

Meetings

February is Peace and Conflict
Prevention/Resolution Month

- 2/3 Maurice Hilliard
- 2/10 Hearts for Honduras
- 2/17 John Maxwell team
- 3/3 GNFFC- Kali Boatright

Events

- 2/2 Hump Day
- 2/10 Membership Committee
Happy Hour
- 2/12 Bulloch Hall Clean-up
- 2/19 Polar Plunge benefiting
Special Olympics

LEADERSHIP

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Cheryl Greenway 2012-13
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ROTARY CLUB OF ROSWELL

Thursdays, 12:15 pm
Roswell Area Park
Bill Johnson Community Activity
Building

President's Message



The Tapes We Play in Our Head.

This week our guest speaker Steve Beecham delivered a great message about changing the thoughts that run through our heads. I am a believer that part of the success of Roswell Rotary is because our members understand how to remain positive and run positive tapes in their heads. If you are not on that bus, I encourage you to change the tape you're playing in your head so that you can enjoy the success you know you are capable of and be a part of what makes Roswell Rotary Rock!

Last Monday a group of Roswell Rotarians gathered at city hall to be recognized as significant contributors to our great city by the Roswell City Council. Congratulations to Roger Wise who received a proclamation from the Mayor Pro Tem and to Bob Hagan for celebrating his 100 day anniversary for his stem cell surgery!

Speaker for Feb. 3

Judge Maurice Hilliard shares "THE LIST"



Judge Maurice Hilliard will share his program "The List" with us this week.

Before he retired, Maurice Hilliard was a Roswell municipal court judge for 32 years with a reputation for being hard on DUI offenders and empathic to youthful offenders. He continues to practice law and maintains an office in the queen tower at Concourse Office Park.

On Judge Hilliard's LinkedIn page he posted the quote "*I am not impressed by your position, title and money. I am impressed by how you treat others.*" This is a great testament to the Judge's character and fairness to those in his courtroom.

Maurice's son George says: "Dad is an old-school guy. My dad is like a founding father in Roswell. A living legend. There are hardly any guys like him left."

HIS ROOTS ARE STRONG

Born in Griffin in 1934, Maurice Hilliard grew up in his maternal grandparents' home with his mother and two younger brothers from the time he was born until the first grade. His father — Maurice H. Hilliard Sr. — served during his son's earliest years as an infantryman in World War II and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. When he returned home, he took a job selling insurance for Metropolitan Life in Atlanta.

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Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

2/1 David Reddick
2/2 Joe Piontek, Sr.
2/9 Victor Smith
2/10 Richard Meer
2/15 George Rhodes, III
2/16 Fate McKinney, III
2/18 Gordon Owens
2/19 Danny Tompkins
2/20 Kay Love
2/20 Katha Stuart
2/21 Michael Gould
2/22 Becky Stone
2/22 Bill Wolff
2/24 Holland Earle
2/27 Bruce Smith
2/27 Leonard Greski

YEARS OF SERVICE

2/1 David Bourne (49)
2/2 Lee Dodson (8)
26 years in Rotary
2/7 Malone Dodson (36)
2/8 Holland Earle (15)
24 years in Rotary
2/11 Alex Kaufman (12)
2/11 Langdon Hollingsworth (1)
2/13 Kevin Benscoter (2)
2/14 Peter Calabro (14)
2/17 Roger Wise, Jr. (11)
2/18 Talaya Parker, Ms (3)
2/18 Mary Robichaux (3)
2/22 Lee Jenkins, Jr. (4)

And so the Hilliards moved north from Griffin to Atlanta, where Maurice proved a gifted student from his first days in school. He graduated from Bass High School in 1952, then Mercer University and Atlanta Law School.

It was no accident that Maurice chose law. In the years that followed his return from WWII, his father had returned to school and become a lawyer. Maurice revered his father and followed his example dutifully in life. It was at his father's recommendation that Maurice sat for the bar after just one year of law school and passed on the first try. Atlanta Law School sent the first year student a diploma, and he never went back.

And reverence for his father is why, after Maurice was named the first municipal court judge in Roswell, he developed a reputation for being hard on DUI offenses. His father had survived Nazi Germany only to come home from war and be killed by a drunk driver when his son was in his 20s.

What Drives Judge Hilliard

The judge knows loss. In the years after losing his father, Maurice started a family of his own. His firstborn son, Maurice H. Hilliard III, died from a brain aneurism at 12 years old. If losing his father to a drunk driver affected his stern demeanor in court, perhaps losing his son drove Maurice's empathy toward the youth who came before his bench.

The losses of a father and son had at once steeled and softened Maurice. He developed a sort of old-school, kind-but-cranky demeanor during his years on the bench. At home, his daughter Joanie describes him as "a big ol' teddy bear." In the community, friends describe him as "acerbic and irascible."

During the course of Maurice's 32-year tenure, Roswell transitioned from a rural community to a major metropolitan suburb as the population grew from less than 23,000 residents in 1980 to almost 100,000 today. In his courtroom, the joyriding shenanigans of high school football players who might unleash the occasional fire hydrant on a peer had given way to the methamphetamine dealers, the sex traffickers, and all other manner of big-city crime.

"For more than 30 years, if you went before my dad," says son George Hilliard, "you knew you were going to get a fair shake."

Links:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100009619456443>

Linkedin: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/maurice-hilliard-79400285/>


Note:

You may wish to read this heartbreaking story of Judge Hilliard losing his grandson to Opioid addiction for additional background on our amazing speaker.

<http://specials.myajc.com/hilliard/>

If you can't be 'in person' for lunch

Zoomit, Maskit or Live - Join Us Thursday from Where Ever You Are

 Zoomit, Maskit or Live, we are here for you! Roswell Rotary wants to make our meetings safe, available, convenient, and comfortable to all members and guest. So, if you feel comfortable with a mask or no mask, live or on zoom join is in any way that makes you feel comfortable and safe.

2/22 Robert Shaw (4)
2/22 Nancy Tolbert-Yilmaz (21)
2/23 Richard Stilley (5)
7 years in Rotary
2/23 George Rhodes, III (5)
15 years in Rotary

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

If Zoom is more your style, we are going to have Zoom open for those who prefer to be in the comfort of their own home, office, or beach for that matter! Here is the link.....<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86497139508?pwd=QTBETGdwdjVrUjlCejBabWJ4eG55QT09>

Join Us!!!

Hump Day at Houck's Grill Wed. Feb 2



Hump Day Details

Where: Houck's Grill 10930 Crabapple Rd. Roswell GA 30075

What: Hump Day Networking with your fellow Rotarians

When: Wednesday, Feb. 2nd 5:30pm - Until?

Why: Because it's awesome fun and you deserve it!!!

Bulloch Hall Cleanup February 12



In cooperation with the City of Roswell, Roswell Rotary is putting together a cleanup day on the grounds of Roswell landmark Bulloch Hall. Stay tuned for future updates and a specific date to be announced. Let's grab our tools and gather and help repay the City of Roswell in some small way for the use of the Gym and kitchen facilities that we enjoy each week. Please contact Matt Millard to let us know you are interested and we will forward you a volunteer waiver. Thank you!

**BUSINESS NETWORKING ROTARY-STYLE CONTINUES ON TUE, Feb 15
6:30PM (AND TUE MAR 15)**

IT'S SMARTER BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT WHEN IT'S WITH FELLOW ROTARIANS (MULTI-CLUB EVENT)



This is an opportunity for you or someone on your staff, or someone you are interested in recruiting to Roswell Rotary.

Our last gathering again drew a crowd from the Atlanta Metro, Dunwoody, Peachtree City, Roswell, Sandy Springs and Tucker clubs. While it had similarities to other networking events, you knew that attendees honored the integrity of the 4 Way Test!

This is what Paul Harris formed Rotary for 1905. Professionals with diverse

backgrounds could exchange ideas, form meaningful, lifelong friendships, and conduct business together. Paul Harris was networking well before the term "networking" was used to describe connecting people in order to build a business network.

While Rotary is about "Service Above Self," there is a growing place for networking in Rotary, particularly for those responsible for generating revenue.

Location:

Red Pepper Taqueria 4555 Ashford Dunwoody Rd, Dunwoody, GA 30346,
one block NE of Perimeter Mall

Please plan to join us on Tue, Feb 15 (and again on Tue, Mar 15) from 6:30 - 8:00pm.

For more information, please contact Hal Schlenger
HSchlenger@GreatSouthBenefits.com | (770-335-0077), or Johnathan Clark of the
Tucker Club (johnathanmclark@gmail.com | 404.512.6058)

Special Olympics Georgia

Polar Bear Plunge -Feb 19, 2022



Join Roswell Rotary & Roswell Police Dept for Polar Plunge

Roswell Rotary will be joining the Roswell Police Dept. in the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Georgia...Brrrrrrrrrr...

It's going to be a **Polar Blast...Super Cool** fun...Just **Chilling** with your Rotary friends!

Information

To join the team and **PLUNGE** with Roswell Police Department, click here to [register](#). *If you prefer to remain on dry land, there are donation options at the link as well. For questions, reach out to Matt Millard @ mmillard@millardinc.net*

Roswell Rotary Blood Drive @ Gate City Brewery offering a "Pint for a Pint"



Fellow Rotarians, it was so heartwarming to see our brother Bob Hagan last week. He truly is an inspiration to us all as he continues to fight beyond 100 days of stem cell therapy.

Bob told us how much he appreciates all the support and prayers that we're sending out. He indicates that he's felt them all. We quote Bob, "I wanted to stand and say I am living proof of how important giving blood is and I support this effort 100 percent. It is so important to give blood. It saves lives and as our motto says "Service above Self." It's hard for me to express my feelings right now about how much I appreciate your blessings and support and what you are doing for Rotary."

Let's follow Bob's advice and do our part by giving and/or get someone to donate on 2/22/22 and live our motto of Service above Self!

Surprise guests are going to be popping in, and again Gate City is generously offering a pint for a pint. Who would ever believe how much fun giving blood could be!!

Click here to reserve 60 minutes on Two's-day Feb 22nd to donate.

For more information, contact [DarrellBartlett](#) OR [HalSchlenger](#)

As always, we want to thank Pat Rains and Michael Curling for the current and past help saving lives in our community.

Buy Tickets NOW!

Hearts for Honduras -Saturday Feb. 26



For More information or to Purchase Tickets or Donate [CLICK HERE](#)

[A few Words for Jim Coyle](#)



[Click this link](#) for a message from Jim about Lunches for Learning and Hearts for Honduras!

Interact Club news

Blessed Trinity Interact Club Makes Things Happen



The Interact Club at Blessed Trinity is having a great year!

We had a great membership drive in the fall with over **125 members** signing-up. We participated in the **Miss Mary's Ice Cream Crankin** fundraiser in August and enjoyed spending time at the Roswell Firehouse for the **9/11 First Responders Cookout**. We had a good response to the **Adopt a Platoon** donation drive and had several members write thank you notes for our troops. We worked with the BT volleyball team at our annual **"Serve for the Cure" Volleyball Tournament** to help raise funds for breast cancer. Interact members assisted with the 50/50 raffle, and various contests during the games. At Christmas, we teamed-up with the football team to wrap and **donate BT footballs to children in the North Fulton area**. We just completed a very successful **Coat and Hoodie Drive for the Atlanta Homeless Shelter**. We collected items during school, as well as at our home basketball games.

Increased Participation

To encourage participation, we sponsored halftime contests during the varsity games. The contests were a hit and we have been asked to continue doing this at future games!

Plans for 2022

This month we are focusing on supporting some of our faculty members who are fighting cancer. Club members have decorated their offices and are organizing a fundraiser in the next few weeks. We are looking forward to a successful year as we begin to plan our spring project.

Rotary dates to save

Which of These Rotary Events are a Priority for You?



This is what makes Roswell Rotary such a great reputationand "Club of the Year" recognition. Plan to attend.....and think about bringing a friend or prospective new member.

If you believe in Rotary's mission and recognize the value our club brings to our community and our world, then share it with others!

| Date | Time | Event |
|-------------|---------------------|---|
| Wed, Feb 2 | 5:30pm - till | Hump Day at Houck's Grill 10930 Crabapple Rd. Roswell GA 30075 |
| Fri, Feb 4 | <To be rescheduled> | Roswell High School Career Day |
| Thu, Feb 10 | 5:30pm - till | New Member Happy Hour at Houck's Grill 10930 Crabapple Rd. Roswell GA 30075 |
| Sat, Feb 12 | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm | Bulloch Hall Clean-up |
| Tue, Feb 15 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Rotary Means Business District 6900 in Sandy Springs |
| Sat, Feb 19 | | 13th Annual Polar Plunge to benefit the Special Olympics of GA Roswell Rotary is doing this with the Roswell Police Dept |
| Sat, Feb 19 | 8:30am - 10:00am | Walk with a Doc at Sope Creek trail and mill ruins |
| Tue, "2/22" | 9:00am - 5:00pm | Pint for a Pint Blood Drive (special guest at 2:22pm) |
| Fri, Feb 26 | 6:30pm - 10:30pm | Hearts for Honduras |
| Sat, Mar 19 | 9:00am - 3:00pm | Roswell Relays |
| Tue, May 24 | 8:00am— 5:00pm | Honor Air Veterans Bus Tour |

Rotary Last Week

