

# Rotary



## Club of Dougherty County (Albany)

### Club Meeting

Dougherty County (Albany)  
Meets at Austin's Firegrill  
2817 Old Dawson Rd  
Albany, GA 31707  
Time: Tuesday at 12:00 PM



### Club Leaders



Robin V. Major  
President  
President-Elect



Becca Cook  
Secretary



Tommy Clark  
iPast President  
Treasurer



Jessica Zurheide  
Public Relations Chair



Gayle B. Woolard  
Rotary Foundation  
Chair



Mary E. Ligon  
Club Executive  
Secretary  
Club Service Chair  
Club Learning  
Facilitator

### Birthdays

Tommy Clark  
April 10th

## NO MEETING THIS WEEK - Instead: See You TONIGHT!



There is no 12:00 meeting on Tuesday, March 25th. Instead, join fellow Rotarians for food and fellowship at Mellow Mushroom!

Mellow Mushroom  
2825 Nottingham Way  
Albany, GA 31707  
5:30 PM

Celebrate the end of the day, grab your spouse and your kids, and come have a meal with people who understand you! Socials are a fantastic way to get to know your club members outside of our weekly

meetings - ESPECIALLY FOR NEW MEMBERS!! See you TONIGHT!

## Welcome New Member: Stephanie Chism

Fellow Rotarians, help me welcome the newest member of the Rotary Club of Dougherty County, Stephanie Chism!

Stephanie was born and raised in Albany, Georgia before moving to California after graduating from Dougherty High School!

Stephanie worked in the banking business in California for 12 1/2 years before she moved back home to Albany in 1999.

Shelley Spires  
April 15th



Once back home, Stephanie began her career at Doco Credit Union, which merged with Georgia's Own Credit Union 5 years ago.

Stephanie has 3 children - one daughter and two sons - and has been blessed with 5 grandchildren! Stephanie would describe herself as a passionate, patient, caring person that loves to help others and give back to the community.

We are so excited to welcome Stephanie as the newest member of

our Rotary Club!



## Service Project: 4C Community Garden

Our Rotary Foundation-funded community grant project is once again at 4C Academy's community garden. We will be working on general garden maintenance and installation of signs throughout the garden. The project includes the purchase of signage to go throughout the garden and goat houses.

Please mark your calendar to participate in this service project on Friday, March 28th from 9am

to Noon. [RSVP](#) to indicate your plans. This project is lead by our club's Rotary Foundation chair, Gayle Woolard. Contact her if you have questions.

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## Service Project: RYLA 2025

Team,

RYLA is coming up, and we need your help in identifying two high school students to sponsor for this wonderful opportunity. We are looking for rising Sophomores or Juniors (ages 15-17) who display leadership potential. This year's session will be held June 7-11 at Georgia Southwestern State University in Americus, GA.

The goal of RYLA is to empower each student with the skills necessary to become leaders in their schools and communities. We believe each student can make a valuable contribution wherever they are and whatever they are doing, and we hope they leave RYLA a little more confident about making it happen!

Thank you in advance for your suggestions and participation, and if you have any questions, please get with Katie Wright or Mary Ligon and we'll be glad to assist. Have a wonderful week!

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## February Rotarian In Action!

Help me congratulate fellow Rotarian Don Porter on being named February's Rotarian In Action!

Don transferred from the Americus Club and has been a HUGE asset to our club since joining. Don has gone above and beyond his Rotarian duties since he started.

Don tries his absolute best to attend every weekly meeting, service project, and Dougherty County Rotary event that we have. He even enlisted the help of his team at Georgia Power to help us complete the Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build!

Thank you so much Don, for your dedication not only to our Club, but to the Rotary organization as a whole. Your heart for service is admirable, and we are lucky to have you as a member!



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## Helping Mamas: Spring Diaper Drive!

Helping Mamas  
COMMUNITY  
SPRING DIAPER DRIVE

## Diaper Donation Drop-off

all diapers collected will benefit



Scan the QR Code to learn more  
about Helping Mamas and our drive!

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### Thank you for participating in our First Community Diaper Drive!

Did you know that 1 in 2 families in Georgia struggles to afford diapers? Diapers are a basic necessity, and at Helping Mamas, we are committed to ensuring that every baby in our community has access to them. We're calling on our community partners to join us in supporting families in need—because when we take care of our neighbors, we build stronger families and stronger communities.

#### Drive Details

March 17th - 31st Community Partners will be hosting drop-off locations throughout the area! Visit Our Website to find locations and times for drop-off. We also have a graphic found in the Resource Folder, to share the drop-off information!

#### Community Day

Saturday, March 22nd Helping Mamas will be hosting a Drop-off Day. Please check our website for updated list of locations. Find our van and volunteers ready to accept donations from 11:00 AM - 1:00PM.

#### Gooddler Wishlist

Helping Mamas Albany also has a online wish list where families can purchase diapers to be shipped directly to our warehouse. It's a great way to still make an impact without getting in your car! Find more information on our website.

Resource Folder

Visit Our Website

Click Resource Folder to access graphics to share on Social Media. Be sure to tag @helpingmamasalbany! Visit Our Website to learn more about our mission or the drive.

## Service Project: Helping Hands Volunteers for Upcoming Dates


Upcoming service days and volunteers:

**Friday, 03/28 - Robin Strickland, Becca Cook, Amber Chilson**  
Friday, 04/25 - Robin Strickland, Mary Bickerstaff, Amber Chilson  
Friday, 05/02 - Jennifer Dozier, Robin Strickland, Becca Cook

Arrive at Alice Coachman by 12:30.

Please find your own replacement and notify teammates.

Take pictures of the packing activity for social media. A 10 second video would be great! Wear



your Rotary shirt!

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## Events

March 25th, 5:00-7:30 PM

[\*\*Dougherty County \(Albany\) Monthly Social\*\*](#)

March 28th, 12:30-1:30 PM

[\*\*Helping Hands Service Project at Alice Coachman Elementary\*\*](#)

April 8th, 12:00-1:00 PM

[\*\*Dougherty County \(Albany\) Weekly Club Meeting\*\*](#)

April 15th, 12:00-1:00 PM

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April 1st, 12:00-1:00 PM

[\*\*Dougherty County \(Albany\) Weekly Club Meeting\*\*](#)

April 15th, 11:00-12:00 PM

[\*\*Dougherty County \(Albany\) Monthly Board Meeting\*\*](#)

April 15th, 1:00-2:00 PM

[\*\*New Member Club Orientation\*\*](#)