

## Meetings

March is Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month

- 3/10 Ira Gleser, Author of "Stewardship for Business"
- 3/24 GA Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger
- 4/14 Speaker: TBD
- 4/28 Speaker: TBD
- 5/12 Speaker: TBD
- 5/26 Speaker: TBD
- 6/9 Speaker: TBD
- 6/23 Speaker: TBD

## Events

- 3/7 Peace Pole Installation: Alpha Loop
- 3/18 Board Meeting
- 3/19 Companion Club Meeting
- 3/21 Jacob's Ladder
- 4/7 Take Out Art Kit Assembly
- 4/7 First Tuesday Social
- 4/15 Board Meeting
- 4/25 Alpharetta Flower Market Pick Up at Farmer's Market

## LEADERSHIP

President	Erik Bykat
Vice President	Dan Jenkins
Treasurer	Mike Mudd
Secretary	Steve Siders
Public Image	Lisa Gelber

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

- 3/15 Lisa Gelber

## February 24, 2026 Meeting Recap

We had a large crowd at our lunch meeting this week. Our visitors included visiting Rotarian Pam Baxter from the Albany Mosaic Club in Albany, NY. Pam has been a Rotarian for over 20 years and her club recently started a Companion Club that she decided to join. We also had Past District Governor and Alpharetta Rotarian Kirk Driskell visiting and he brought Drew Hancock to visit our club. We were happy to welcome Sylvia Cardona, a self-described lapsed Rotarian who works for North Fulton Community Charities. In addition, it was nice to see prospective member Chris Lyboldt visiting us again.

**Steve Cory** led us in Happy Dollars and members had a lot to be happy about this week:

**Mike Mudd** is heading to Disney where his wife Rachel will participate in her 8th consecutive Disney Princess half marathon.

Speaking of marathons, **Cliff's** son Robbie is running the Publix half marathon.

**Brad Serff** mentioned that next Tuesday, March 3rd, Cue Barbecue is donating 10% of their proceeds to the Milton First Responders Foundation.

**Doug Higgins** announced that he is retiring, effective April 30th!

And last, but certainly not least, **Dan Jenkins** announced that he and Karen will become grandparents in August.

Proceeds from today's Happy Dollars will go to Jacob's Ladder.

Companion Club member Erika Morgan attended today's meeting and we were happy to celebrate her receiving her white badge. Erika is a Chiropractor and joined us in October 2025.

3/15 Brad Serff  
3/26 Dylan Paul

## YEARS OF SERVICE

3/1 James Marosek (15)  
3/11 Carolynn DeSandre (1)  
3/28 Vincent Lefevre (1)  
3/28 Dylan Paul (1)  
3/28 Daniel Simonton (1)

## ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH FULTON

Tuesdays, 12:00 pm  
Brimstone Restaurant & Tavern

## Rotary Online

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



Kile Lewis, Alpharetta Rotarian and Chair of this year's Polar Plunge, stopped by to deliver our proceeds from participating in the Polar Plunge. What a nice surprise to have a visitor come and bring us money! Many thanks (again) to **Richard Matherly** and **Rick Clark** for volunteering to be our participants.



### **GUEST SPEAKER**

Today's guest speakers were our Companion Club Chair, Joseph Powell and Mt. Pisgah Varsity Football Coach, Brad Watkins. Joseph serves on two boards: Revved Up Kids and the Alpha Loop Foundation. Revved Up Kids is a non-profit created with the goal of protecting children from sexual abuse through an age-appropriate educational platform. This instruction is given at churches, schools, and HOA clubhouses. Revved Up Kids is having their annual fundraiser on Saturday March 21st: Shamrock n Roll Casino Night



*Shamrock 'n' Roll*  
CASINO NIGHT FOR A CAUSE

**Join us on March 21 in Duluth!**

**Celebrate ~ Connect ~ Protect Our Children**

**Maison 6405 (6405 Sugarloaf Pkwy, Duluth, GA) 5:30pm**

Tickets are \$175 each or a table of 10 is \$1650. Please reach out to Joseph if you'd like to attend or support this cause at (912) 662-2246.

**COACH BRAD WATKINS**

Last year, Joseph expanded his community service to include coaching at Mount Pisgah where he worked closely with Varsity Football Coach Brad Watkins. Coach Watkins spent 12 years coaching at the college level before transitioning to high school. He shared the core values for Mount Pisgah's football program using the word "together" as the acronym: Trust, Opportunity, Gratitude, Effort/Energy, Toughness, Heart, Excellence, Respect.

He has five goals for the football program (besides making it to the state championship game):

1. Have fun.
2. Win game one.
3. Develop players to be the best athletes they can be.
4. Develop servant leaders.
5. Create an environment for players to grow in their faith.

It is clear that Coach Watkins has a heart for leading young people to become the best versions of themselves and we are grateful he shared with us!



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## First Tuesday Social: March 3rd

Please join us at our First Tuesday Social at Olde Blind Dog Irish Pub on March 3rd from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. If you have any questions, please reach out to Steve Cory at (678) 710-5103.

Steve would like to try something new and add a trivia component so please reach out to him if you have any experience in this area.

Olde Blind Dog Irish Pub, 12650 Crabapple Rd, Milton



## Women in Rotary

The next quarterly Women in Rotary event will be sponsored by Rotary Club of Alpharetta on **March 5th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm** at:

**The Hamilton Hotel**, 35 Milton Avenue, Alpharetta. (Join us in the back of Carrie's Conservatory restaurant.)

Appetizers will be provided and guests will purchase their own beverages.

Please bring a \$5.00 or \$10 gift card for Publix/Kroger/Walmart to support Children's Development Academy.

Please RSVP at: [Women in Rotary](#)

Gentlemen - please let your significant others know about this!

Any questions, please call Joy at (770) 715-5422

# Women *in* Rotary



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## **Peace Pole Installation on the Alpha Loop**

This Saturday, March 7th, we will gather together on the Alpha Loop for the installation of our 4th Peace Pole (our third this Rotary year!). This project is part of a competitive grant awarded by District 6900 and is the final component in our grant application. The installation will be near the Northwinds area and our lead coordinator for this installation, Stacey Nyman, will send a pin drop later this week - likely in Telegram. Start time is 10 am and all are welcome to join for pictures or support - no sign up needed as we technically only need two people to do the installation. Many thanks to the following members for your work on this:

Stacey Nyman - lead coordinator for this final Peace Pole

Rick Clark - Competitive Grant application lead

Carolynn DeSandre - Competitive Grant writer

Steve Siders - Project Lead for entire Competitive Grant project

Kathleen Peneguy - graphics for plaque and signage

Joseph Powell - coordinating with City of Alpharetta, Alpha Loop Foundation and Alpharetta Parks and Recreation for approval

Doug Higgins - for sourcing and ordering this final Peace Pole



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District 6900

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Rotary Club of North Fulton

This project was made possible in part by a grant from  
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## Service Project: Jacob's Ladder Art Walk & Talent Show

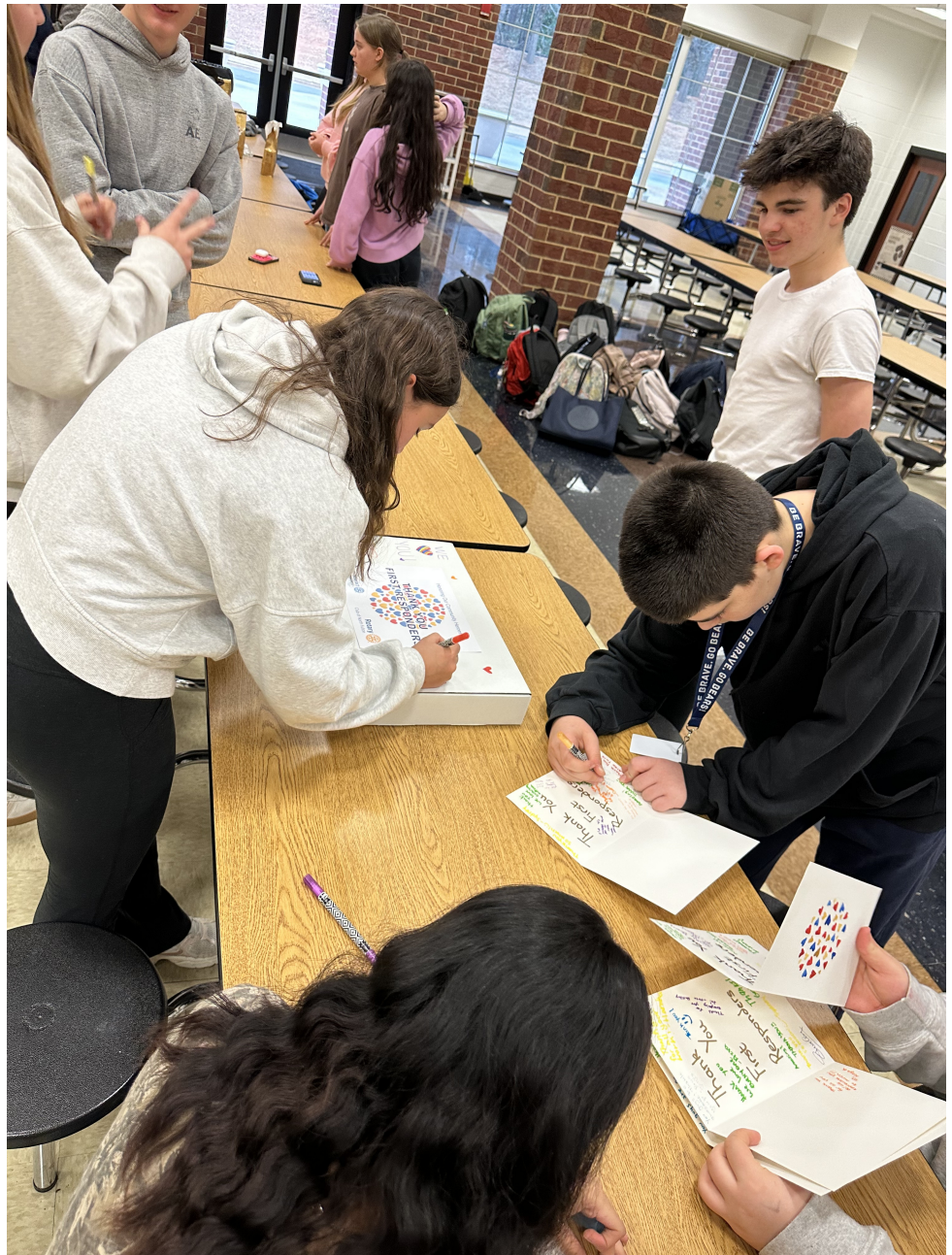
Jacob's Walk Art Walk & Talent Show is an event to showcase the incredible talents of those who attend Jacob's Ladder, and provide a day of entertainment for their families. Festivities begin with a walk around the trails on campus so parents can enjoy their child's displayed artwork. The Art Walk concludes at the soccer field at 12:00 pm when the talent show begins.

The volunteer need is from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturday, March 21st and you can sign up here: [Jacob's Ladder](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Amie Blanton at (770) 315-9974







We are so grateful for the dedication and sacrifice of our First Responders who work tirelessly to keep our community safe. We are also grateful for our member, Steve Cory, who planned and led this gratifying project!



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## Membership Minute

Submitted by Jeffrey Esterkes, Membership Chair

Every member has wisdom to share. Take time to mentor someone new, or encourage a prospective member to shadow you in service.



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## Companion Club Update

Reminder that our companion club meeting is March 19th at Thrive, 44 Milton Avenue, Alpharetta (located above Minnie Olivia Pizza) at 6:30 pm.

**The meeting will feature Guest Speaker Christy Hulsey, Community Programs**

**Coordinator at Greater North Fulton Chamber of Commerce.**

If you have any questions, please reach out to Joseph Powell, (912) 662-2246.