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# January 27 , 2025 Club Assembly



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JANUARY IS

VOCATIONAL SERVICES MONTH

*"TEAMWORK IS THE ABILITY TO WORK TOGETHER TOWARD A COMMON VISION. THE ABILITY TO DIRECT INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS TOWARD ORGANIZATIONAL OBJECTIVES. IT IS THE FUEL THAT ALLOWS COMMON PEOPLE TO ATTAIN UNCOMMON RESULTS."*

- ANDREW CARNEGIE



# PLEDGE AND INVOCATION

Presented: by Brittany Burnett



# THE SUNSHINE REPORT

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Presented by:  
**Matt Barrett**



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## *Member Anniversaries: Celebrating Years as a Rotarian*

Sheri Coleman	1 year
Janice Jackson	10 years
Ian Mercier	10 years
Neita Mulherin	36 years
Carlisle Overstreet	31 years
Colin Riordan	1 year
Peggie Whitehurst	13 years

Presented By :  
Monroe Carlton

# VISITORS AND GUESTS

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WELCOME!  
THANKS FOR JOINING US!



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# Vocational Service Month

**Anna Reeves**  
**Pat Lightsay**

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# New Members Induction

**Daniel George**

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Kelly Knitter

Assistant Governor

Augusta West Club



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**Program Speaker**

**Beverly Trainor**

**District Governor 2026-27**

# LET'S TALK ABOUT SEX (TRAFFICKING)



**ROTARY ACTION GROUP AGAINST SLAVERY**



# THE GLOBAL PROBLEM:

- **\$150B ANNUALLY**
- **40.3 MILLION PEOPLE ARE ENSLAVED WORLD WIDE**
- **LABOR, SEX, ORGAN TRAFFICKING, CHILD SOLDIERING, CHILD MARRIAGE**



# SEX TRAFFICKING:

**1 IN 5 CHILDREN WILL  
BE APPROACHED AT  
SOME POINT BY A  
TRAFFICKER ONLINE.**

SOURCE: NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING & EXPLOITED CHILDREN

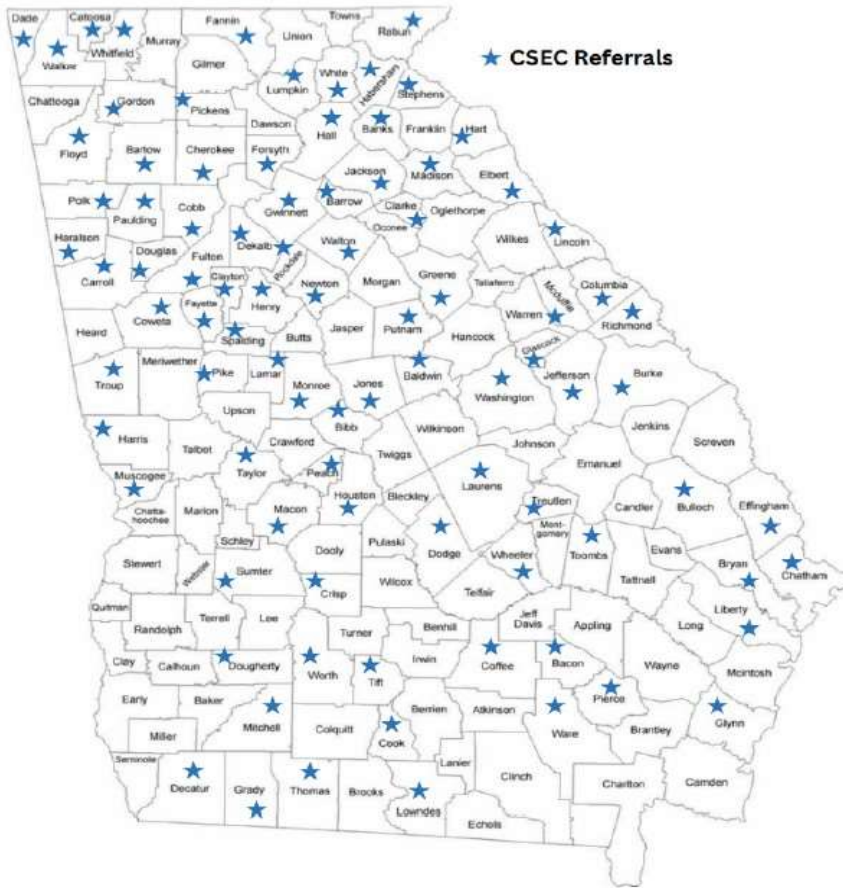


**EVERY 30 SECONDS**  
**A CHILD IS SOLD FOR**  
**SEXUAL PURPOSES**  
**IN THE UNITED**  
**STATES.**



## **ADDITIONAL FACTS:**

- 14 YEARS YOUNG
- ABUSED BY THEIR PIMP
- ABUSED BY THE MEN THEY SERVE
- MONEY GOES TO THEIR PIMP
- IDENTIFICATION IS TAKEN AWAY
- THREATS ARE MADE TO HURT FAMILY MEMBERS IF THEY ESCAPE
- AVERAGE LIFE SPAN IS 7 YEARS
- TAUGHT THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT IS THE ENEMY



WHEN WE VIEW THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO ARE AT RISK OR CONFIRMED FOR CSEC PER COUNTY POPULATION, STATISTICS IN RURAL REGIONS ARE COMPARABLE TO METRO ATLANTA STATISTICS.

CSEC IS NOT AN ATLANTA ISSUE. IT IS A STATE OF GEORGIA ISSUE.

TOP  
**5** COUNTIES WITH THE HIGHEST REFERRAL RATES

- 1 FULTON
- 2 RICHMOND
- 3 GWINNETT
- 4 DEKALB
- 5 COBB

Find out more at [www.cacga.org](http://www.cacga.org) | 1-866-END-HTGA |  

## **WHO IS THE BUYER?**

**1 IN 7 ADULT MALES IN THE U.S. HAVE PAID FOR  
COMMERCIAL SEX.**

## **WHO IS THE SELLER?**

**NOT WHO YOU THINK IT IS!**

SOURCE: SMITH, T.W., MARSDEN, P.V. AND HOUT, M. GENERAL SOCIAL SURVEY, 1972-2010



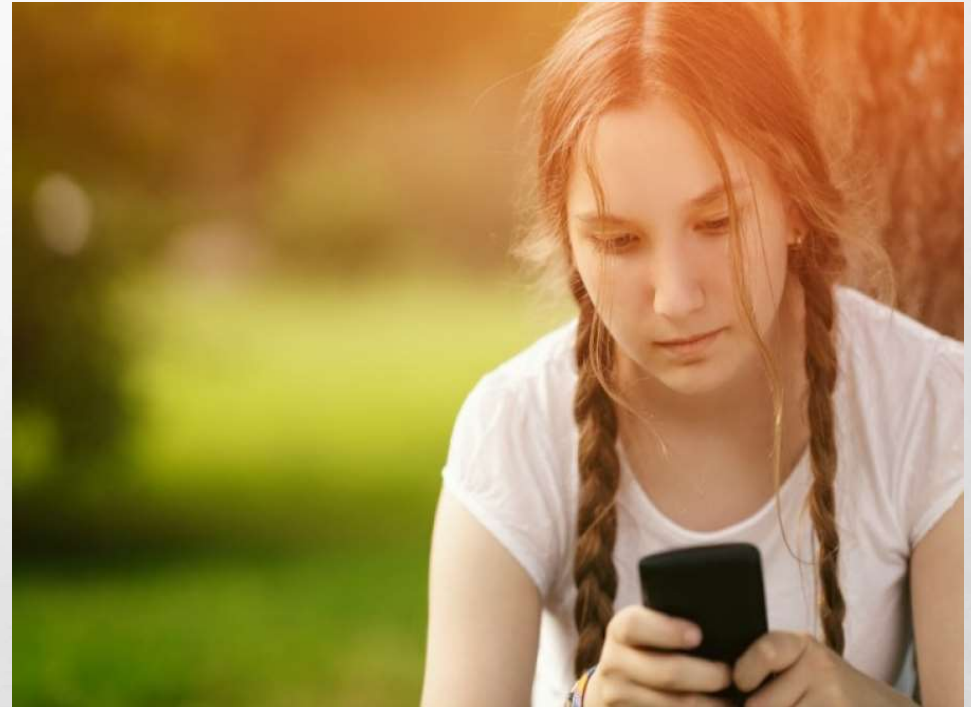
# HOW DO TRAFFICKERS GET THEIR VICTIMS?

- TESTING THEIR VULNERABILITIES AND BOUNDARIES
- DETERMINE WHETHER THAT PERSON IS LOOKING FOR - SAFETY, SECURITY, **LOVE**, MATERIAL THINGS
- SEE IF THAT PERSON IS OPEN TO ENGAGE IN COURTING
- COLLECTING AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE ABOUT THEM
- MAKING THEM FEEL SPECIAL

# SIGNS OF GROOMING VICTIMS

- MONEY, CLOTHES, OTHER EXPENSIVE ITEMS
- NEW FRIENDS
- UNEXPECTED ABSENCES
- CHANGE IN BEHAVIOR
- WITHDRAWN
- UNEXPLAINED INJURIES, BRUISES, CUTS, TATTOOS, ETC.

• SOURCE: [HTTPS://WWW.CATHOLICCHARITIESAZ.ORG/MEDIA/K2/ITEMS/CACHE/0DC247C07EEE71A72CF9409729FB3455\\_XL.JPG](https://www.catholiccharitiesaz.org/media/k2/items/cache/0dc247c07eee71a72cf9409729fb3455_xl.jpg)



# SO HOW DO WE HELP OUR COMMUNITY?

- IN-HOUSE TRAINING IN VICTIM RECOGNITION – MARCH 28-29TH
  - LAW ENFORCEMENT – BENEATH THE SURFACE TRAINING
  - EDUCATORS – SEX TRAFFICKING 101
  - HOSPITALS/FIRST RESPONDERS – DIAGNOSIS TRAFFICKED
  - HOSPITALITY/TOURISM/RESTAURANTS – IN PLAIN SIGHT
  
- FOR PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN (ONE EVENING)
  - A PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL EVENT WITH
  - SEX & HUMAN TRAFFICKING EXPERTS
  - POWERFUL SURVIVOR TESTIMONY



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**District Governor**  
**2026-2027**

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## Today's Challengers

### INSIDE CART CHALLENGER

**MONTY CARLTON**



Contribute to the blue buckets  
or online at [mycartfund.org](http://mycartfund.org)



**SCAN ME!**



## Gifts from District 6920



**Thanks to the District 6920  
Leadership for their donation of  
trees. Our Club donated 20 trees to  
Bath Gardens.**



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# Speech Contest

**Mickey Williford**



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## District Disaster Relief Grant Project

- Our Club was awarded a \$2,500 District Disaster Grant.
- Following Rotarians from our club as well from Columbia County Club spent 3 hours in packaging 600 backpacks for the students. food packaged 600 at Golden Harvest Food Bank with their spent 3 hours on **Friday, January 24th.**
- **Brittany Burnett**
- **Surendra Gupta**
- **Sandy Hillman**
- **Anna Reeves**
- **Brinda Balan**
- **George Daniel**
- **Pat Lighsey**



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## **Rotary Leadership Institute**

Building a better Rotary through education

**Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup> in Augusta, Ga in Summerville Campus**

**\$100 Fee Per Rotarian**

- Part I – The Rotarian
- Part II –The Rotary Club
- Part II –The Rotary Journey
- Graduate Course – Public Speaking (open to all Part III graduate)
- **Contact Fred Lee at [FelLeeD6920@gmail.com](mailto:FelLeeD6920@gmail.com)**

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## Signature Fundraiser



Enter to win  
the *2025 Raffle*  
For  
**DODGE RAM TRUCK.**

**Tickets On Sale Today.**



## Upcoming Club Meeting

- **February 3, 2025 - Brad Usry will speak on Augusta Hockey.**
- **February 10, 2025 – District Governor Todd Freeseemann will be visiting our club to meet with the Board and speak about his vision of the District 6920.**

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# 2025 GEORGIA DISTRICT CONFERENCE



**APRIL 24-27, 2025  
JEKYLL ISLAND, GA**

**ALL 3 GEORGIA DISTRICTS UNITED TO CELEBRATE AND SERVE**

Georgia  
**Rotary**  
Districts





## THE FOUR-WAY TEST

*Of the things we think, say or do:*

*first*

Is it the **TRUTH**?

*second*

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

*third*

Will it build **GOODWILL** and  
**BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

*fourth*

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to  
all concerned?