North Fulton Rotary Club

CREATE LASTING IMPACT

The Rotary Times

MARCH 3, 2026

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.

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	Spencer Maxwell: Heart for Africa
4/28	Dr. Greg Coffman with Rick Clark
5/12	Tamara Fuller from The Velvet Note
5/26	Sylvia Cardona: North Fulton Community Charities
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
4/16	Companion Club Meeting
4/22	The Sandwich Project

LEADERSHIP

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

BIRTHDAYS

3/15	Lisa Gelber
3/15	Brad Serff
3/15	David McDougall



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.

3/26 Dylan Paul

YEARS OF SERVICE

3/11 Carolynn DeSandre (1)
3/28 Vincent Lefevre (1)
3/28 Dylan Paul (1)

ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH FULTON

Tuesdays, 12:00 pm
Brimstone Restaurant & Tavern

ROTARY ONLINE

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

SOCIAL MEDIA



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



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!

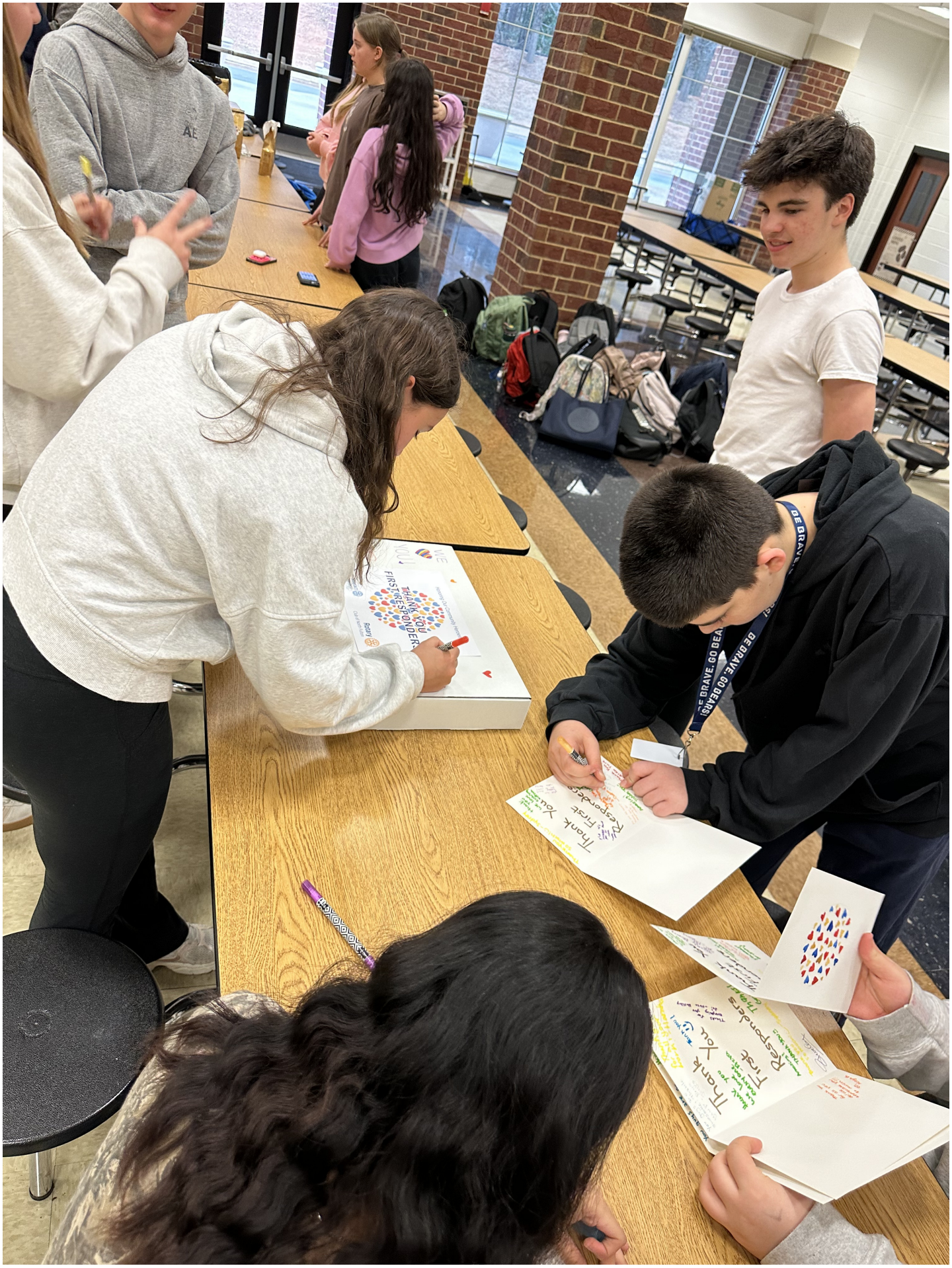


Thanking our Milton First Responders

What a fantastic day of service and fellowship! Members of the Cambridge High School Interact Club joined our club members to assemble snack boxes for our Milton First Responders. Working side by side, the group filled each box with a variety of treats - including fresh fruit, granola bars, trail mix, beef sticks and even a few special goodies!



Students also added heartfelt messages of gratitude to each box before they were delivered to the Milton Police Department, every fire station and the 911 Telecommunications Center.


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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!



Membership Minute

March - Mentorship

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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