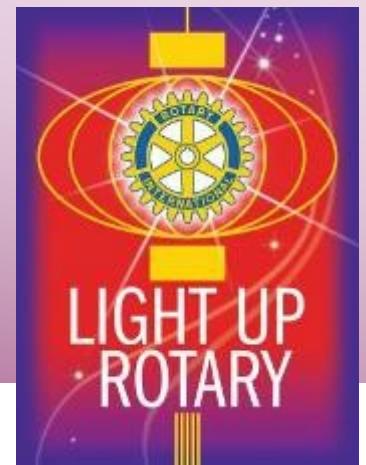


District 6900 *news*

Shining a Light on Our Impact

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Thank You for Lighting Up Rotary

I've struggled for some time now to find the words that can adequately express the appreciation and gratitude I feel as we bring our Rotary year to a close. It has been a year for opportunities and victories, possibilities and accomplishments, challenges and triumphs. And while often times our achievements may not be readily obvious, it is with incredible pride that I say thank you for the spark you have ignited in your clubs, communities and throughout District 6900.

It has been truly remarkable to witness your unwavering support and determination to make a difference. You have not only expressed your desire for change, but you have worked tirelessly to plant the seeds necessary that will bring forth that change in the years to come. We had a mission and you made it possible.

Early into this journey I was informed that serving as District Governor would be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. What an understatement. We tried new things and you accepted them gracefully. I made mistakes and you forgave graciously. I asked of you often and you delivered without fail.

For all of this and more, I will be forever grateful.

It is my hope that you will now take this time to enjoy the company of your fellow Rotarians as you pass the gavels and recognize the efforts of members, both individually and collectively. And that you will reflect on the incredible impact you have achieved through your commitment to our great organization and those who need our support the most.

It has been my absolute privilege to Light Up Rotary with the Rotarians of District 6900 and I thank you for allowing me this honor that I can never repay. Your generosity, kindness and friendship have made this experience one that my family and I will never forget.

Yours in
Rotary Service,

Alicia



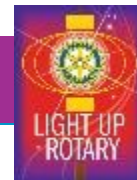
*District Governor
Alicia Michael*

News About the Newsletter ... What's Inside, July Issue Deadline

This month, as always, you will find great stories from our clubs - about projects they're doing, individual accomplishments, and the differences we're making in our local communities and the world. We've put that news upfront - because we don't want you to miss out on a single story or idea for a future project in your community. You'll also find clues about some of **DGE Bob's areas of focus** and the **International Tennis Fellowship of Rotarians tournament in Thomasville this August** (page 4), along with news about The Rotary Foundation (page 2) and GRSP (page 7).

Starting on page 8, we take time to recognize all the award winners announced at this year's District Conference.

Thanks to all who have contributed to the newsletter this year. Our July newsletter is scheduled to appear in your mailboxes on July 6. **Articles are due on June 25** - please send stories and pictures to cuthbert@mindspring.com



Congratulations ... and Keep on Giving to Do Good in the World!

By Ray McKemie, District Foundation Committee Chair

We near the end of the 2014-15 Rotary year. Through the end of May, the generous Rotarians of District 6900, have donated a total of **\$990,976** to The Rotary Foundation:

- ◆ **\$734,615** to the Annual Programs Fund
- ◆ **\$236,030** to PolioPlus
- ◆ **\$20,330** to the Endowment Fund.

This puts us on pace for a record-setting year.

Your contributions to the Annual Programs Fund ensure the District's ability to support your various District and Global Grants. **Fifty percent** of the total donations to the Annual Programs Fund come back to us as District Designated Funds (DDF) and is divided equally between support for District and Global Grants.

By the end of this year Rotary year, we will have awarded over \$154,000 in District Grants to support various club projects. We have had four Global Grants approved and have five Global Grants pending review by the Foundation. We have had one individual successfully apply for and receive a Global Scholarship. And, we have donated \$20,000 in District Designated Funds (DDF) to PolioPlus which will become \$70,000 when matched with funds from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the Rotary Foundation.

We now have **48** clubs that are over \$100 per capita in giving to the Annual Fund. Of these, **21** have given over \$200 per capita, and **6** are above \$300 per capita. **Thank You!**

BUT, The Year is Not Over. Support Your Foundation Now.

By the time you read this there will be only **a few days left in the Rotary year**. We still need your help to get your gifts to the Foundation. When the **26** clubs that have not yet met their 2014-15 goals send in those dollars we could be at over **\$853,000 to the Annual Fund** and over **\$1.1 Million in Total Giving** this year. So, please review the Monthly Contribution Report (MCR) to see where your clubs stands versus the goal that you set at the beginning of the year and take action to meet this goal, if necessary. Also check with the person that sends your club member's contributions to the Foundation to be certain that this is done **before June 30**. These are dollars that are needed in order to continue to fund our district grants, global grants, global scholarships, and disaster relief efforts at current levels.

THANK YOU! for all that you have done, for all you are doing and for all that you will do before June 30 to support the work of OUR Foundation.

Special Focus on Polio Efforts

Ray has highlighted District 6900's generous contributions to PolioPlus. Recently, RI Director Robert Hall announced that our Rotary Zone - Zone 34 - has exceeded \$1,000,000 in giving this year through April 12. As part of his comments, he said, "I would be remiss if I didn't thank two individual contributors in 6900 who have given a combined total just short of \$200,000. Thanks to DGE Bob Hagan and Atlanta Rotarian Wilton and Martha Looney."

In addition to the contributions from Rotarians around the world—and the generous match from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation - the eradication of polio depends on the hundreds of thousands of polio health workers around the world who help to reach every child. These workers are essential to closing the immunization gap, particularly in the hardest-to-reach



communities around the world. Despite incredible challenges and risks, health workers continue to knock on doors, engage with families and community leaders, and raise awareness to ensure all children receive the

polio vaccine. It is their conviction and commitment that powers the eradication program.

Together, we can all help make a difference for the children of the world!



Marietta Recognizes 19 New PHFs

Thanks to a very generous anonymous donation from a club member, the **Rotary Club of Marietta** recently honored 19 very well deserved Rotarians and family members with Paul Harris Fellowship Plus Levels.



A World Summit to End Human Trafficking Held at The Carter Center



Kicking off the World Summit to End Human Trafficking Now, Roswell Rotarian Cokkie Eaker, DGE Bob Hagan, RI President-Elect Ravi Ravindran, Dave McCleary (Founder of End Human Trafficking Now), Augusta Rotarian and District 6920 DGE Pamela Lightsey and RI Director Robert Hall.



The summit concluded with a candlelight vigil at Centennial Park.

The World Summit: End Sexual Exploitation 2025 was held in May at the Carter Center in Atlanta with two days of panel discussions and reports from activists from throughout the world, including police, social welfare and business leaders.

"The most serious human rights violation on Earth is the abuse of women and girls," former President Jimmy Carter said at the summit. "This entire problem is a blight on the human race," Carter said.

Dave McCleary, director of America's Rotarians Against Child Slavery and a member of the Roswell Rotary Club, said, "The evil that is sex trafficking hit home for me personally a few years ago when I met a young woman trafficked out of my hometown of Roswell," he said. "This is a problem for all of us, in all communities, rich and poor, in all countries. But acting together, we seek to end the human trafficking that causes so much suffering among the innocent, usually very young women, any one of whom could be our daughter."

If anything came of the Carter Center summit, it is that progress is being made. The "Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act" is being debated in Congress. This law changes how prostitution laws are prosecuted, targeting the pimps and customers more than the women. Scandinavian countries have adopted what is called the "Nordic Model," which does similar legal revisions.

"We're just not going to tolerate demand anymore," said Linda Smith, of Shared Hope International.

Work is being done to train hotel staff to look out for signs of prostitution. More governments and criminal justice officials are working together to craft laws that punish providers and buyers rather than the victims, who can receive help getting their lives back together.

"It gives me hope we can do this and end this in the next few years," McCleary said.

...Excerpts from story by Apien Media Group

Amazing Overnight Support for Nepal from District 6900 Rotarians



On Saturday evening at District Conference in Jekyll Island, DG Alicia asked our conference attendees to consider helping our District raise the funds necessary to pay for the charges to ship a container of medical supplies to the people of Nepal. The supplies are provided by MAP International, Inc. based out of Brunswick, Georgia - and MAP's leader was one of our Saturday speakers.

The cost to ship the container is \$25,000. In less than 15 hours we had commitments totaling over \$30,000. This support came from individual Rotarians, companies and our Rotary clubs. Another mission made possible by you!



Serving Seniors

Thank you in advance for your support and enthusiasm in the 2015-2016 theme of "Serving Seniors." As our country continues to turn older at such a rapid rate, there are so many wonderful ways that, as Rotarians, we can celebrate and serve our seniors across Georgia. Carolyn Mattingly is DGE Bob Hagan's coordinator for Serving Seniors and looks forward to supporting you in any way you need. Please contact Carolyn by e-mail (cbmatt7255@gmail.com) or by cell phone at (404) 502-7072 with your questions and project needs. We will have a District website resource page and a list of numerous ways you can Serve Seniors in your communities once the 2015-16 year begins.

Thanks for all that you do in serving others in your communities and for making a special difference around the world.



What clues have we received about what's in store for DGE Bob Hagan's year?

Thomasville to host Rotary Fellowship's First US World Tennis Championship; Register This Month



The **Rotary Club of Thomasville** will host the 11th world championship tournament of the International Tennis Fellowship of Rotarians (ITFR) in August—the first ever in the United States. Thomasville Rotarian Gene McNease, an ITFR board member, is organizing this year's event, which will run from Aug. 23-31. It will wrap up in time to allow fellowship members to travel to New York City to watch the U.S. Open.

The ITFR conducts other tournaments but the annual world tennis championship is the group's main event and draws up to 100 players and their guests. The weeklong event always includes side trips to take in local culture and attractions as well as ample occasions to socialize.

The Thomasville club is pulling out all stops. Upon learning that the championship will be coming to town, club member Joe Brown took it upon himself to recruit members to handle everything from guest transportation needs to social events and sponsorships. A smorgasbord of activities is planned. Tours will take visitors to local museums and show off the city's graceful old mansions on streets shaded by moss-draped live oaks. Plans also call for trips to Pebble Hill, a storied local plantation that was a hunting retreat for more than one president, and Wakulla Springs State Park over the nearby state line in the panhandle of Florida. Its spring feeds a lush river teeming with alligators and other wildlife and overgrown with the vines that Johnny Weissmuller swung on while filming the movie "Tarzan."

The tournament is always a fundraiser, and this year's event will benefit the Rotary Foundation and GRSP. Members will play at one of Thomasville's historic sites. Now 120 years old, Glen Arven was one of nation's first country clubs and, in the '30s, a stop on the fledgling PGA tour. Landing the tournament is a plum for the southern Georgia city, population 18,718. Previous championships have been played in world-class cities such as Vienna, Barcelona, Montreal and Zagreb, Croatia.

The tournament will be open to Interactors and Rotaractors as well as fellowship members and their spouses. The categories include men's and ladies' singles and doubles for various ages as well as mixed doubles. **To register and more information, go to www.itfr.org. The registration deadline is June 30.**

AIDS Awareness and Human Trafficking: Making a Difference for Our Youth

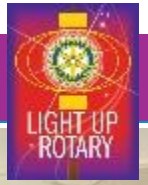
As Rotary presidents and their boards for the 2015-2016 year scramble to get every leader in place to cover all the goals of the club for the year, we would like to issue a reminder for one of the most important opportunities every club in district 6900 has to influence and, ultimately, save lives of adolescents in your community. Be sure you have a representative for the AIDS Awareness/End Human Trafficking program.

This program has been revamped for this year to include the End Human Trafficking concept, as AIDS is often the outcome of the terrible trafficking activity. Your representative for this program simply contacts the schools your club sponsors, sets up the times of the programs, introduces the program at the schools, using a provided script. There is a county coordinator for every club who assists with the school and AID Atlanta scheduling process. This member of our district-level team will be contacting you for the name of your representative soon.

Each program costs about \$230, which includes an honorarium for the 2 speakers and their travel costs.

AID Atlanta provides the speakers who have had first hand experience with AIDS and Human Trafficking. The program will change the lives of many in the audience. What could be more important than that?

If you have questions, please contact the District Co-chair, Dottie Toney, toneydot@me.com, for metro Atlanta clubs or Pat DiGeorge, pdigeorge@gmail.com, for clubs outside Atlanta.



Decatur Rotarians “On the Same Page” When it Comes to Supporting Literacy

Decatur Rotary members spent six weeks reading a book with students entitled “Because of Winn Dixie” as part of a reading project called “on the Same Page.” The dog in the book inspired students to make dog ears. At the top right, Decatur’s distinguished volunteers, minister James Brewer-Calvert, businessman Doug Park, and Superior Court Judge C.J. Becker, joined in the fun and donned the ears to keep the students engaged in the literacy book club project. In the middle, Mark Burnette and Alan Dishman celebrate with students at the end of a book reading project.

Decatur Rotarians also wrapped books for 60 underprivileged children aged from infancy to 18 years who are in the foster care system. Identified by the DeKalb County Government Office of Child Advocacy for Decatur Rotary, these children will have at least one age-appropriate book. Alison Weissinger, Director of DeKalb Library System, initiated the project and Doug Robinson, owner of Eagle Eye Bookstore, gave a discount on the purchases. Rotary members donated the funds for this initiative. The third photo shows Rotarians Susie Brown, Doug Robinson, Alison Weissinger, Doug Torbush and Harl Pike.



Midtown Atlanta Builds Apiary and Raised Garden Beds at Piedmont Park

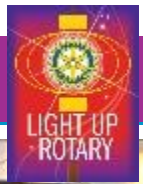
In early May, a band of seven **Midtown Atlanta Rotary** volunteers erected the first ever bee house in Piedmont Park while another pair replaced some of the badly rotted raised beds in the adjacent Learning Garden.

Unable to bring a concrete truck into the park to create a pad for the apiary, our volunteers served as human cement mixers for sixty bags of concrete weighing 60 lbs. apiece. When they still faced a shortage of cement, Matt Hoots, the chief horse at Sawhorse, improvised by directing that they fill part of the space with large rocks from the adjoining streambed. Over the course of the day, our volunteers lifted 3,600 pounds of concrete mix and probably another 1,200-1400 pounds of rocks.

Diana Sauvigne’ and Barbara Rose arrived on bicycles. Attired as any Vogue model would be for a workday, they gathered rocks for hours without a single speck of dirt managing to adhere to them.

Through value engineering, negotiating with vendors, and clever purchasing, Matt Hoots of Sawhorse sliced the initial cost estimate of over \$3,500 for materials and rental of tools to only \$1,638.43. He also made the event so much more fun by offering tips of the trade and explanations of what steps would come next.

There is never a dull moment in the park. Seven thousand walkers in support of lupus research strolled by and untold formations of U.S. Marines marched and chanted past our volunteers. Even the chairman of the Piedmont Conservancy and his wife visited for 15 minutes to offer their appreciation the work of Midtown Atlanta Rotary.



North Fulton Raises Money with Music



The **Rotary Club of North Fulton** raised \$14,000 for local charities at its April Concert by the River. The concert was held at the Chattahoochee Nature Center with music by Bogey and the Viceroy. Beneficiaries include The Childhood Development Association, Heart for Africa, North Fulton Community Charities, the Drake House and K-9 assistance.



Hygiene for the Homeless

Decatur Rotary Club members spent a chilly March Sunday morning in downtown Atlanta distributing hygiene kits to the homeless. This ongoing project is in partnership with the Gentle Spirit Christian Church. Members contribute the funds and buy the products or get them donated and then assemble and distribute the kits. Pictured: Club President Peter Michelson and his son Jacob, Herb McCoy, Josh Chamberlain, Dan DeWoskin and his son Marshall, and Zach North.



Teachers Honored in Special Luncheon

The **Rotary Club of Sandy Springs** recently recognized the 2014-2015 Sandy Springs Teachers of the Year during its weekly meeting. This is an annual event for the club. Teachers from 11 schools were honored - each chosen by their respective schools.

Congratulations to Rotarians of the Month

The **Rotary Club of Marietta**, honored three very well deserved Rotarians with Rotarian of the Month awards. From left to right:

- ◆ Don Barbour organized Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Marietta and the Rotary Club of Marietta Metro to read to each 2nd grade class in the Marietta City Schools during an entire week in April

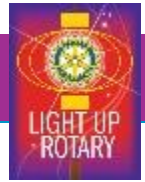


- ◆ Mark Barbour continues to supply the Marietta City Schools 'Little Libraries' (placed outside each school) with a variety of books for all ages.
- ◆ Reuben Green is a volunteer and leader who helped prepare the Reconnecting Families new garden plot and various construction projects on site in the City of Marietta.

Community Assistance Center Wins in Pie Challenge

Rotary Club Presidents Gene Jordan (Sandy Springs) and Scott Jennings (Dunwoody) recently entered into a challenge - could a club twice Sandy Springs' size deliver twice as much canned food to CAC? At stake for the presidents ... a pie in the face for the losing president. In the end, about 3,000 pounds of food donated to the CAC, Dunwoody falls a few pounds short of delivering twice as much food ... and both presidents decide to take a pie. No humble pie for either side ... a great day for the community.





Getting Ready for 2015-16

*By Lynn Clarke, District 6900 GRSP Chair
on behalf of Your District 6900 GRSP students and
trustees !*

As 2014-2015 students are returning home to spread the news about Georgia and its wonderful hospitality, host families, trustees and president elects are welcoming the students for 2015-2016. Although the numbers are not yet finalized, it looks like we will have a total of 46 students this coming year: 30 are female and 16 are male, which continues the trend of 2/3 of every class being female. In District 6900, we will have 21 students with 63% of our clubs participating. In District 6910 they will have 16 students with 78% of their clubs participating and in 6920, they will have nine students with 29% of their clubs participating.

I am happy to announce that the Decatur Club, the Atlanta Midtown Club and the Druid Hills Club will be hosting their first student this year. Thanks to Nick Spates and Aadu Allpere, these clubs decided to partner to bring another student in for the coming year. We were also able to keep the North Columbus Club on the program when they were able to partner with Harris County, a new participating club. Thanks to Ben Stahl, Tony Wright and the Columbus Rotary Club for making this partnership work. Also, Smyrna Club has agreed to participate in the program in the 2016-2017 year once again. We are looking for a partner for them now, so if your club would like to help sponsor another student or would like to get into the program, please let us know.

Please be sure to write and Skype with your student prior to their arrival. Meeting the family through Skype makes their family more comfortable and, who knows, you may make a lifelong friendship with an entire family! We had a wonderful class this year and we shed some tears when we put them on the plane for home. Now it's time to get ready for the next opportunity to meet the world.

What GRSP Means: From a Student's Perspective ...

Luma Moreschi, Brazil, Class of 2013-14

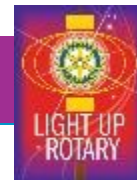
If I had to choose a sentence to summarize my year in the US, the one that would probably define most of my experiences in this amazing country is: "it's just like in the movies." I have been watching American movies and TV shows for quite a while, so I knew that I would have a remarkable time here. I was not wrong about that. As I said to some of the host families and people I talked to, even some little things that might seem silly or not special at all to Americans and people who grew up around here, are totally amusing for me. All sorts of ball games, yellow school buses, traditional mailboxes with the little red flag, squirrels, deer, S'mores, Thanksgiving, snow (for the very first and lovely time), a pumpkin patch, shopping (and more shopping), Rotary meetings and other related activities, student weekends, trips around the US, and many other little and big exciting things... I do not think I could fit all the incredible things I have been living here in one single page, but I can certainly say I made the most out of my year.

One thing I could not forget to mention was how interesting it was to be in touch with different cultures, not only American but from all the countries represented by the other students in the program. Since I was the only Brazilian this year, I did not even have a choice not to get to know the other countries and costumes. With simple conversations, I could find out a lot of fascinating differences, but also many similarities. Seeing that we are more alike than we imagine made me realize that Peace really is possible, if only we are willing to make it happen. And sharing about my beloved country was also really nice, either by telling stories or cooking and authentic Brazilian meal to my host families.

Many people told me before I left Brazil: "Enjoy! It is going to be the best year of your life!" I knew it was going to be more than good, but I have to confess I was a little skeptical about that back then... How could a year away from home, without family and friends, all the people and things I know and I love so much, possibly be so great? Well, now I have the answer... First, being away from family and friend was indeed hard, but it made me realize how blessed I am to have all them supporting me in this adventure and in every single moment of my life. Technology made it easier and I did not spend a single day without hearing from them, but another factor also helped a lot. The song "Home", by Jack Johnson, can express the second answer. In one of the verses, he sings "Home is wherever we are, if there's love there too". I have to agree with him and thank Rotary and all the fantastic Host Families I had for making me feel at home, making me feel truly loved and appreciated every single time I've been to the meetings, parties, activities or just on my regular weekend visits to their houses.

I am fortunate enough to have Rotary in my life, officially, for almost eight years now. Once I heard a speech from a Rotaractor in which he said that when we live good things in Rotary and have great experiences because of them, it is like as if we were creating a certain debt. After we do that, he reminds us, we force ourselves to get up early in some occasions, serve the community and try to make our best efforts to Rotary in order to pay our debts. The "problem" is that when we do it, we always have a great time and a new and larger debt is created, and I totally agree with him. Before this year, my debt was already not the smaller one. Now, I'll have to spend my whole life continuing to serve Rotary and trying to pay this incredibly huge debt GRSP made me create with this astonishing year of my life.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE AWARDS RECAP



2014-15 Sheffield Leadership Award Winners

Presented by the Rotary Club of Americus in honor of three generations of Sheffield family District Governors (top left to bottom right):

- ♦ Category 1 - **Melia Davis**, Rotary Club of Pelham
- ♦ Category 2—**Jon Yaeger**, Rotary Club of North Atlanta
- ♦ Category 3 - **Gayle Woolard**, Rotary Club of Dougherty County
- ♦ Category 4—**Ryan Clements**, Rotary Club of Columbus

Follow Me Award

Presented by the Rotary Club of Stone Mountain in honor of PDG Al Lipphardt: **AG Candace Klein**, Rotary Club of Buckhead, received the "Follow Me" award for outstanding service as an Assistant Governor.



Rotarian of the Year

The William E. Carver, Sr. Rotarian of the Year award was presented to **Alec Smythe**, Rotary Club of Buckhead, for his work with clubs on future planning and for revamping our communication.

Best All-Around Club Awards		
Category	Best	Runner-Up
C1	Milton-Windward	North Fulton
C2	Sandy Springs	East Cobb
C3	Alpharetta	Vinings
C4	Roswell	Buckhead

Sam Whitfield Award for Ethics

Presented by the Rotary Club of Smyrna to **George Stewart** of the Rotary Club of Dunwoody for his inspirational work on the Character Education program and the Laws of Life Essay Contest



George Stewart and Lorri Christopher

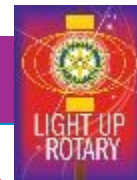
Frank E. Bentley Leadership Award

Presented by the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs to honor exceptional Rotarian service and leadership in the Georgia Rotary Student Program. Presented to GRSP Trustee **Lorri Christopher** of the Rotary Club of Dunwoody in recognition of exceptional commitment to our GRSP students and the GRSP program.



DGE Bob Hagan will take the leadership role from DG Alicia on July 1, 2015.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE AWARDS RECAP



Additional Club Awards		
Category	Best	Runner-Up
Best Foundation Per Capita		
C1	North Fulton	Milton-Windward
C2	Smyrna	East Cobb
C3	Alpharetta	Vinings
C4	Thomasville	Buckhead
Best Foundation Total Giving		
C1	Milton-Windward	North Fulton
C2	East Cobb	Smyrna
C3	Vinings	Alpharetta
C4	Atlanta	Roswell
Best Membership Retention		
C1	Bremen	North Fulton
C2	North Cobb	Atlanta West End
C3	Midtown Atlanta	Carrollton
C4	Thomasville	Atlanta
Best Membership Growth		
C1	Bremen	Fayette-Daybreak
C2	Johns Creek - North Fulton	Blakely
C3	Alpharetta and Midtown Atlanta	N/A
C4	Thomasville	Decatur
Best Service Projects		
C1	Pelham	Milton-Windward
C2	Carrollton Dawnbreakers	East Cobb
C3	Alpharetta	Dunwoody
C4	Roswell	Buckhead

Georgia Laws of Life Essay Contest

At this year's District Conference, Daniel Hinton of Dunwoody High School received a \$1,000 "George A. Stewart, Jr. Character in Action Award" and read his winning essay. The award is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Dunwoody to honor George's dedication to student character education and the Laws of Life contest.

Some facts about the program:

- ◆ More than 45,230 students from 59 high schools wrote an essay for the 2014-2015 contest.
- ◆ The contest named 172 school-level student winners and 7 statewide student winners.
- ◆ Over \$20,000 in cash awards were distributed to students and teachers.
- ◆ The Georgia Laws of Life contest is the largest high school essay contest in North America.
- ◆ Nearly 495,000 Laws of Life essays have been written by Georgia high school students since 1999.

The contest was sponsored by 40 Georgia Rotary Clubs and numerous foundations, companies, and individuals. You can read statewide winning essays at the "Read Essays" button at:

www.georgialawsoflife.org

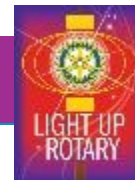


Daniel Hinton of Dunwoody High School reads his first place essay at the Rotary Club of Dunwoody meeting.



Rotary Club of Peachtree City conducted its annual Laws of Life Essay contest among the Fayette County schools. In this contest local students write short essays about the facets of life that they think are important. The winners this year are Duffy Weldon, Josh Hamlin, Camille Faraldi. Duffy Weldon won 2nd Runner-up at the State-level contest, making his essay third out of 45,000 essays written.

SHINING A LIGHT ON OUR IMPACT



More District Awards	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 4
Best Bulletin	W: Coweta-Fayette RU: Henry County	W: Barnesville RU: Carrollton Dawnbreakers	W: Peachtree City RU: Dunwoody	W: Marietta RU: Griffin
Best Club Yearbook	W: Pelham RU: Coweta-Fayette and Clayton County	W: North Atlanta RU: Carrollton Dawnbreakers	W: Dunwoody RU: Peachtree City	W: Roswell RU: LaGrange
Best Club Website	W: Coweta-Fayette RU: Fayette Daybreak	W: Harris County RU: Moultrie	W: Alpharetta RU: Marietta Metro	W: Roswell RU: Buckhead
Jake Cheatham Memorial Award (Best GRSP per capita)	W: Henry County	W: Sandy Springs	W: Dougherty County	W: Thomasville
Dick Mitchell Award: Attendance	W: Coweta-Fayette	W: Camilla	W: Carrollton	W: Columbus
Albert and Esther Thomson Award (Best Foundation Giving Per Capita)	W: Smyrna			
Al Daniel Membership Award	W: Thomasville			
Best House of Friendship Display Award	W: Pelham RU: Muscogee- Columbus	W: East Cobb RU: Carrollton Dawnbreakers	W: Peachtree City RU: Dunwoody	W: Roswell RU: Marietta
Best District Conference Attendance	W: North Fulton Henry County Milton-Windward RU: Griffin Daybreak	W: Stone Mountain RU: Sandy Springs	W: Alpharetta RU: Dunwoody	W: Roswell RU: Griffin