

Rotary



Club of Stone Mountain

Guest Speaker, Kwame Johnson, President and CEO, Big Brother Big Sister, Metro Atlanta



Kwame Johnson President and CEO of Big Brother Big Sister Metro Atlanta, will join us in our January 14th meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Kwame Johnson was named the "Most Admired CEO" by the Atlanta Business Chronicle. Kwame serves as the President and CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters Metro Atlanta, overseeing the largest and most effective youth mentoring agency in the state of Georgia. Kwame has drastically transformed the organization's operations, programs, and fundraising, increasing overall revenue by 80%. Kwame is also the award-winning author of *The Hope Inside: Harnessing the Power of Mentorship in Life and Career*. Kwame is a highly sought-after public speaker and consultant in the areas of fundraising, leadership development, strategy, marketing, and program innovation. Kwame found his passion while incarcerated during his senior year of high school.

During this challenging time, he decided to change his life and made history by becoming the first youth to ever take his SATs in jail. Kwame was accepted into Hampton University and decided to leave college at the age of 19 to become a social entrepreneur. He has dedicated his life to service.

Kwame's passion led him to Washington, DC, where he served as the National Program Director for the Woodson Center, which focused on helping residents of low-income neighborhoods address the problems of their communities. Kwame also served as the Director of Corporate Relations for the national office of Communities In Schools, the nation's largest dropout prevention organization. Kwame moved to Atlanta in 2015 to serve as the CEO of Power My Learning Atlanta, focused on improving educational outcomes for students, where he increased the organization's revenue by 65% and program reach by 115% within three years. Kwame has received national recognition for his work, including the Social Entrepreneur Program of the Year Award from the Manhattan Institute. Kwame received the highly distinguished Atlanta Business Chronicle Most Admired CEO Award and the Atlanta Business League Men of Influence Award. Kwame has received both the Atlanta Business Chronicle and the Georgia Trends 40 Under 40 Award. Kwame was recently named one of Atlanta's Top 500 Most Powerful Leaders by the Atlanta Magazine and featured on WSB-TV Channel 2 as a Georgia Game Changer.

Kwame is a graduate of Leadership Atlanta and holds a degree in Business Administration from the University of Maryland and an Executive Education Certificate in Nonprofit Strategy from Harvard University.

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Join Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86877934664?pwd=vbSTkP5vaz0XRg9DuZAKfDa2QHlH5n.1>

Meeting ID: 868 7793 4664
Passcode: 311249

Events for January

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RCSM EVENTS



MONTH OF JANUARY

Tuesday

14

Meeting on Zoom

We welcome Guest Speaker
Kwami Johnson,
President and CEO,
Big Brother Big Sister, Atlanta

Service Projects

Tuesday

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RCSM
Service
Project
Meeting
Online

Business Week

Tuesday

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Rotary
Means
Business

Upcoming Next

Dictionary
Project Coming
Soon



January Board Meeting

ONLINE BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY,
JANUARY 30,
@ 5 PM.

Dictionary Project

DICTIONARY PROJECT COMING SOON

Contact Rodney Finkley
rodneymfinkley@gmail.com

Volunteers Needed

Stamp and Prepare the Dictionaries



Take Pictures!



Deliver the Dictionaries to Elementary Schools



Jimmy Carter & Rotary Peace Building



JOIN US IN HONORING

JIMMY CARTER'S PEACEBUILDING

Special Mega-Meeting/Podcast

Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution



NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

JAN 15
10 AM PT
1:00 PM ET
18:00 UTC

Mega-Meeting.com
TheWorldisMyCountry.com/club

Dear Rotary Leader and Peace Builder,

Peacebuilding by joining us in a special Rotary Mega-Meeting and Podcast with The Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution.

This is a unique opportunity to meet the team educating youth to follow in the footsteps of Nobel-Prize-winning President Jimmy Carter.

Date: January 15th, 2025
Time: 18:00 UTC

Please [click and check your time](#)

Space is limited and seats are filling up fast, so please register now at: [Mega-Meeting.com](https://mega-meeting.com)

We will be joined by Charles E. Davidson, Ph.D. who directs the school's Center for Peace Technology and heads the Rotary/Carter School Collaboration for Peace.?

"For decades, the Carters tirelessly walked in the shoes of the people they strived to empower, transforming countless lives in the process," Davidson says. "We teach our students to identify the underlying causes of conflict and equip them with cutting-edge theory and practical skills to put their knowledge into action, whether that be at the local, national, or global level."

"The Carters were trailblazers in peacebuilding and justice," said Alpaslan Özerdem, dean of the Carter School. We are furthering the Carter legacy in conflict resolution through our research and practice. His insight, passion, and love for peace will remain our inspiration in educating future peacemakers."

Please share this widely in your club newsletters and websites -- and beyond Rotary to your friends and other groups who might want to explore and further the work of the great President Carter.

The Rotary Districts & Clubs Joint International Online Mega Meeting Platform is one of the largest gatherings of Rotarians, friends of Rotary and Peace Builders from all around the world, bringing together hundreds and thousands of Rotarians from over 300 clubs in 180 districts from over 70 countries.

(If the meeting is full, you can watch by clicking on this [YouTube LIVE](#) link.)

Thank You and See You Soon!

Yours in Rotary Service

PP. Ozuem O. Esiri (AmbP)
Co-host and Convener
The Rotary Mega-Meeting
The Rotary Mega-Meeting Team.

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