

# NEWSLETTER

August 6, 2024



## FAMILY OF ROTARY Meetings

Our membership cares deeply about the needs and concerns of our members. We don't want to miss an opportunity to reach out to you. Regular Meetings such as the 8/12 Regular Meeting, Solicitor-General Pam Pettis, and the 8/17 Friends of the Club Committee are all part of this family. All news should be directed to the 8/26 Regular Meeting.

8/26 Board Meeting

### LEADERSHIP

President	Rick Perry
Vice President	Torrie Sunstrom
Vice President	Leslie Erwin
Treasurer	Laura Crumbley
Secretary	Amy Lemelin
Service	Matthew Rix
Public Image	Amy Lemelin

### ROTARY CLUB OF HENRY COUNTY

Mondays, 12:00 pm  
Macon Street Tacos  
16 Macon Street  
McDonough, GA 30253

### Rotary Online

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



## Upcoming Service Project

Join Us for an Exciting Volunteer Opportunity!

Are you looking for a fun and rewarding way to give back? We're on the lookout for enthusiastic volunteers to join us Saturday August 17th 9am -1pm. Whether you're flying solo or bringing a group, we've got a spot for you.

Do you have a truck or trailer? Even better! Your help would be incredibly valuable.

Come be a part of something amazing and make a difference in our community!

The poster features the Henry County Rotary Club logo in the top right corner. The main title is "Service Above Self Used Medical Equipment Drive" in large, bold, black font. Below the title, it says "FODAC (Friends of Disabled Adults and Children)" in a smaller font. A central graphic displays "Value of Equipment Collected" for "2020 to 2023" as "\$963,392". To the right of this text is a small image of a white FODAC truck. Below the value, a yellow banner contains the text "You can make a difference! Volunteer for our next drive on August 17, 2024". On the right side of the poster is a photograph showing several volunteers in bright yellow shirts working with various pieces of medical equipment, including a wheelchair and a walker, in front of a brick building.

## A Visit from Henry County Police Chief, Mike Ireland

Thank you to Police Chief Mike Ireland for spending time with our club yesterday. It was an honor to host you as our guest speaker. The Henry County Police department has certainly grown over the years and continues to do so as our county grows. Chief Ireland expressed his appreciation for commanding a department that promotes from within and awards based on performance, allowing all voices to be heard. Chief Ireland is especially proud of what all the men and woman are doing there and spoke on the successes around body cameras and the scrutiny that goes into screening and hiring of new cadets. The

department offers extensive training as an investment in new hires even prior to the Academy, helping to ensure the best of the best are serving our community. Thank you for your leadership and for working every day to make Henry County safe.



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## **A Visit from Judge Holly Veal**

Thank you to Judge Holly Veal for speaking with our club during Monday's luncheon.

Serving as a Civil & Criminal Judge with Henry County Superior Court, Judge Veal is widely known for her honesty, fairness, and sound judgment. The insights she shared about the court system and especially Drug Court were eye opening. To hear that since 2018 the court is experiencing an “avalanche” of Mental Health cases is disheartening but there is hope for restorative defendants due to programs that work to treat the Trauma that caused the behavior or the addiction. Judge Veal is passionate about this work and says it is a good investment and use of tax payer money. This work often helps reunite families, rehabilitates and restores defendants to productive citizens. Thank you Judge Veal for the passion you have for your job and for the work you do to improve our community..

