

## Meetings

December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

- 12/10 Gary Black - Agriculture Commissioner
- 12/17 Holiday Inn Ros-Vegas
- 12/24 No meeting.
- 12/31 No meeting.

## Events

- 12/8 Honor Air Fund Raiser - Sharp Shooters
- 12/12 RPD Gift Delivery

### LEADERSHIP

President	Lynne Lindsay
President-Elect	Terry Taylor
Immediate PP	Gordon Owens
Treasurer	Alex Kaufman
Secretary	John Carruth
Foundation	Don Horton
Membership	Mike Agurkis
Service	Nancy Alterman
Public Image	Lee Patrick, III

### PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS

Cheryl Greenway 2012-13  
Bob Hagan 2015-16

### ROTARY CLUB OF ROSWELL

Thursdays, 12:15 pm  
Holiday Inn  
909 Holcomb Bridge Road  
Roswell, GA 30076

#### President's Message

### Opening Our Hearts



Roswell Rotary Elves were in full force last Friday assisting the Roswell Police Department GIVES for the Holiday program.

The Roswell Police Department has adopted several families to make sure they have a joyous holiday season by providing gifts, food and financial help.

It was our pleasure to wrap gifts. The joy that you give to others is the joy that comes back to you

#### This Week's Speaker

### Georgia Commissioner of Agriculture



Gary W. Black serves as the 16th Commissioner of Agriculture in Georgia's history. Currently in his third term, Commissioner Black has served in various leadership positions during his 40-year career in Georgia agriculture extending from the Georgia Farm Bureau to the Georgia Agribusiness Council. Black is a graduate of the University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, and a past president of the college's alumni society. He currently serves on advisory committees for the United States Department of Agriculture, Environmental Protection Agency and the Export Import Bank of the United States. Under his leadership, Georgia Department of Agriculture divisions for information technology, animal health, homeland security and food safety have garnered national acclaim.

A tireless marketing advocate, Commissioner Black has led innovation in domestic and international promotion through the renowned Georgia Grown branding program. School nutrition directors, first-time exporters, produce growers and recipe dreamers alike, have found that the Georgia Grown collaborative approach is an unparalleled tool that helps Georgians start businesses and expand markets.

Black is a Leadership Georgia Pattillo Award recipient and the 2017 Georgia Trend Magazine Georgian of the Year. He and his wife Lydia raise commercial beef cattle on their family farm in Commerce, Georgia. They serve together in various ministries at Maysville Baptist Church.

**Thursdays, 11:45 - 1:15 PM | Holiday Inn**

### Meeting Protocol Virtual and In-Person



You can participate either way.

1) Join us at the Holiday Inn. We have expanded our space to include all three ballrooms. Tables are set according to CDC guidelines. The Holiday Inn is located behind the Olive Garden at 909 Holcomb Bridge Rd, Roswell, GA 30076.

## Rotary Online

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

### GET CLUB SMS ALERTS

Text: *CLUBALERTS*  
To: 41411

### Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

12/4 Michael Hernandez  
12/11 Sean Nickerson  
12/12 Maurice Hilliard, Jr.  
12/15 Tod Baker  
12/20 Becky Nelson  
12/22 David White  
12/24 Vivian Bankston  
12/26 Lou Tabickman  
12/31 Lee Hollingsworth  
12/31 William Noethling, Jr.  
12/31 Melissa Weaver  
12/31 Steve Forbes, Jr.  
12/31 Lee Jenkins, Jr.  
12/31 Dazia Fumbah

### YEARS OF SERVICE

12/1 Gary Garrett (43)  
12/1 Kevin Head (4)  
12/3 Rich Simons (1)  
12/3 Jim Byrd (1)  
12/7 Andrew Dalby (20)  
12/7 Craig Simons (20)  
12/8 Matt Thomas (9)  
12/8 Danny Broadway, II (9)  
12/9 Alan Christian (10)  
12/9 Tillie O'Neal (10)  
12/11 Michele Johnson (13)  
12/12 SaraBeth Huntley (7)  
11 years in Rotary  
12/12 Bill Swank (7)  
12/13 John Greaves (8)  
12/13 Jeff Hamling (35)  
12/17 Gregory Pierce (11)  
12/17 Adele Hamilton (11)

2) Join us virtually at 12:15pm by computer, tablet or phone via [CLICKING/TAPPING THIS LINK](#). **THIS IS A NEW ZOOM LINK**. If you are asked, the password is **Roswell**.

**Tuesday, Dec. 8th/5:00-8:00 TONIGHT**

## Honor Air Fundraiser at Sharp Shooters



Join us TONIGHT, Dec. 8th for an evening of fun and guns to benefit our WWII, Korean, and Vietnam Veterans. Bring your own gun, safety gear and non steel core ammo or you may rent a gun for free and/or purchase safety gear and ammo from Sharp Shooters.

\$25 per person with all proceeds going to support our Honor Air trip in spring 2021.

From 5:00 to 6:00 PM Certified Fire Arms Instructor, Maddy Scholar has volunteered her time for a FREE shortened version of Handgun Fundamentals. Maddy is a Rotary Global Grant Scholarship recipient. While completing her masters, she is currently teaching Handgun Fundamentals, Home Defense, Concealed Carry, Emergency First Aid Fundamentals, and Women's Self Defense. This class is full.

We will be serving a light dinner.

See you there!

### Nov. 12th - Dec. 10th Bring Unwrapped Toys Foster Care Collections



Foster Care has a special request for children ages 10 - teenagers. Toys and clothing for older kids is often overlooked.

Boys clothing size 3 through men's medium is needed. No socks or undies, please. Wal Mart gift cards are welcomed.

Let's show these young folks some extra love. Reach out to June Brown at [meacert@mindspring.com](mailto:meacert@mindspring.com) or Nancy Alterman at [nanraa@bellsouth.net](mailto:nanraa@bellsouth.net) with questions.

### Dec 12th RPD Gives for The Holidays Gift Delivery 10:00AM - 2:00PM



The Roswell Police Department GIVES for the Holidays supporting local families is in full swing.

Saturday, Dec. 12th we will be riding with officers to deliver packages. Meet at the Police Station at Hill Street at 10:00AM.

Pres. Lynne will be assisting Santa as Ms. Claus. Volunteers are needed, especially anyone who would like to dress up. Elves, here is your chance!

Contact Pres. Lynne at [lynnehindsay@outlook.com](mailto:lynnehindsay@outlook.com) for details.

### Make A Joyful Sound

12/19 Dave McCleary (18)  
12/20 Ed Klaas, II (2)  
12/20 Marcus Smith (2)  
12/20 Blake Turner (2)  
12/21 John Reddick (3)  
12/21 Dennis Canata (25)  
12/31 Maurice Hilliard, Jr. (56)  
12/31 Alicia Hughes (51)  
12/31 Frank Brown (46)

## 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)

## Choir Voices Needed



Do you love to sing? Welcome to the Roswell Rotary Choir! In this case, you don't have to be the best at singing, but enjoy the spirit

Join Bruce Peoples and Don Horton this Thursday, Dec. 10th @ 11:15 for rehearsal. The performance will be at our Dec. 17th Holiday Inn Ros-Vegas meeting.

### Salvation Army -

## Rescue Christmas - Red Kettle Team



The Salvation Army is gearing for up Christmas. But this year is different. They are expecting a 155% increase in request for assistance this holiday season.

Rescue Christmas is to help The Salvation Army compensate for what is anticipated to be a considerable decline in donations in red kettles this year due to store closures and reduced foot traffic in stores throughout the area.

Join the Salvation Army Virtual Red Kettle team at

<https://give.salvationarmygeorgia.org/team/306919>. Click "join team" and complete the information to set up a fundraiser page for yourself. You can then share this link with others.

If you are able to volunteer, you can sign up at

<https://salvationarmymyatlanta.volunteerhub.com/lp/redkettleaic/>

### They're Gonna Put Me in the MOVIES

## Roswell Rotary Rocks



Do you have video skills? Pres. Lynne would like to bring our message to life through our YOUTUBE channel. We have so much to share!

Reach out to Pres. Lynne @ [lynnehlindsay@outlook.com](mailto:lynnehlindsay@outlook.com).

### Charity Spotlight

## Homestretch



### Mission:

To guide working homeless families with minor children in North Metro Atlanta toward increased self-reliance and stability by providing life-skills education, mentoring, and supportive housing.

### Fast Facts:

- Founded in 1993, Homestretch is celebrating its 25th Anniversary this fall.
- Today, the poverty rate in Georgia tops 18% and is even higher for single mothers.

- 14.8% of metro-Atlantans live in poverty.
- 23.3% of Roswell households, many earning minimum wage, are forced to spend more than 30% of their income for housing leaving very little for food, clothing, utilities, transportation, child care and medical care.
- In Fulton County, a person would need to work 91 hours per week at minimum wage to be able to afford a 1-bedroom apartment.
- Homestretch has been recognized for effectiveness by the Georgia Alliance to End Homelessness, Community Housing Development Organization (HUD), and the North Fulton Homelessness and Housing Continuum of Care.
- Roswell Rotarians actively participate in annual fundraisers that include: Peachtree Tea in February, Road Race in Roswell in April, and on alternating years BBQ in the Burbs and the annual Golf Tournament.

**Find out more:**

[www.homestretch.org](http://www.homestretch.org)

## **Rotary Last Week**

