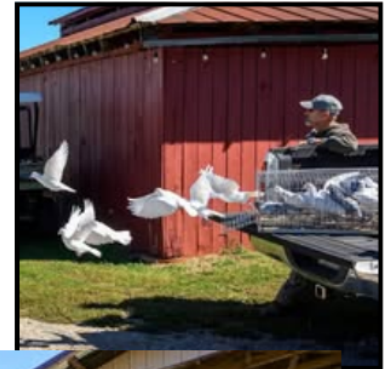




Farm Day Food



Farm Day Fun



What a wonderful day! Take a moment to experience what this day was all about courtesy of **Story and photos by Stanley Leary, StanleyLeary.com.**

[Click Here](#)

Upcoming Roswell Rotary Events

Strengthen Your Connections Here!



Cornhole for Polio

Wed. Oct. 21 Lucky's 6pm

[Add To Calendar](#)

Gala for Homestretch

St. Ives 5pm-9pm

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Medical Equipment Collection

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Thursday Nov. 19

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Holiday Party

Sat, Dec. 12 6pm-9pm

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Last Week at Roswell Rotary

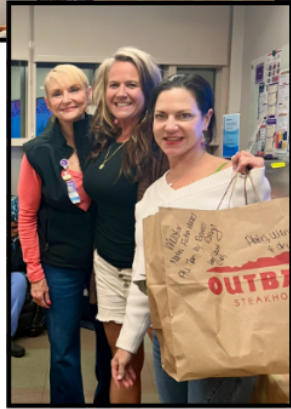


Great Panel!!!!



Alive in Roswell

ER Nurse Appreciation WellStar with Outback Steakhouse



Evelina and Carlotta

So much fun!



Founders Celebration

AN EVENING OF GRATITUDE



DUNWOODY COUNTRY CLUB
ATLANTA, GA
NOVEMBER 4, 2026
6:30 PM TO 9:00 PM



More Opportunities to Learn!

Hosted by Rotary District 6900

POLIO PLUS DAY

An Evening of Fellowship & Celebration



**END
POLIO
NOW**

Join an informative
discussion on polio and
the importance
of eradication.



**MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 2, 2026**
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM



Maggiano's Little Italy
3368 Peachtree Rd
Atlanta, GA 30326



*Hors d'oeuvres will be served.
Dinner & drinks available
for purchase.*

RSVP REQUIRED BY OCTOBER 28, 2026

Please RSVP so we can confirm the head count and order food.

RSVP to:



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