

## Club Calendar

October is Economic and Community Development Month

- 11/1 Pinar Keskinocak - Importance of STEM
- 11/8 District Governor Court Dowis
- 11/15 Craig Lesser - Georgia Economic Development
- 11/22 NO MEETING

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 10/1 Ralph Rowland
- 10/2 Sandy Buhler
- 10/2 Cheryl Greenway
- 10/4 Ronald Cowan
- 10/4 Adele Hamilton
- 10/7 Lynne Lindsay
- 10/10 Jeffrey Meyers
- 10/11 Eric Rivenbark
- 10/12 SaraBeth Huntley
- 10/12 Jeff McCoy
- 10/16 David Wash
- 10/18 A.D. Dalton
- 10/19 Nancy Diamond
- 10/19 Jack Stephens
- 10/23 Mindy Jones
- 10/23 Lisa Smith

## SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

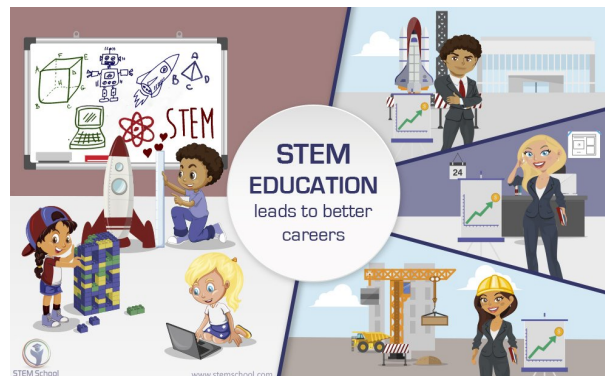
- 10/1 Fate McKinney (17)  
24 years in Rotary
- 10/6 Chuck Savage (2)  
3 years in Rotary
- 10/7 Jim Coyle (9)
- 10/7 Matthew Millard (9)
- 10/10 Carl Owens (27)
- 10/10 Mike McRay (16)
- 10/12 Thomas Rowsey (12)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Interact!

Always one of the best days at Roswell Rotary, this week our Interact Clubs will update us on their plans for 2018-2019 and will receive much deserved recognition! These students are leaders among their peers, work in diverse groups to serve the Roswell community and challenge *US* to dream big and do more. The ability to invest in Roswell's youth has been a centerpiece of service for Roswell Rotary since its inception. This investment has paid off as our Interactors have started and led Rotaract Clubs in college and joined and led Rotary Clubs after college. Just ask Lee Patrick what it means to have been an Interact student leader and now an Interact liaison for his own children! There is no investment more important to this world's future than investing in our kids. Find a way to invest in our youth--volunteer for RHS Career Day, Interact, RHS Construction, Toolbox, or Be THE Voice! Roswell's youth need YOU!

One way we can invest is to share what we know and inspire our kids. This week, Pinar Keskinocak will share the importance of science, technology, engineering in math for our students success -- boys and girls. STEM education creates critical thinkers and enables the next generation of innovators. Innovation leads to new products and processes that sustain our economy.



At Georgia Tech, Pinar is doing extraordinary work and engaging students and industry with real-life research and real-world results. We are in for a real treat this week!

Please come and be inspired by our great students and Pinar Keskinocak, who is inspiring her students to dream big!

President Becky

## THIS WEEK'S SPEAKER

### PINAR Keskinocak



Pinar Keskinocak is the William W. George Chair and Professor in the School of Industrial and Systems Engineering and the co-founder and co-director of the [Center for Health and Humanitarian Systems](#) at Georgia Institute of Technology. She also serves as the College of Engineering ADVANCE Professor at Georgia Tech.

Her research focuses on applications of operations research and management science

- 10/13 Jennifer Briggs (7)
- 10/14 Ted Williams (14)
- 10/15 Neil Moulton (31)
- 10/16 Lou Tabickman (10)
- 10/19 Kurt Hilbert (1)  
1 years in Rotary
- 10/19 Steve Forbes (1)
- 10/19 Timothy Klatt (1)
- 10/19 Richard Clark (1)
- 10/19 Jim Sturm (1)
- 10/23 Steve Stroud (32)
- 10/29 Hal Coleman (20)
- 10/30 Bryan Chamberlain (21)

## Rotary Online

<https://roswellrotary.club>  
<https://rotary6900.org/>  
<https://rotary.org/>

### ROTARY CLUB OF ROSWELL

Thursdays, 12:15 pm  
 Community Activities Bldg,  
 Roswell A  
 10495 Woodstock Road  
 Roswell, GA 30075

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of  
 Atlanta April 18, 1951  
 Active Membership: 239

## CONNECT WITH US

### ROTARY CLUB OF ROSWELL P.O. Box 783 Roswell, GA 30077

|                             |                   |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| President                   | Becky Stone       |
| President-Elect             | Gordon Owens      |
| Immediate Past<br>President | Lisa Carlisle     |
| Treasurer                   | Terry Taylor      |
| Secretary                   | Lynne Lindsay     |
| Foundation<br>Chair         | Danny<br>Tompkins |
| Membership<br>Chair         | Karen Pilcher     |
| Public Image<br>Chair       | Karen<br>Schwank  |
| Service Chair               | John Carruth      |

with societal impact (particularly health and humanitarian applications), supply chain management, pricing and revenue management, and logistics/transportation. She has worked on projects in several industries including automotive, semiconductor, paper manufacturing, printing, healthcare, hotels, and airlines. Her research has been published in journals such as Operations Research, Management Science, Manufacturing & Service Operations Management, Production and Operations Management, IIE Transactions, Naval Research Logistics, and Interfaces.

#### NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### Dazia Fumbah



Dazia Fumbah was born to Lovesta Johnson and G. Henry Fumbah in ZorZor Lofa Liberia. Dazia was able to immigrate to the United States from Liberia in 1985, and quickly became an active member in local community and civic organizations. Upon graduation from Columbia High School, Dazia become an avid soccer player and coach for youth while a student attending Maryvale College. Upon completion of his studies, he developed early in life a career in telecom, becoming professionally certified and trained within this industry working for some major companies specializing in telecom; holding project managers for the following companies: Emory University; Honeywell, Allied Data, and Nortel Networks. In addition, Dazia formed his own telecom company after successful years as a project manager named Nettone Networks Communication.

As a member of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer located in downtown Atlanta, Dazia has always been geared towards providing service to the community and those that seek refuge and assistance through hardship. Starting in 1985, working alongside his late mother, Lovesta Johnson, Dazia served and continues to actively participate as a usher as part of his duties within the church for the past 33 years. The humanitarian efforts instilled in the church community partnerships, inspired Dazia to consider being a part of the efforts to bring change about in his native country of Liberia. A need emerged to provide assistance to those immigrating to the United States experiencing traumatic civil war conflict, and undue poverty and hardship from war torn areas countries.

Able bodied and prepared to travel abroad to begin his endeavors, Dazia was the victim of an unfortunate drunk driving accident which left him immobile for some time, loss of his telecom career, and rendered permanently disabled due to injuries sustained in the accident. Pain, loss, and suffering were now a part of Dazia's life, as much as it was for those that he was seeking to provide assistance to. After bearing this type of tragedy, most would assume the story ends here; but it did not for Dazia.

The vision for his life as bestowed from his ancestral roots of leadership and empowerment to the community began to take shape for Dazia. He became committed on steroids to being able to provide a meaningful impact to those who need help. One of his first projects newly "disabled" was to spearhead a program to assist in feeding the homeless, contributing some of his own limited funds at the time to support the program.

And then, one day a seed was planted in his heart and mind that has taken shape and grown into a respected non-profit organization within the Atlanta community and abroad entitled "Our Seeds Tomorrow". Since its inception in 2013, Dazia, as the Executive Founder and Director has created health and wellness programs, educational children's programming, and the beloved annual Back to School bash where kids receive free school supplies and parents can get educated on the benefits related to health and wellness issues. His most recent program to launch in 2018 is the bicycling program, promoting fitness for all members of the family. Our Seeds Tomorrow provides the bicycles for the entire family meeting in local parks to enjoy a bike ride all the while promoting an active lifestyle.

Another key initiative launched for Our Seeds Tomorrow is the focus to build a STEM

## PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS

- Cheryl Greenway 2012-13
- Bob Hagan 2015-16

## 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 Lynn Dunn and all news should be directed to her at [lynn.dunn@rmcpa.com](mailto:lynn.dunn@rmcpa.com)

School in Liberia, as well as provide a separate community library for those within Dazia's home village and Resident County within the country of Liberia. A planned medical mission has also been initiated with partners such as Med-Share; the goal is to provide a 25 bedroom hospital clinic with staffed personnel able to provide medical care for those in need in Liberia. Lastly, to complete the highlight of some of Our Seeds Tomorrow programs in 2018; the non-profit is seeking partners and sponsors to mobilize a clean water project assisting Liberians with clean water for drinking and everyday living purposes, which will help reduce the spread of communicable diseases associated with unclean water.

Dazia has received through Our Seeds Tomorrow the support of major sponsors such as the Atlanta Braves, Wal-Mart Foundation, Chick-Fila, Pepsi, Georgia State University, and Chipotle just to name a few. Dazia is currently working in partnership with some local Atlanta universities. His most recent speaking engagement took place at Georgia State University Andrew Young School of Policy Studies talking to college students about the importance of community service and how as youth they each can become leaders within their respective communities.

Dazia's motto is "I've learned that life is full of challenges and it's not how you get there or fall; it's how you get up with your face looking upward, learning from your experiences". Very true and reflective of the life achievements and contributions Dazia has done and worked to create a legacy for his four children, Bendu Fumbah, Trenton Scot Fumbah, Kaia Love Fumbah, and Apple Forbs Fumbah.

## VETERANS EMPOWERMENT

### Supply Collection Project and Veterans Day!



The mission of the Veterans Empowerment Organization is "To enhance the quality of life for homeless veterans on their road to self-sufficiency."

Roswell Rotary has committed to serving these veterans through the VEO. We are providing the support to VEO and its veterans this year in lieu of our traditional "Adopt-a-Platoon" project and Honor Air flight. As you have heard over this last couple of weeks, there are three immediate opportunities to volunteer and serve.

#### SUPPLIES COLLECTION - NOVEMBER 1 AND 8

We are collecting needed supplies over the **next 2 weeks** at Rotary to support the veterans. Supplies needed include:

§Personal Hygiene - toothbrushes, bar soap, body wash, shampoo, razors, shaving cream/gel, foot powder, and lotion.

§Clothing - undershirts, boxer briefs, scarves, knit caps, gloves, and socks.

§Household items - Toilet paper, paper towels, paper plates, plastic ware, paper napkins, all manner of cleaning supplies for kitchen and bathroom

#### VETERANS DAY PARADE - NOVEMBER 10

We are invited to walk with the veterans in the parade in downtown Atlanta. Parade walkers need to meet at Roswell Area Park at 7:30 at Community Activity Building parking lot. Please contact Dave Wash to participate.

#### VETERANS DAY BARBEQUE - NOVEMBER 10

We are supplying drinks for a Veterans Day Barbeque at the VEO at 373 West Lake Avenue, Atlanta after the parade. We need volunteers to get the drinks to the BBQ, help serve the lunch and clean up. Please contact Dave Wash to volunteer.

**GRSP**

## **Help Us Host Students!**



We need volunteers to host GRSP students for the North Fulton Conclave coming up on Nov 2-4. The students prefer to have another GRSP student with them, so it would be nice if you could take at least two. If you are able to host, please let [Gordon Owens](#) know how many students can you take and if you have any preferences for age, gender, etc? We can't make any promises on granting the preferences, but it would be nice to know while we match the students up. Here are the responsibilities for the host families:

**6 PM Friday, Nov 2** - Potluck dinner and bonfire at Alpharetta Presbyterian Church (180 Academy St, Alpharetta) beginning around 6:00pm. You're invited to eat dinner and hang out at the bonfire with the students and fellow Rotarians or you can take your students home around 8:00pm.

**10 AM Saturday, Nov 3** - Drop students off at Alpharetta Presbyterian Church between 10:00-10:20am. They will be taken to TreeTop Quest and Main Event by bus.

**8 PM Saturday, Nov 3** - Pick students up at Main Event (10700 Davis Dr, Alpharetta) by 8:00pm. You are more than welcome to join them between 4:00-8:00 at Main Event, if you would like. Some Rotary clubs/families will be getting together after this event to continue the fun, but that is entirely up to you.

**8:30 AM Sunday, Nov 4** - Drop students off at Alpharetta Presbyterian Church by 8:30am so they can meet up with their ride home.

This is such a fun and awesome opportunity to get to meet students from other countries and to learn a little bit about them. Many members have truly enjoyed hosting students in the past and are looking forward to doing it again this year!

## **District Relief Request**

The damage from Hurricane Michael is historic, Southwest Georgia and the Florida Panhandle has many areas with extensive damage if not total destruction. I ask that all Rotary Clubs and Rotarians, please donate funds to help the needs of the folks in these areas, of which many who are Rotarians themselves.

We have set up a funding link on [www.Rotary6900.org](http://www.Rotary6900.org) website where you can make donations to the 501C3 District 6900 Charity Fund either by check or by credit card. Please be sure to note on the check or in the credit card notes that this donation is specifically for "District 6900 Relief" for South Georgia or if you wish to donate to Florida Panhandle area "District 6940 Relief".

District 6900 has the best Rotarians in the world, please help us help others in need in our Communities!

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## **Last Week at Rotary**

