

# "THE FRIENDLY BREAKFAST CLUB" NEWSLETTER

September 20, 2023

## Meetings

September is Basic Education  
and Literacy Month

- 9/22 Michael Starling, Director,  
Economic Development,  
City of Dunwoody
- 9/29 Dylan Cooper,  
PrizePicks.com,  
"PrizePicks: A Business  
Start-up Story"
- 10/6 Andre Marria, District  
Governor
- 10/13 Jennie Stipick, The Rotary  
Foundation

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 9/6 Chris Gutschenritter  
9/18 Marion Bunch

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 9/4 Charlene Hall (43)

## Rotary Online

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

## ROTARY CLUB OF DUNWOODY

Fridays, 7:15 am  
AC Hotel Atlanta Perimeter - Bar  
Peri  
40 Perimeter Center PI NE  
Atlanta, GA , GA 30346



## This Week's Meeting at AC Hotel's Bar Peri

Remember we've moved to the AC Hotel's Bar Peri - our NEW location going forward. Set your navigation for AC Hotel by Marriott, Atlanta Perimeter, 40 Perimeter Center Place NE, Atlanta GA 30346.

### This Week's Speaker

## Michael Starling, Director of Economic Development, City of Dunwoody



Join us in welcoming Michael Starling at this Friday's meeting at the AC Hotel's Bar Peri, 40 Perimeter Center PI NE, Dunwoody, GA 30346.

Michael is the Director of Economic Development for the City of Dunwoody, Georgia. He has been in this position since 2010 and is responsible for leading the City's efforts to expand the local economy through business development efforts. Priorities for the City include retention of existing businesses, recruitment of new firms, and the redevelopment of existing commercial areas.

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## Dunwoody Rotary to Help Honor Vietnam Veterans

## LEADERSHIP

President	Jack Sparks
President-Elect	Louise Barden
President Nominee	Matthew Johnson
Immediate PP	Jennifer Shumway
Vice President	Louise Barden
Treasurer	Carter Stout
Secretary	David Burr
Foundation	Jennie Stipick
Membership	Mike Irvin, Jr.
Public Image	Mark Galvin
Sergeant-at-Arms	George Stewart, Jr.



At our August 25 meeting we heard from John Butler, Board Chair for the Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association, about plans to install a beautiful monument in Dunwoody's Brook Run Park to honor both American and Vietnamese soldiers who fought and died in the Vietnam War. This story includes images of the planned monument and information about it.

The RCD Board approved to commit the Charitable Fund to match donations of Club members up to \$2,500 so we can meet or exceed the \$5,000 level to have the Club's name and Rotary logo engraved on the monument.

If you'd like to participate, please make your tax deductible contribution to "Dunwoody Rotary Charitable Fund" and put "Vietnam War Memorial" on the memo line. Then give or mail your check to RCD Treasurer Carter Stout as soon as possible. [[read more](#)]

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### Whiskey Raffle Update

## Support Our Third Annual Whiskey Raffle

**\$10**  
TICKETS

# FIRST WHISKEY RAFFLE

hosted by  
**Dunwoody Rotary Club**

**1st Drawing on:  
October 19th**

**Dunwoody Tavern  
Dunwoody, GA**

Tickets available at [www.Whiskey-Raffle.com](http://www.Whiskey-Raffle.com)

Join us in raising a glass for a great cause! The Dunwoody Rotary Club is thrilled to announce our Whiskey Raffle, where you can WIN amazing whiskey while making a difference in our community and supporting the Rotary Charitable Fund that assists some TERRIFIC causes: purchase reading books for Kingsley Elementary School, Malachi's Storehouse, USO, Harvest Food boxes, and MORE!

How to participate:

1☐ Purchase raffle tickets online at <https://bit.ly/45JzL6v> or in person at our Friday morning meetings. And pass the news and the website information along to your whiskey-loving friends.

2☐ Each ticket gives you a chance to win top-notch whiskeys. Check out the website! ([www.WhiskeyRaffle.com](http://www.WhiskeyRaffle.com))

3☐ All proceeds go towards local service needs and other Rotary Charitable Fund initiatives.

The first drawing takes place on October 19!

**Relief for Maui**

**Join Us for Dinner at Carbonara's and Support Maui Relief**

Reservations for 10 have been made at Carbonara's in Dunwoody on Saturday, September 23 at 6:30 pm. Three places left but Louise will try to increase the reservation if more are interested. Let's show our support for the Dunwoody restaurants who are

supporting Maui. Contact Louise Barden for more information or to sign up. This is part of our initiative with local businesses to raise funds for Maui and its fire victims.

[\[read more\]](#)

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#### **Helping Maui**

### **Visit a Local Restaurant/Business and Aid Lahaina, Maui Fire Victims**

Our club has taken swift action to support the victims of the recent fire tragedy in Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii. Throughout the month of September 2023, the Rotary Club has enlisted the support of Dunwoody's vibrant culinary and retail community to raise funds for those affected by the catastrophic event. There's still 10 days left to go to these businesses and restaurants and support Maui victims.

In a display of unity and compassion, the Rotary Club of Dunwoody has launched a collaborative initiative that reflects the community's shared commitment to extending a helping hand. Participating restaurants are pledging their dedication by contributing a portion of the proceeds from selected menu items. Simultaneously, local retail businesses will prominently feature donation boxes to encourage contributions from patrons. Read on for a list of restaurants and businesses - and share this information with your family and friends so that we can provide strong support for Maui. [\[read more\]](#)

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#### **New Student, Fellowship Opportunity**

### **Welcome GRSP Student Ahmed!**

Welcome Dunwoody's new GRSP student - Ahmed Sendze from Gabon - and enjoy time with your Rotary friends at our welcome party on Sunday, October 1. Bill and Les Woulfin will host this Family of Rotary event from 3-7 pm. Everyone is invited but RSVPs were due by September 14.

The Woulfins will provide the entree and the club provides wine, beer and sodas. We are asking that each of you provide an appetizer, salad, side dish or dessert to share (enough to serve 8 people).

Please contact Griff if you missed the deadline and want to know if you can attend. [\[read more\]](#)

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#### **District Conference 2024**

### **District Recommends Booking 2024 District Conference Rooms Now**



The District's room block at The Westin Jekyll Island for the 2024 District Conference has sold out! We do have a new room block offering at Home2Suites, which is also within walking distance of the Conference Center. To reserve your room at Home2Suites, use this link: [Home2Suites - Rotary 6900 2024 Conference](#). You can also register for District Conference by signing into the District website. The conference takes place March 21-24, 2024 at Jekyll Island, Georgia.

The District still has rooms available at other hotels (Please see prior emails from me and the District Newsletter for more information and reservation links for Courtyard and Residence Inn). While we are still 6 months away from District Conference, we encourage you to reserve your hotel rooms early. There is no guarantee of additional room blocks at reduced rates when these rooms are sold.