

DISTRICT 6000 NEWS FOR JANUARY, 2018



From the District Governor  
**Rotary Youth Exchange**  
 By Alan Swisher  
 Five months your club should take a serious look at Rotary Youth Exchange when doing your planning for next year. [more]



Rotary Profile in Action  
**Dr. Otis Wesley Smith, Rotary Club of Atlanta West End: A Retrospective for MLK Week**  
 By John Cawston  
 When Dr. Otis Wesley Smith passed away in 2007, he was a prominent member of the **Rotary Club of Atlanta West End**. More than that, he was an important part of Civil Rights history here in Atlanta and across the country. [more]

Dr. Otis Wesley Smith, past member of the Rotary Club of Atlanta West End. Photo: Alan Swisher



Club News  
**Perspectives of a 2017-18 Rotary Youth Exchange Student ...**  
 By Denise Taylor  
 As we are in the middle of our first year of Rotary Youth Exchange, Davenport High student Theory O'Connell, one of our current outboard students who is studying in Thailand, sent this update to his sponsor club, the **Rotary Club of Davenport**. [more]

Theory O'Connell, 2017-18 Rotary Youth Exchange Student. Photo: Denise Taylor

**Are You on Track for 2017-18?**

By Margie Kerner  
 Congratulations! You are half-way through this Rotary year! This is a great time to stop and check your map to see if you are on track. This year both the Rotary Clauses and the District Awards are driven by reporting to My Rotary. Read about some of the Rotary Clauses and Awards you can check. [more]

**\$24,000 Scholarships Awarded to Local High School Students for 2018-19 School Year Abroad**

By John Cawston  
 The 1,000+ high school students from District 6000 were invited to receive the Rotary Youth Exchange scholarship for the 2018-19 school year, valued at over \$24,000. See who was selected and what they will be doing for the next year. [more]

**Grades and Holidays ... to New Student Selection ... to GSPSP through a Student's Eye**

By John Cawston  
 As the Christmas holidays ended, we were all happy to have our students, who had the good fortune to travel, return to the GSP and begin classes. So far, the grades coming in to the GSPSP have been good. Encourage your students to keep up that good work and maintain good grades, as transcripts will be available to them at the end. ... [more]

Students at the GSPSP. Photo: John Cawston



At the GSPSP. Photo: John Cawston

**Our Disaster Relief Efforts for the First Half of the Rotary Year**

By John Cawston  
 Rotary Year 2017-2018 didn't start off right. Natural disasters around the world and close to home wanted to occur on a daily basis. Read more about how we are helping. [more]

Disaster relief efforts. Photo: John Cawston



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**Computers Further AVRRIE Education Efforts**

By John Cawston  
 The **Rotary Club of Fayette Daphner**, in collaboration with Affinity Computers, made a donation of computers, anti-virus software, and technical support to AVRRIE's After School and Enrichment Program. [more]



Computers for AVRRIE. Photo: John Cawston

**Emory Druid Hills Celebrates Holidays with Toys for Tots Support**

By John Cawston  
 Rotary Club of Emory Druid Hills is pleased to announce the successful completion of its Toys for Tots drive for the US Marine Corps during the Christmas season and wish to thank all the children and families who donated so generously. So many children will be blessed with the gifts sent by you this season! The generosity ... [more]



Toys for Tots. Photo: John Cawston

**The Giving Side of Christmas**

By John Cawston  
 Through this Lake Spivey/Clayton County Club program, DPACS children actually get to shop for gifts for others. [more]



The Giving Side of Christmas. Photo: John Cawston

**Rotary Club of Stone Mountain, Georgia Gifts Local Refugees with Dictionaries**

By John Cawston  
 The **Rotary Club of Stone Mountain** has leveraged a Rotary District grant to gift 1,200 dictionaries to members of the refugee community recently resettled in Clarkston, Georgia. The club hopes the dictionaries, designed for third-grade students who already speak English, will help the new arrivals develop their English language skills and prepare them for naturalization. The **Rotary Club of Stone Mountain** has leveraged a Rotary District grant to gift 1,200 dictionaries to members of the refugee community recently resettled in Clarkston, Georgia. The club hopes the dictionaries, designed for third-grade students who already speak English, will help the new arrivals develop their English language skills and prepare them for naturalization. [more]



Dictionaries for refugees. Photo: John Cawston

**Marietta Packs Gifts for Rotary/PAL Christmas Party**

By John Cawston  
 When disadvantaged youth arrived at the Marietta Rotary/PAL Christmas party, each received a holiday bag from the **Rotary Club of Marietta**. [more]



Marietta packs gifts. Photo: John Cawston

**Rotary Club of Bainbridge Helps Build Wheelchair Ramp**

By John Cawston  
 The **Rotary Club of Bainbridge** helps to support its local Friendship House and its programs to make a difference for at-risk children and youth. [more]



Rotary Club of Bainbridge. Photo: John Cawston

**Upcoming Key Dates**

Tuesday, January 09, 2018	Carrollton Governor Visit
Wednesday, January 10, 2018	Carrollton Board/Builders Governor Visit
Thursday, January 11, 2018	Kullback Atlanta
Friday, January 12, 2018	GRSP Student Leadership Conference
Friday, January 12, 2018	Rotary Youth Exchange Outboard Orientation
Friday, January 12, 2018	Severson Governor Visit
Saturday, January 13, 2018	GRSP Student Leadership Conference, Atlanta
Sunday, January 14, 2018	International Assembly
Tuesday, January 16, 2018	Roanokeville Governor Visit
Tuesday, January 16, 2018	Prattville Board/Builders Governor Visit
Thursday, January 18, 2018	Kullback Atlanta
Friday, January 19, 2018	GRSP District Meeting - Savannah
Friday, January 19, 2018	RII, Rotary Leadership Institute
Monday, January 22, 2018	Douglas County Governor Visit
Tuesday, January 23, 2018	Faulkner County Governor Visit
Tuesday, January 23, 2018	Kullback Columbus
Thursday, January 25, 2018	Rotary Youth Exchange Outboard Trip - New York
Thursday, January 25, 2018	Bulloch/Faulkner County Governor Visit
Thursday, January 25, 2018	Severson Governor Visit
Thursday, January 25, 2018	Kullback Peachtree City
Wednesday, January 26, 2018	2nd Half District News/Builders Meet the Past
Monday, February 05, 2018	Marietta Merit Governor Visit
Tuesday, February 06, 2018	Savanna Governor Visit
Wednesday, February 07, 2018	Marietta Governor Visit