

Meetings

October is Economic and Community Development Month

- 10/16 Hometown Giants - Hear from Delta and UPS- Moderated by PP Dave McCleary
- 10/23 State of Roswell Police Dept and Fire Department with Police Chief Conroy and Fire Chief Troche
- 10/30 Interact Kick Off Meeting + GRSP/RYE Introductions
- 11/6 U.S Treasurer Brandon Beach
- 11/13 Congressman Buddy Carter - GA Ports Update
- 11/20 Lt. Governor Burt Jones
- 11/27 No Meeting at Roswell Rotary - Thanksgiving
- 12/4 Farrell Middleton - The Bell Curve of Life

Events

- 10/16 Alive in Roswell with Roswell Rotary
- 10/23 Cornhole Tournament @ Lucky's
- 10/27 RUMC JOB FAIR
- 11/6 Anchors Away- Packing Boxes for Naval Personnel

LEADERSHIP

President	Trummie Patrick, III
President-Elect	Leslie Bassett
Immediate PP	Nancy Alterman
Treasurer	Mike Agurkis
Secretary	Katie Anderson

President's Corner: Leadership with Your Sleeves Rolled Up

**Thank You
First
Responders**



**Farm Day
2025**



Leading by Example: Herb Kelleher's Thanksgiving Lesson in Service

Many years ago, on a Thanksgiving weekend, severe storms brought airports across Texas to a standstill. Flights were delayed, tempers flared, and luggage piled up faster than workers could manage. At Dallas Love Field, passengers were stranded, and employees were stretched to their limits. Amid this chaos, a man in a suit stepped onto the tarmac, grabbed a bag, and began loading luggage into the belly of a waiting plane.

That man wasn't a ramp worker — it was Herb Kelleher, founder and CEO of Southwest Airlines. When an employee recognized him and asked, "Herb, what are you doing out here?" he smiled and replied, "We're in the airline business, aren't we? Let's get these people home."

His example sparked a remarkable response: off-duty workers voluntarily came in to help. By the end of the day, hundreds of flights had moved, and thousands of travelers were on their way. The lesson was clear: leadership isn't about commanding from above — it's about serving alongside your team.

Herb Kelleher's story reminds us that true leadership is grounded in humility and action. As John Quincy Adams famously said, "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." Leadership is not a position or a title — it's the embodiment of service.

This is the spirit that lifts Roswell Rotary. Every time a member arrives early to set up tents, stays late to clean up after a fundraiser, or warmly welcomes a guest, leadership is in motion.

Honoring Our Heroes: Roswell Rotary's First Annual Family Farm Day

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS

Cheryl Greenway 2012-13
Bob Hagan 2015-16
Gordon Owens 2024-25

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/>



GET CLUB SMS ALERTS

text CLUBALERTS to
(833) 456-2829

Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

10/1	Ralph Rowland, Jr.
10/2	Cheryl Greenway
10/2	Sandy Buhler
10/4	Ronald Cowan
10/4	Lucy Hall
10/7	Lynne Lindsay
10/10	Jeffrey Meyers
10/11	Charlie Brown
10/12	SaraBeth Huntley
10/12	Jeff McCoy
10/15	Tori Nielsen
10/16	David Wash
10/16	Natalie Cook
10/17	Jim Byrd
10/17	Geoff Smith
10/18	A.D. Dalton

This past weekend, the Roswell Rotary Club proudly hosted our annual **Family Farm Day** — a special celebration dedicated to the brave men and women who protect and serve our community every day. We were honored to welcome members of the **Roswell Police Department, Fire Department, EMTs, and 911 dispatchers**, along with their families, for a day of appreciation, relaxation, and community connection.

It was a picture-perfect day — blue skies, delicious food, and a shared spirit of gratitude that could be felt throughout the event. The laughter of children echoed across the farm as families enjoyed painting birdhouses, decorating pumpkins, face painting, the ever-popular jumpy house, and even panning for “gold.” For many, it was a rare and meaningful opportunity to slow down, spend quality time together, and simply enjoy being in the moment.

Several officers shared how deeply they appreciated the chance to unwind with their loved ones. One officer noted that seeing his children laugh and play that day made him feel truly valued in a way words couldn’t express. Roswell’s new Fire Chief Pabel Troche also commented that it was “one of the nicest, most well-done events he’s ever attended honoring those who serve the community.”

Giving back to our first responders is at the heart of what Rotary stands for.

These men and women dedicate their lives to protecting ours, and it’s our privilege to show them how much their service means. Events like Family Farm Day remind us that gratitude is not just a word — it’s an action, and one that strengthens the bonds of our entire community.

Of course, a day like this doesn’t come together by chance. It happens through the dedication and teamwork of Rotarians who live out our motto, “Service Above Self.” A heartfelt thank-you goes to **Gary Garrett** for graciously hosting us on such an incredible property, and to **Dave Young, Lynne Lindsay, Kathy Igou, Alicia Hughes, Gene Beckham, Jack Wyche, Michael Curling, and Bob Clarkson** for their leadership, creativity, and hard work on the planning committee.

Together, we made Family Farm Day not just an event — but a lasting expression of appreciation for the heroes who keep Roswell safe. As Mother Teresa wisely reminded us, “Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.” I am so proud of this club, and proud to serve alongside each and every one of you! Service Above Self is not just a motto at Roswell Rotary...

Cornhole for Polio With a Fresh Spin

Looking ahead, we continue this commitment with our PolioPlus Cornhole Tournament later this month. As we raise funds and awareness to help eradicate polio worldwide, we join millions of Rotarians in a decades-long mission fueled not by fame or fortune, but by determination, teamwork, and compassion. Please take note of the NEW format for our cornhole tournament and get ready to “pick” the winning team from those in the field! It’s going to be a fun opportunity to win a raffle prize. (Details to follow — please ask!)

Polio eradication is one of Rotary’s greatest achievements — a testament to what can be accomplished when ordinary people unite behind an extraordinary cause. Our collective service truly embodies Rotary’s motto: Service Above Self. As we serve our first responders and toss cornhole bags for a cause, let us remember Herb Kelleher’s simple wisdom: “We’re in the people business.” That’s what Rotary is all about — people helping people, one act of service at a time. Through these acts, both big and small, we build stronger communities and a better world.

That’s leadership. That’s Service Above Self. That’s Roswell Rotary.

Sic Vos Non Vobis

Trummie Lee Patrick III

Thursday Panel

10/19 Jack Stephens
10/23 Mindy Jones
10/23 Queen Brown
10/26 Katie Anderson

YEARS OF SERVICE

10/1 Fate McKinney, III (23)
30 years in Rotary
10/4 Shields Blankenship, III (2)
8 years in Rotary
10/6 Chuck Savage (8)
16 years in Rotary
10/7 Jim Coyle, Jr. (15)
10/7 Matthew Millard (15)
10/9 Bill Kolbrener (0)
10/9 Aaron Farrant (0)
10/9 Shannon Harrison (0)
10/10 Mike McRay (22)
10/11 Darrell Bartlett (5)
10/11 William Lindsey (5)
10/11 Ted Lescher, Jr. (5)
11 years in Rotary
10/13 Jennifer Briggs (13)
10/16 Lou Tabickman (16)
10/18 Taylor Schmidt (1)
10/18 William McFarlin (1)
10/18 John Gordon (1)
10/18 William Brown, Esq. (1)
10/19 Kurt Hilbert (7)
8 years in Rotary
10/23 Steve Stroud (38)
10/28 Ryan Gehricke (3)
10/29 Hal Coleman (26)

FAMILY OF ROTARY

Our membership cares deeply about the needs and concerns of our members. We don't want to miss an opportunity to reach out in friendship when such concerns arise. The chairperson of this committee is Lynne Lindsey and all news should be directed to her at lynnehlindsay@outlook.com

Hometown Giants- Delta Airlines and UPS

SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT

Hometown Giants Delta-UPS



Skiffington Holderness

*Delta Airlines: Director of
Government Affairs &
Political Director and Analyst*



Cathy Scott

*UPS: VP Social Impact & The UPS
Foundation*

We are honored to have two dynamic speakers on Thursday on our Hometown Giants Panel. Delta Airlines and UPS are in the DNA of Atlanta and we are so excited to hear from these two executives. The panel will be moderated by our own Roswell Rotarian, Past President and Founder of End Human Trafficking NOW. You do not want to miss this exciting panel discussion. [\[read more\]](#)

Oct 15

Bloody Wednesday Blood Drive

BLOODY WEDNESDAY BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, Oct. 15th
8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Roswell Junction
340 S Atlanta St - Roswell



**GIVE A PINT
GET A PINT**



Register NOW! We need your blood!

Last one for 2025
Alive in Roswell

It's Alive in Roswell Time!!
Thursday October 16 5:00 -8:00pm
Roswell Rotarians
Gather at Hagan Center at 5pm



#2- Make a donation

President's Polio Power Play



The Fight Against Polio: A Legacy of Courage and Compassion

[\[read more\]](#)

A New Twist

Cornhole for Polio Thursday Oct. 23 6:00 PM Lucky's



We're gearing up for our Annual Polio Cornhole Tournament on Thursday, October 23rd at 6:00 PM, and we wanted to share a few details: [[read more](#)]

World Polio Day



100 Gift Boxes-Packing Nov. 6

Anchors Away- Collecting for Naval Personnel

**Anchors
Away- 100
Gift Boxes to
Naval
Personnel on
ships**



**Collecting Now
Order online or
bring to Rotary**



Food:

- granola, fruit, nut, sweet & salty
- Quick protein mix
- Beef jerky
- powdered drink mix
- packets coffee

Other:

hand sanitizer, shampoo,
body lotion, AA , AAA
batteries,
toothpaste, Toothbrushes,
deodorant, gum, lip balm,
socks, magazines for 18-28
years old, gold bond
powder , packets of
coffee, paper, pen,
envelopes

Ralph Rowland is heading up this project. [404-641-5671](tel:404-641-5671) [read more]

Vote for Scarecrow-\$2 per vote

Scarecrow Roto-Lee on Canton St.

Vote for Roswell Rotary Scarecrow on Canton St.



Scarecrow # 88 -Rota Lee



\$2 per vote



Veterans Board Chair

Board Member Spotlight- William Brown

ROTARY SPOTLIGHT 2025-2026 BOARD



William Brown Esq. - Board Chair Veterans [[read more](#)]

District Conference Registration Info



[Click Here to Register](#)

ER Nurse's Week

Honoring Heroes at WellStar North Fulton



Thank You video [CLICK HERE](#) [read more]

Youth News

Sweet Apple Interact Combines with Student Council



~ News from Michael Schoppenhorst Rotary Liaison [\[read more\]](#)

Upcoming Roswell Rotary Events

Save the Date: Find Your Spot and Help Us to Unite for GOOD

Save the Date



Michael Curling
Service Projects Chair



Bob Clarkson
Social Chair

[Bloody Wednesday Blood Drive](#)

Wed. Oct. 15 8am - 2pm

[Add To Calendar](#)

[Alive in Roswell](#)

Thursday, October 16 5pm - 8pm

[Add To Calendar](#)

[Cornhole for Polio](#) Thursday, October 23 6pm
Lucky's
[Add To Calendar](#)

[Anchors Away- Boxes for Navy](#)
Thursday, Nov 6 Before & After meeting
[Add To Calendar](#)

December 13, 2025
Roswell Rotary Holiday Party
Saturday, Dec 13
[Add To Calendar](#)

District 6900 Conference Lake Lanier Islands
Thursday April 16 - Sunday April 19
[Add To Calendar](#)

Last Week at Rotary





[Click Here for Video](#)





Float Wizard



The Photographers



Selfie Wizard



Priya Crumpton
My Rotary Why



Farm Day Planning



Falcons Game at Gate City



ER Nurse Appreciation



More Farm Day





Roswell Police Dept Wins First Responder Golf Trophy for 2025

