



## This Week's Speaker

### Debbie Cwalina, Founder, Be THE Voice



Join us this Friday at the Embassy Suites to welcome Debbie Cwalina, Roswell Rotarian and creator of Be THE Voice. Debbie is the owner and founder of Creative Corporate Ideas Inc., a certified Woman Owned Business (WBE). She started her company in 1993 and has received recognition as a Top Woman Owned Small Business in the state of Georgia.

In the Fall of 2014, looking for a place to make a difference, Debbie joined the Roswell Rotary Club. Not long after her induction, she came across an article highlighting the rise in tween suicides linked to cyberbullying. Having witnessed the social struggles of a sibling during her own upbringing, she was deeply moved by the tragic reality that children were taking their own lives to escape torment. This sparked a passion within her, which laid the groundwork for the creation of Be THE Voice. [read more]

## MEETINGS

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month

- 9/6 General Meeting - Debbie Cwalina, Founder & Executive Director, Be THE Voice
- 9/13 General Meeting: Laura Morse, MS, LPC, CPCS, Focus on Treatment and Prevention of Mental Health Issues
- 10/4 General Meeting Michael Starling, Economic Development, City of Dunwoody
- 10/11 General Meeting Gordon Owens, District Governor, Rotary District 6900
- 10/18 Regular Meeting
- 10/25 General Meeting Past District Governor Margie Kersey, The Rotary Foundation
- 10/30
- 11/1 General Meeting Dr. Kathryn McClymond, President, Oglethorpe University

## EVENTS

- 9/17 Board Meeting - Monthly via ZOOM
- 9/19 Thirsty Thursday - Social
- 9/27 CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER: Honorable Chris Carr, Attorney General of the State of Georgia
- 9/28 Dunwoody Oktoberfest at St. Patricks
- 10/6 Welcome Picnic - Celebrating our RYE and GRSP Students
- 10/15 Board Meeting - Monthly via ZOOM
- 10/17 Thirsty Thursday - Social
- 10/27 Wine Fellowship

## BIRTHDAYS

- 9/6 Chris Gutschenritter

## Getting to Know You Meredith Morris ... "Global Citizen" with "Vampire Hours"



If you've attended one of the club's general meeting's during the past couple years, then you've met Meredith who is the first friendly face greeting members and guests. She manages our Laws of Life raffle and embodies the Rotary spirit of community service. She is pictured below (right) with Alison at the welcome table.

Meredith is approaching her two-year anniversary with the club. She loves the unity of Rotary doing good for the community. Her father was a long-time Rotarian and she carries his Montblanc pen with her to remind her to continue his legacy. She has worked in the education field for 28 years, spending time at two public schools and two private schools before becoming a private tutor seven years ago. She works individually with 10-20 private students at a time and although she keeps vampire hours to work with her international students, she loves the flexibility and connecting with students over time. Sometimes she gets to meet her students in person for the first time after providing 2-3 years of online tutoring with them.

Meredith sees herself as a global citizen of the world and loves studying languages (as her car's license plate "SHXPER" suggests), other cultures, and travel. Oh, and she is the host mom for our 2024-25 GRSP student - Nguyen Hoa from Vietnam - so be ready to say "yes" when she asks you to show her new-found daughter what living in Georgia and being a Rotarian is all about!

9/18 Marion Bunch  
9/20 Jason Creech  
10/2 Felicia Voloschin

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

9/4 Charlene Hall (44)  
9/4 Robert Hall, Sr. (24)

### ROTARY ONLINE

<https://dunwoodyrotary.org>  
<https://rotary6900.org/>  
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### ROTARY CLUB OF DUNWOODY

Fridays, 7:15 am  
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4400 Ashford Dunwoody Rd,  
Dunwoody, GA 30338  
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### SOCIAL MEDIA



### LEADERSHIP

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