

# Rotary



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## About Rotary

Rotary International is an international service organization whose stated purpose is to bring together business and professional leaders in order to provide humanitarian service and to advance goodwill and peace around the world. Rotary is a global network of 1.4 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change - across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

RI President Stephanie Urchick's theme for the 2024-2025 Rotary year is "*The Magic of Rotary*". She says members create that magic with every project completed, every dollar donated, and every new member of Rotary.

## Upcoming Programs

### Upcoming Program: Sergeant First Class Stephen P. Supersad - Army Recruiter



Sergeant First Class Stephen Supersad was born in Trinidad and Tobago and joined the United States Army in August 2011. He attended Basic Combat Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, then moved on to attend Advanced Individual Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri where he was awarded Military Occupational Specialty as a Motor Transport Operator (88M).

His previous assignments include the 189<sup>th</sup> Sustainment BDE located at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in support of the 4<sup>th</sup> BCT, North Carolina. Following this assignment, he served as a Team Leader at 15<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company. Continuing his tenure as the Senior Command Driver for the SETAF Commanding General. Sergeant First Class Supersad was DA selected to attend US Army Recruiting Course in 2019, where he was stationed in Tampa Recruiting BN, Sarasota Recruiting Company. He later re-classified and was awarded the MOS of 79R. He has held the Station Commander position for 24 consecutive months at Duluth Recruiting Station located in Duluth, GA for Atlanta Recruiting Battalion. He is still currently performing his performing duties as the Station Commander.

He is a graduate of the Senior Leader's Course, Advance Leader's Course, Basic Leader's Course, Station Commander's Course and the Army Recruiter Course.

His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (2nd award), Army Commendation Medal (5th OLC), Army Achievement Medal (9th OLC), Army Good Conduct Medal (4th Award), National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Afghan Campaign Medal (1 Combat Stars), NATO medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 3), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Ribbon, Air Assault Badge and the Gold Recruiter's Badge, Recruiter Ring, Glen Morrell.

Sergeant First Class Stephen Supersad is not married and has no children. Some of his short-term goals is to



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## Birthdays

Schelly Tennant  
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March 10th  
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March 13th

obtain his Bachelor's in Business Administration and to be selected to the rank of Master Sergeant.

## Upcoming Programs - Be sure to visit the DACdb calendar to see all upcoming events.

March 18th: Deputy Chief Chris Long - Gwinnett County Police Department - Crime Fighting System & State of GCPD  
March 25th: Charlotte Nash, Former Chairman - Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners - Gwinnett's 200 Years of History  
April 1st: The Water Tower Vocational Tour  
April 8th: Cherish De la Cruz, Managing Partner, The Manely Firm - Estate Planning

## Recap of last week

### Program Recap

Michael Gossling, Co-Founder and President of DoMyOwn.com, an "Amazon of pest control and lawn care products" company, was our featured guest. Founded in 2004 in Norcross by Michael and his brother Philip, the company that started out in their mom's basement and kitchen has grown significantly. In 2021, DoMyOwn.com was acquired by Central Garden & Pet, combining DoMyOwn's online expertise with Central's pest control product line. In 2004, they processed 20 orders per day and today, they process approximately 5,000 daily.

Beyond his business ventures, Michael is actively involved in philanthropy. He serves as the Board Chair for the Rally Foundation for Childhood Cancer Research, a nonprofit dedicated to funding research for better treatments and potential cures for childhood cancer. His commitment to the foundation is deeply personal - his son, Grant, was diagnosed with neuroblastoma in 2012 and fought bravely until 2016. This experience drives Michael and his family's dedication to improving treatment options and supporting families facing similar challenges.

Through his leadership at DoMyOwn.com and his advocacy with the Rally Foundation, Michael Gossling demonstrates a strong commitment to both business success and meaningful community impact.



### New Member Induction

Buck Lindsay conducted the initiation of Jenny Storey, the daughter-in-law of Danny Storey, our beloved member who we lost a few months ago. Sponsored by Paul Ryerson, she is a former Advisory Council member for The Salvation Army, where Jenny served as a member for years. After retiring from Georgia Gwinnett College, she is now a consulting partner for the family business - Storey Custom Homes. Jenny was inspired by Danny's amazing stories about Rotary's service above self, community engagement, and wanted to become a Rotarian. She felt that it was most fitting to join the same club that he was a member of. Danny's wife, Linda, along with their son Kevin, who is Jenny's husband, were in attendance to support her. Welcome to our Rotary family, Jenny - we look forward to serving alongside you!

Brandy Lynn Swanson  
March 16th  
Melanie Lynne Conner  
March 16th  
Wallace C. Lail  
March 25th  
Marlon Allen  
March 28th  
Barry Mock  
March 29th  
William F. McCargo  
April 5th



### Classification Talk

Jon Tonge gave his classification talk and, for those who were present, it might be one of the most interesting and/or entertaining to date! Born and raised in Waycross, Georgia, Jon attended UGA where he wanted to "just play guitar and hang out in bars". Although his band 'Skillet' and dreams did not work out as planned, he shared his story about his journey to becoming a lawyer. With a "Jon of All Trades" type of resume, he has worked roofing jobs, has a newspaper degree, covered high school sports, worked as a dispatcher and even owned a book store. In 2016, Jon graduated magna cum laude from the University of Georgia School of Law and became a lawyer to represent survivors of sex trafficking in civil lawsuits against businesses that profited from their victimization. With his partner at Andersen, Tate, and Carr, he made history by filing the first civil sex trafficking cases in Georgia.



### GRSP Update From Enzo

We have thoroughly enjoyed having Enzo at our weekly meetings and hearing about his adventures - the places he's been to, the things he's seen, the people he's met and, of course, the American culture he's encountered along the way. Last month, he shared that he attended the GRSP Leadership weekend retreat in Atlanta where

they participated in a service project, packing 10,000 meals to feed the hungry, and attended an Atlanta United game which was more exciting than the Super Bowl. GGC is out for Spring Break, and he visited his GRSP friends at Berry College and attended their Casino Night where no real money was involved; however, he doubled his winnings playing blackjack but ended up losing it all. He tried Girl Scout cookies for the first time and loves the Samoas!



### **It's Derby Time!!**

It's time to kick it into high gear and get ready, set, go for the DERBY party! We need your help to move the needle and get us to the finish line.

As a reminder, the event will take place on Saturday, May 3, 2025 from 4:00-8:00pm at Formetco, 2963 Pleasant Hill Rd., Duluth, GA. There will be great food, fellowship and, of course, the Kentucky Derby main event will be shown on the largest screen found in Gwinnett County! You can belly up to the "Pour Pony" horse trailer bar, try your luck at the casino tables, or snag a few of the horsey bids. The silent auction will return along with the promotion of our charities: Corners Outreach, Families 4 Families and the End Polio Now campaign.

President Brad and the derby committee need you to take action! Please consider providing a sponsorship, buying tickets or making a donation to the event and/or silent auction. Thank you to our sponsors who have already made the commitment and to those who have bought tickets.

Rotary Derby Down South website:

[7th Annual Derby Down South Event | ClickBid Mobile Bidding](#)

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If you or your family would like to volunteer for the party, please let us know. There is plenty to do the day of the event, as well as the day prior.

Thank you again for your commitment to make our annual signature event a huge success!

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#### **Cell Phone-Friendly Reminder**

As a courtesy to our speaker, members, and guests, please silence your cell phone before the meeting begins. If you must take a call, we kindly ask that you step outside. Thank you for your cooperation. To maintain a respectful and undisturbed environment, any disruptions caused by ringing phones may result in a request from President Brad Beisbier to contribute a generous donation to Sunshine, the Happy Pig.

#### **Rotary IGNITE Mobile App**

During our meeting, members were introduced to an innovative tool that our club will use: the IGNITE Mobile App. The IGNITE Mobile App connects to DACdb and serves as a powerful platform designed to facilitate interaction, collaboration, and impact within our club. Developed with the principles of Rotary's service at its core, IGNITE empowers us to connect with community members, organize events, and mobilize resources more efficiently than ever before. In addition, we are working on setting up the ability to pay club invoices through the app!

As members of the Rotary Club of Gwinnett, you now have access to this app. You are encouraged to download the IGNITE Mobile App and explore its features firsthand. Log-in with your DACdb username and password. Keep in mind, if you have not logged into DACdb within the last 12 months, you will not be able to access IGNITE and will need to get a new password.

If you have any questions, reach out to Jennifer Hibbard - [jennifer.hibbard@vphealth.org](mailto:jennifer.hibbard@vphealth.org).



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## Rotary District 6910: People of Action – Join the Week of Service, March 10-15

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** 

Rotary District 6910  |  *Family of Rotary*

**NEW WEEK OF SERVICE**  
MARCH 10-15, 2025

Join us for our week of service from March 10-15th in Augusta, GA or Black Mountain, NC

**SIGN UP NOW TO SERVE** 

for more info: [LEARN MORE](#)

Rotary District 6910 is calling on **People of Action** to make a lasting impact during our **Week of Service, March 10-15**. Volunteers are needed in **Western North Carolina and Augusta, GA** to help rebuild communities affected by storms and natural disasters. Whether you're clearing trails, repairing structures, or assisting with home repairs, your time and skills will make a difference.

Join fellow Rotarians as we demonstrate the power of service and community. [Sign up today](#) and be part of the action!

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Gwinnett County  
Meets at The 1818 Club

Time: Tuesday at 12:00 PM