

## NEWSLETTER

September 20, 2017

## **Club Calendar**

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month

- 9/22 Rebecca Pond -Analytics Drive Business Choice
- 9/29 Katie Williams (Ex Dir of CVBD) - Dunwoody Above and beyond
- 10/6 Jim George (State Farm)
- 10/13 Sarah Morrison CEO of Shephard's Center

## Our Rotary Family **BIRTHDAYS**

- 9/3 Derek Stanfield
- 9/6 Chris Gutschenritter
- <u>9/13 John Hall</u>
- 9/18 Marion Bunch
- 9/20 Blake Lyons
- 9/24 Charles Lockwood

## ANNIVERSARIES

9/6 Adam Wint 9/4 Robert Hall

## **Rotary Online**

https://dunwoodyrotary.org https://rotary6900.org/ https://rotary.org/

#### ROTARY CLUB OF DUNWOODY

Fridays, 7:15 am The Westin Atlanta Perimeter North H 7 Concourse Parkway Atlanta, GA 30328

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of

# This Week's Speaker: Rebecca Pounds, Data Science at KPMG

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Rebecca Pounds, Manager, Data Science at KPMG, has a career focus on partnering with clients to provide analytical services and decision support to help them improve operations and increase revenue. With more than 10 years of professional experience in this field, Rebecca's project portfolio ranges from financial services clients to major mobile telecommunications providers. Relevant project highlights include pricing optimization, NBA scheduling optimization, supply chain optimization, social network analysis, statistical modeling, and predictive modeling.

As part of her presentation to Dunwoody Rotary, Rebecca will share specific examples of applied data science, illustrating the power of analytics to achieving profitable business growth. Prior to her current role at KPMG, Rebecca served clients at Kepler Research, Booz Allen Hamilton and Northrop Grumman. She earned a B.S. in Systems Engineering, at the University of Virginia and a M.S. Operations Research, George Mason University.

Rebecca and spouse reside in Dunwoody.

## "Member Passions" Survey Deadline Extended!

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Survey for Member Passions Deadline Extended to Friday, September 22, 2017!

We want, virtually, everyone in the Club to take the survey.

To date we have only 41 members that have completed the survey, but we really want the whole Club (100% of the members) to take the survey.

We are trying to realign Club activities to better match the passions of our members. If you don't take the survey, your passions won't get factored in., and that would be counter productive.

The average time to complete the survey is running about 18 minutes.

Here is the link to the survey:https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/wrl7YMT

## Job Well Done!

Seven brave souls faced down the terrors of bringing order to the Club's storage unit. For two hours on Saturday, September 9, 2017, this group first emptied the

Sandy Springs April 25, 1984 Active Membership: 92

#### ROTARY CLUB OF DUNWOODY

President Rick Otness President-Elect Rick Woods Secretary Mike Parks Treasurer Larry Domenico storage unit, then placed those items in plastic bins, and finally moved the bins back into the storage unit.

When the team first arrived at the Storage unit, you literally could not walk into the unit because it was so packed with loose stuff. The team included (PDG Bill Mulkey, Bob O'Brien, President Rick Otness, Mike & Claudio Parks, Teak Pacetti, and Rick Woods) quickly sized up the situation and then followed a methodical plan.

They removed everything from the storage unit and sorted items by activity (Governors Ball, 4th of July, RunDunwoody, Archive materials, GRSP, and general supplies). Once items were grouped by activities, the items were containerized into bins, so the items could easily be transported to and from events. Finally, the bins were placed on the storage unit's shelves in areas dedicated to the specific event.

The result can be seen in the attached photos. Please thank these brave souls. We had a great time, imbibing coffee and Munchkins from Dunkin' Donuts while making the storage unit safe for all Rotarians (and workable). Although this isn't something flashy, it will pay big dividends by allowing the Club to operate more smoothly and readily handle big events.

## **Corporate Membership Amendment Voting Results & Next Steps**

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Vote on Amendment Split

The amendment to allow Corporate Members was approved by a vote of 51-For / 6-Against.

The amendment to allow non local members was tabled after several questions were raised regarding the language in the amendment. Some of the issues raised were:

1. Confusion over which costs are covered by the lower dues, and whether other costs, such as member assessments, are mandatory for this class of membership

2. Some members want a better definition of what constitutes the area that a member must leave before being able to request this class of membership.

With all the questions being raised about non-local membership, a motion was made and seconded to table the amendment.

A vote indicated a majority of members favored the motion to table, so the amendment will be brought back to the Membership Committee to be reworked in order to take into amount the concerns expressed by the Membership.

## Mark Your Calendars for Dunwoody Diners September 23, 2017!

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The Dunwoody Diners will host another installment of the group on Saturday,

September 23, 2017 at Aldo's Italian Restaurant starting at 6:30 PM ET.

Aldo's is located at **6690 Roswell Road**, **Sandy Springs**, **GA 30328**, at the Northwest corner at the intersection of Abernathy and Roswell Road.

Aldo's is moderately priced with entrees ranging from about \$ 19.00 to \$ 35.00.

As always each guest will be responsible for their own food and beverages. The Dunwoody Diners will collect a donation of \$ 5.00 per guest, which will be donated to the Club's Charitable Fund. The Group also will collect additional donations to assist victims of the recent hurricanes and earthquake.

Please RSVP to Ken Levy kennethlevy99@gmail.com or (770) 686-2651.

## \*ATTENTION\* All Dunwoody Paul Harris Fellows -An Opportunity to Recognize a New Paul Harris Fellow

**If you have been recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow** by contributing \$1,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation you are eligible to receive matching Foundation Recognition Points to recognize the person of your choice as a new **Paul Harris Fellow**. This is a great opportunity to recognize a family member or a friend with a PHF.

The Rotary Club of Dunwoody has members who have accumulated points (\$) from their past contributions. They are willing to share these points with you . You can receive these points in increments of \$ 100 up to \$500 to match your new contribution.

You can also use your personal Foundation Points Available.

#### **Example:**

You are a Paul Harris Fellow and your additional contributions over \$1,000 is \$200.

You make a new contribution of \$400

We will match with \$ 400

#### TOTAL: \$ 1,000 = to recognize a NEW Paul Harris Fellow

Give or send your Check (Made payable to: The Rotary Foundation) **PDG Bill Mulkey** and the name of the person you would like to recognize.

Bill will do the necessary Rotary Foundation Forms and forward on to Rotary International. We will recognize the new Paul Harris Fellow at our upcoming Annual Holiday Luncheon in December.

If you have questions or need to know your Rotary Foundation Giving status, contact PDG Bill Mulkey via **Home: (404) 325-2110, / Mobile: (404) 317-3660 / Email at:** Mulkeyrird6900@msn.com

### Pumpkin Carving Event - October 29, 2017!

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The Rotary Club of Dunwoody is proud to announce another fun Family of Rotary event and the dedication of the Club's latest Brook Run Park Service Project.

On **Sunday, October 29, 2017** (at **Brook Run Park**) the Club will hold a Tree Planting dedication, followed by a pumpkin decorating contest plus a pizza party. This is surely going to be a fun day for the entire family and especially for the kids and grand kids. There is no charge for this event!

The fun will begin at **2:00 PM ET**:00 pm at Brook Run Park with the Club's dedication of our new Rotary Grove. Under the direction of **Ranger Fred Bounds**, our club plans to plant five (5) trees a year, each year for four (4) years for a total of 20 trees. The grove is to be dedicated to those members of the armed forces from Dunwoody who served and sacrificed for our freedom.

We hope to see everyone at Brook run Park to participate in this new community venture and fun filled day.

### Sign up now for Tour of Grady Memorial Hospital

A few weeks ago our speaker was Frank Blake, Chairman of Grady Hospital Corporation. We learned many interesting things about Grady and the services they offer the greater Atlanta metropolitan area. They are nationally rated and provide outstanding services for burn victims, stroke patients, ER services and many other medical conditions.

Out tour date is Thursday, November, 16, 2017 at 11am.

Our plan is, hopefully, to have volunteer drives so we can carpool. Dependent upon the number of cars, the hospital will reserve spaces for us in the employee parking deck. It is always fun to ride together and share Rotary ideas and get to know each other better. Please sign up and check off if you are willing to drive on the sign up sheets. The sheets will be on the tables during our meeting or RSVP to **Past President Kathy Brandt** no later than **Friday, September 22, 2017.** 

The hospital has requested us to let them know by the 22nd so they can starting organizing and planning resources to be our guides.

## **RCD Caring Hands**

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An oft-quoted maxim says, "No one cares how much you know, until they know how much you care". - Theodore Roosevelt

The cards for members and their families that circulate during our meetings are one way to express shared joy over good news or shared concern about difficulties experienced. As one of our members recently stated at his return from surgery, getting a card with heartfelt greetings from all the members present helped him feel better and heal sooner. Once we know our friendly breakfast club is also a caring club, our dedication to "*Service Above Self*" is stronger and we look forward to participating in projects and events with other Rotarians. If we are in need of a service, the first call made will be to a Rotarian.

So, if you are aware of an approaching or pat event worthy of celebration or concern, please tell **Dottie Toney-Ransom** at toneydot@me.com. You can also write it on either a yellow card (for joy) or a blue card (for concern) and leave it on the table, or place it in Dottie's hand at the end of the meeting.

We ARE a very caring club! Thank you for helping to make it so.

## From the desk of the Newsletter Editor

Send your Newsletter submission to: rcdnewsletter@yahoo.com

Our Club's Weekly Newsletter typically consists of:

- Speaker bio
- New Member Name(s)
- Featured article(s) (regarding events, service projects, or on-going topics general club administrative items, etc..).
- Foundation initiatives or other topics of interest to Members and with value for our Club archives.

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- Announcements (seeking volunteers, advertising service projects, etc.)
- For Your Calendar (Club and other activities we encourage members and/or their spouses to attend, including Family of Rotary events
- Member News (birthdays, anniversaries, accomplishments, Caring Hands)

Please keep in mind key components to include with your submission:

- Title of your article
- Description of the activity
- Dates, Time, Location, deadline, etc... (especially for upcoming events)
- Key Points of Contact Information and/or a link to reference website for details
- Names and/or headcount of Rotarians (and others) participating,
- The reaction of those benefiting and the numbers of those benefiting.
- Picture(s)

Please also tell me the number of weeks would you like the article published. Finally, the deadline for articles to run in the current week are **Mondays by 5 p.m.** 

If you have any questions feel free to ask.

Thank you! The RCD Newsletter Editor