

## "THE FRIENDLY BREAKFAST CLUB" NEWSLETTER

October 7, 2020

## **Meetings**

October is Economic and Community Development Month

10/9 William Baker, Senior General Manager, Perimeter Mall ... in Person or via Zoom

10/23 Rob Sayer, Musician, Entrepreneur, Educator via Zoom - Case Study in Business Success and Inspiration!

10/30 Christopher C. Hanks, Institute for Entrepreneurship ... in Person and Via Zoom

## Our Rotary Family BIRTHDAYS

10/7 Mike Parks
10/11 Larry Hart
10/13 Mike Shortal
10/22 Teak Pacetti, Jr.
10/24 Bill Woulfin

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

10/2 Ed Godshall (12)
10/10 Lorri Christopher (39)
10/12 Gary Lane (12)
10/25 Dottie Toney (6)
10/31 William Kelly, Jr. (33)

## **Rotary Online**

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

ROTARY CLUB OF DUNWOODY

#### In This Bulletin ...

Read about this week's speaker and plan to join us in person at the Dunwoody Country Club or by Zoom at <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86202979419">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86202979419</a>.

Then read on to learn more about ...

- Events and initiatives we have coming up, including the Dunwoody Nature Center on Saturday, Oct. 10, Thirsty Thursday at the Brumfields on Oct. 15 and the Annual Holiday Luncheon on Dec. 11 where we will once again collect Toys for Tots as part of the festivities.
- Ed Holliday the difference he made in his educational career and his Rotary journey.

#### This Week's Speaker

# William Baker, Senior General Manager, Perimeter Mall ... in Person and via Zoom



Join the Rotary Club of Dunwoody this Friday at the Dunwoody Country Club at 7:15 am or grab your coffee or tea and join us on Zoom at 7:15 am to hear from William Baker, Senior General Manager of the Perimeter Mall, who will talk about how COVID-19 and working remotely has affected local operations and how the industry is reinventing business. To join by Zoom, follow this link -

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86202979419.

#### From Our Club President

## Making a Difference, Having Fun



Last week, we were pleased to host the second part of our annual District Governor visit - with the Board of Directors welcoming DG Kirk to the home of Past President Cathie Brumfield. We had a beautiful evening outdoors (as the photo shows) - and thank Cathie for her hospitality and Ed Holliday for coordinating the event with Cathie. You could consider it a preview of our upcoming Thirsty Thursday event - next Thursday (Oct. 15) outside at the Brumfields - weather permitting. Read further in this newsletter for more about that.

We also had an amazing speaker last week - RI Director and Executive Committee member Peter Kyle, who shared stories of Rotary and its work toward building world peace and addressing important issues across the globe. Past President Rick Woods commented in Zoom chat that "he should write a book about this; it's fascinating" and several others jumped in to agree. It reminds us once again of the important ways we can make a difference as Rotarians, which leads me to some reminders about our efforts to support this community:

• This Saturday, October 10 - weather permitting - we will be working at the Dunwoody Nature Center from 9 am to noon - go online to the DNC website to sign up as a volunteer and join us for fun and community service

Fridays, 7:15 am
Dunwoody Country Club
1600 Dunwoody Club Drive
Sandy Springs, GA 30350

#### **LEADERSHIP**

President Ardy Bastien
President-Elect Carter Stout
Immediate PP Cathie
Brumfield

Treasurer Josh Podczervinski

Secretary Jennifer Bowler

Foundation Bill Mulkey

Membership Darrin Vanderpan

- We will definitely be supporting Toys for Tots again this year at our annual holiday luncheon so keep that in mind when you're shopping
- We have been asked to help again with Thanksgiving baskets for Kingsley Elementary's needy families watch for more over the next few weeks
- Keep looking and listening for opportunities to make a difference and share them with us!

On the subject of FUN. I already mention that Thirsty Thursday will take place Oct. 15. You should also mark your calendars for Friday, December 11, when we will hold our annual Holiday Luncheon at the Dunwoody Country Club.

And one final subject, as we strive to make a difference and take time to have fun, think about taking time to help the club grow. Think about a neighbor, work colleague and/or friend who would like to be part of this amazing organization we call Rotary.

Hope to see you Friday! Bring a friend!

#### **Service Opportunities**

## Join Us This Saturday, October 10 at the Dunwoody Nature Center



This opportunity to volunteer at the Dunwoody Nature Center will occur one Saturday in each month. The next date is October 10 from 9:00 AM to noon. We plan to make this a monthly RCD volunteer event, but we need additional volunteers to increase the impact we will have on the Dunwoody Nature Center. The activities involve proper social distancing, but allow volunteers to be close enough to share encouragement and humor. Half way into our morning a brief gentle cooling rain, mostly misting, cooled us down.

Go to the **Dunwoody Nature Center website** to sign up and complete a volunteer waiver. Bring your water, gloves and plan to enjoy fellowship with your club members!

#### Thirsty Thursday Live!

## Join Us October 15 on the Deck at the Brumfields



Cathie and Ritchie Brumfield are excited to welcome Dunwoody Rotarians, mates and potential members to gather on our decks for fun and fellowship - next Thursday, October 15 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm - weather permitting of course. We live on a bend in the Chattahoochee River - with lots of old growth forest and ferns - and love to share the view, especially in these cooler fall days!

Here's how the event will work:

- We have some red wine and plastic cups to share if you prefer something else to drink, please bring your favorite.
- It's a BYO snacks event
- Bring your masks so we can socialize while protecting each other when we're close together

Hope to see you next Thursday! We're at 8470 Lazy Oaks Court in Sandy Springs.

#### **Save the Date**

## Holiday Luncheon - December 11, Dunwoody

### **Country Club**



Mark your calendars now for the annual Holiday Luncheon at the Dunwoody Country Club - this year on Friday, December 11. It's a great time to connect with our Dunwoody Rotary Family. Pictured here: Fred and Mimi Bounds with Hoshi and Baku Daruwalla from the holiday luncheon in 2011.

We'll be collecting toys for Toys for Tots - as we have for many years!

Watch for more about the event as it gets closer. And mark your calendar today!

#### **Member Spotlight**

### What We Learned About Ed Holliday



Last week, Ed Holliday shared a little about himself with the club.

Ed grew up in Clemson, South Carolina. His ancestors lived in upstate South Carolina before Clemson was established, so he had deep roots in the old south. While in high school, he saw the first African American student, Harvey Gantt, enroll in Clemson uneventfully and the first two African American students enroll in Daniel High. "I came to have a different perspective on these events."

He attended Clemson University, earning a Bachelors degree in History & secondary education. He then earned a Masters Degree from UGA, taking time off for basic training for Clemson US Army Reserve. He began his career in 1971 at Greenville High School and spent the first third of his career as a high school teacher and assistant principal. He then got elementary certification and transferred as assistant principal to a suburban school. In 1993 he became principal of Stone Elementary in downtown Greenville. Throughout his career, he had two major goals - to promote racial harmony and innovative teaching.

Ed joined North Greenville Rotary at the invitation of the superintendent who was a member. "I joined because the club was doing multi-year landscape projects on the school campus. I stayed because I had the opportunity to participate in community service, meet people from other professionals and market my school."

Stone Elementary was an under-enrolled inner-city school the district had tried to close three times because of declining test scores, enrollment and aging facility, but the community fought to keep it open. During his second year he had the opportunity to propose an arts magnet theme. During his 23-year tenure he led it to one of the premiere schools in South Carolina and a model school for arts-integrated curriculum. "My career, like Rotary was about 'having fun doing good.'"

In 2016 Ed retired and moved to Dunwoody to be near his grandchildren. "I joined Rotary Club of Dunwoody to get to know my new community and continue serving others."