

ROTARY SATELLITE CLUB OF STONE MOUNTAIN PASSPORT

FREE RANGE ROTARIANS



Satellite Club of Stone Mountain
Passport, District 6900, Zone 34

Monthly Newsletter Monday, January 6, 2024

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Our next business meeting is **Wednesday, January 8** at 6:00 pm EDT. The members-only business meeting will be **Tuesday, January 21**. The social meeting will be **Wednesday, January 22**. The meeting links are available on our website, above.



Chair's Welcome

Happy new year Free Range Rotarians. Or, in Rotary Year terms, happy mid-year.

I hope everyone had a great holiday season. As I write this letter, I am on a plane returning from a week in the Bahamas with my wife, both of my children, a couple of their friends, and some of my wife's extended family. It was wonderful to be with both children, something that is uncommon for us because my daughter lives in Europe.

I also hope everyone is ready for 2025. It has been a while since we met as we skipped the 4th week meetings in December for the holidays. I am looking forward to seeing you all at our meeting next week.

In addition to our meeting next week, our District is sending a group of Rotarians to assist with disaster relief work in Augusta, GA and in Swanannoa, NC. Our club will be represented at both locations – Alan and Janette will be in Augusta, and I will be in North Carolina.

The passport club format is meant to be flexible. And I know that several of our members are not able to make meetings regularly. But, I don't want to lose touch, so please let me know if you are not able to make meetings. Feel free to reach out and let me know how you are doing if we have not seen you in a while. I may be reaching out to you as well just to touch base.

I don't have much else to report. Just that we plan to continue work on the projects we started – the continuing Freedom Series, the Polio Eradication Update videos, and exploring the idea of a new grant in Cusco, Peru.

District News

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Our upcoming meeting will be on Zoom at 6pm on Wednesday, January 8th. From there we will be back on the schedule of having a member meeting on the 4th Tuesday, and an open social meeting on the 4th Wednesday.

Take Care,

Ed Outlaw

Serving Together, Apart

We need your help to round out our newsletters! We'd like to continue to feature service projects of any size that our members take on. This could be a one time project or something you do consistently. Please share projects (photos are optional but encouraged!) with Lindsay McVicar. Thank you!

Club Leadership

Chair **Ed Outlaw**

Treasurer **Margie Kersey**

Secretary **Michele Weston**

Chair Elect **Alan Janssen**

IP Chair **Gillian Leggett**



Service Above Self

Freedom Series:

View discussions with Herb Elfring and LT Col Harry Stewart Jr. here:

<https://www.youtube.com/@SatellitePassport>

The videos are also accessible on our club website, linked on the first page of the newsletter!

December Meeting Recap

On December 11, 2024, Darlene Drew gave our moment of reflection on going forward and renewal. Assistant District Governor Ardy Bastien visited. He shared an update on the District Governor's visit to RCSM which included a viewing of a disaster relief trailer for clubs to use. They also visited the Friendship Forest in Clarkston that provides a walking picture book to promote early literacy.

The Polio video series is moving forward with short interviews of polio eradication specialists. Victor Coronado from the CDC and another specialist from the WHO will give the first interviews.

The Club sponsored Wreaths Across America at the Marietta National Cemetery. We are \$4 short of reimbursing the Club. If Norfolk Southern made the appropriate match, more than 100 wreaths were provided by the Passport Club. We also fully funded the request to provide a holiday light experience for participants at Wellspring Living. We are \$17 short of reimbursing the Club.

Club members plan to complete global grant training, hopefully in early 2025 in order to move forward with supporting a dialysis center in Cusco, Peru.

Alecea's daughter had a double double in her basketball game with points and assists. Congratulations!

Passport by the Numbers

- Dec Volunteer Hours: 203.5
- YTD Volunteer Hours: 1,277.5
- Members: 18
- Sunshine Dollars: \$55

The club can determine the cause to which this Rotary year's Sunshine Dollars will be donated.

Family of Rotary

Birthdays:

Isam Vaid - 1/1

Lindsay McVicar - 1/17

Alecea Quintyne - 2/1

Will MacArthur - 2/12

Rotary Anniversaries:

Alecea Quintyne - 1/19 (9 years)

