

"THE FRIENDLY BREAKFAST CLUB" NEWSLETTER

January 20, 2021

Meetings

January is Vocational Service Month

- 1/22 Rev. Dick Game, "Lessons For Leaders: COVID for Preachers" ... in person and Zoom
- 1/29 Suzanne Smith, PhD, the Burundi School Garden Project

Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 1/1 Marie Crean
1/1 William Kelly, Jr.
1/1 Philip Cohn
1/1 P. Game
1/1 Kristi LoVerde
1/2 Jeannette Jezerinac-Prince
1/11 Jim Glass
1/20 Brian Harper
1/27 Robert Hall
1/29 Kobelah Svensen Bennah

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 1/23 Tina Philpot (13)
1/28 Bill Woulfin (13)

Rotary Online

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

ROTARY CLUB OF DUNWOODY

Fridays, 7:15 am
Dunwoody Country Club
1600 Dunwoody Club Drive

This Week's Speaker

The Very Rev. P. Richard Game, Rector, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church ... in Person and Via Zoom



Join us this Friday as Dunwoody Rotarian, the Very Rev. Richard Game, shares his thoughts about what leaders have learned in dealing with COVID-19. You can join us in person at the Dunwoody Country Club or via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86202979419>. Dick is currently the Rector of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church and joined the Dunwoody Rotary Club last February - just two weeks before our COVID-19 shutdown. [more]

From Our Club President

Some Updates and Thoughts as We Move Ahead ...



Greetings Dunwoody! And thanks again for your commitment and support of all that we do. I wanted to share a couple of things with you:

- **Meetings will change:** This week we will have our last live meeting at the Dunwoody Country Club. They have been a great partner to us over the last few months - and we appreciate what they have done to help us meet in person by opening their doors to us with just a 25-meal minimum. However, they have advised us (since we established the pandemic dues rate) that their finances don't allow them to continue at this level and that the new minimum will be 40 meals. Given our current live attendance level is running about 15-20, we are going to explore new options. After this Friday's meeting, we will move to Zoom only through the month of February. If you have ideas about places to meet, we'd love to have you share them.
- **We will continue to pursue acts of kindness and projects that make a difference:** We helped out with yardwork at Bill Mulkey's home last Saturday (the crew pictured here), and as you'll see in this bulletin, we're continuing our work at the Community Assistance Center and Dunwoody Nature Center. We are investing again in Yemariam Workneh's education at Oglethorpe - through a combination of money we had set aside for GRSP this year (the program took a break this year because of COVID-19) and generous contributions from some of our members. We're highlighting opportunities to help judge Laws of Life essays and to learn more about how we can help end human trafficking, and taking advantage of Rotary Zones 33-34 initiative for helping individuals prepare and search for jobs - all opportunities you can access from home.

I look forward to seeing you Friday - whether it's online or via Zoom - and at our service events as you feel you can join us.

Thanks for all you do!

President Ardy

Sandy Springs, GA 30350



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Service Opportunities

Mark Your Calendars for February



Community Assistance Center: Join the Dunwoody Rotary team on **Saturday, February 6 from 9:00 am to 12 noon** to help clean, process donations that come in and stock shelves in the food pantry. Our work will take place indoors. COVID protocols are strictly enforced - and you will need masks and gloves (gloves will be provided). You can read more about CAC's COVID protocols. Other than a few staff members, we will be the only people onsite at CAC that Saturday morning. You can sign up now by sending an email to Jennifer Bowler at jbowler325@gmail.com. We need to provide the names and e-mails of the attendees to CAC by Wednesday, February 3.

Dunwoody Nature Center: Our work crew will take up our shovels and rakes on **Saturday, February 13 from 9:00 am to 12 noon** for the monthly volunteer day at the Dunwoody Nature Center. Wear your mask, bring your favorite garden tool and be ready for some work and fellowship. You need to sign up at <https://dunwoodynature.org/volunteer-sign-up/>

Service Opportunity

You Can Judge the Laws of Life Essay Contest From Home

This year we are moving to an online submission and judging platform, Submittable. Both School Level Judges and State Judges will participate via an online process. With this change, even more volunteers throughout the state can participate! Online training sessions for judges on how to navigate Submittable will begin in January. The judging process begins in February.

You may register via the VOLUNTEER tab at GeorgiaLawsOfLife.org OR complete a [form available here](#). That form includes more information about School and State level training dates for those who will be judging.

Still Time to Learn More About The Fight Against Human Trafficking



The Rotary Club of Dunwoody is filled with people of action. We now know that Metro-Atlanta is a major human trafficking hub. Now, we are asking YOU to do something about it!

Our Club is part of The Atlanta Rotary Council Against Human Trafficking. We have partnered with the International Human Trafficking Institute (IHTI), the Rotary Action Group Against Slavery (RAGAS), and Human Traffic Proof GA. January is "End Human Trafficking" month. IHTI is offering two one-hour instructor-led, virtual training events multiple times to Rotarians over the next two weeks. Each has its own sign-in link ... click sign up for the sessions you wish to attend.

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Social Opportunity

Even Dozen Attend January Thirsty Thursday



For those who are new to the Club or just coming out of social isolation due to the

pandemic, Thirsty Thursday is an opportunity to socialize in a responsible fashion. It usually happens on the third Thursday of each month, but this month we gathered on the second Thursday.

A dozen folks braved what was expected to be chilly temperatures, gathering outdoors at The Dunwoody Tavern. People wore masks when not drinking/eating, but still managed to catch up on what is going on in each other's lives. Jud Shumway (Jennifer's fiancée) supplied great music, while conversations raged. With two fire pits and a space heater, the temperature turned out not to be an issue.

Plan to join us on third Thursday in February - February 18 - on the patio at The Dunwoody Tavern from 5:30 PM to 7 PM.

Making a Difference

Check Out Rotary Works ... a Program to Support Career Transitions



Last month, Rotary Zones 33 and 34 introduced a very special vocational service project, "Rotary Works" - an initiative provided for Rotarians and Rotaractors experiencing career transition. This initiative is comprised of three distinct programs, providing education, networking, and/or financial resources for participants, providing mentorship opportunities for personal and professional development. To learn more, watch the first program, and sign up for future month Zoom sessions, you can visit www.rotary.works (no .org or .com) [[more](#)]