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Immediate Past District  
Governor  
Jim Squire  
&  
Past District Governors  
Frank Bentley,  
Ralph Thurmond,  
and Barry Smith

## Meetings

September is Basic Education  
and Literacy Month

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

9/4 Stephen Flanagan  
9/15 Carl Pirkle, Jr.  
9/27 Mike Stacy

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

9/17 William Snellings (43)  
9/28 Stephen Flanagan (24)

## Rotary Online

<https://sandyspringsrotary.org>  
<https://rotary6900.org/>  
<https://rotary.org/>

## ROTARY CLUB OF SANDY SPRINGS

Mondays, 12:15 pm  
Hilton Suites  
6120 Peachtree Dunwoody  
Road, NE  
Sandy Springs, GA 30328



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### Welcome to the Sandy Springs Rotary Club



Welcome Sandy Springs Rotarians to the new Rotary year. It will be hard to top last year but we'll do it with your help & support. Kudos to past president Nancy Schroeder and PDG Jim Squire for your service and helping the club receive many awards at the District Celebration including our second "Club of the Decade" designation.

Some changes are being made in our club's meeting program to make it more varied & interesting. We will be adding the Sandy Springs Business Spotlight, a third raffle drawing, and wine one meeting a month. Members are now asked to come a little earlier as lunch will begin at noon with the program to start promptly at 12:15. Along with our traditional club events & projects we'll have a couple more service projects/media events, membership events (Rotary Pizza Night at Pontoon) and different Family of Rotary social events. I look forward to engaging with you to make it a exciting year.

Visitors are welcome to experience the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs' hospitality and energy. Meetings are typically the 1st, 2nd & 4th Mondays. Lunch is served at noon and the 1 hour program begins at 12:15. Hilton Perimeter Suites, 6120 Peachtree Dunwoody Road, Sandy Springs, GA 30328. Reserve a spot by going to our website at [www.sandyspringsrotary.org](http://www.sandyspringsrotary.org). Join your fellow professionals, community and business leaders, and learn how Rotary can benefit your future. Experience Rotary Making Things Happen in Sandy Springs!



## Upcoming Program

### Our Next Speaker will be Audra Pittman From the Savannah College of Art & Design



The Rotary Club of Sandy Springs is proud to announce that Dr. Audra Pittman, of the Savannah College of Art & Design, will be visiting our club on Monday, September 28th at 12:15.

Dr. Audra Pittman is Vice President for SCAD Atlanta, where she oversees the quickly growing campus's academics and administration. She brings to her post more than 20 years of arts, education, and business experience.

Prior to accepting the VP position at SCAD, Dr. Pittman served as Executive Director

## LEADERSHIP

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|-----------------|----------------|
| President       | John Neill     |
| President-Elect | Charan Shikh   |
| Treasurer       | Zac Boswell    |
| Secretary       | Scott Einfeldt |
| Membership      | GENE Jordan    |
| Foundation      | Will MacArthur |

for the Tallahassee Council on Culture & Arts, a clearinghouse for arts and culture in the entire Big Bend region. Prior to the Council, Dr. Pittman chaired the Department of Professional Education at SCAD, where she facilitated the university's first online teacher certification program for Art & Drama concentrations and ensured its accreditation.

Dr. Pittman is an active volunteer in the community. She has served on the board of numerous organizations, including Boys Town North Florida, Thomasville Center for the Arts, United Way of the Big Bend, and the Dean's Advisory Board for the Florida State University College of Fine Arts.

Dr. Pittman has been recognized as one of Florida Trend magazine's "People to Know" in Tallahassee and Leon County, and was also selected as one of the Tallahassee Democrat's "25 Women You Need to Know." She has been featured on the cover of both Tallahassee Magazine and Tallahassee Woman Magazine for her efforts in the arts and cohosted Fox 49's AM Break with Ann & Audra. The Girl Scouts of the Florida Panhandle honored Dr. Pittman as a "Woman of Distinction" for her service in the arts.

Dr. Pittman's education comprises a BFA from the University of Connecticut, an MA in Teaching from the Maryland Institute College of Art, and a PhD in Arts Administration and Art Education from Florida State University. She is married to Attorney Sean Pittman. They have three daughters - Paloma (8) and twins Phoebe and Pilar (6).

Please join us and give Dr. Pittman a warm Rotary welcome.

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More about the Savannah College of Art & Design can be found here: <https://www.scad.edu/>



### Past Program

## Sally Platt, How to Think About Community Needs Assessments



This past Monday Sally Platt presented to us how to create a Community Needs Assessment. Her program was about how to make our Rotary projects more effective. Many times, we as Rotarians want to come in and just try to fix everything!

How do we pick projects that will have long term positive results? Sally brought to us not answers but three questions:

1. What is Service? Is it a band aid or a cure? Are we doing it to make us look good or to serve the community?
2. Are our projects effective and how do we know?
3. Are our projects chosen to fill a need that is not already being addressed by other organizations?

She suggested a couple of books to read written by [Robert Lupton](#), "[Toxic Charity](#)" and "[Charity Detox.](#)" "[Toxic Charity](#)" addresses attempts to serve the inner city and the poor. It talked about how charity can be very destructive. It can easily become self-serving to the giver of the charity.

Sally offered her services to us and other Rotary Clubs to help them chose projects and implementation to insure the most effective result with long term positive results.

She refers to it as a Structured Community Needs Assessment. She does this through workshops.



The Rotary Club of Sandy Springs would like thank Sally for all of her time and effort she's invested into Rotary and the world.

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More information about Sally Platt can be found on her LinkedIn page here:  
<https://www.linkedin.com/in/sally-platt-60520a11/>

These photos and more are available in original resolution at:  
<https://rotaryclubofsandysprings.zenfolio.com/p588462561>



#### **Special Event**

### **Family of Rotary Night at The Select**

The Rotary Club of Sandy Springs invites all Rotarians and their family to join us for a Family of Rotary dinner at the The Select, Restaurant and Lounge.



**September 24th at 6:00pm.**

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More information about The Select can be found here: <https://theselectatl.com/>



#### **A Look Ahead**

### **A quick glimpse of our Rotary meeting dates**



\*dates subject to change.

