



## Meetings

December is Disease Prevention  
and Treatment Month

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

12/4 Carter Stout  
12/5 Paula Shiver  
12/6 John Vinyard  
12/8 Ardy Bastien  
12/8 Rick Otness  
12/13 Mary Cohen  
12/15 Rick Woods  
12/23 Erich Schuetz  
12/31 Jack Sparks, Jr.  
12/31 Jennie Stipick  
12/31 Ron Barden  
12/31 Ed Holliday  
12/31 Matthew Johnson

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

12/14 Mark Galvin (33)  
12/20 Jack Sparks, Jr. (19)  
12/21 Anne Glenn (28)

## Rotary Online

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

## ROTARY CLUB OF DUNWOODY

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



## No More Meetings This Year

## Enjoy the Holidays; Next Meeting January 10

We hope to send you a bulletin each week during this holiday season - to remind you of what's coming up in the New Year. For now, enjoy your holidays and consider:

- Helping this Tuesday, December 17, with prepping the books we will give to each and every Kingsley Elementary student as they depart for their school break
- Joining the Bardens for a special wine fellowship gathering on Sunday, January 5 featuring Gluhwein, Europe's favored hot mulled wine
- Thinking about becoming a GRSP Leadership weekend host family or volunteer - February 14-16
- Helping Rick Woods identify potential host families for the Rotary Youth Exchange high school student who will join us some time next summer for the 2025-26 school year

You'll find information on all this and more in the stories below.

## Wine Fellowship

## The Story Behind Glühwein Gatherings

## LEADERSHIP

President Louise Barden

President  
Nominee David Burr

Vice President  
Matthew  
Johnson

Treasurer Carter Stout

Secretary Alison Norris



President Louise and Ron invite you to dress warmly and join our special Glühwein wine fellowship on Sunday, January 5 from 4 - 6 pm. Where did the Glühwein tradition start? The oldest documented Glühwein tankard is attributed to Count John IV of Katzenelnbogen, a German nobleman who was the first grower of Riesling grapes. This gold-plated lockable silver tankard is dated to c. 1420.

The Alsace Christmas markets are said to only serve Glühwein - no other beverages. At our own Glühwein Fellowship, we'll provide the Glühwein but ask that everyone coming bring a bottle of wine or an appetizer/dessert to share. And we'll have non-alcoholic beverages too. We also invite you to participate in our "Christmas market." Ron and Louise have identified some Christmas decorations that are looking for a new home and you may have some too. Bring them and enjoy the free Christmas market.

We'll enjoy a winter wonderland on our back deck (weather permitting, otherwise we'll move inside) and the hot mulled wine that is the Christmas market tradition all over Europe. Please RSVP to Louise at [lbarden@comcast.net](mailto:lbarden@comcast.net) or 404-423-8226. The Bardens live at 5576 Colbert Trail, Peachtree Corners, GA 30092.

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**January 6-11, 2025**

## **Join Georgia Rotary for a Week of Service**

Teams of volunteers from all three Rotary Districts in Georgia will be headed to the Augusta area or up to Western North Carolina to assist with disaster recovery the week of January 6 through January 11. We will clearing debris from yards or removing storm damaged contents from houses. There is plenty of work for all skill levels. Feel free to come for a day or stay for the whole week. [Fill out this quick form](#) to let us know when and where you can help. We will be in touch with more details about accommodations and travel to each area as we fill out the teams. Thank you for

volunteering to help!  
[\[more\]](#)

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## **Rotary Youth Exchange**

### **Help: Host Families Needed for 2025-27**



So yes, it's the beginning of winter, so why are we talking about Rotary Youth Exchange host families starting next summer and spanning the 2025-26 school year? Because sometimes it takes time to identify and prepare those families for the important role they will take in the Rotary Youth Exchange program - one of Rotary's oldest and most popular programs providing high school students with a year of study abroad. We are looking for three host families in the Dunwoody High School area to open their homes to our student for about 90 days each. Host families can be Rotarians or not. Read more about the program and then call Rick Woods if you have questions or you'd like to help enlist a neighbor, a coworker, a family member in the DHS community. We have learned it's never too early to get started.

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## **Membership**

### **Keep the Membership Growing!**





We're excited to welcome four new members to our Rotary club! Dave Burr led an orientation session for Peter Sherman, Michael Starling, Mike Carlsen, and David Cesar. President Louise shared insights on RI, the Foundation, and GRSP, and Alison outlined different ways for new members to get involved. We look forward to their contributions!

And remember, we're looking to all of you as part of the membership committee to help identify potential new members! Let's keep growing!

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#### **GRSP Leadership Weekend**

### **Join Us for Valentines Day Weekend**

In the past few weeks, you have heard about the magic of GRSP ...

- Our "perfect" match with Oglethorpe University, who has partnered with us for well over 25 years, providing lower tuitions for many of those years as well as great GRSP students since we started working directly with the university
- Hoa Nguyen who shared the culture of Vietnam and her Buddhist faith, as well as her smile and her plans to become a nurse
- Jackie Cuthbert, with stories of our student weekends, the joy of being a host family, and how we inspire GRSP students with our leadership weekend.

We'd like to invite you to share the magic February 14-16 by hosting students and/or volunteering to be part of the team that makes the weekend happen. More to follow soon but mark your calendars now! And let Jackie know if you'd like to be a weekend host family. We'll share more in the weeks to come!