

"THE FRIENDLY BREAKFAST CLUB" NEWSLETTER

February 19, 2025

Meetings

February is Peace and Conflict Prevention Month

- 2/20 Thirsty Thursday - Social
- 2/28 General Meeting: Peter Sherman, Founder, Riverwood Associates
- 3/7 General Meeting - Robert Hall - Talks about Ending Polio Now
- 3/14 General Meeting - Denise Brodsky, Executive Director, Clubhouse Atlanta

Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 2/4 Laura Kann
- 2/5 Jay Brackman
- 2/6 Meghan Berry
- 2/7 Buzz Law
- 2/7 Peter Sherman
- 2/9 Dr. John Carr
- 2/10 Eleni Bafas
- 2/13 Griff Ransom
- 2/13 Mark Galvin
- 2/21 Marie Crean
- 2/24 David Burr
- 2/27 Bob O'Brien

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 2/2 John Vinyard (17)
- 2/14 Erich Schuetz (48)

Rotary Online

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

No Meeting This Friday

Join Us at Chupitos for Thirsty Thursday



We won't be meeting this Friday. Instead, join in the fun and fellowship at Chupitos this Thursday, February 20 (tomorrow) as we gather for Thirsty Thursday. Festivities begin at 5:30 pm; Chupitos is located at 1412 Dunwoody Village Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30338

ROTARY CLUB OF DUNWOODY

Fridays, 7:15 am
Embassy Suites - Atlanta
Perimeter Center
1030 Crown Pointe Pkwy
Atlanta, GA , GA 30338



LEADERSHIP

President	Louise Barden
President Nominee	David Burr
Immediate PP	Jack Sparks, Jr.
Vice President	Matthew Johnson
Treasurer	Carter Stout
Secretary	Alison Norris

GRSP Leadership Weekend

Students Pack Dunwoody's 100,000th Meal for Rise Against Hunger



When 36 GRSP students and Rotarians gathered Saturday morning to pack meals for Rise Against Hunger, little did we know that the Rotary Club of Dunwoody would be honored by Rise Against Hunger for reaching the 100,000-meal mark! President Louise and weekend chair Jackie Cuthbert accepted the award for our work over the last ten years! This year's 10,000 meals are headed to elementary school students in Honduras; last year our 10,000 meals were sent to Ukraine. It's just one way that our work with the Georgia Rotary Student Program touches more than just this GRSP class.

More on our GRSP weekend next week!

Golf Tournament Update

Sponsorships and Auction Items Anyone?



**“The secret of golf is to
turn three shots into two.”**

... Bobby Jones

The secret to success of our Fore the Memories! Golf Tournament on May 19 is just the opposite - turning the \$45,000 we raised last year into something bigger than \$50,000 in 2025! For that, we can use your enthusiastic help! After all, the money we raise goes to support the Georgia Alzheimer's Associate "The Longest Day" program, Anchor Place Respite Care, and the other work we do in the community and around the world!

Thanks for your support so far. We especially need your help in gaining sponsorships for the \$2,500 Hole in One, \$2,500 Putting Contest and most importantly, the \$2,500 Ditty Bag sponsorship that includes Ditty Bags with your name or logo. We are asking for help in making contact with a potential \$20,000 Signature sponsor as well! We also have openings in \$1,000 Hole sponsorships as well as simply becoming a \$250 Contributing sponsor, a \$100 Donating sponsor or even a \$25 Participating sponsor!

Then there's our auction: Neal MacDonald is our tournament Auction Committee Head and we encourage you to contact him about helping with that. We are looking to acquire auction items such as restaurant and other retail type gift cards, baskets of your own design such as wine or cosmetics, and destination packages to lake homes, hotel weekends or beach vacations. We'll have some jewelry items and possibly some sports and movie memorabilia on consignment. If you have items at home to donate, please make sure they are new and unused.

The most current information can be found on the tournament website at www.rcdgolftournament.com

Spotlight

Mark Galvin, Our Dynamic Public Image Chair



This week's spotlight is on Mark Galvin, the man behind the curtain every meeting and our dynamic Public Image Chair. Mark brings a wealth of experience to our club, having served in various leadership roles within the hospitality industry for over 30 years. As Director of Marketing for Discover Dunwoody, he promotes tourism in our vibrant city, leveraging his expertise from renowned hotel brands like InterContinental, Hyatt, Marriott, and Omni.

He initially joined the Rotary Club of Brookhaven in 2016 to expand his network while he was running his own marketing company. That club awarded him the Rotarian of the Year in 2018. Later he went to work at Discover Dunwoody and was looking for a way to get more involved in his community. After joining our club, he was named Rookie of the Year in 2024. For our club, Mark wants our club to attract more members. "We do such a good job at so many things that it's surprising we don't have more new people coming in the door all the time."

Mark is a native Atlantan - his grandfather moved to the area in the 1930s to play catcher for the Atlanta Crackers - and he is also a graduate of the Marist School. Beyond his professional achievements, Mark is a dedicated family man. He and his wife, Stephanie, have been married for 31 years and have three children - Caitlin, Claire, and James (pictured). They are active members of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

Rotary Means Business
Join RMB on February 25



**February
Networking
Event**

 **ROTARY MEANS
BUSINESS
FELLOWSHIP** 

 Tuesday, February 25
6-8pm
Politan Row at Ashford Lane
4550 Olde Perimeter Way
Dunwoody, GA 30346

Join us on Tuesday, February 25, from 6-8pm at Politan Row, Ashford Lane in Dunwoody. It's the perfect opportunity to network with fellow Rotarians, Rotaractors, and professionals from all over the Atlanta area. Come mingle, share ideas, and grow your network in a vibrant, welcoming atmosphere!

"Each Rotarian is a connecting link between the idealism of Rotary and their trade or profession." -Paul Harris

Join Us for Survey Results Next Friday



Hear ye! Hear ye!

Join us next Friday, February 28, for club survey results and recommendations for moving forward